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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe
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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in its Natural Gas Rates.*
Case Nos. 22-507-GA-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.

The notice was published as follows:

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
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Clermont Sun	October 27, November 3, 2022
Dayton Daily News	October 27, November 3, 2022
Georgetown News Democrat	October 27, November 3, 2022
Hamilton Journal News	October 27, November 3, 2022
Hillsboro Times Gazette	October 27, November 3, 2022
People's Defender	October 26, November 2, 2022
Pulse of Warren County	October 30, November 6, 2022
Wilmington News Journal	October 27, November 3, 2022

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

Sincerely,

Emily A. Olive, CP

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Certified Paralegal

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	October 27 & November 3 2022
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Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 16 day of November 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

‘You screw up’: Berding reflects on early mistakes in getting FC Cincinnati off ground

Sharon Coolidge
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

FC Cincinnati co-CEO Jeff Berding has looked back at the road to Major League Soccer and said the process was too fast – not that he could have changed that.

Now a playoff win against the New York Red Bulls under their belt, then a season-ending playoff loss against Philadelphia Union have given Berding new perspective.

“We just didn’t have enough time to know what we didn’t know and get the right people in place or figure out how we wanted to enter the league, how we wanted to play, the coach, the style, the roster,” Berding said. “Sometimes when you do things too quickly, you screw up.

And there’s no question.”

Berding talked about the road to a playoff win on The Enquirer’s “That’s So Cincinnati” podcast.

“We screwed up the introduction,” Berding said. “We get we were not a winning team. There was a lot of disappointment and frustration. And I describe those years as miserable as well.”

Berding has never been one to back down from a challenge.

“This is probably where there’s a little bit of hindsight,” Berding said. “Carl (Lindner III) has talked about this publicly as well. Maybe there should have been pushback or further discussion. We just said, well, this is what the requirement is and let’s do it, without probably sufficient appreciation for how hard it was going to be.”

By hard, he means finishing in last



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place the first and second years in the league. Coaches were fired. Players were replaced. Chris Albright was added as

general manager.

Pat Noonan was named head coach.

Then in June there was a string of games with no losses. The goals piled up. (FC Cincinnati finished with a record of having the fourth-most goals in the league this season.)

The playoffs suddenly seemed plausible, although they were always the goal.

Berding said finding the right mix took time. All the while he was overseeing building a training facility in Milford and building TQL Stadium in West End.

The latter, he said proudly, he did right on the first try. There are no do-overs when it comes to building a stadium.

Listen to The Enquirer’s “That’s So Cincinnati” podcast on Apple, iHeart or your favorite podcast platform.

Advocates push for 50-cent fee to fund 988 crisis line

Titus Wu
State Bureau

COLUMBUS – Four months after the nationwide launch of a new suicide prevention hotline number – 988 – Ohio still lacks a long-term plan for paying for the service.

Mental health advocates in Ohio have renewed calls for a 50-cent monthly fee on cellphone bills, similar to how 911 is funded, which would generate around \$50 million annually for the service.

“This issue is not going away, and the pandemic’s impacts have made things even tougher,” said Tony Coder, who leads the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. “This will help people who are struggling. ... I can’t buy a coffee. I can’t buy a soda. I can’t even buy a pack of gum for 50 cents. But we can support mental health services in the state of Ohio.”

The new 988 number is easier to remember and already getting more use,

according to national data. And more calls are being handled in-state, rather than by a national backup system or being abandoned after long wait times.

- In August 2021, 62% of 5,042 calls in Ohio were answered in-state with the rest either rolling to a national backup system or abandoned (628 calls or 12% of total calls).
- In August 2022, a month after 988 launched, 86% of the 7,813 calls in Ohio were answered in-state. The number of abandoned calls held steady at 637 calls or 8% of the total calls.
- The number of text demands increased from 201 to 1,413 and chat requests increased from 765 to 2,302 between the two months, according to the state mental health department.

Ohio’s 988 system is expected to need \$136 million to last until 2027. Right now, Ohio has earmarked \$20 million for the launch and first year of operations, mostly from COVID-19 relief money and other federal grants.

The Ohio Department of Mental



Advocates for mental health are pushing Ohio lawmakers to establish a long-term funding source for 988, the new suicide prevention hotline.
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Health and Addiction Services officials said they will work with lawmakers to find long-term, sustainable funding. Lawmakers and advocates have said long-term funding discussions are still in the early stages, and could be resolved in the next state budget in June

2023.

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation survey of 1,000 Ohioans found that 60% support a 50-cent monthly fee.

Ohio Department of Health data show that 17,802 people died by suicide between 2010 and 2020. Suicide rates climbed over the last decade but dipped in 2020.

For Columbus resident Sandy Williams, whose father died by suicide in Belmont County, the issue is personal. She believed 988 would have saved him, who had turned to the county sheriff instead at his darkest moment because of the lack of sufficient help.

“I’ll pay that 50 cents every freaking day” if that meant saving her father, she said.

Titus Wu is a reporter for the USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau, which serves the Columbus Dispatch, Cincinnati Enquirer, Akron Beacon Journal and 18 other affiliated news organizations across Ohio.

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VA’s 2014 Open Burn Pit Registry to be Redesigned

After receiving criticism from several studies and the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG), it appears that the VA will be changing the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry to better serve our disabled veterans.

The VA’s Press Secretary, Terrance Hayes, said “the time is right to redesign the Registry for the better.” The VA’s OIG Report, released in July of 2022, and the recent National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Report has provided the VA with both direction and guidance to improve the registry.

According to Press Secretary Hayes, “The VA’s goal for the Registry is to provide information to enhance health care access and quality for veterans with respiratory issues. The Registry can also serve as a communication pathway for veterans and their health care providers to address concerns with respect to respiratory hazards.”

The Registry was established with the enactment of the Dignified Burial and Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2012. The VA opened the VA’s Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry in June of 2014.

Veterans now had an opportunity to report exposures to airborne hazards, such as burn pits, oil well fires, and other forms of pollution and document their health problems. The NASEM was required to provide reports on the Registry and monitor the health effects of veterans’ exposure to toxins.

The NASEM’s first Report was released in 2017. The second NASEM’s Report, entitled “Reassessment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry” was officially released on October 14, 2022.

The overall conclusion of the October 2022 Report was that the Registry could not fulfill its purpose of supporting research of the cause or origin of a veteran’s disease or conditions. The Registry could not monitor the population exposed to airborne hazards. In summary, it was a failure!

According to VA projections, over 3.5 million veterans are eligible to enroll in the registry. However, as of June 1, 2022, only 317,000 veterans have enrolled in the Registry and completed the 140 questions



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required in the questionnaire. More than 130,000 veterans have started the enrollment, but have failed to complete the process.

A total of 106,730 of the veterans, who have completed the questionnaire, have requested an optional Registry Health Evaluation – but only 30,000 veterans have received their health evaluation. The VA OIG Report (#21-02732-153) issued July 21, 2022, explained what had occurred.

The questionnaire could take over an hour to complete the 140 questions. Veterans did not realize that indicating an “interest” on the questionnaire (along with their contact information) for a Health Evaluation, did not constitute a “request” for the Health Examination.

The veterans still had to contact their local VA Facility to schedule their Health Examination, but they were never informed of that responsibility.

A member of the NASEM staff, Kristen Olson, who produced the October 2022 Report, noted that the questions veterans had to complete were “cumbersome” and not easy to complete or answer, depending on the number of overseas deployments the veteran had.

The more deployments you had, the longer it will take to complete the questionnaire,” explained Committee Member Olson. “Many veterans don’t know the information asked about in the questionnaire and don’t know or refuse to answer the question altogether.”

Olson also explained that the Registry collects information only once. The veterans are not allowed to update their current health condition in the Registry, making it impossible to track emerging health problems.

Another problem has emerged with the Registry Process. The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is the agency that processes veterans’ disability compensation and benefits claims.

The VBA contends that the Registry is a separate evaluation and it is not used in the review process of a veteran’s disability claim. Although a veteran can use the questionnaire from the Reg-

istry Process and the VA health care evaluation, all this paperwork does not replace the VBA disability claim process, and the veteran now has to start all over again.

My Opinion: There is an old, ancient saying that, “Three times is a Charm.” This saying relates that things in “three” are usually mean “good luck”. In this particular case, two (2) NASEM Reports and one (1) VA OIG Report means that after eight (8) years the 2014 Open

Burn Pit Registry will finally be revised.

The Registry’s 2012 goal, according to the VA, was to “provide information to enhance health care access and quality for veterans with respiratory issues.” However, when it was “rolled out” by the VA in 2014, it became a “cumbersome” task (without specific guidance) for veterans.

The VA OIG’s Report on the Registry concluded it was NOT “veteran-centric.” Briefly, the

term “veteran-centric” means “responding quickly to the emerging needs of veterans.” I totally agree with the OIG’s Report!

Hopefully, the VA will agree with VA Press Secretary Hayes’s opinion; put a hold on the Registry’s process; and fix the Process to be “Veteran-centric!”

This is what Congress intended in 2012, but not what the VA delivered.

Recommendation—actively involve the

Veterans Service Organizations, like the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), into the Registry Redesigning Process and listen to them. They know a lot about being “veteran-centric!”

BioSketch: John Plahovinsak is a 32-year retired Army veteran, who served from 1967 to 1999. He is the current Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Ohio Hospital Chairman and can be contacted at: plahovinsak@msn.com.



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Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

Submitted by Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist, Clermont County Board of Elections.

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the November 2022 General Election as follows:

November 8, 2022 at 6:30 a.m. – Election Day Board Meeting.

November 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvass, review of provisional ballots, and rescheduled monthly board meeting.

November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 2022 General Election.

The meetings will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, 45103.

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Leadership Selected for Batavia-Great Oaks Business Program

Submitted by Great Oaks Career Campuses.

Officers for the Batavia High School chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) have been selected for the 2022-2023 school year. They include: Avery Hauck – President, Lucas Filla – Vice President, Julia Wolfe – Secretary, Brandon Royse – Treasurer, Cy Gibson – Historian, and Linnea Winkler – Parliamentarian. In addition, Alex Collier is the sophomore class representative. First order of business? Prepare for the program’s October business advisory council meeting.

Their goal is to update business leaders, community members, and school administration about current data, explain planned activities, and seek input from the council about the business classes and program. The team is also organizing the school’s Seat Belts Save Lives campaign and arranging several other community service events. For the past several years, this group has been recognized with various national community service awards and U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service medals. “Batavia’s BPA chapter

has committed to being actively involved in our community. This year, we will work to surpass previous achievements in order to leave a positive impact on the district. The bar has been set, but we have the opportunity to raise this bar even higher,” said chapter president Avery Hauck. Another top priority is planning fundraisers to finance the chapter’s

workplace skills competitive events. The chapter will need approximately \$20,000 to compete at the regional, state and national levels. This year, over 92 students will compete in over 40 events including small business management, global marketing, human resource management, business law, and personal finance. Batavia BPA chapter advisor Angie Kovacs

said, “Raising the amount of money need for a large chapter can be overwhelming but the end result is worth it. There is a ripple effect when students are able to participate in competitions at the regional, state, and national level. They develop technical skills, soft skills, and sense of commitment through BPA; which positively impacts the local workforce and

community. They start making a significant impact before they leave high school.” Business Professionals of America is the leading student organization for members pursuing careers in business, information technology and other related careers. Batavia BPA members are in the Great Oaks Business Management satellite program at Batavia High School.



Pictured, from back left, is Avery Hauck, Lucas Filla, Brandon Royse, and Cy Gibson. Pictured, from front left, is Linnea Winkler, Alex Collier and Julia Wolfe. Photo courtesy Great Oaks Career Campuses.

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FROM PAGE ONE

COLORADO

Man convicted in 1984 murder of 12-year-old girl

Eduardo Medina
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A Colorado jury on Monday convicted an Idaho man of murder and kidnapping in the 1984 disappearance and death of a 12-year-old girl who was killed days before Christmas, a case that went unsolved for decades and haunted the tightknit Colorado community of Greeley, where she lived.

Hours after the man, Steven Pankey, 71, a former Greeley resident who made a long-shot bid for the



JONELLE MATTHEWS

Republican nomination for governor of Idaho in 2018, was found guilty of first-de-

gree murder and second-degree kidnapping, Judge Timothy Kerns of District Court sentenced Pankey to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 20 years, the Greeley Tribune reported.

It was the second time that Pankey had been tried in connection with the killing of Jonelle Matthews; the first ended in a mistrial last year after a jury did not reach an agreement on most counts for Pankey, Denver7 News, a TV station, reported.

On Monday afternoon, after hearing the verdict,

Jonelle’s parents, Jim and Gloria Matthews, told reporters that they were grateful for the jury’s decision.

“I just want to cry,” Gloria Matthews said, holding a framed photograph of her smiling daughter. She added: “God is the only one who can forgive evil, and I feel that this is evil.”

Jim Matthews said that he felt “closure, finality for our family.”

Pankey maintained his innocence. “I am a Christian,” he said in court Monday, according to 9News, a

Denver TV station. “I will be in heaven. I am innocent. And this is not justice for Jonelle.”

The verdict ended a nearly 40-year mystery in Greeley, where Jonelle’s disappearance and death had hung over the city, which is about 50 miles north of Denver and has roughly 110,000 residents. The case had also garnered national attention after President Ronald Reagan mentioned her disappearance in remarks to reporters in 1985, imploring them to amplify stories of missing children.

In 2019, Jonelle’s remains

were found in a field southeast of Greeley. Detectives determined that she had died from a single bullet wound in the upper-left portion of her skull. The local Police Department said in a statement in 2020, when Pankey was first indicted on first-degree murder and kidnapping charges, that “generations of Greeley police officers have never forgotten Jonelle.” For decades, the Police Department said, officers lived “in torment over the possibilities of what may have occurred that grim evening.”

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“If the goal were to reach undecided voters, Trump would be the wrong messenger. He is too polarizing to reach truly undecided voters.”

Trump scheduled a Monday 8 p.m. rally at Wright Brothers Aero Inc., at 3700 McCauley Drive at the Dayton International Airport, announcing he would campaign for candidates he supports, including Vance. Doors open at 3 p.m. and tickets are available at Trump’s Save America website.

Ryan also will rally in Dayton, holding his Workers First rally tonight at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 82, 6550 Poe Ave., Vandalia. Doors open at 6 for the 6:45 rally. It is open to the public and tickets are not required.

“There is some evidence from political science research that campaign visits can mobilize voters on the other side just as much as, if not more than, the party organizing the event,” said Christopher Devine, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Dayton who has written a book about presidential campaign visits.

“For example, one study shows that Trump’s visits in 2016 increased local donations to his campaign, but also increased donations to Hillary Clinton’s campaign,” Devine said. “It’s possible, in this case, that Trump’s visits could galvanize Tim Ryan’s supporters or alienate undecided voters, especially if Trump goes off-message or creates controversy, as he’s known to do.”

Smith called Trump’s visit “a double-edged sword.”

“It may help Vance generate enthusiasm among Republican supporters, but it may also do the same among Democrats. Perhaps most critically, it may also remind the squeamish Republican voters, the ones who supported (state Sen.) Matt Dolan in the GOP primary, of why they supported Dolan,” Smith said.

“While the current Republican Party is clearly Trump’s party, there are at least some Republicans not that thrilled about it.”

Smith said Democratic Party candidates benefit if people perceive the midterm elections as being about Trump.

“That means the election is less about (President Joe) Biden and the economy, and more about Trump’s role in

current American politics,” Smith said. “I am sure the Ryan campaign is secretly happy about his presence. It shows that Vance is concerned, and it helps remove the spotlight from more complicated issues for Democrats.”

With less than a week to go before Election Day, increasingly smaller numbers of voters are undecided in the race, which public polls consistently show is tight. Devine said the people who attend campaign rallies tend to be those who already have decided on the candidate, but there is a small chance that afterward they could then persuade acquaintances to support the candidate.

With little time left to change minds about a candidate the key with these late rallies is to make sure people take time to vote, said Lee Hannah Jr., associate professor of political science at Wright State University.

“My guess is that Vance is doing pretty well with turning out the base, (with) much less crossover appeal than Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, but that there are some voters who question his authenticity when it comes to his support of Trump,” Hannah said. “This rally is an effort to shore up that support.”

Trump’s rallies in Ohio and elsewhere test his influence with voters and are designed to make him appear powerful, said Daniel R. Birdsong, senior lecturer in political science at the University of Dayton.

“If they have the event and Vance wins, it gives Trump the appearance that he helped,” Birdsong said. “If Vance loses, then the story will be how Trump hurt him, or that Vance’s past anti-Trump comments hurt him, or that voters didn’t really trust Vance.”

Montgomery County is close to Vance’s hometown, which he depicted in his book “Hill-billy Elegy.” It is a good media market for candidates and competitive for Republicans after Trump took 48% of the countywide vote in 2020, Smith said.

“So there may be an effort to increase Vance’s vote totals in the county as well. If this is a close election, those votes could matter,” Smith said. “In a state that is trending red, that Trump won handily in 2020, the assumption seems to be that Trump’s presence can help replicate that result for Vance. Given the political climate in the nation, this is probably a reasonable assumption.”

A campaign visit by a for-

mer or current president always garners plenty of media attention but Ryan has not campaigned with Biden, who has struggled nationally in public opinion polls.

“Respondents give Joe Biden low marks for his job approval (36%) and his handling of the economy (33%). Donald Trump continues to have strong support in the Buckeye state (55% favorability),” according to a mid-October poll of likely voters in Ohio by the Institute for Civics and Public Policy at Ohio Northern University.

Ryan has distanced himself from some of Biden’s policies and from the national party and said he supported some of Trump’s trade policies.

“He’s talked a lot about his efforts to unseat Nancy Pelosi from the (House) speakership and he said he doesn’t think Biden should run in 2024,” Hannah said.

It isn’t unusual for presidents to stay away from some races, he said, listing President George Bush in 2006, President Barack Obama in 2010 and 2014 and Trump in 2018.

“Some candidates can use the juice from a major national leader appearing for them,” Hannah said. “But given that Ohio is a red-leaning state in a good environment for the GOP, Ryan is better served to associate himself with other leaders, like hosting campaign stops with U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-WV.”

The local experts say the Ryan-Vance race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, R-OH, is one of the most consequential in the country, and one that is surprisingly tight given Republican dominance in Ohio.

“It really does feel like this race is too close to call. It’s worth noting that statewide polls going back to 2016 have underestimated Republican

support. And we won’t know until Election Day whether or not they have corrected,” Hannah said.

“Clearly, a Ryan win would be a significant get for the Democrats and would close off a lot of pathways for the Republicans to retake the Senate. And by keeping it close, Ryan has forced the national Republican Party to spend over \$30 million

to shore up this seat,” Hannah said.

“So, even if Ryan loses, he might serve an important role by forcing the GOP to siphon resources towards Ohio, money they might have thought they would spend on Pennsylvania and Georgia.”

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Mt. Orab Christmas Parade is Nov. 26

By Wade Linville

The Village of Mt. Orab Christmas Parade is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 with a rain date of Nov. 27.

The parade lineup will start at 4 p.m. at Western Brown High School.

Parade float registrations have already begun. Registration forms can be found by visiting the website: https://mtoraboh.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=680.

Or you can pick up a registration form at the Mt. Orab Municipal Building located at 211 South High Street.

Completed registration forms need to be turned in by Nov. 18. You can mail the forms to the Mt. Orab Municipal Building at PO BOX 466, Mt.



A photo from the 2021 Village of Mt. Orab Christmas Parade. Photo by Wade Linville

Orab, OH 45154, or drop them off in person at 211 South High Street.

Santa will appear at the end of the parade and only one Santa is allowed, so be sure Santa does not appear within your float or element.

This is an evening parade, so all participants are encouraged to light up their entries.

For more information about parade registration, contact Missy Schneider at (937) 444-2281 ext. 208.

The Grinch saves Christmas

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true. At the beginning of the movie, the Grinch is indeed the antagonist; however, over the course of the movie he changes and embraces the Christmas spirit. The Grinch is a very human character, learning and becoming inspired by those around him to improve his bleak perspective.

“The kids are flabbergasted over the Grinch. They say, ‘you’re the good Grinch with the big heart!’” Lucas smiled.

Not only do the kids get enjoyment out of Lucas’s spirit of the character and season, but adults do too. Furthermore, the enthusiasm the ringers bring when working for the charity event brightens the public’s days. Donations

begin every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the day after Thanksgiving up until the 24th of December.

Last year, the sheriff helped collect \$500 over the course of four hours. Schools have also gotten involved with the charity event. Schools in Georgetown and Eastern Brown High School’s 4-H Club each gave full days.

“It’s a learning lesson about what life is about. It’s a community effort in the county. It’s part of our life, our soul,” Lucas commented.

Volunteers generously donate their time to aid in such an important cause for those around. Many of those who are currently scheduled to volunteer are from other counties. All are encouraged to extend their hand to help collect donations for charity, even if just for a couple

hours or a full day. It is a grand opportunity for families, friends, and all in the community to dedicate time to helping those around them. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Lucas at 740-262-4901.

Beyond the sole aspect of raising money, there are other ways that the event helps others. Witnessing the participation of the volunteers is inspirational in it of itself, inspiring others to help one another. Friendly smiles and greetings resonate warmth during the coldest times of the year. Such genuine joy is infectious, overturning the gloomiest of days. There is the potential to meet new friends and learn from the people met.

“What is the most important thing we can do? Be visible.” Lucas affirmed.

Baker retires after 36 years at Villa Georgetown

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Staff members gathered in the dining hall of Villa Georgetown on Oct. 28 for Baker’s retirement party, some wearing T-shirts bearing a photo of Baker and the words “I wanna be like Mike.”

Baker said helping out residents and working with the staff members are what he’s enjoyed

most about his time at Villa Georgetown, a place that has been his home away from home for nearly four decades.

“I’ve enjoyed working with the residents and the good staff, taking care of the residents to make sure their needs are met,” said Baker.

“They’ve treated me well,” Baker said of the Villa staff. “I’ve been here

more than half of my life, so it’s kind of like home.”

Baker doesn’t plan to spend much time relaxing in his days following retirement. Instead, he plans to rehab a house and do some side jobs. But he has planned a trip to South Dakota to go pheasant hunting this month, a chance to enjoy his retirement.

Stout said Baker has

been so much more than just a maintenance supervisor during his time at Villa Georgetown.

“The stuff he does for his community and the things behind the scenes, it’s just amazing,” Stout said of Baker.

Taking over the position as the new Villa Georgetown maintenance supervisor is Brian Griffiths.

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Higginsport is running a five mills, five year levy for operating expenses.

The Village of Russellville is running a 3.5 mills, five year renewal levy for providing police protection.

Clark Township has a two mills, five year renewal levy on the ballot for fire and EMS services.

Huntington Township is running a 1.5 mills, five year renewal levy for fire and EMS services.

Byrd Township is running a 1.9 mills, continuing replacement levy for fire and EMS.

Lewis Township has a two mills, five year levy on the Nov. 8 ballot for fire and EMS.

Union Township is running a one mill, continuing levy for fire and EMS.

Georgetown’s east district will vote on a local option for the Sunday sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor, Wade Highlander, Parker’s Pizzeria, 124 N. Main Street and Patio, Georgetown, OH.

Mt. Orab’s south district voters will see an issue on the ballot for the sale of beer, wine, and spirituous liquor, on/off premises sales for MTO Bar and Grill, dba Lake Manor, 13143, US 68 Bethel, OH 45106.

Candidate races include the race for United States Senator with the full term commencing January 3, 2023 between Democrat candidate Tim Ryan and Republican candidate JD Vance.

The race for Representative of Ohio’s Second Congressional District includes incumbent Republican Brad Wenstrup and Democrat candidate Samantha Meadows.

Another popular race on the Nov. 8 ballot is the race for Ohio Governor between Republican incumbent Mike DeWine and Jon Husted versus Democrat Nan Whaley

and Cheryl L. Stephens.

The race for Ohio Attorney General includes Republican Dave Yost running against Democrat Jeffrey A. Crossman.

In the race of Auditor of State, Democrat Taylor Sappington is going up against Republican Keith Faber.

Democrat Chelsea Clark is facing Republican Frank LaRose in the race for Secretary of State, while Republican Robert Sprague is running against Democrat Scott Schertzer for Treasurer of State.

Republican Adam Bird is running against Democrat Richard J. Perry for the seat of Ohio’s State Representative of the 63rd District, while Democrat Andrew Dodson is up against Republican Brian Baldridge in the race for Ohio’s State Representative of the 90th District.

Republican Sharon L. Kennedy is running against Democrat Jennifer Brunner for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, while Republican Pat Fischer is up against Democrat candidate Terri Jamison in the race for Justice of the Supreme Court with the full term commencing January 1, 2023.

Running for the seat on the Justice of the Supreme Court with the term commencing January 2, 2023 are Democrat Marilyn Zayas and Republican Pat DeWine.

Looking at the local races in Brown County, Republican incumbent Tony Applegate is running unopposed as Brown County Commissioner, Republican Jill Hall is running unopposed to maintain her seat as Brown County Auditor, and Republican Mariah Votel is running unopposed to maintain her seat as Brown County Recorder.

There are a couple more issues on the Nov. 8

ballot, the Proposed Constitutional Amendment to require courts to consider factors like public safety when setting bail (Issue 1) and the Proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit local government from allowing non-electors to vote (Issue 2).

Early in-person voting

hours for the Nov. 8 General Election are as follows:

November 1-4: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 5: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Thomas Lyon Hamer to be inducted into Brown County Historical Hall of Fame

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Thomas Lyon Hamer was born in July of 1800 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. In 1817 the Hamer family moved to the new state of Ohio. They purchased land near Oxford in Butler County. Thomas, no longer wanting to take resources from his struggling family, left the family at Nine-Mile Creek, Clermont County. He was 17 years old with no career skills except a fair public school education, and six cents in the pocket of the clothes he wore on his back. A stranger in a strange land without friends or acquaintances, he began his new career.

He was hired as a teacher of a one-room school. He earned \$2 per student for the school term of sixteen weeks. He borrowed an old worm-eaten law book from a local magistrate and read it cover to cover in his spare time. He took a room in the house of the highly respected attorney, Thomas Morris, in Bethel. In the spring of 1821 Thomas Hamer was admitted to the bar.

The young Hamer moved on, starting a law office in the village of Georgetown in the fall of 1821. His practice was slow at first, but Hamer did not waste his spare time. He read extensively, he accepted the office of Justice of the Peace for Pleasant Township, and became the editor of the Benefactor, the local newspaper.

Hamer was barely five feet tall with fiery red hair that he wore in a 'Lion's Mane' style like his hero, Andrew Jackson. He was intelligent and talented, his manners were attractive, his conversation fascinating, and

his personality magnetic.

His writing in the newspapers gave him his first taste of political life and he liked it. In 1824 his newspaper endorsed Andrew Jackson for President, and Hamer was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives.

Thomas' practice in Georgetown had become very lucrative. Thomas found his true place on the floor of the Ohio House. His speeches were electric. By 1829 Thomas was Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

In 1832 Thomas was elected to Congress, beating his old friend, Thomas Morris. Morris would be elected to the Senate two months later and become one of the most respected proponents of abolition in the U.S. Senate and the nation.

In 1839 Bart Bailey, the son of Dr. George Bailey, a neighbor and friend of Ulysses Grant, failed at West Point and an appointment to the Academy opened. The young Grant heard of his friend Bart's failure while at the Bailey house borrowing a quart of milk. When Ulysses went home, he told his mother the news which she, in turn, related to her husband. Jesse Grant was a practical and frugal man. He saw a way to have his son receive a quality education and a career for free.

To get this education Ulysses had to receive the appointment from Representative Hamer but there was a problem. Jesse Grant and Thomas Hamer had been friends even though their politics were exactly opposite. But in a public debate at the 'Lycem', a local debating club, the two had taken the opposite opinions as usual, but this time the debate had

become very heated, nearly to blows and the two were no longer speaking. Jesse spoke to friend and Senator Morris about the appointment and Morris in turn asked Hamer.

Hamer knew the Grant boy was smart and hard-working, so he agreed to appoint him to the 'Point' on his last day in office, but he was unsure of the boy's legal name. He made the appointment in the name "Ulysses Simpson Grant" instead of what it should have been, "Hiram Ulysses Grant". Young Ulysses preferred the new name to his given name and used it ever after.

Hamer would serve in Congress until 1838 when he would return to private life. His wife had died, and he had a young daughter. He returned to his practice and continued to write articles for the local papers. President Polk offered him the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1845 but Hamer refused it, not wanting to return to public life at that time.

The following year, 1846, Thomas decided he was ready to go back to Congress. He began to make speeches throughout Brown, Adams, and Highland Counties. Almost simultaneously the Mexican War broke out and Hamer was told by his political backers that if he would raise a Regiment, go to Mexico, and become a hero that they would make him President.

To the ambitious Thomas Hamer this was a new goal. He combined his re-election speeches with recruitment speeches, and within a few months a new Regiment, the 1st Ohio Regiment of Volunteers, was in training. Hamer volun-

teered as a private and rose quickly through the ranks, and soon he was commissioned Brigadier General.

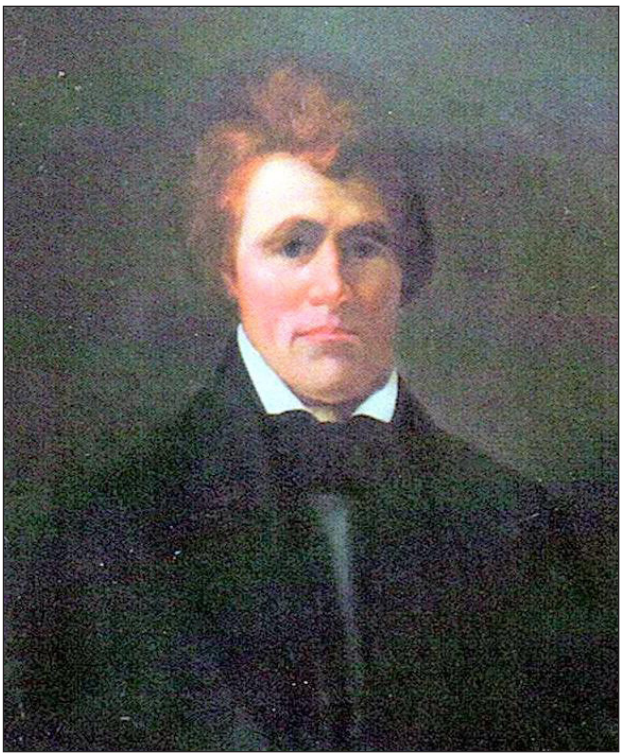
In October of 1846 Hamer was elected to Congress again but he would never take that seat. The Ohio volunteers moved to Mexico. Hamer was now in command of a Brigade containing the 1st Ohio and the 1st Kentucky just outside Monterey, Mexico.

Hamer had no military experience at all. Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant took Hamer under his wing and taught Hamer the finer points of tactics and how to be an effective officer. Hamer learned his lessons well. Hamer became a confident and capable commander.

In October of 1846 the American army was placed on three sides of the fortified city of Monterey. The two main forces were made up of regulars

and commanded by West Pointers. These forces were poised to attach the main gates to the city. Hamer's brigade of volunteers was to stay with the artillery. If they were to be used at all it was to be as a demonstration to draw defenders away from the assaults at the gates by the regulars.

General Scott's regulars could make no inroads at either gate, so he called on Hamer for a demonstration. Hamer led his troops forward. They met tremendous cannon and musket fire. Most of the volunteers had never been in battle but they continued to move forward through the hail of fire. Soon it looked like it was safer to go over the walls than it was to go back to the artillery, so over the wall they went. Hamer's volunteers turned the tide



Thomas Lyon Hamer

of the Battle of Monterey and Hamer was a national hero.

Thomas Hamer was close to realizing his dream of becoming President. He was poised to make his great political move, but he fell ill on November 30th. During the night of December 2, 1846, he died of what was probably Yellow Fever. Hamer was buried with full military honors in Mexico.

When the news of his death reached Brown County the residents and his wife petitioned the government to return Hamer's body to his home. The government was easily convinced, and Hamer was exhumed. Since the medical profession could not at that time explain Hamer's death or whether the disease was contagious, an unusual precaution was taken. They decided to send him home sealed in a casket filled with alcohol.

When the funeral party reached Higginsport by steamboat on February

17, 1847, ten thousand people met the boat.

He had been the Congressman for Clermont, Brown, and Highland Counties and people from those counties and others came to be part of the "Hero of Monterey's" funeral. All of the local militia units took part in the procession.

A Masonic ceremony was performed at the grave side in the 'Old Baptist Cemetery' beside the main gate to the Brown County Fairgrounds. General Thomas L. Hamer was laid to rest with tremendous pomp and circumstance. The crowd did not disperse until late into the night.

On Saturday October 29, 2022, he will be inducted into the Brown County Hall of Fame. The Brown County Historical Society event is at the Georgetown United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6 PM. Refreshments will follow the inductions. The public is welcome. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

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The 30th annual Pregnancy Resource Center Walk for Life was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Mt. Orab on Saturday, Sept. 19.

PRC Walk for Life

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and fathers are invited to take advantage of PRC services, as are grandparents and others who may have custody of infants and toddlers.

Although all services are provided free of charge, clients participate in parenting and relationship classes in order to earn the items needed. This gives them the knowledge that they earned what they received and also the

opportunity to improve their parenting skills.

The PRC is located at 852 Mt. Orab Pike in Georgetown, Ohio. It is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Clients may call for an appointment (937-378-6853) during regular office hours. Walk-ins are also welcome, but those with an appointment take priority.

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Books

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machine and choosing a book to their liking. Grant money is paying for the machines and profits from school book fairs are helping to pay for purchasing books to stock up the vending devices. It's the latest of a series of new experiments being tried by the 9,000-student city school system to encourage reading and other academic

progress among its enrollment. Hamilton, like many school systems locally and nationwide, continues to work toward closing student proficiency gaps widened by the disruptions of learning and on-again, off-again school schedules since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 that largely challenged districts in 2021 and lingered into 2022. The district is one of the first in the region to also

experiment with using two teachers in elementary grade classrooms to help students learn reading and other academic subjects. The grade-school students initially didn't "know what they were getting into" with the vending devices that often tower over most of the children, said Oakes. The books are displayed in glass with their colorful covers facing outward much like snack vending machines. "Then when they step up to it, they are very excited

to use it and to see it (their chosen book) fall," into the dispenser slot where the students can then reach into and grab their new book. "And it's always fun to see when new people come into the building or they have little siblings because everybody wants to 'buy' the books as well," said Oakes. Nick Graham contributed to this story.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-27 CRYPTOQUOTE
QMTPBWJ SWK QFMRPBYJ CXMD
PSJG FSPPMYYW, SLSUYW GFY
JABXBGJ LBGF NMRX GSDTMRXBWY!
— DSKSDY PYMGS, KBJWYN'J
FSRWGYK DSWJBMW
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DEEP INTO THAT DARKNESS PEERING, LONG I STOOD THERE ... DREAMING DREAMS NO MORTAL EVER DARED TO DREAM BEFORE. — EDGAR ALLAN POE

Council

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recommendations to City Council. Three of those proposed charter amendments — Issue 7, Issue 8 and Issue 9 — will appear on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. Drew said it was "a conflict of interest" for Clark to recommend the charter changes, then, as a council member, to approve them. Clark, a local veterinarian, told Drew she needed to "stop you and correct you" because she was just one of the seven council members who passed the ballot language. Drew didn't understand why Monroe voters must decide whether to pass Issue 8 that provides for gender neutral references in the charter; requires council proceedings on public media platforms; and requires the city to make all financial activities public. She said the financial records are already public record and the meetings are livestreamed on the city's Facebook page. Council member Jason Frenz said if Issue 8 passes it "locks in" those changes to the charter.

MONROE'S PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

ISSUE 7
Shall the proposed amendment to Section 4.01 and Section 4.06 of the Charter of the City of Monroe to establish term limits for Council Members commencing on Jan. 1, 2024, to reduce unexcused absences from four to three consecutive regular meetings, and to require attendance at 66% of regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year be adopted?

ISSUE 8
Shall the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Monroe to:
■ provide for gender neutral references;
■ require Council proceedings on public media platforms;
■ include as additional duties of the City Manager: to encourage and provide support for regional and intergovernmental cooperation, promote partnerships among Council and staff, assist the Council to develop long term goals for the City and strategies to implement these goals, submit to Council and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and

administrative activities of the City at the end of each fiscal year, make such other reports as Council may require concerning operations, and make recommendations to Council concerning the affairs of the City and facilitate the work of the Council in developing policy;
■ eliminate the Department of Engineering and Inspection, the Department of Streets, and Department of Utilities; and
■ create the Department of Public Works and the Department of Development

ISSUE 9
Shall the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Monroe to specify which acts of Council must be done by ordinance; to permit legislation to be read by title only unless otherwise indicated; to permit resolutions to become effective immediately; to increase from 30 to 60 days the time limit for holding public hearings on zoning; and to eliminate the requirement for the Council to authorize the Manager to obtain bids be adopted?
SOURCE: BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

As the talks continued, Mayor Keith Funk said council typically doesn't "engage in conversation" with citizens during their comments that are supposed to be limited to three minutes. Drew walked out of Council

Chambers and Clark said she didn't appreciate some of the comments and accusations. "I will not stand to allow that," she said. Clark said "that kind of criticism" from residents is

one reason people are reluctant to serve on committees. "We answered the call," she said of the Charter Review Commission. "We did a good job."

Partnership

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"We have both a teacher shortage right now affecting schools both nationally and in southwest Ohio," Lane said. And, that trend has been particularly evident in the amount of students who enter college in education programs. "In Ohio, there has been approximately a 50% decline in education preparation enrollments over the last decade," Lane said. "Miami has bucked that trend; we've actually seen growth in our programs. But, we're one of the few." The program was also built with the intent of keeping local, aspiring educators in and around their hometown, Lane said. If an aspiring educator grew up around Cincinnati, they're better equipped to relate with Cincinnati students, Lane explained. "We're trying to take a really focused look at, 'How do we encourage more youths from Cincinnati — who will understand the Cincinnati environment, who will understand the challenges in Cincinnati for those students — to consider teaching?'" Lane said. Lane said getting Cincinnati-area students to "be inspired to go back into Cincinnati and teach and be committed to their hometown as educators," is an integral part of the program. "For us, in working with CPS, we needed to find new and innovative ways to encourage more youth, in this case particularly from Cincinnati, to consider teaching as a profession, and to support them in completing that career path," Lane said. "And, we have a need to diversify the teaching ranks

to better reflect the changing demographics of our learners." The program connects with interested students as early as the eighth grade and provides them with mentors and support structures as they continue their high school education and consider extending their education. Once students complete the program in high school, which includes College Credit Plus courses and other focused courses, they can then move on to Miami University, where they are likely to receive scholarships. Lane said, to this point, Miami University has been able to grant full ride scholarships for the program's students. The program's students would work for CPS at some point in their education and, once they've graduated, those graduates would be given preferred hiring status at CPS. TEACH Cincinnati's first seven students just recently entered Miami University, and the program is now extending to two more of CPS's high schools: Withrow University High School and Oyler School. "Based on what we saw today at the launch event, what has happened has really created a sense of energy and excitement among the youth, particularly at Aiken High School, about becoming teachers," Lane said. Lane said Wednesday's event featured 20 excited, energetic and passionate students who are planning to enter the program. "I think in the short run

what we've done has really revitalized a sense of excitement around becoming a teacher," Lane said. "In the long term, we'll be able to place more high quality teachers back in Cincinnati — and they will then have a generational impact on learning in those schools." Eventually, the goal is to

have the program at each of CPS's 17 high schools in the near future, Lane said. He added that the university has been in talks to bring the program to other nearby cities, including Hamilton and Dayton.

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WONDERWORD® By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

FOLLOWING PROTOCOL Solution: 5 letters

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Musk: Those banned on Twitter will not be restored for weeks

By Haleluya Hadero
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elon Musk said Wednesday that Twitter will not allow anyone who has been kicked off the site to return until it sets up procedures on how to do that, a process that will take at least a few weeks.

That would mean people banned from the site for violating Twitter’s rules for harassment, violence, or election and COVID-related misinformation will not be able to return before next Tuesday’s U.S. midterm elections.

The pledge came after Musk, who took control of the social-media site last week after buying it for \$44 billion, said in a tweet that he had met with a handful of civil-society leaders “about how Twitter will continue to combat hate & harassment & enforce its election integrity policies.”

Those attending the meeting Tuesday asked Musk not to restore the banned users ahead of the midterms, said Jessica González, an attorney and co-CEO of the advocacy group Free Press who attended the meeting.

The attendees – includ-

ing leaders from the NAACP, Anti-Defamation League and Color of Change – also requested Twitter have a transparent process on how it plans to restore accounts. Musk has publicly said he would let former President Donald Trump back on, though Trump – who touts his own platform Truth Social – has given no indication he wants that.

González said the attendees also requested Twitter enforce election-integrity measures that are already in place, and encouraged him to hear from a diverse array of people.

Dollar General

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The results have shown double-digit error rates up to 88%. A store is allowed only a plus or minus 2% error rate.

Anderson told the Journal-News on Wednesday after Yost filed the lawsuit he is proud of being a whistleblower.

“I’m glad I did, I wanted to make sure people pay the lowest price for stuff they’re getting on the shelf...,” Anderson said. “I feel like I’m the one who let the cat out of the bag, Pandora’s box, what can of worms did I open up.”

Reynolds would not comment on Yost’s lawsuit.

Anderson, in his letter to the auditor, noted that the store had a sign posted by the management that read “Prices cannot be changed at the register. All prices are final.” He stated, “That is dishonest – as the shelf price may say two boxes of cereal for \$6.00 but when I get to the register it’s \$7.00 or higher! Can’t they use the price on the shelf – or at least change them every week?”



The Butler County Auditor’s Office has found some items at all 20 Dollar General stores are ringing up at higher prices than the tickets on the shelves read.

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had different prices for an 88.2% fail rate.

At most of the stores, a consistent error was found with products advertised for a lesser price if two or three or more of the products were purchased. The reduced price was not reflected at checkout. In some instances, managers said they would enter the correct advertised price if a customer complained.


At one store, on College Corner Pike in Oxford all the pricing errors were in the customers’ favor.

This has happened elsewhere nationwide. In 2019 Dollar General reached a \$1.75 million settlement with the state of Vermont for violating the state’s Consumer Protection Act, according to a release from Vermont’s Attorney General’s Office. Dollar General resolved claims that it sold products that were advertised on the shelf at a lower price than the price at the register, even after being told at least 50 times by state inspectors to correct the pricing inaccuracies.

The Journal-News reached out to Dollar General again, but no one responded.




Dollar General, a Tennessee-based company specializing in household goods, has operated in Ohio since 2015, Yost’s office said. It has 943 stores statewide.

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Trump aide Meadows ordered to testify in election probe

By Kate Brumback
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A judge on Wednesday ordered former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows to testify before a special grand jury that’s investigating whether President Donald Trump and his allies illegally tried to sway Georgia’s results in the 2020 election.

Meadows, a former GOP congressman, is a key figure in the investigation. He traveled to Georgia, sat in on Trump’s phone calls with state officials and coordinated and communicated with outside influencers who were either encouraging or discouraging the pressure campaign.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis opened the investigation last year into actions taken by Trump and others to overturn his loss to Democrat Joe Biden in the state. Meadows is just one of several associates and advisers of the



A judge has ordered former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows to travel to Atlanta to testify before a special grand jury that’s investigating whether then-President Donald Trump and his allies illegally tried to influence the state’s 2020 election.

Republican former president whose testimony Willis has sought.

Because Meadows doesn’t live in Georgia, Willis, a Democrat, had to use a process that involved getting a judge where he lives in South Carolina to order him to appear. First, Fulton

County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, who’s overseeing the special grand jury, signed off on a petition certifying that Meadows was a “necessary and material witness.”

Now, Circuit Court Judge Edward Miller in Pickens County, South

Carolina, has honored McBurney’s finding and ordered Meadows to testify, Willis spokesman Jeff DiSantis confirmed.

Meadows attorney Jim Bannister told The Associated Press that his client was “weighing all options,” including appeals.

“Nothing final until we see the order,” he said.

Willis has been fighting similar battles in courts around the country as she seeks to compel Trump allies to testify. But an appeals court in Texas has indicated it may not recognize the validity of the Georgia summonses, and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina asked the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene after a federal appeals court ordered him to testify.

In the petition seeking Meadows’ testimony, Willis wrote that he attended a Dec. 21, 2020, meeting at the White House with Trump and others “to discuss allegations of voter fraud and certification of Electoral College votes from Georgia and other states.”

The next day, Willis wrote, Meadows made a “surprise visit” to Cobb County, just outside Atlanta, where an audit of signatures on absentee ballot envelopes was being conducted. He

asked to observe the audit but wasn’t allowed to because it wasn’t open to the public, the petition says.

Meadows also sent emails to Justice Department officials after the election alleging voter fraud in Georgia and elsewhere and requesting investigations, Willis wrote. And he took part in a Jan. 2, 2021, phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, during which Trump suggested that Raffensperger, the state’s top elections official and a Republican, could “find” enough votes to overturn the president’s narrow loss in the state.

According to a transcript of the call with Raffensperger, Meadows said Trump’s team believed that “not every vote or fair vote and legal vote was counted. And that’s at odds with the representation from the secretary of state’s office.”

Ohio elections chief: Precincts can’t take absentee ballots

By Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio law does not permit voters to return absentee ballots at their precincts on Election Day, the state’s elections chief is cautioning amid a misinformation campaign around the security of voting machines that’s urging them to do so.

Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose said those voters who heed advice from a prominent national group of Republican election deniers and hold onto their paper ballots until Nov. 8 must deliver them to their county board of elections office. Poll

workers at precinct-level voting locations cannot accept them, he said.

“This is why it’s dangerous for people who don’t know what they’re talking about to be dispensing bad elections-related advice to people,” he said in an Associated Press interview Tuesday. “Because if someone is telling voters to take their absentee ballot to their polling location on Election Day, they’re effectively instructing them how to disenfranchise themselves.”

LaRose said that possibility has caused concern among county election officials.

The GOP activists — including MyPillow CEO

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— Frank LaRose,
Ohio secretary of state



Mike Lindell — echoes that the 2020 election was stolen from former President Donald Trump and are urging GOP voters not to use the U.S. mail or a voting machine to cast their votes. Instead, they have encouraged them to fill out a paper absentee ballot and return it in person at the last minute.

The plan is based on

unfounded conspiracy theories that fraudsters will manipulate voting systems to rig results for Democrats once they have seen how many Republican votes have been returned early.

There has been no evidence of any such widespread fraud, nor that the 2020 election was stolen.

LaRose encouraged Ohioans to seek reliable

sources of information — such as his office’s website, the website for their county board of elections and reports from reputable news organizations — as they make plans to vote.

He said simply mailing an absentee ballot is the easiest path for voters who have requested one. For those who have concerns about the U.S. Postal Service, his office has set up an online ballot tracking tool.

Secure ballot drop boxes, one located at each of Ohio’s 88 county boards of elections, are another option, he said. Those offices also will accept absentee ballots in person until 7:30 p.m.

on Election Night.

If a voter who has requested an absentee ballot changes their mind on Election Day and decides to vote in person at their precinct, they will be allowed to do so — but they will have to vote by provisional ballot, said LaRose spokesperson Rob Nichols.

LaRose is up for reelection Nov. 8. He faces Democrat Chelsea Clark, a small business owner and city council member in suburban Cincinnati, and Terpschore “Tore” Maras, a conservative podcaster and election denier who is running as an independent.

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Furniture & Household Items: antique cherry dresser; 3 pc. cherry bedroom suite; white French Provincial bedroom furniture incl. (4) single beds, stands, dresser, corner unit; cedar chest; cherry linen chest; oak bookcase w/ dbl. glass doors; school master’s desk; china hutch; cherry dining table; harvest dining table w/ 5 leaves; hiprest chairs; vintage wood highchair; custom wood cradle by Fanelli; wood rocking chairs; Victorian settee; queen sleeper sofa; lift chair; occasional tables; Krakaur spinet piano; liquor cabinet; barstools; Blue Ridge dbl. log rack; Whirlpool Cabrio washer; Whirlpool elec. dryer; lamps; cigar humidior; books; asst. kitchenwares, sm. appliances, pots/pans/dishes; 40 pc. Pfaltzgraff Yorktowne china service; punchbowls; misc. silverplate serving pcs.; Waterford crystal. **Artwork & Prints/Collectibles:** Ruthven’s incl. Eastern Bluebird (SAP 17/25), Cardinals (SAP 17/25), Sipping Well (lt. ed.), Mourning Dove “Patriot” series (lt. ed.); Plinke’s Kingfisher (orig. commission); American Optical Advertising incl. Stoops’ Post Office (1942), Optometric Exam (1943), Dohanos’ Family Dinner, Crossroads (1950s); Bound’s Welcome Friends (lt. ed); Miller’s Quiet Moment; Hawk’s Harbor Scene; South’s Crosley Field 1962; Lambke’s Primitive Boy, Primitive Girl (orig. oil); others such as “Raging Horses” (40”x20”); crocks & stoneware; Nippon hp vase; vintage linens; clutch purses & handbags; lady’s hats; costume jewelry; misc. 60s era toys; rocking horse; (2) glass carboy bottles; bar signs such as Meiers Wines, Little Kings; Mail Pouch thermometer; kerosene lamps; Christmas décor incl. antique German goose feather tree w/ Swiss music box base.

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State.

Corrigan said there was some consideration for Ohio State and Georgia as No. 1, but Tennessee’s victories against Alabama and at LSU won the day.

The Buckeyes’ explosive offense and overall dominance gave them a slight edge on Georgia.

He said Michigan’s weak nonconference schedule (Hawaii, Colorado State and Connecticut) and Clemson’s 5-0 record against teams with winning records gave the Tigers the nod for the fourth spot.

“The wins at Wake (Forest), at Florida State, over N.C. State, over Syracuse, really did push (Clemson) over the top,” Corrigan said.

Oregon was eighth followed by Pac-12 rival Southern California at ninth.

The highest ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences was Tulane at No. 19. The highest ranked champion from the Group of Five conferences earns a spot in New Year’s Six bowl.

The CFP semifinals are scheduled to be played at the Fiesta and Peach Bowls on Dec. 31, with the championship game set for Jan. 9 in Inglewood, California.

Analysis

Even before the rankings were unveiled Tuesday night, it was clear which teams still have a chance to play for a national championship.

A glance at the conference standings reveals 14 contenders, all in the Power Five. Sorry, there will be no Cincinnati-style interloper from the Group of Five this season for the selection committee to consider.

A conference-by-conference assessment of who is in the race and the paths to the CFP, with AP Top 25 rankings.

Atlantic Coast Conference

Clemson (8-0, AP No. 5) The Tigers had their streak of six straight play-off appearances snapped last year, but are well positioned to get back, with no ranked opponents left before a likely ACC title game against North Carolina.

No unbeaten Power Five champion has ever missed the playoff. A glance at the Big Ten and SEC suggests getting in as a one-loss conference champion could be dicey for the Tigers.

No. 17 North Carolina (7-1, AP No. 17)

Run the table, beating unbeaten Clemson in the

ACC title game, gets the Tar Heels in the conversation, but they’ll need some upsets in other leagues to clear the way.

Big 12

No. 7 TCU (8-0, AP No. 7)

See above, re: unbeaten Power Five champions. The Horned Frogs flirt with disaster weekly and have some defensive issues. That’s a profile the selection committee tends to look upon skeptically.

They’ll probably need to stay unbeaten to get in and it’s going to be really tough for them to stay unbeaten with the way they have been playing.

Big Ten

Ohio State (8-0, AP No. 2) and Michigan (8-0, AP No. 4)

Both have been dominant. Neither has played a particularly strenuous schedule and that won’t change much before they meet Thanksgiving weekend. Still, either is lock by winning out.

Either would stay in the mix by being a 12-1 conference champion. And the loser of the rivalry game at 11-1 probably still holds out hope to get in.

Illinois (7-1, AP No. 14)

The Illini have a game against Michigan the week before the Wolverines play Ohio State. That means Illinois could finish 12-1 with either two victories against Michigan or one against Michigan and one against Ohio State.

It’s not likely to happen, but that would put the Illini in the playoff.

PAC-12

Oregon (7-1, AP No. 8), USC (7-1, AP No. 9) and UCLA (7-1, No. 10)

They all need to run the table to have a chance and even then that might not be enough. The Ducks will have to overcome a 49-3 loss to Georgia in their opener. The Trojans have a bad defense and won’t get much of a bump by beating Notre Dame. UCLA played one of the weakest nonconference schedules in the country.

What’s the best option for the Pac-12? The guess here is a 12-1 USC with victories against UCLA and Oregon and one-point loss to a good Utah team.

Southeastern Conference

Georgia (8-0, AP No. 1) and Tennessee (8-0, AP No. 2)

The loser of Saturday’s showdown in Athens is not eliminated, especially if its the Volunteers, with a victory over Alabama already in hand.

TAKE NOTE

Free diabetes testing

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. One in five people are unaware that they have diabetes. The Highland County Health Department is offering free hemoglobin A1C labs and finger stick blood glucose testing. To schedule an appointment call 937-393-1941.

Hillsboro VFW Fish Fry

Hillsboro VFW Post 9094 will hold an all-you-can-eat fish from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The meal includes fish, fries, hush puppies and a soft drink for \$12. The meal is open to the public.

Turkey Bingo: Car Edition

Turkey Bingo: The Car Edition is Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Hillsboro Southern State Community College parking lot. Play bingo, win turkeys. Admission is \$20 per person and includes four bingo cards and supplies. There is no limit to how many times you can win. Play bingo from your car and when you bingo honk your horn. You must have an FM radio to hear the caller. The community is invited. Must be 18+ to play. Highland County Senior Citizens Center benefit event. Call 937-393-4745 for more details.

Highland Co. Retired Teachers

The Highland County Retired Teachers’ Association (HCRTA) will hold its regular fall meeting Monday, Nov. 7, at the Hillsboro Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 155 W. Walnut St. Social time will begin at 11 a.m. and the meal will be served at noon. Following lunch the guest speaker will be Tamla Cole from STRS in Columbus. She will discuss health plans and other issues related to STRS. The business meeting will follow the

STRS presentation. The cost for the meal is \$12. Contact treasurer Doris Pulse at 937-981-4149 to make reservations. All retired educators are invited.

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Medicare counseling

The Ohio Department of Insurance will be at the Highland County Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 6 for one-on-one Medicare counseling. Get tips on how to enroll for 2023 coverage in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and/or a Medicare Health plan. See if you qualify to save on your prescription drug costs. You must have an appointment. Call the senior center at 937-393-4745 to schedule one.

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Chapter of Public Employees Retirees, Inc. will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Hillsboro Public Library, 10 Willettsville Pike. The speaker will be Randy Sanders,with the Highland County Task Force. All members and guests are welcome.

Altrusa Quarter Raffle

Altrusa of Highland County will hold a quarter raffle Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Hillsboro Orpheum, 135 N. High St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the raffle starts at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. There will be a large variety of basket items. Visit Altrusa’s Facebook page to view them.

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Veterans Appreciation Night

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Veterans Day Dinner

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 123 in Hillsboro is inviting all Highland County veterans, active duty personnel and veterans’ windows and a guest to its annual Veterans Day Dinner at 4:30 p.m. Sat-

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Leesburg Heritage Breakfast

The Leesburg Area Historical Society will host a Heritage Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8-11 a.m. at the Highland County North Joint Fire & Ambulance Station Community Room, 200 South St., Leesburg. On the menu are pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy, and beverages. Leesburg memorabilia will be on display. Traditional and folk music will be performed by John Noftsgger. Bring in your antique and vintage items for appraisals by Toy Fender and Betty Ann Walker. While the entire event is free, donations to the society’s depot restoration project will be accepted.

SOESC Information Session

The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center will hold a Paraprofessional Informational Session from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the SOESC offices at 3321 Airborne Rd., Wilmington; and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Hopwell/Region 14, 5350 New Market Rd., Hillsboro. Contact Holly Burgess at hburgess@southernohioesc.org or Grace Eads at geads@southernohioesc.org via email or phone 937-382-6921 with any questions.

Shooting Sports Open House

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Criminal Traffic Disposition Report

September 16, 2022
Lavone R. Grooms, Manchester, Fictitious Reg., Fine \$25, Court Cost \$71
Larry J. Fussnecker, Sardinia, OH, Speed 69/60, Fine \$30, Court Cost \$102
Richard Magliano, Loveland, OH, Speed 82/60, Fine \$44, Court Cost \$100
Lloyd W. Hickey, Seaman, Speed 69/60, Fine \$18, Court Cost \$100
Michael L. Paxton, Hilliard, OH, Speed 74/60, Fine \$28, Court Cost \$100
Joshua A. Campbell, Portsmouth, OH, Speed 74/60, Fine \$28, Court Cost \$100
Tanner W. Arnold, Peebles, Fail to Display, Fine \$25, Court Cost \$71
Tanner W. Arnold, Peebles, No Helmet/Eye P, Fine \$15, Court Cost \$48

Madeline H. Downie, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 82/60, Fine \$44, Court Cost \$100
Shaun Conley, Westerville, OH, Speed 88/60, Fine \$100, Court Cost \$100
Jason C. Borow, Mason, OH, Speed 79/60, Fine \$38, Court Cost \$100
Raymond Daniels, Peebles, Speed 80/60, Fine \$40, Court Cost \$100
Gary L. Cox, Russells Point, OH, Speed 74/60, Fine \$28, Court Cost \$100
Christen McIntosh, West Union, Speed 68/55, Fine \$26, Court Cost \$100

October 5, 2022
James Murphy, West Union, Rec Stolen Prop, Dismissed, Special Conditions: Dismissed without prejudice. This matter will be presented to the Grand Jury at a later date.

Cathy L. Lierer, Disorder/Intoxi, Fine \$150, Court Cost \$100
Mark E. Reese, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 73/60, Fine \$26, Court Cost \$100
Matthew R. Potvin, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 75/60, Fine \$30, Court Cost \$100
Anna M. Bober, Loveland, OH, Speed 80/60, Fine \$40, Court Cost \$100
Maxwell W. Beckman, Amelia, OH, Speed 75/60, Fine \$30, Court Cost \$100
Amy R. Simpson, Russellville, OH, Speed 73/60, Fine \$26, Court Cost \$100
Codey S. Hurst, Corning, OH, Speed 77/60, Fine \$34, Court Cost \$100
Renee L. Geier Ward, Loveland, OH, Speed 85/60, Fine \$50, Court Cost \$100

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Julie Gedney, Huntington, WV, Speed 79/60, Fine \$38, Court Cost \$100
Kevin W. Hacker, Middletown, OH, Speed 73/60, Fine \$26, Court Cost \$100
Richard K. O'Hearn, West Union, Speed 73/55, Fine \$36, Court Cost \$100
Patience A. Burke, Point Pleasant, WV, Speed 85/60, Fine \$50, Court Cost \$100
John D. Ward, Winchester, Poss Marijuana, Fine \$25, Court Cost \$162
Donald J. Skeene, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 67/55, Fine \$24, Court Cost \$175
John D. Ward, Winchester, DUS/Non Compli, Fine \$130, Court Cost \$162, Special Conditions: Defendant is to be released from Jail on 9/30/2022.
John D. Ward, Winchester, No Tail Lights, Fine \$15, Court Cost \$50
John D. Ward, Winchester, Seat Belt, Fine \$30, Court Cost \$50
David R. McClanahan Jr, Speed 70/55, Fine \$30, Court Cost \$100
Kerry D. Brown, Williamsburg, OH, Speed 73/60, Fine \$26, Court Cost \$100
George M. Dwyer, Ridgeley, WV, Speed 82/60, Fine \$44, Court Cost \$100
Brandi L. Winkle, Manchester, Fail Control, Fine \$15, Court Cost \$100
Gene A. White, Sterling, IL, No Red Flag/Lig, Dismissed
Darin Pribble, Manchester, Disorder/Intoxi, Fine \$25, Court Cost \$100
Rickey W. Unger, West Union, Disorder/Intoxi, Fine \$25, Court Cost \$100, Special Conditions: Defendant did 12 hour detox in Jail
Kevin L. Storer, Peebles, Ginseng W/O per, Fine \$150, Court Cost \$100, Special Conditions: The ginseng & seeds will be forfeited to Wildlife & ODNR
Kevin L. Storer, Peebles, Fail/Replant SE, Fine \$50, Court Cost \$48
Amy J. Rhoden, Seaman, Fail/Tag/Dog, \$30, Court Cost \$50

Dismissed, Special Conditions: Defendant served (5) days in Jail on a separate charge & probation detainer
Anthony R. Potts Jr, Seaman, Park/Public Hwy, Fine \$15, Court Cost \$108
Haley J. Davis, Winchester, Speed 74/60, Fine \$28, Court Cost \$100
Dennis M. Lovell, Newport, KY, Speed 83/60, Fine \$46, Court Cost \$100
Kimberly A. Spolarich, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 74/60, Fine \$28, Court Cost \$100
James H. Whaley, Peebles, Speed 65/55, Fine \$20, Court Cost \$100
James C. Skillman, Cincinnati, OH, Speed 77/60, Fine \$34, Court Cost \$100
David M. Mohr, New Marshfiel, OH, Speed 83/60, Fine \$46, Court Cost \$100
Nolan T. Proud, Amelia, OH, Speed 79/60, Fine \$38, Court Cost \$100
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Heating Assistance Available

The Ohio Department of Development and Adams/Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc. (ABCAP) want to remind Ohioans assistance is available to help with their home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills. Ohioans who are threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected from their utility service, transferring services, establishing new services, have a PIPP default with a disconnection notice at or below 25% fuel, or 10 day supply of wood/pellets may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which starts on Nov. 1, 2022. Ohioans can visit energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application, or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider. Individuals will need to have copies of the following documents to include with their application: · Most recent utility bills · A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers) · Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types) · Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members · Proof of disability (if applicable) HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after Jan. 1. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider. A list of providers can be found at energyhelp.ohio.gov. Applications for the HEAP Winter Crisis program must be received by March 31, 2023. The last day to apply for the regular HEAP benefit is May 31, 2023. For more information on the programs, visit energyhelp.ohio.gov or call Adams County HEAP Office at (937) 695-0316 or Brown County HEAP Office at (937) 378-6041. To make a Winter Crisis appointment please call (567) 268-1009.

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Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

The Ohio Department of Development and ABCAP will help income-eligible Ohioans with water and wastewater assistance. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying water and wastewater bills. The program runs from October 1st, 2022 until September 30th, 2023.

To apply for the program, clients are required to contact ABCAP.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent water/wastewater bills must be in disconnect or shut off;
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member;
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members;
- Proof of disability (if applicable)

For more information about the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, contact Adams County HEAP office at 937-695-0316 or Brown County HEAP office at 937-378-6041. For contact information of your local Energy Assistance provider, call (800)282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance), or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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MANUFACTURED HOME DELINQUENT TAX LIST NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with section 4503.06 (H) & 5721.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Auditor of Adams County, Ohio, is required to cause a manufactured home delinquent tax list and duplicate in the aforesaid county after each August settlement. Within sixty days after delivery of the duplicate to the county treasurer such a list shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. And in accordance herewith, such publication will be made on November 09, 2022 and November 16, 2022 for manufactured homes on the delinquent manufactured home tax list and duplicate of Adams County, Ohio. Notice is hereby given that all manufactured home owners whose manufactured homes were delinquent after August 2022 settlement can have the same withdrawn from publication by making payment to the Treasurer of Adams County or by entering into a written undertaking (5-pay installments) with the treasurer, as provided by law. Such payment or undertaking shall be made prior to seven days before publication. The County Treasurer's Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, except holidays.

David Gifford
Adams County Auditor

SPECIAL NOTICE TO VOTERS

Please be advised that the following polling locations have been changed beginning with the November 8, 2022 General Election:

Sprigg Township - New voting location:
MEAC located at 130 Wayne Frye Dr.,
Manchester, OH 45144

Manchester United Township - New voting location: MEAC located at 130 Wayne Frye Dr., Manchester, OH 45144

All voters that will be affected by this move have been sent a Notice of Polling Change. Please report to your new polling location on Election Day.

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Improving balance and posture



Marjie Gilliam
Road to Fitness

Question: I'm in my 60s and in good shape, but my posture needs improvement. I routinely try to stand up straight and pull my shoulders back, but it doesn't seem to change anything. Help!

Answer: Unfortunately, good posture doesn't come about naturally just from being active. While we can work on our strength and endurance, most of us will become aware of changes over time that need to be addressed.

Poor posture can stem from muscle imbalances, positional habits such as prolonged sitting or standing, or from structural issues. For corrective purposes, the underlying cause must be assessed. Forcing the shoulders back may seem to make sense, however, this often exacerbates the problem

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instead of improves it. This is because most of the back muscles function to contract and lengthen so that the joints can move freely. The shoulders are slightly rounded naturally, and attempting to correct posture by pulling back and statically holding is both tiring and ineffective. It can also inhibit breathing by limiting the ability to take in a full breath.

Note: There are instances where positioning the shoulders back and/or down may be necessary short term, such as executing a certain move in yoga or standing at attention. Once the needed pose is complete, however, allow the shoulders to rest in their natural neutral position. Strive for balance, where the shoulders are neither pulled forward or backward in an attempt to correct posture.

There are specific muscles that when properly strengthened help to hold

the shoulders in their proper position, such as the rhomboid and trapezius muscles. An exercise specialist can provide instruction and assistance with form. Conversely, if it is found that muscles are overly tight, stretching may be needed.

In cases where postural problems are due to spinal dysfunction, early detection is important. The earlier a diagnosis is made, the better the chances of correcting the problem. Restoring range of motion, increasing flexibility and strengthening weakened muscles can be accomplished through specific exercises, consistent practice and patience. Muscle relaxation techniques, massage and stretching can also be very useful for those experiencing pain and muscle tension.

Balance goes hand in hand with good posture. To improve balance and posture, it is important to

appropriately strengthen all muscles that provide support for the spinal column. Commonly referred to as the 'core', these muscles help to keep the entire spine in alignment, and help to prevent low back pain and injury. Devices such as balance boards, stability balls exist which can add variety to workouts, and exercise modalities such as yoga and Pilates are great ways to achieve benefits.

Tip: Mix it up! A well-conditioned body is one where the muscles are activated on a regular basis and on different planes of movement that not only work the core but strengthen the legs and glutes as well. Proper training involves knowing how to pace yourself, avoiding the urge to overdo it or skip scheduled workouts.

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When is a stranger not a stranger?



Daryn Kagan
What's Possible

It's the social moment I've come to dread.

I'm nostalgic for one of the positive sides of the pandemic when there was no chance of running into someone who knows you, but you don't know them.

This ran through my mind this week as a woman walked up to me at an event where I was speaking.

Just when I announced that lunch was being served, a woman came striding my direction with a knowing look.

Knowing, as in she knew me. She certainly knew me. Having led a rather public life, I've often found myself in situations where people feel they know me, but I don't know them.

And my lack of ability to recognize some people often goes beyond that.

Once, years ago, I was out with some girlfriends when a man came over to our table. A mutual friend did the round of courtesy introductions.

"Do you know Jon?" she asked me.

"No, we haven't met," I said in all honesty.

"Actually," he replied, "we used to date."

True story.

To be fair, when I recalled the faint memory, I remembered it had been a blind date and we went out maybe twice. And to offer full reporting, this man had gained a considerable amount of weight.

Still, this story is a legend in my family and circle of friends.

Which is why on this day, I found myself seizing inside as this woman approached me.

She clearly knew me, and while I couldn't place her, it

felt as if I knew her. Deeper than that, it felt as though my soul knew her.

Have you been in this situation before, Dear Reader? You know, but you really don't know?

"Daryn," she broke the tension, reaching out with two arms to hug me."

"Where are we going with this?" I wondered to myself. "Do I have to fake knowing this hugger?"

"I'm Precious' sister," she said.

This single short sentence explained everything.

Precious.

Never has a woman been more aptly named. One of the dearest friends of my life. We both claim the other saved the other's life during some dark, sad times.

That's when I understood. I didn't know this woman, but I knew this face. Her face. The resemblance to her sister was uncanny.

My soul knew her.

My friend, Precious, moved to the Midwest years ago. She left a career in banking to run a non-profit. She's truly making the world a better place.

That friend who you don't see or talk to near enough but is always in your heart? That's who Precious is.

And here she was standing in front of me.

Or her face on a taller body was.

You can bet I instantly hugged her sister.

I meant every squeeze.

The closest I've gotten to hugging my dear friend in years.

This wasn't an encounter to dread, rather one to cherish.

"We have to take a picture," I insisted. For her sister. And for me. This is a moment to remember.

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THE AMISH COOK

The pure joy of being clear before God and others!

By Gloria Yoder
Contributing writer

Remember how Daniel enjoyed occasionally writing columns for me and how he couldn't stay away from the subject of relationships? I wonder if God put it there, knowing that at the prime age of 33, he'd be called to leave Earth's ranks.

There's one actual incident in Daniel's life that got me thinking. Daniel spoke to a brother in church a few months before the unplanned event of being pinched between a tree and a backhoe, causing internal bleeding and death that very day. Daniel had known this man for years; now, in conversation, he realized that not all was clear between them, so he asked his friend, "When can we talk?"

A date and time were set.

To him, there was no reason to put off discussing anything that hinders relationships.

Later, Daniel shared with me their following conversation, and he was eager to talk with this brother again in the near future. This brother shared with Daniel what had been on his heart, including aspects of how Daniel unintentionally came across negatively. Daniel was so thankful to now know about it and have the opportunity to make restitution.

Then, Daniel was called home. Yes, death, as we know it, brings finality beyond mere human words. A cluster of us were mourning over Daniel's body, including this brother with tears streaming down his face. In simple sincerity, he stated, "He was a friend."

I sobbed with sadness, mingled with joy too rich

for words.

Now, I wonder, is there anything I can clear with anyone? Should I, too, be called home tonight?

I know it's so much easier not to face those awkward situations, but there's nothing like the pure joy of being clear before God and others!

Aren't children the best example of this? This morning, I blinked in wonder over little Joshua. At 2 years old, he prefers not to have others meddling too much with his toys. This adorable curly top was actively protecting his toys, and things were escalating by the second. When I intervened and helped him to brokenness, his expression was priceless. The scowl on his face replaced a tender smile as he wrapped his arms around his older brother and told him he was sorry. I notice that every time I allow little negative attitudes in the children to come out without me addressing them, in no time, it has multiplied to an overwhelming degree.

I contemplated it all. It would've been so much easier for me not to spend the time needed to get him there, but what a reward! Now, do I spend time with my father in heaven? Enough time to get me to where I can rest deeply enough in his love, enabling me to have the courage to go to the one with whom I feel missing beats in the flow of the relationship and ask, "Is there anything I have done to hurt you, or things I could do differently?"

Okay, now there is no recipe for strong-flowing relationships, but food can make a difference! I'm still planning to take a pie to someone Daniel had run

into a year ago who had unreasonably ranted over him. Daniel had decided to take him a pie to show love, and now that he's not here to do it anymore, we want to follow through with that.

As you can hear, Daniel could not always restore perfection to every relationship, but with God's love, he did what he could. Some people are simply less than reasonable, yet if we pause only for a moment and reflect on the possibility of what may be causing their thoughtless or grinding ways of relating, this small act of acknowledging their personal pain has a way of simplifying things a lot.

Be encouraged; some

things take time and patience beyond reason.

If you have an urge to reach out to a hurting heart, warm them with this creamy Swiss chicken bake!

CREAMY SWISS CHICKEN BAKE

4-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

¾ cup Parmesan cheese

½ cup mayo

½ cup sour cream

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

½ teaspoon garlic

Put chicken in a 9-by-13 inch pan. Put cheese on top of chicken. Mix remaining ingredients and spread over all. Bake at 350 for one hour.

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LIFE

Shoulder press assists in strengthening muscles



Marjie Gilliam
Road to Fitness

A popular exercise, the Shoulder Press assists in strengthening the front, side and rear shoulders, triceps (back of upper arms) and many postural muscles that help to support the spinal column.

Execution

Hold a dumbbell in each hand at shoulder height with palms facing forward (top photo). Looking straight head, slowly push arms overhead (bottom photo) until extended, without locking out the elbow joint. During the downward phase, lower the dumbbells in a slow, controlled manner.

Tips

Avoid over-flexing or extending the wrists, and do not allow dumbbells to drift forward as you are pushing or lowering. Instead, you should see the weights in your peripheral vision throughout each repetition. The spinal column should remain in proper alignment, without excessive arching or



Position dumbbells at shoulder level. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

rounding. There is no need to shrug or pull the shoulder blades back excessively. Instead, try to maintain normal posture. Avoid using heavy weights. Pushing too much weight overhead can easily interfere with proper form and increases risk of injury to the shoulder joint and spine. Muscles need appropriate time under tension during both phases of a repetition. If weights are too heavy, reliance on excessive momentum rather than muscle power will be necessary, detracting from poten-



Slowly push dumbbells overhead.

Variations

For those who find it difficult to complete the Shoulder Press with elbows out to the sides, the exercise can be performed with the palms facing in. In this case, the elbows would be kept closer to the body and dumbbells pushed upward until arms are nearly fully extended. The Shoulder Press can be performed either standing or seated. If standing, a strong midsection is needed in order to stabilize the spine. If the abdominals are unable to contract iso-

metrically to hold the spine in place, you will notice the hips moving forward as the low back over-arches, increasing risk of injury. For those who wish to work on improving balance, using a stability ball can be a good option. You can use dumbbells, a barbell, resistance bands or kettle bells. Most gyms have a variety of machines available to work the shoulder muscles for those who aren't comfortable using free weights.

If unaccustomed to this exercise, consider using a spotter until you are familiar with proper form. Start with one to two sets of eight to 12 repetitions with a weight that slightly fatigues the muscles. Take time to gently stretch between each set. As you get stronger, you can increase sets, reps or amount of resistance used. Remember that not all exercises are right for everyone. If you have joint problems or medical conditions, check with your doctor before beginning an exercise program.

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Doctor offers glimpse into the future



Daryn Kagan
What's Possible

My, how times have changed.

There was the time that a lollipop was my parting gift when I left the doctor's office for a check-up. Add on a bunch of decades, and the parting gift is now an offer to look inside a crystal ball. "Oh, I see," my new doctor's eyebrow raised as he perused my chart during my annual exam. "Did you know you qualify for genetic testing?" Piquing his interest were two boxes I had checked on my registration form. My mother had breast cancer and I'm of Ashkenazi Jewish descent, two factors that increase my likelihood of carrying the BRCA gene and getting breast cancer. "Do you want to find out?" the doctor asked me.

It's the \$6,000 question. Literally. That's what these labs charge if you don't have insurance. There's not much I want to know for \$6,000, but when I found out my mediocre health insurance would actually pay in full, they had my attention. Have you been here, Dear Reader? Have you had a chance to glimpse the future? For me, it was pretty much a no-brainer. The journalist in me is always interested in information. I also thought the chances of testing positive were pretty low. Yes, my mother had breast cancer, but she was also a smoker and had all sorts of other lifestyle choices I don't share. And there are no other instances of women in my family get-

ting breast cancer. None of this made me immune, just a little cocky. I went for it. A couple weeks later, the lab called to confirm some information and explain how this was all going to work. "We're actually looking at 48 different possible genetic mutations," the woman explained. This made me pause a bit. Just how much do I want to know? What's the use of reading the book if you've already seen the last page? My squirming wasn't enough to stop the test. I pretty much forgot about it until the doctor called today. "I have your results," he said with a pause that went on long enough to let a little fear creep into my mind. "Is he pausing because this is bad news? Why did I have to go poke around with the future? Stop. Let's rewind. I don't want to know after all," I wanted to say. Before I could hit the doctor's pause button, he gave me the results. "You're negative across the board," he said matter-of-factly. "There's nothing else to do here."

I walked into Husband's office to share the news. "That's great news!" he hugged me. "I mean, something's going to get you eventually, but I love hearing there's a good chance this won't be it." God bless, Husband. So practical. He's right, though. I've long realized everything ends. Every job. Every relationship. Every life. We know this movie ends. The how – that remains to be filled in. I think I'll stick around. For now, I'm not dying to find out.

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THE AMISH COOK

In memory of dad-son outing, Austin, 8, snags first buck

By Gloria Yoder
Contributing writer

Editor's note: This column describes deer hunting. Hunting practices vary among Amish communities. In some churches, guns are frowned upon even for hunting. In others, guns for hunting are acceptable. The Amish are, in most cases, pacifists, and firearms are used just for hunting. Hunting is a practice and a tradition in Gloria's community. Deer and other wild game are harvested and used in their entirety to feed the family, something that is gaining importance with rising food prices.

The very unbelievable happened, and this time it wasn't something negative. Daniel was a hunter at heart and found it fulfilling to provide many a meal for his growing family by using his expertise. With his children growing older, he enjoyed teaching them the basic concepts and responsibilities of hunting, safety and such. Now he is no longer here. No more deer hunts with Daddy, and no more snacks being shared between Daddy and child as they waited in the stillness of the woods. We had even had babysitters when I would accompany him on rare occasions. These were scarce chances where the two of us could talk, or whisper, without interruptions – unless a deer would come our way. Maybe more on that on another day. Now what? What will we do? It only seemed right for both my dad and Daniel's dad to go on where Daniel had left off. None of the children had shot at a deer but just spent quality time with Daddy. Sometime after Daddy went to heaven, we were surprised to have deer tags arrive in the mail for Daniel, the two oldest children and me. Daniel had sent for them earlier. Now, here they were. On Friday afternoon, Dad Yoder agreed to take Austin on a buddy stand where the edge of our woods meets the grove with 1,130 young chestnut trees. You know how it can go. Delays happen without asking for them. At the last minute before they left, a repairman came to work on our shop diesel, which wasn't working correctly. He asked if he could have Dad's help. Minutes ticked on, an hour passed and still, this gentleman needed Dad's assistance. Finally, at 5:30 p.m., the two hunters were off. A short while later, the children and I were eating sup-

per on the deck when an excited almost-eight-year-old burst around the corner of the house. "I shot at a buck! I shot at a buck!" I set my plate down. I could hardly believe it, but his excitement showed his seriousness. In his usual steady manner, Grandpa followed him up the steps. "I think he got him." In a flash and a flurry, we had six children done with supper and dressed, ready to go look for the deer. For Austin, the stress level escalated by the second as we wound through thickets and briars searching for his buck. The unbelievable moment came, "Here it is!" Now there are no trackers for feelings in a moment as such. An unspeakable delight for my little son, who misses his daddy and now got his first deer, awed by the wonder of how God showed his loving care by giving it to us. Little Joshua snuggled close as the tears rolled down my cheeks. "It's okay, Joshua, it's tears of joy," I explained. "Austin, you are gonna get to help me decide what we'll all do with this deer!" I exclaimed. "Jerky, bologna and steaks!" he declared. Thanks to my dad for skinning it and helping with the butchering, along with my sister and husband. As you may know Daniel, he loved numbers and always enjoyed knowing exactly how many pounds of meat he got off his deer, so of course, we had to do the same this time with his son's deer. I was delighted with the 68 pounds of meat, which we will much enjoy! Now I was tickled with Sister-in-law Mary's idea of making steaks smothered in gravy. She prepared steaks like this for her cousin in Ohio, which proved to be a hit. We wish you were here to sit with us as we eat Austin's deer steaks and listen to his story first hand. Every time I hear him tell how it all came about, I am amazed anew how every detail came together, down to the deer spying them then running into a nice range and Austin making a perfect shot. Since you're not with us, try the steaks yourself, and if the recipe is too big, chop it in half or quarters.

SMOTHERED STEAKS
1-pound steaks, sliced ½ inch thick
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
Mix flour with salt and

pepper then dip each steak slice in this mixture. Discard remaining flour. Fry sliced steaks in a hot skillet in oil or butter.
Gravy*
1 stick butter
½ cup and 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon chicken base
2 cups chicken broth
2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Melt butter, continue

heating over low heat until nice and brown, add flour and seasonings, brown several more minutes. Add water and chicken base. Bring to a boil and simmer several minutes to thicken. Place steaks in a baking dish and layer with the following gravy. Bake at 300 for 30 minutes. Delicious with mashed potatoes.
*For the easy way out, just dump some cream of mushroom soup on top instead of making a gravy!

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Sen. Sherrod Brown meets with veterans



John Hamilton | News Journal

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) held a roundtable with advocates and local veterans at VFW Post 6710 in Wilmington Tuesday to discuss the PACT ACT, recently signed into law to secure access to Department of Veterans Affairs health care and disability benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxic chemicals/burn pits.

Fishermen plead not guilty to charges in tournament scandal

CLEVELAND (AP) — Two men accused of stuffing five walleye with lead weights and fish filets during a lucrative fishing tournament on Lake Erie pleaded not guilty to cheating and other charges on Wednesday.

Jacob Runyan, 42, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and Chase Cominsky, 35, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, made no comments during their brief court appearances in Cleveland. Their attorneys declined to comment about the case after the hearing.

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor James Gutierrez also declined to comment, referring questions to a spokesperson.

The cheating allegations surfaced Sept. 30 when Lake Erie Walleye



Mark Gillispie | AP

Jacob Runyan, left, and Chase Cominsky, sit in court as they are arraigned Wednesday in Cleveland. The two pleaded not guilty to cheating and other charges in a lucrative fishing tournament on Lake Erie in the end of September. They are accused of stuffing five walleye with lead weights and fish filets.

Trail tournament director Jason Fischer became suspicious because Runyan and Cominsky's fish were significantly heavier than walleye of that length typically are. An angry crowd at Gordon Park in Cleveland watched Fischer cut the walleye open and

announce there were weights and fish filets stuffed inside them.

An officer from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources confiscated the fish as evidence. Runyan and Cominsky were indicted earlier this month on felony charges of cheating, attempted

grand theft, possessing criminal tools and misdemeanor charges of unlawfully owning wild animals.

Both were released Wednesday on personal bonds of \$2,500.

The first place prize in the tournament totaled around \$28,000.

YOUR VIEW

Politicians: Work for all Americans

Dear Mr. Politician: If you want my vote, put your animosity aside. Put your negative ads to bed. Eliminate your personal agendas. Listen to your constituents. Propose common-sense laws that will help all Americans. Be willing to compromise and reject negative pork.

When you achieve nothing, America suffers. I will pray for the wisdom you are severely lacking.

Mike Stanley
Wilmington

Friends of Library book sale a success

Submitted article

WILMNGTON — The Friends of the Library (FOL) would like to thank those who came to the book sale on Saturday, October 22. Despite the lack of category organization, or maybe the thrill of the hunt, shoppers seemed well satisfied.

The book sale provided an opportunity to introduce the public to the new FOL bookroom, located immediately to the left of the Wilmington Public Library main desk. The room is open during regular library hours.

There is no charge, although donations are appreciated. The books need not be signed out.

Since this is a new venture, some reorganization is required. We are working on it.

Jim Hayslip, president of the organization, designed the door logo and bookmarks. Susan Oberlin has been active in approaching schools

and other organizations in need of children's and young adult books. (If an organization is interested in receiving these types of books, please contact the Wilmington Public Library).

Jennifer Sabin displayed books at the recent Antique Fair at Roberts Arena. We hope to incorporate such activities with other community organizations. Actually, it does take a village.

The FOL new room allows the Wilmington Library to cut down inventory. That, plus the library being the recipient of many welcome donations, solves the problem of where to put them.

While one may have boxes of books from recently deceased Aunt Tilly, we ask that unless they are in good condition and relevant ("How to Manage Google 2010" is not); please dispose of them yourself.

The FOL thanks you for your support!

LOCAL BRIEFS

Westboro Road to be closed

Westboro Road will be closed for bridge maintenance beginning Thursday, Oct. 27, weather permitting, according to the Clinton County Engineer's Office. The bridge is between US 68 and Nicely Road in Jefferson Township. The last address accessible from the north (US 68) is 97 Westboro Road, and the last address accessible from the south (Nicely Road) is 208 Westboro Road. The project is anticipated to take two days, weather permitting.

CMHA board sets meeting

The Board of Commissioners of Clinton Metropolitan Housing Authority will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 27 in the Board Room at 478 Thorne Ave., Wilmington. This meeting is open to the public, and you may be placed on the agenda by calling Kathy Collins at 937-382-5749, ext 3, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26.

Law library board to meet

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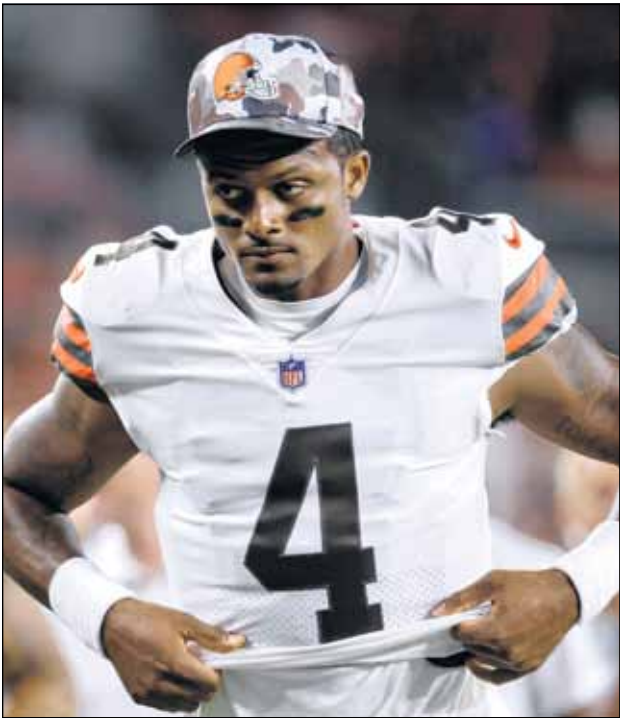
QB Deshaun Watson to start vs. Texans after suspension, GM says

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson will start on Dec. 4 in Houston — against his former team — when his 11-game suspension ends, general manager Andrew Berry said Wednesday.

Watson, who played four seasons with the Texans, was suspended in August when he settled with the league after being accused of sexual misconduct by more than two dozen women in massage therapy sessions.

Watson can begin practicing on Nov. 14, and as long as he meets provisions in his deal with the league, he'll return to face the Texans.

Berry said the Browns anticipate Watson being ready to play in the week 12 game, which would be his first regular-season appearance in 700 days.



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Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson walks off the field during a preseason game against the Chicago Bears on Aug. 27 in Cleveland. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said suspended quarterback Watson has met the requirements of his settlement with the league to this point after being accused of sexual misconduct by two dozen women.

Watson, who returned to the Browns' facility last month, sat out the 2021 while his legal issues

festered.

Jacoby Brissett has played well while filling in for Watson, and is coming off a strong performance in a 32-13 win Monday night over Cincinnati.

Watson has been able to work out and attend meetings with the Browns since Oct. 10.

He had been banned since his suspension began on Aug. 30.

"It's been great to have him back in the building," Berry said. "He's been focused on working on himself. He's stayed in great shape. He's been a part of the meetings. He's done everything and more that's been asked of him."

"We'll be excited to have him when he can continue to ramp up football activities and get back on the practice field."

OSU NOTEBOOK

Day says he remains optimistic about WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba

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COLUMBUS — Is it time to consider the possibility Ohio State's standout wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba might not play the rest of the season?

Ohio State coach Ryan Day doesn't think so. Neither does the Buckeyes' receivers coach Brian Hartline.

Smith-Njigba has played briefly in three games and missed five games entirely, including last week's 44-31 win over Penn State, because of a lingering hamstring injury.

When Day was asked during his weekly press conference on Tuesday if he is still hopeful Smith-Njigba could play at some point this season, he said, "Absolutely."

Day also said he is confident OSU can achieve its goals — winning all its games, winning the Big Ten championship and bringing home a nation-

al championship — even if Smith-Njigba doesn't play.

"I think we can," he said. "But at the same time, I'd love to have him back, as I'm sure you can imagine. But this team is working hard and that's why we build depth. You don't know. And I'm sure more adversity is coming our way. We're in November now so you never know what's coming."

Hartline said he has "a huge level of confidence" that Smith-Njigba can return to the field during the regular season or the postseason.

"He's beating himself up a little bit. He's been better this week," he said. "He wants to play

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Rayvon Rogan led with 13 tackles (159 for season) while Shane Davenport had 10, including 1.5 sacks. These two combined for 10.5 sacks this season.

Will Donahoe, the UHS signal-caller, has 25 TDs and just 4 interceptions passing. He doubles as the team's place kicker with 9 field goals (long of 40) and 45 extra points.

Austin Hill leads the ground game with 783 yards. The Hillclimbers have just 1,206 yards on the ground this season.

Legitimate deep threat Jonathan Hildebrandt averages 25.9 yards per catch on 40 receptions.

He has 15 touchdowns. Rogan has 60 catches and 9 TDs receiving. They will challenge an "improving" Clinton-Massie secondary this week that has been "pretty seasoned from playing a few decent passing teams, including Unioto," said McSurley.

The Hillclimbers only losses are to 3-8 Fort Recovery and 8-3 London. The only team with a winning record to count as an Urbana win was 7-4 North Union 38-12.

Massie has beaten 8-3 New Richmond and 9-2 Unioto this season. Aside from a stumble out of the gate, to a 3-8 Waynesville team, Massie has four losses by a total of 51 points to teams with a combined 34 wins. Edgewood (10-1), DeSales (7-4) and Western Brown

(10-1) all won opening round playoff games last week.

With 531 rushing attempts compared to 33 passing attempts, the Falcons are the Falcons. Logan Chesser has 1,009 yards and 9 TDs while Brody Clutter chimes in with 849 yards and 11 scores. Five players have more than 365 yards rushing this season.

Gavan Hunter led by a wide margin with 110 tackles. Keegan Lamb is next with 49. Miles Theetge leads with 4 interceptions.

While Clinton-Massie lost its first four games, the 6-1 run to close the season is much like successful Massie teams of the past. When November comes around, the Falcons run game takes

over. Last week every yard gained in the 38-0 win over Unioto was on the ground.

But this is a different Clinton-Massie team, the coach said.

"I think the biggest reward this season for our coaching staff is having so many players from all four grades contributing to the season in a big way," said McSurley. "Usually it takes players in this program until their junior year to make some kind of an impact. We have multiple young guys playing varsity football at a pretty high level. We're all about perfecting the little things right now and just having fun as a team."

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performed? Yes. Can we improve? Also yes."

Part of Blanchester's success on defense came from SCD being one dimensional on offense.

Valley View won't be that way.

"Valley View is a very good football team," the BHS coach said. "We need to play mistake free, drive the ball down the field with long time consuming drives, and create a

turnover or two. We will also need to steal a possession via special teams. Their running back is a special player and their two inside linebackers are as good as any that we have seen all year. Their kicker can get touchbacks on kickoff and has made multiple 30-plus yard field goals. Their return teams have multiple returns for TDs this year. We will minimize their opportunities for quality returns this week."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION RATES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of R.C. 4909.19, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., ("Duke Energy Ohio" or "Company") gives notice that, on June 30, 2022, the Company filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") an Application to increase its base rates for natural gas distribution service. The Application has been assigned Case Number 22-507-GA-AIR by the Commission. Duke Energy Ohio is also seeking an alternative rate plan, to amend its tariffs, and to obtain accounting authority in connection with the proposed rate increase, which requests have been assigned Case Numbers 22-508-GA-ALT, 22-509-GA-ATA and 22-510-GA-AAM. The Application in all four cases directly affects the Company's entire service area, which includes all or parts of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Ohio.

Base rates are partially responsible for recovering costs associated with maintaining pipes and other distribution infrastructure assets that bring natural gas services into customers' homes and businesses. The proposed rates in this case reflect investments in the Company's distribution system and increased costs of operations and maintenance since the last Duke Energy Ohio natural gas distribution rate case filed in 2012. The proposed rates would also assist the Company in continuing to finance and support the infrastructure necessary to continue providing safe and reliable distribution service to its customers.

In reviewing the Application, the Commission will consider the Company's cost to provide natural gas distribution service from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, and the value of its pipes and other distribution infrastructure assets used to deliver distribution service, as of March 31, 2022.

The Application requests an overall increase in operating revenue of approximately 5.6%, on a rate schedule basis as follows (including Natural Gas Costs):

Residential Service:	7.4%
Residential Low Income:	6.9%
General Service – Small:	5.9%
General Service – Large:	4.8%
Residential Firm Transportation:	7.0%
Res Firm Trans Low Income:	6.7%
Firm Transportation – Small:	6.5%
Firm Transportation – Large:	4.5%
Interruptible Transportation:	1.4%

For a typical 57 CCF residential user, the total bill increase will be approximately 6.7%.

The proposals in the Application are subject to changes, including changes as to amount and form, by the Commission. Recommendations that differ from the filed Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

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FURNITURE – HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
ARTWORK & PRINTS – COLLECTIBLES
WOODWORKING TOOLS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM

Location: Highland County Fairgrounds, Wharton Bldg., 604 John Street, Hillsboro, OH. Watch for auction signs.

Furniture & Household Items: antique cherry dresser; 3 pc. cherry bedroom suite; white French Provincial bedroom furniture incl. (4) single beds, stands, dresser, corner unit; cedar chest; cherry linen chest; oak bookcase w/ dbl. glass doors; school master's desk; china hutch; cherry dining table; harvest dining table w/ 5 leaves; hiprest chairs; vintage wood highchair; custom wood cradle by Fanelli; wood rocking chairs; Victorian settee; queen sleeper sofa; lift chair; occasional tables; Krakaur spinet piano; liquor cabinet; barstools; Blue Ridge dbl. log rack; Whirlpool Cabrio washer; Whirlpool elec. dryer; lamps; cigar humidior; books; asst. kitchenwares, sm. appliances, pots/pans/dishes; 40 pc. Pfaltzgraff Yorktowne china service; punchbowls; misc. silverplate serving pcs.; Waterford crystal. **Artwork & Prints/Collectibles:** Ruthven's incl. Eastern Bluebird (SAP 17/25), Cardinals (SAP 17/25), Sipping Well (lt. ed.), Mourning Dove "Patriot" series (lt. ed.); Plinke's Kingfisher (orig. commission); American Optical Advertising incl. Stoops' Post Office (1942), Optometric Exam (1943), Dohanos' Family Dinner, Crossroads (1950s); Bound's Welcome Friends (lt. ed); Miller's Quiet Moment; Hawk's Harbor Scene; South's Crosley Field 1962; Lambke's Primitive Boy, Primitive Girl (orig. oil); others such as "Raging Horses" (40"x20"); crocks & stoneware; Nippon hp vase; vintage linens; clutch purses & handbags; lady's hats; costume jewelry; misc. 60s era toys; rocking horse; (2) glass carboy bottles; bar signs such as Meiers Wines, Little Kings; Mail Pouch thermometer; kerosene lamps; Christmas décor incl. antique German goose feather tree w/ Swiss music box base.

Owner, Thomas G. Morand Trust, Peoples Bank, Trustee

Woodworking Tools: Craftsman 12" wood lathe, 10" table saw, 8" table saw, 6" planer; Sears 10" radial arm saw, scroll saw; Delta bench bandsaw; Porter Cable 10" planer w/ stand, disc/belt sander; Rockwell table jigsaw, bandsaw; Skil 9" router; Central Machinery 9" table bandsaw, bench drill press; Chicago Electric radial arm saw; Shop Vacs; Fortress 6 gal. compressor; dust collectors; toolboxes; assort. hand & power tools; cedar crafting lumber. **Housewares & Collectibles:** Noritake china service; glassware incl. Wexford, Fostoria; occasional tables & chairs; Longaberger baskets; Snow Babies; hundreds of NIB Matchbox cars; collector plates; beer steins; rabbit figurines; 40+ premium watches such as Stuhrling, Invicta, Citizens, Croton; first day covers & stamps; coins incl. 1987 \$25 ½ oz. American Gold Eagle, 1987 Silver American Eagles, 1986 Liberty Half Dollars, and more. (see AuctionZip.com for complete catalog of watches, first day covers, and coins).

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