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Dear Examiners:

Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) has published notice as directed in the March 21, 2023, Entry. The notices and proof of publication, including a supporting affidavit, are attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

cc: Parties of Record

Affidavit Proof of Publication

I, Mitch Colton, do herby attest that the AEP Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

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Mitch Colton 4/25/23

Mitch Colton Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 25 day of April 2023 before me, Chana L Powell ,the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Mitch Colton, 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

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Dispensaries

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switch building materials to expedite the construction process.

"We'd all rather be making money and paying our staff and making the program better," Wingfield said.

The board gave some dispensaries until this month or May to open their doors, but 22 were cited for not making progress toward opening.

Six of those are located in Cincinnati, four are in Columbus, and the rest are scattered throughout the state.

Dispensaries reach settlements with state

All but one of those companies have reached settlements with the board that give them more time to open, with conditions.

The citations and agreements mark a shift in the board's enforcement practices, as they did not occur when Ohio's first medical marijuana dispensaries opened.

Patient advocates say the board hasn't been forthcoming about the dispensary process and is more focused on helping business owners.

"Patients need to be foremost on public officials' minds," said Theresa Daniello, who runs a wellness company focused on the endocannabinoid system. "Instead, the lack of transparency … leaves the patients last, in a program that was supposed to be designed in the best interest of patients' safety."

Per the settlements, dispensaries that pass a board inspection by May 13 won't be penalized.

Those that miss the May deadline get another 30 days in exchange for a $5,000 fine.

Dispensaries that continue to miss the mark will be fined more each month, culminating in a $30,000 penalty if they aren't open by August.

Any business not open by September must appear before the pharmacy board.

"It's a challenging time for the industry generally," said Tom Haren, an attorney representing many of the companies, who is also spearheading efforts to legalize adult-use marijuana in Ohio. "There has been sort of a perfect storm for a lot of operators that have caused some unforeseen delays."

Provisional dispensary licensees cited for not making progress

- Culture Retail Partners of Ohio, Inc. 1568 E. Archwood Ave., Akron.
- Aron OH LLC, 4029 Smith Road, Cincinnati.
- Canoe Hill Ohio 2 LLC, 3950 Edward Road, Cincinnati.
- Heritage Wellness Ohio LLC, 3942-3944 Edwards Road, Cincinnati.
- Noosa Ohio LLC Parcel, #0248-0002-0051, off Boudinot Avenue near Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati .
- Ohio Patient Access LLC, 830 Reedy St., Cincinnati.
- The Forest Acquisition LLC, 4412-4414 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road, Cincinnati.
- Green Power OH LLC 13429 Lakewood Heights Blvd., Cleveland.
- Cherokee Remedies 4 LLC, 4066 Morse Road, Columbus.
- Elevated Growth OH LLC, 7502 High Cross Boulevard, Columbus.
- Ohio Bound Inc., 914 Cleveland Ave., Columbus.
- Parkland Ventures LLC, 2765 Gender Road, Columbus.
- FRX Health of Cuyahoga Falls LLC, 1682 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls.
- CREAM Apothecaries Ohio LLC, 914 Cleveland St., Elyria.
- Canoe Hill Ohio LLC, 10140 Suspension Bridge Road, Harrison.
- Deaver Ohio LLC, 1312 SR-63, Monroe.
- MLH Ohio Dispensary II LLC, 421 W. Broadway St., New Lexington.
- Canoe Hill Ohio 3 LLC, 764 Montgomery Road, Norwood.
- Ohio Patient Access LLC, 1208 Recker Road, Piqua.
- Daily Releaf LLC, 4918 Airway Road, Riverside.
- Ohio Patient Access LLC, 6019 Milan Road, Sandusky.
- Twice The Wellness LLC, 27900 Chagrin Blvd., Suites 900A & 900B, Woodmere.

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GROUNDWORKS

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Be captivated by the world premiere of renowned choreographer Sidra Bell's temperance. The episodic new work will have the dancers moving in and out of heightened physical vocabulary and into intimate moments of tenderness. Also premiering, will be the world premiere of GroundWorks' Artist in Residence Antonio Brown's Floating Walls. The contemporary dance work explores the physical and psychological space that one encounters when feeling surrounded by walls both in the literal sense and within the imagination.

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Gas prices

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average price of a gallon of regular gas in Ohio was $5.06 on June 9, 2022.

Why are gas prices continuing to rise in northern Ohio?

The biggest culprit for the rapid rise in gas prices in northern Ohio is some 6,700 miles away.

Over the weekend, Saudi Arabia and other OPEC nations decided to cut the production of crude oil sending prices higher.

This comes at the same time that prices at the pump typically rise as more travelers hit the road as the weather break and the summer travel season starts.

Further complicating things in Ohio is this is also the time of year when some refineries curtail production for maintenance and the switch to the more expensive, summer blends of fuel.

Cars travel along Market Street past two gas stations in Akron on Thursday.
MIKE CARDEW/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

"We are getting ready to head into what is expected to be a very busy travel season," Ohio AAA predicts. "Tight supply and high demand will likely drive up gas prices."

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LIFE

Senior Art + Design Exhibition open to public through May 6

Ashland Times-Gazette
USA TODAY NETWORK

ASHLAND – The Senior Art + Design Exhibition, featuring the capstone experiences for graduating Ashland University art students, will run through May 6 at the Coburn Art Gallery in the Center for the Arts, 331 College Ave.

"While the 2023 Senior Art Exhibition provides the capstone experience for graduating art and design majors, it represents more than just students' studio art experiences," said Cynthia Petry, director of the Coburn Gallery. "For these students of the liberal arts, the exhibition is the culmination of their undergraduate careers at Ashland University."

This year's exhibition includes graphic design, illustration, digital art, fibers, painting and ceramics from four senior artists – Mariel Leatherman, Abigail Marchand, Valerie Painter and Sarah Shearer.

Leatherman, from Westfield Center, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in art education (sculpture concentration). She has exhibited at the Juried Student Art Exhibition and was awarded the Dean's Award and Juror Special Mention. Upon graduation, Leatherman plans to secure a teaching job in the Northeast Ohio area.

Coburn Gallery at Ashland University is exhibiting artwork from the Senior Art + Design Exhibition. SUBMITTED

Marchand, a native of Massillon, is scheduled to graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration, as well as a B.F.A. (graphic design concentration). While at AU, she participated in choir, marching band (color guard) and various community service activities. Marchand's post-graduation goal is to find a job in graphic design.

Painter, of Broadview Heights, is set to graduate with a B.F.A (painting concentration) and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She was awarded AU's Permanent Art Collection Award at the 2022 Juried Student Art + Design Exhibition, and conducted a SONA-affiliated psychology research project. Upon graduation, Painter plans to continue her education by working toward a master's degree in psychology in order to pursue her goal of becoming an art therapist.

Shearer, from Norton, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in commercial art (graphic design concentration) and in business administration (marketing). She has exhibited in the Juried Student Art Exhibition and was awarded the Saville Award for her photograph titled "Construction Zone." Following graduation, Shearer hopes to secure a graphic design position in the Ashland area.

The Coburn Gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and noon-4 p.m. weekends. For more information about the exhibition, call 419-289-5652 or visit the gallery's Facebook page.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 7, the 97th day of 2023. There are 268 days left in the year. On this date in:

1862: Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

1922: The Teapot Dome scandal had its beginnings as Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming and California to his friends, oilmen Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, in exchange for cash gifts.

1945: American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

1954: President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

1962: Nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

1966: The U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

1984: The Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in population.

Today's birthdays: Country singer Bobby Bare is 88. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 84. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 76. Singer John Oates is 75. Singer Janis Ian is 72. Actor Jackie Chan is 69. Actor Russell Crowe is 59. Singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 59. Actor Bill Bellamy is 58. Rock musician Ben McKee (Imagine Dragons) is 38. Christian rock singer Tauren Wells is 37. Actor Ed Speleers is 35.

Loudonville Library Friends to hear about abuse shelter agency

Ashland Times-Gazette
USA TODAY NETWORK

LOUDONVILLE – Rebecca Jentes Garcia will speak about "Providing a Safe Space" during a Friends of the Loudonville Library at 2 p.m. Monday, May. 1.

For the past four years she has served as the director of Safe Haven, which offers free emergency shelter to adult survivors and their children who are fleeing domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, stalking and other forms of abuse in Ashland County. It is a program of the nonprofit Appleseed Community Mental Health.

Garcia graduated from Ashland High School in 1992 and received a bachelor's degree from Ashland University in 1995.

She continued earned a master's degree in pastoral clinical counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2005. She has been a registered advocate since 2020.

She is the mother of Daniel, 16, and Samuel, 14.

Before working at Safe Haven, she was in the criminal justice field of corrections.

Garcia recently completed a term as a member of the Ashland Christian School Board and attends Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah. She enjoys running outdoors and reading.

All Friends programs are open to the public.

Programs are held in the lower level of the library.

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ASK CAROLYN | CAROLYN HAX

He had to work late, he said, then hit a bar with friends

Hi, Carolyn: Last week on a random Wednesday, my husband and I exchanged end-of-the-workday texts (as we often do) checking in about how late he will need to work, coming home for dinner?, etc. This is a pretty common exchange. He texted that he had a ton of work to do and would be at the office late and I should eat dinner without him. I wished him good luck.

Then I decided I wanted tacos for dinner and drove over to a local spot.

Well. To my surprise. There was my husband. At the bar. Drink in hand. He was with a work colleague I recognized. And apparently some more I did not. My husband was super surprised to see me and started backpedaling immediately. I was stunned. I left. And promptly lost my [cool]. I contend this was a lie. He says he didn't lie at the time but his plans changed. I call BS.

What do you think?

– Told a Weird Tiny Lie

Told a Weird Tiny Lie: I think a lot of things, none of which matter unless I make it clear that I don't know, I just think. I don't know whether your husband affably changed his plans or made sneaky ones. I don't know whether this was a careless lie of omission or, with forethought, a texted lie to your face. I don't know whether you're responding, reacting or overreacting.

With that out of the way: I think people *know* – when they're the ones in the relationship.

I think you know whether he's capable of deceit. And he knows you know.

I think you both know what the context of your lives together says about him, about you and about your marriage.

I think you both know whether a hang with colleagues on a night he's supposed to be busy is a nice bit of serendipity for him or a knockout punch to whatever trust you had left (or some point on the downslope between the two).

I think you know whether you tend to jump quickly to unreasonable suspicions, and his backpedaling is a knee-jerk adaptation to that, and you need to apologize for flipping out – or whether you are calm and centered enough to spot a real red flag when you see one, and his backpedaling screams "busted," and you need to trust yourself under pressure.

That's pretty much what I think.

Dear Carolyn: I am getting to the stage in life where sometimes it takes awhile to remember a name. Recently, I ran into a person I have casually known for years at my gym. I could not think of his name, so I did not introduce him to my husband, who was beside me. Of course I remembered his name after we exchanged a few words and he went on his way. I felt embarrassed because I couldn't think of his name and should have introduced him to my husband. How could this have been handled better?

– Anonymous

Anonymous: Have a pact with your husband: When you forget a person's name in this situation, say, "This is my husband, [husband's name]," at which point your husband immediately says, "Nice to see you – I'm sorry, though, I didn't catch your name," and the person says his name and puts all of you out of your misery. I am getting to the stage in life where I'm grateful this fig leaf works.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com

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SPORTS

SZOLOSI

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Still, it's not always a benefit. Running in such high-stakes competitions and meets throughout the state will for sure bring nerves for the young athlete. It's understandable to get a little rattled or star-struck when competing against athletes nearly three years older than you. For Szolosi though, age doesn't mean a single thing, especially when you want to win.

"I think once you get to high school, I don't see the same barriers between grades because at this point we're all racing the same race and we're going out there and trying to do the same thing. I try not to think about the fact that those people are older than me and at this point we're all chasing the same goal so just go out there and run my best race and see how I can do."

She's been doing well so far. And with so much success already at multiple different state championship events, it's not hard to look into the future for Szolosi. There's never any guarantees in sports, but the freshman has put herself on a path that could lead to the mountaintop if she continues to work hard and focus in the way she has. The fact that she could reach unheard of heights is not something that's lost on Szolosi.

"A big goal would be one of the top places at state for our cross country team. I think our team, being so young, has a really good chance at doing well in the future. Individually, just place as high as I can at state and at any postseason meets. Just try to place there too. Back to our cross country team, I think we have enormous potential and that would be really awesome if I could help get my team a state title in that."

Running is freedom. Szolosi now has the freedom to accomplish whatever she feels possible as her young, star-studded career is off to a fast start.

ATHENS BASEBALL

Meigs escapes pitchers duel against Athens

FROM STAFF REPORT

Going up against one of the better arms in the area, Athens battled and kept Meigs' offensive attack at bay but eventually fell 1-0 to the Marauders on Monday night.

Ethan Stewart, an Ohio University commit, dazzled through 6.1 innings on the mound for Meigs. He struck out 12 while walking none and only allowing three hits on the night. He was pulled in the seventh inning at 86 as he slowly comes back from offseason surgery.

For all the attention Stewart got on the mound, Landon Wheatley did his best to match up with the D1 commit. The senior took the loss but went six innings of four hit ball, allowing one run while striking out 11 and not walking a batter.

Wheatley and Landon Baker were the only ones to pick up a hit for Athens as well.

While it wouldn't have seemed like it at the moment, Meigs' first inning run ultimately became the kill shot in the end. After Conlee Burnem reached first with a bunt single to open the bottom of the first, Jake Martin lined a single to right field to bring in the only run of the game.

The Bulldogs would occasionally get on base throughout the game but couldn't seem to get past the elite pitching, ultimately falling in the end.

FEDERAL HOCKING BASEBALL

Late comeback effort from Eastern guides Eagles over Federal Hocking

FROM STAFF REPORT

After collecting an early lead, Federal Hocking ended up falling 5-3 to Eastern on Monday as the Eagles scored three over the final two innings to secure the victory.

The Lancers only recorded four hits on the night with Iden Miller, Cody Mettler, Brady Bond and Brody Rutter each collecting one themselves.

On the mound, Miller performed well despite the late runs coming in. The senior threw all seven innings, allowing four earned runs on eight hits, striking out seven while only allowing two walks.

The combination of Brady Rockhold and Trey Hill at the top of the lineup led the way for Eastern. Rockhold was 2-4 at the plate with an RBI while Hill went 3-4 with a trio of singles, also bringing in a run. Rowhan Gilmore and Ayden Wilhem also recorded an RBI for Eastern.

For the Lancers, Bond and Rutter were the only ones to record an RBI.

The Lancers grabbed an opening lead in the bottom of the second, bringing in two runs. Eastern would respond with two of their own in the following half-frame to tie it up but Federal Hocking would squeak one more by in the bottom of the third, giving them a 3-2 lead at the time.

The teams would go through a scoreless fourth inning before Eastern made their move. The Eagles would score one in the fifth to tie the game back up and then would bring home two in the sixth to take a final lead, holding off for the win in the end.

SOFTBALL

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Both teams opened up scoring in the first with a run apiece. Jaycie Jordan lined an RBI single for Alexander while Shockey came in on a wild pitch.

The Lady Spartans started to widen the gap in the second. Moat ripped a two-RBI double to center field and Swart had an RBI single to highlight a four-run inning.

Sarah Harris would rip an RBI single in the following inning to make it a 6-1 game.

Hayleigh Gauter's RBI double in the bottom of the third inning highlighted a two-run frame from Nelsonville-York.

"Defensively we didn't play our best, especially the first four innings. I thought we picked it up in the last three innings and made a game at least," Wayne Dicken, head coach of Nelsonville-York said after the loss. "Give credit to Alexander, they hit the ball really well and came out fired up. Unfortunately we just couldn't make plays when we needed to tonight."

Alexander would score one in the fifth and then RBI hits from Moat, Hudnall and Swart in the fifth inning would make it a 10-3 game.

Each team would score one more as the Lady Spartans would close it out, grabbing an unexpected win on the road.

"We needed that win," Buckley noted. "By far, this is one of the best team's we've played so far this year and it just felt great and was able to close it out."

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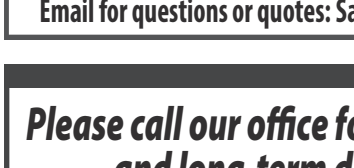

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"Bees are not as busy as we think they are. They jest can't buzz any slower."

Written prior, 1931,
by Kin Hubbard,
a world-famous newspaper humorist and father of late T.E. Hubbard, former *Examiner* owner/publisher

BHS NHS TAPS 33 NEW MEMBERS

The Bellefontaine High School National Honor Society tapped 33 new members Thursday afternoon, March 30. Current members went to various classrooms and made the surprise announcement to the new members.The new members were then recognized in the BHS Distance Learning Center in a ceremony attended by many parents. The new inductees include: Alexis Buffkin, Jayda Butler, Luis Casanas, Alexza Clifton, Ella Costin, Emma Costin, Julia Easton, Grant Erickson, John Fulmer, Truman Howell, Skybree Knotts, Ella Kuba, Dominic Latimer, Ellie Lloyd, Marco Martinez, Oliver Moreland, Riley Neer, Kyndal Newkirk, Parker Penhorwood, Anush Qoziev, Theo Reminder, Zoey Rister, Alexis Robinson, Jalyn Savage, Cati Snyder, Mason Stanley, Cooper Sterling, Emily Taylor, Caleb Torsell, Olivia Turner, Lauren Valdez, Sarah VanVoorhis and Karys Varner. High school juniors and seniors must complete an application and write an essay to be considered for induction. Other requirements include a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and a minimum of six hours of community service each year in high school. Students must also demonstrate the four pillars of NHS – character, scholarship, leadership and service. BHS will host a formal induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the auditorium. Michelle Rohrer is the Bellefontaine NHS adviser. **(BCS PHOTO)**

Florida has most lead pipes in U.S., EPA survey finds

(AP) — Some 9.2 million lead pipes carry water into homes across the U.S., with more in Florida than any other state, according to a new Environmental Protection Agency survey that will dictate how billions of dollars to find and replace those pipes are spent.

The survey released Tuesday was the first time the agency asked about lead pipes and gave the best count yet of how many are underground. Florida, with an estimated 1.16 million pipes, was a surprise to one expert. Industrial states like Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania are more typically associated with extensive lead pipe issues.

Illinois ranked second in Tuesday's survey, with 1.04 million lead pipes, followed by Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and New York.

The agency's drinking water infrastructure survey will be used to steer billions of dollars from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to water infrastructure upgrades like finding and removing lead pipes in states that need it most. Previously, a state's share of lead pipe funds was based on its general infrastructure need and didn't consider how many lead pipes the state had.

Lead can cause brain damage and the EPA says no amount is safe for children's bodies. The Biden administration has set a goal to remove all of the country's lead water pipes. The $15 billion from the infrastructure law for lead pipe work will significantly help, but it won't be enough, to solve the problem.

- **First Fridays Bellefontaine Easter EGG-stravangza** —Friday, April 7, downtown Bellefontaine; presented by Citizens Federal Savings & Loan; free activities begin at 1 p.m., Peep show 1 to 6 p.m. at Putt and Play, where a Glow in the Dark egg hunt takes place from 1 to 5 p.m., craft at Richwood Bank 1 to 4 p.m., and Goose Chase scavenger hunt; food trucks, petting zoo and sidewalk chalk begin at 4 p.m. on Court Street; purchase activity and goodie bag for $10 on Eventbrite.com for evening activities, including slime egg coloring at The Fun Company, cookie decorating at City Sweets & Creamery, and art and yoga at Homegrown Yoga.
- **Bellefontaine Exchange Club Easter egg hunt** — Noon Saturday, April 8, Mary Rutan Park; for children age 12 and younger.
- **Easter on the Farm** — 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8, Marmon Valley Farm; pancake breakfast, hayride, family scavenger hunt, pony rides for ages 11 and under and the story of the resurrection, rain or shine, at $5 per person; call (937) 593-8000 to pre-register or book online; breakfast is complements of Bellefontaine Grace Church.
- **Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek Historical Easter Customs** — 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 10051 Township Road 47, West Liberty, indoor and outdoor activities planned, including an Easter egg roll and concluding with an Easter egg hunt; program is free to all.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **First United Methodist Church**, 201 N. Main St., hosts a Maundy Thursday Seder Meal at 6 p.m. Thursday, for the downtown Bellefontaine churches. The meal is free, but tickets are required by stopping by the church this week.
- **First Christian Church**, 215 E Sandusky Ave., hosts a Good Friday service at 8 p.m. Friday for the downtown Bellefontaine churches. An Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church. The Rev. Kevin Greenwald leads the Easter Worship service in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., with the sermon, "Christ is Risen!" Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10. Rosanna Keirn serves as the worship leader. An Easter Egg hunt is at 11 a.m. for children 10 years or younger on the front lawn.
- **First Lutheran Church** will celebrate Easter Sunday with a 9 a.m. Easter breakfast, including a dedication of the "Feeding the 5,000" mural painted by Holley Milroy. The Easter Communion Service will begin at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday at the Zanesfield United Methodist Church**, Pastor April Phillips hosts a sunrise service at 7 a.m., with breakfast to follow. Scripture reading: Matthew 28:1-10, with testimonies being shared and flowering of the cross. At 11 a.m., a traditional Easter service will be conducted, with scripture reading from John 20:1-18 and the sermon titled, "The End That Wasn't."
- **East Liberty Church of Christ** will observe a traditional sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday. Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.
- At **Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Ted Dennis' sermon is, "Tell Me Where You Have Laid Him." Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:30 a.m.
- At **Rushsylvania United Methodist Church**, Pastor April Phillips' message is titled, "The End that Wasn't." The scripture reading is John 20:1-18. Join in person at 9:30 a.m. or online via Facebook, "Rushsylvania United Methodist Church."
- **Common Ground Church** hosts an Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. Sunday at Union Station, 613 Hamilton St. Take your favorite dish to share. The Easter service begins at 10 a.m.

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LOVINA'S AMISH KITCHEN

Family gatherings and fried mushrooms

Lovina Eicher
Special to Mansfield News Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Lovina made Easter baskets for each of her grandchildren. PROVIDED BY LOVINA EICHER

I need to write this column this morning before I leave. Sisters Verena and Emma, nieces Elizabeth and Emma, Crystal (nephew Benjamin's wife), daughters Elizabeth, Susan, Verena, Lovina and I are going to daughter Loretta's house to clean. Walls, ceilings, windows, furniture, floors, etc., will be cleaned thoroughly. It's always a good feeling once all is cleaned again. This is in preparation for communion services, which Dustin and Loretta will host April 30, Lord willing. It will be an enjoyable day to spend together.

I cleaned some windows yesterday here in my house. Some of that rain makes the windows dirty, and then of course there are the little love prints on the inside left by my precious grandchildren. I need to do some spring cleaning since we won't host church services again here until December.

All the families that need to have a tent to host church take it during the summer months. Since we have a pole barn we can heat, we take our turn in the winter months, early spring or late fall. The last time we hosted church was in May 2022. So, I almost need to do deep cleaning in between that time. We have around 35 families that host church, so it's a while until our turn comes around again.

Loretta is going to make breakfast for us this morning before we clean. She plans to have pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and rhubarb juice and coffee. Lunch is being brought in by everyone.

Sister Emma has four grandchildren, and I have 10, but four of those are in school. We will still have 10 children there, ages 4 and younger. It should be an interesting day!

Enjoying spring weather, garden prep, Easter fun

We are having a lovely week weather-wise. Son Joseph hauled manure on the garden and in the garden beds last night. My husband Joe wants to till the garden again since the manure is added. We have a small tiller they use to till in the garden beds. Joe is getting eager to get potatoes planted. I also want to plant peas, some radishes and sweet onions soon. This week, the temperature is in the 70s. I do hope our cold weather is pretty well over for this season.

On Good Friday we had a nice day with the family all being home. The menu included mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, pork and beans, grilled chicken, lettuce salad, a veggie tray, cheese, hot peppers, colored eggs and more. There were a few dessert options of berry cream cheese muffins, swiss roll bars (homemade of course) and dirt pudding. The desserts and salad were brought in by my daughters, so that made it easier for me. Sister Verena also came for lunch and then stayed a few nights.

After lunch, Joe and I gave our 10 grandchildren Easter baskets. I make them myself, filling them with little goodies such as a coloring book, colors, bubbles and more. It's much cheaper to do it this way. Then came the time for the children to go look for the plastic eggs we hid filled with candy. They were beyond excited, and it was so fun to see their excited little faces when they found the eggs. The day was nice and sunny but chilly. At least it wasn't raining. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

Sunday evening, Joe and I went to daughter Verena's for a hobo supper by the campfire. It was a nice evening to sit by the fire. Daughter Elizabeth, Tim, and children; daughter Susan, Ervin, and children; sons Benjamin and Kevin, and nephew Henry were also there for the evening.

I need to get started with the morning work before I head over to Loretta's. God bless!

Deep-Fried Morels

¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup milk
1 egg, beaten
½ teaspoon salt
Olive oil for pan frying
12 to 15 large morel mushrooms

Stir the flour, milk, egg and salt together in a large bowl. Heat 1 inch of oil in a large skillet until sizzling. Dip the mushrooms in the batter and put them in the skillet. Fry each side until golden brown. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain.

Lovina's Amish Kitchen is written by Lovina Eicher, Old Order Amish writer, cook, wife, and mother of eight. Her newest cookbook, Amish Family Recipes, is available wherever books are sold. Readers can write to Eicher at Lovina's Amish Kitchen, PO Box 234, Sturgis, MI 49091 (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply); or email LovinasAmishKitchen@MennoMedia.org and your message will be passed on to her to read. She does not personally respond to emails.

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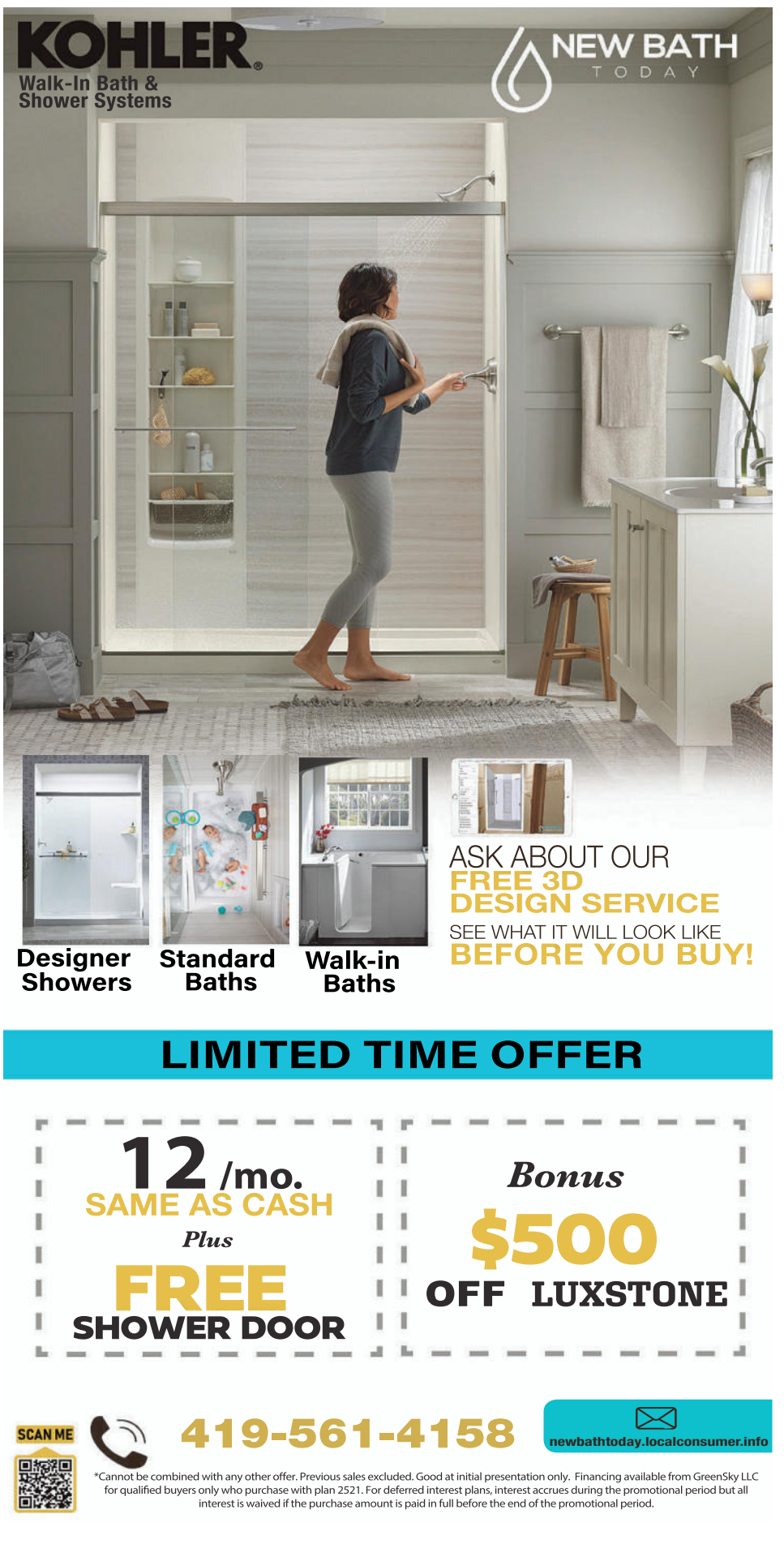

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LOW: 55
Mostly sunny and milder

THURSDAY
HIGH: 81
LOW: 64
Mostly cloudy and increasingly windy

FRIDAY
HIGH: 67
LOW: 52
Cloudy and cooler with showers around

SATURDAY
HIGH: 58
LOW: 36
Windy and cooler with heavy rain

SUN & MOON

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Rise	6:46 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Set	8:13 p.m.	8:14 p.m.

MOON	Today	Thu.
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Set	7:57 p.m.	9:09 p.m.

MOON PHASES

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Apr 20	Apr 27	May 5	May 12

NATIONAL EXTREMES

48 contiguous states Monday

HIGH TEMPERATURE
Death Valley, CA 96

LOW TEMPERATURE
Gothic, CO 4

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High/Low	44/34
Normal	61/40
Record	83 (1969)
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PRECIPITATION *(in inches)*

Monday	0.00
Month to date	1.50
Normal month to date	2.40
Year to date	13.14
Normal year to date	11.49
Last year to date	13.13

BIBLE DIGEST

"The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17 AKJV)

TODAY IS Banana Day

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National Banana Day is centered in Ireland, where it was first celebrated in 2017. It is promoted by Fyffes, a fresh produce and fruit importing company, and has been acknowledged by other fruit companies such as Dole Food Company and Chiquita Brands International. It supports a national drive to encourage healthy eating, especially for children, and reminds shoppers to think of bananas as a nutritious and natural food that they can add to meals or eat as convenience food. It also highlights how the banana is fun and versatile.

The banana is the most popular fruit in the United States and around the world. The average person eats about 100 of them a year. They are the cheapest fruit and are also one of the most perishable.

Source: Checkiday.com

The banana is the most popular fruit in the United States and around the world. An average person eats nearly 100 bananas a year. REBECCA BROOKS/ NEWS-MESSENGER

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Nolan and Reba

Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum
USA TODAY NETWORK

Nolan is a 9-month-old young male cat. He is a very outgoing and sweet boy. He will be neutered, up to date on age-appropriate vaccinations, dewormed, flea treated, feline leukemia tested and microchipped before going home.

Reba is about 4 years old. She came to the Humane Society Serving Crawford County as a stray, so her history is a mystery. She is a very sweet and affectionate girl. She knows the commands "sit" and "shake." She would be a wonderful family dog. Reba enjoys being pet and loved on. She will be spayed, up to date on age-appropriate vaccinations, dewormed, flea treated, heart worm tested and microchipped before going home.

If you would like to meet Nolan or Reba, visit the Humane Society Serving Crawford County at 3590 Ohio 98 in Bucyrus. Call 419-562-9149 if you have any questions.

Nolan

Reba PHOTOS PROVIDED BY HUMANE SOCIETY SERVING CRAWFORD COUNTY

Blessing box

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extra SNAP food stamps that they had, the homelessness we have in our county, the folks with substance abuse disorders who don't always have food for themselves or their family, and we just started talking about what we could do," said Mary Jo Carle of Together We Hurt, Together We Heal.

"All of us had seen different people with different needs and it's like, how can we help?" added Tabetha Linn, BORN's executive director.

Brown had seen blessing boxes in other communities around the state.

"So every time I went somewhere on vacation or somewhere, I was snapping pictures of these boxes. And then when we got our heads together, we're like, why don't we do that for our community?" she said. "We started meeting about a year ago — looking at the pictures, planning what it would look like, where it should go. Being here we thought would be logical since BORN is right here, it's right off the alley, it's in a convenient location, it's not too far out of the way. Kids could walk here on the way home from school."

Carle said she volunteered her husband and his car club, The Eliminators, to build the actual cupboard.

Bob Carle explained the club started with an antique cabinet he purchased online. "That was cheaper and easier than starting from scratch," he said. With a roof added, the cabinet was mounted on posts by members Saturday.

People will be welcome to leave food items in the box — the idea behind a blessing box is to take what you need, leave what you can, Brown said.

Sponsors sought for one-month periods

Churches, community groups and civic organizations are being asked to consider sponsoring the blessing box for a one-month period, according to Brown.

"We're asking our community, partners and agencies if they would take a month each out of the year and be responsible for the box — donating food, making sure that there's supplies in the box," Mary Jo Carle said. When it needs to be replenished, the BORN staff will restock it. "We're hopefully going to be able to tabulate what folks are using so that we can give a report out to our partners saying, 'This is working. This is how much food people had this month.'"

Anyone interested in sponsoring a month can contact BORN at 419-562-2150.

Donations for the box have already started to come in, Linn said. BORN has a closet and a room upstairs dedicated to storing blessing box items.

While the box will be used primarily for food items, some toiletries may be offered, too — but not advertising or pamphlets, Brown stressed. In the summer, a table for fresh produce may be added.

"It's just free: You can come any time," Brown said.

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WITNESS by hand and the seal of this Court this April 14,2023.
Patrick T. Murphy, Judge
BTF, April 19,'23#5669112

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In the matter of foreclosure of liens for delinquent land taxes Cindy Edwards, Treasurer of Crawford County, Ohio; Plaintiff
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Kristina Johnson could get paid for up to a year after leaving OSU

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Ohio State University President Kristina Johnson's contract isn't explicit about how she'd be compensated if she resigned. But the university said she will still be "compensated in accordance with her contract" — which is close to $1 million.

Johnson

The employment contract Johnson received when she became Ohio State's president in July 2020 indicates two possible ways she could leave the university: termination for cause and without cause.

What her contract doesn't specify, however, is what compensation she would receive in case of a resignation. Johnson announced her sudden resignation in November after The Dispatch first reported the news of her departure.

The Dispatch filed a public records request with Ohio State asking for any contracts or agreements made between Johnson and the university as a result of her announcement that she would be leaving at the end of the academic year in May. Ohio State officials previously responded that any other contracts or agreements between Ohio State and Johnson related to her resignation that exist are protected from release by "attorney-client privilege and/or attorney work product."

Ohio State spokesman Ben Johnson has since said the president will be compensated per her original contract.

"As we have said from the beginning, the president will be compensated in accordance with her contract, which was negotiated at the time of her hiring in 2020," he said Friday. "There is no other agreement for any additional compensation."

What compensation will Kristina Johnson receive?

Johnson will be compensated under the termination without cause portion of her contract.

According to Ben Johnson, she will receive:

- Standard pay and benefits while she remains employed at the university;
- Up to one year of base pay following her separation from the university, dependent upon future employment compensation; and
- Additional contractually required payments, paid after spring commencement in May 2023.

Based on her current salary as of September 2022, the president would receive $927,000. That severance is paid out over 12 months beginning 60 days after her termination date.

Presidential salaries and earnings are paid out from the university's general revenue funds, he said.

What else does Johnson's contract say?

James Finkelstein, a professor emeritus of public policy at George Mason University who has studied public university presidents' contracts for more than a decade, said the termination without cause language provides Johnson with two options.

Finkelstein

Her first option is to leave the university completely and resign her tenure. In this case, Johnson is entitled to receive her base pay as president for a period of one year. She is required under this option to seek other employment and report at least bimonthly to the board on her progress.

The second option is that Johnson could choose to remain on as an Ohio State faculty member. Former Ohio University President M. Duane Nellis transitioned into a faculty position after resigning with two years left on his term in May 2021.

If she decided to stay at the university, Johnson's contract allows her to join the College of Engineering as a tenured full professor for at least three years, with an annual salary equal to the highest-paid faculty member in the college.

If she were to do that, Johnson would receive just under $260,000 as her base salary for nine months, Finkelstein said. Assuming she worked for her remaining life expectancy and didn't receive any raises, she would collect just under $2 million in salary and benefits, he said.

Ben Johnson said the president does not intend to remain at the university.

She is also ineligible to receive any of the benefits under the "completion of term" section of her contract, including access to the Wexner Medical Center Executive Health Program, an exclusive health care program for university leaders, and being able to purchase football and men's and women's basketball season tickets at the "prevailing rate" and with seating options identical to former university trustees.

Johnson's contract doesn't have a resignation clause

Finkelstein said Johnson's contract is unusual compared to other university president's contracts in that it doesn't include a clause to cover if she chose to resign.

"The clauses under the termination section of the contract are not consistent with what we would consider best practice," he said.

Johnson's contract only covers termination for cause and termination without cause. There are no clauses, Finkelstein said, that account for death, disability or, in this case, resignation.

"In fact, the only mention of resignation is in the termination for cause clauses, which requires her to resign her faculty position," he said.

Finkelstein said Johnson receiving compensation under the termination without cause section of her contract is significant.

"She gets to pass go and collect almost a million dollars," he said. "This is a very significant change and one that will cost the university a lot of money."

What is the difference between termination for cause and termination without cause?

Termination for cause and without cause are the two basic types of involuntary termination used in workplaces.

Per Johnson's contract, Ohio State could terminate her at any time for one of the following causes: "deliberate or serious" violation of her presidential duties, "refusal or unwillingness" to perform such duties, conduct that "constitutes morale turpitude" or that would bring public ridicule on the university, breaking the law, fraud or dishonesty, or the appointment of a conservator.

Termination without cause, however, is when a university wants a different president "for any reason or no reason," Finkelstein said.

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Akron RubberDucks 'Extreme Foods' menu includes a pound of nachos

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First pitch for the Akron RubberDucks Home Opener against the Erie SeaWolves is at 6:35 p.m. Thursday.

But the real action begins a bit before that on the concourse at Canal Park.

Baseball is back in downtown Akron and so are the culinary smells of the ballpark.

Sure, there will be peanuts and hotdogs, but the RubberDucks will also be introducing a new lineup of "Extreme Food" for fans to try.

This will also be the first season that Canal Park will be cash free.

Fans will have to use a debit or credit card to make any purchases inside of the ballpark.

There will be an ATM next to Guest Services where customers can convert cash to a debit card that can be used inside of the ballpark and elsewhere.

RubberDucks President and General Manager Jim Pfander said the switch will hopefully improve the flow of lines at concession stands inside of the park and even outside as the ballclub is also using digital-only ticketing this season and getting rid of paper tickets.

The RubberDucks chief chef Louis Willmon-Holland, who is in his third season with the team, has been working on this season's menu of extreme foods since last October.

The process of perfecting and selecting the right combination of flavors and ingredients, Pfander said, involves using Canal Park's food supplier Sysco's test kitchen in Cleveland to get everything just right before the season starts.

Not only does each dish have to taste great, Pfander said, it also has to be able to be made and served quickly at the ballpark.

"The Extreme Food Menu began in 2011 and has become synonymous with the Akron RubberDucks ballpark experience," he said.

What new Extreme Foods are at Canal Park this season?

There are five new Extreme Food menu offerings at Canal Park this season.

They include:

Buffalo Chicken Nachos: One pound of nachos that consist of a bed of tortilla chips covered with buffalo chicken dip, bacon bits, jalapeno, green onion, black olives and a ranch drizzle. The item costs $13.75 and is sold at the Taters concession stand.

All Around the World Dogs: Three different new hot dog concoctions are being offered. The **Buffalo Chicken Mac Dog** comes topped with mac n cheese, buffalo chicken dip, green onion and a ranch drizzle. The **Kimchi Dog** is topped with cabbage shredded kimchi, chili sriracha sauce, cucumber and mayonnaise. The **Banh Mi Dog** is topped with shredded carrots, jalapeno, radish, cucumber, cilantro and cusabi dressing. The hotdogs are $22 and sold at the Dog Pound concession stand.

Bases Loaded Breakfast Burger: A half-pound breakfast sandwich that comes with ground meat topped with American cheese, peppers and onions, potato hashbrown, scrambled eggs and syrup in a bun. The sandwich costs $12.50 and is cold at the Sir Loins Grill.

Big Bangin' BBQ Brisket: The half-pound sandwich consists of pulled brisket topped with BBQ sauce, cabbage slaw, fried onions, cheddar cheese in a bun and comes with a bag of Lays Chips. The sandwich costs $14 and is sold at the Bier Garten concession stand.

Boot Scootin' Boozy: This the first time a drink has been added to the ballpark's Extreme Food lineup. The 16-ounce vodka lemonade comes with a choice of strawberry, raspberry or mango puree and is served with a cowboy boot or hat and a piece of fruit. The drink costs $12 and is served at the Cutwater Tiki Bar.

What 'Extreme Foods' are returning this season at Canal Park?

The menu items at Canal Park change from season to season dictated by fan tastes.

"Our fans vote with their stomachs," Pfander said.

But one staple will always remain.

Pfander said the ballpark's signature $2 hotdogs are back at every game this season.

"This is part of our affordable fun moniker," he said.

Some Extreme Food menu items are also returning.

The returning extreme items include:

- **The Screamer:** The five-pound sundae served in a RubberDucks batting helmet consists of 21 scoops of Smith's ice cream on top of a brownie base and finished off with chocolate syrup, bananas, whipped cream, sprinkles and maraschino cherries. It debuted in 2011.
- **Not Your Routine Poutine:** A 10-ounce portion of French fries are topped with gravy, cheese curds, pulled pork, green onions and bacon bits. The menu item debuted in 2015.
- **Three Dog Night:** Canal Park's version of a turducken is a hot dog stuffed inside of a bratwurst then wrapped inside of a kielbasa topped with sauerkraut and Stadium Mustard on a hoagie roll. The menu offering was introduced in 2011.
- **Pineapple TeriyAkron Bowl:** The bowl consists of half of a pineapple hollowed out and filled with a mixture of white rice, grilled chicken, diced pineapple and Thai chili garlic sauce topped with a teriyaki glaze. It debuted in 2014.
- **Nice 2 Meat U Burger:** This monster sandwich comes with two 8-ounce steakhouse seasoned certified angus beef burgers, two beef franks, crispy bacon, grilled onions and American cheese on a toasted Kaiser bun. The sandwich was first offered in 2011.

Craig Webb, who got a bellyache just writing this article, can be reached at cwebb@thebeaconjournal.com.

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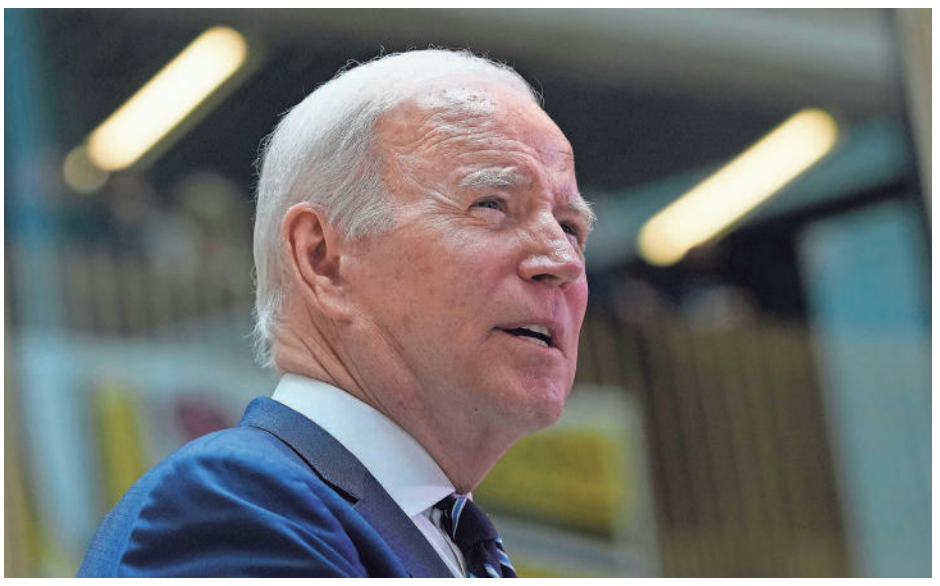

President Joe Biden has called for more money for the care economy in his 2024 budget plan, drawing a sharp line with Republicans, who are seeking limits on spending. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP FILE

Biden signs order to boost child care access

Josh Boak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden has signed an executive order containing more than 50 directives to increase access to child care and improve the work life of caregivers, the White House said Tuesday.

But the directives would be funded out of existing commitments, the White House said. That likely means their impact would be limited and they'd carry more of a symbolic weight about what's possible. The Democratic president was far more ambitious in 2021 by calling to provide more than $425 billion to expand child care, improve its affordability and boost wages for caregivers.

Biden also has called for more money for the care economy in his 2024 budget plan, drawing a sharp line with Republicans, who are seeking limits on spending. Susan Rice, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, told reporters on a phone call that the order shows that Biden isn't waiting on Congress to act.

"Care workers, who are disproportionately women and women of color and immigrants, are among the lowest paid in the country."

Susan Rice
White House Domestic Policy Council director

"The child care, long-term care systems in this country just don't work well," Rice said. "High-quality care is costly to deliver. It's labor-intensive. It requires skilled workers. Yet care workers, who are disproportionately women and women of color and immigrants, are among the lowest paid in the country."

The order seeks to improve the child care provided to the offspring of federal workers, including military families. It plans to lower costs for families in the Child Care & Development Block Grant program. Military veterans would get better home-based care. And the Department of Health and Human Services would raise pay and benefits for Head Start teachers and staff.

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NJ wins high court dispute against NY

Jessica Gresko
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court says New Jersey can withdraw from a commission the state created decades ago with New York to combat the mob's influence at their joint port.

The high court ruled unanimously Tuesday that the Garden State doesn't need New York's consent to withdraw from the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor. The commission was created in 1953 when organized crime had infiltrated the port and was demanding payments from workers and shippers through extortion and violence.

New Jersey lawmakers have said that changes in the industry, including the development of container shipping, have lessened the influence of organized crime at the port and reduced the need for the commission. The state says the commission has become "an impediment to economic growth."

"We hold that New Jersey may unilaterally withdraw from the Waterfront Commission Compact notwithstanding New York's opposition," Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote for the court.

The two-member commission – with one commissioner from each state – oversees licensing and inspections at the Port of New York and New Jersey and has its own police force. It employs about 70 people.

The commission's formation followed by several decades the creation of the vastly bigger Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees transportation infrastructure in the region.

In 2018, then-New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, signed legislation withdrawing his state from the Waterfront Commission Compact. New York took the issue to the Supreme Court, which handles disputes between states.

The language of the compact creating the commission does not specifically address whether either state can decide on its own to withdraw. Kavanaugh wrote for the court that under "the default contract-law rule at the time of the Compact's 1953 formation, as well as today, a contract" like this one can be terminated "at the will of either party."

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Hotline

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a 39% rise in calls and a 603% increase in texts.

The state's 19 lifeline facilities have so far managed the increased demand, but challenges remain. Chief among them: Ensuring the program stays afloat for years to come.

Will 988 get enough state funding?

Gov. Mike DeWine made mental health a hallmark of his proposed budget. As part of that, he allocated roughly $46.5 million to the program for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years, a number that his administration believes will sustain 988 operations.

Ohio earmarked $20 million for the launch and first year of operations, mostly from COVID-19 relief money and other federal grants. It's expected to need $136 million to last until 2027.

"We must face the fact that no Ohioan will ever fully live up to their potential or be able to lead purposeful and meaningful lives if their mental illness remains in the shadows and untreated," DeWine said during his State of the State address.

The budget is a working document, so it's unclear whether that figure will make it into the final product. House lawmakers are poring over DeWine's proposal right now, and Rep. Jay Edwards, R-Nelsonville, said it's too soon to say how they'll handle 988.

Mental health advocates previously called for a 50-cent cellphone fee to help cover 988, but lawmakers have so far not considered that idea.

Funding is critical for facilities that are trying to boost staffing to meet the increased need. North Central used available money last year to hire its first group of staff members, who began manning the lifeline in late October. They now have 11 full-timers and one person working part-time, but they hope to increase that number to 15.

Before that, North Central relied solely on volunteers.

"If we have five people on the phones and we get a sixth call, that's where the challenge sets in," said Alison O'Donnell, the 988 program director at North Central.

Call center staff handle more calls, battle burnout

Crisis centers face another challenge that money alone can't fix: Burnout.

Four staff members left North Central in recent months, citing various reasons for their departures. But the center's leaders know how draining 988 calls can be. Staff and volunteers often wonder if they said the right thing, if they did enough to ensure the caller won't harm themselves.

They must also learn to adapt quickly. 988 is based on area code, not location, so North Central sometimes fields calls from out-of-state residents with 614 phone numbers. In those cases, staff and volunteers need to find resources in that person's area, even if it's hundreds of miles away.

North Central's 988 calls began to climb late last year, peaking at over 1,500 in January. That increase also meant more calls to 911 when staff and volunteers believed there was a high risk of harm. The call center dispatched 911 40 times in 2022 and exceeded that number in January and February alone.

O'Donnell said staff members communicate well and rely on each other for support. North Central also debriefs after every 911 call and takes advantage of wellness sessions provided by 988's parent company. State officials encourage employees to take breaks between calls, while urging employers to check on their staff and volunteers.

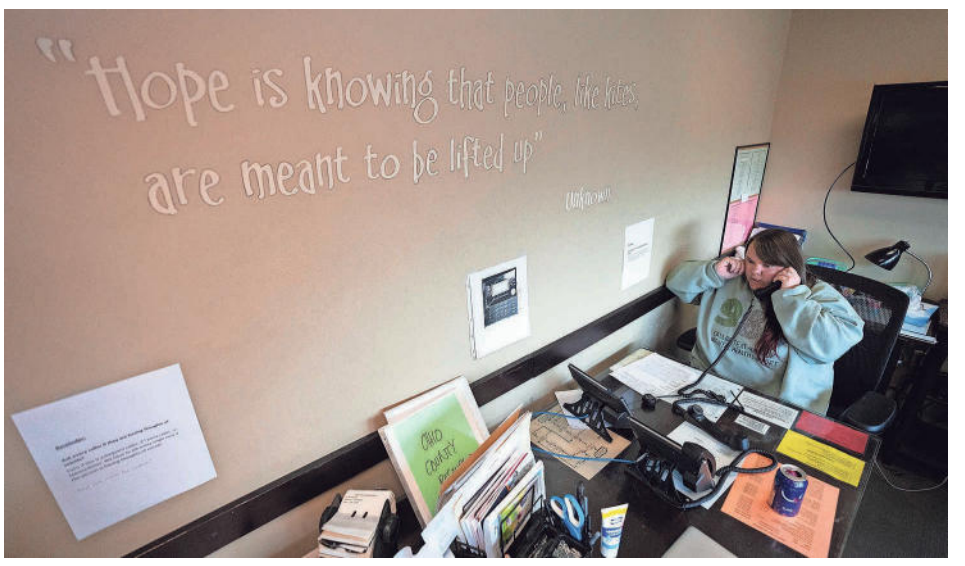
The calls are unlikely to slow down. Ohio plans to ramp up marketing for 988 now that state officials believe call centers can handle the demand.

For people like Baumann, that means more chances to help someone through a difficult time.

"That's why 988 has really helped," Baumann said. "At least you've got a chance of talking to them. You can bring them into the moment where they can gather their own thoughts again."

Haley BeMiller 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.

Rick Baumann takes a call to the 988 line at the North Central Mental Health Services in Columbus on March 29. BROOKE LAVALLEY/COLUMBUS DISPATCH



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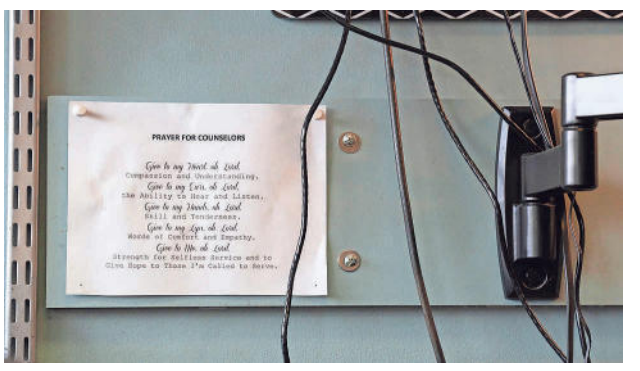

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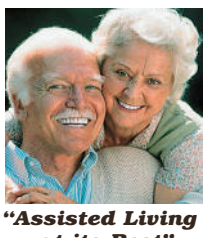

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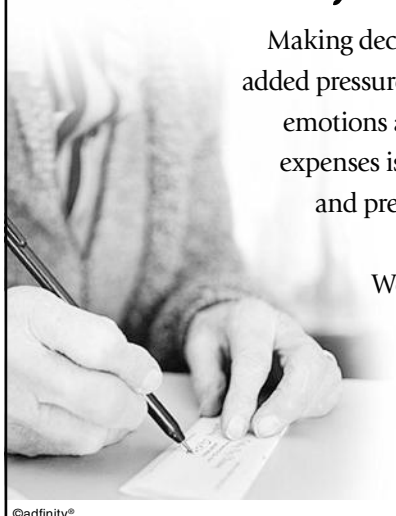

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In news outside of Ross County the Pine Lake Campground in Waverly received conditional approval for a restroom building.

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COMMUNITY

Jackson Livestock 4-H celebrates 90 years of service

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Jackson Livestock 4-H Club is celebrating 90 years! In honor of our tradition of community service, the club has donated supplies to the Jackson Township Trustees for the Community Building. The club appreciates the use of the building to continue meeting in the township where the club originated. Families donated a variety of paper products that can be used by the trustees and members of the community while using the building. Jackson Livestock has 29 members this year and is advised by lifelong township resident Marcia Atwood Ruff, who recently won the 2023 Executive Women in Agriculture Trailblazer Award winner at Farm Journal's Top Producer Summit in Nashville.

SAFETY

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"Keep in mind many of these tools use crime statistics by address and don't factor in a lot of things that make a neighborhood safe, so the results may be misleading," the website states. "You don't get a complete picture of how truly safe a neighborhood is. There are many things that can make a neighborhood safe."

The website then goes onto list some of those things including; good lighting at night, sidewalks and biking lanes, a fire station nearby, fire hydrants that are close to homes, good schools, access to medical care and clean parks.

Currently the Circleville Police Department has a handful of open vacancies and has recently implemented a lateral transfer program, like the one enacted with success at the Fire Department. Human Resources Director Valarie Dilley said they'll be bringing an idea to the police union during contract discussions to have the city pay for officers to attend the academy, a $7,000 cost, in return for a pledge to stay with the city for a certain length of time or have to pay that money back.

Circleville Safety Director Doug Debord said he's still not satisfied with the trends, even as they come down.

"For Circleville our stats our trending down and the majority of cities are climbing even if it mgiht be small ours is going down," he said. "That's a good thing for the city and something that would be even better is to get some good candidates for our police department, we're still four or five officers short. That's something we're constantly working on to attract candidates."

Debord said the trending down is an example of the good safety forces already in Circleville.

"As we move towards the next election we need to start thinking about the levy and how important it is we have that funding source for our safety forces so we can continue to get the things we need to help make this city as safe as possible and to attract additional personnel," he said. "As the city grows it's imperative that we're able to get that passed and maintain the funding."

Circleville Mayor Don McIlroy said that some of the stats don't take into account or separate the fact that the city has the county jail and the Circleville Juvenile Correctional facility in the city limits.

"I know we have people out there that indicate we have a crime problem in Circleville and that's their right to believe that," he said. "We know our problem is property crime and we're working on it and we'll get there.

McIlroy made a point to mention that the city administration has two duties, to administrate what city council legislates and provide a service to all citizens of the city.

"Whether you are in some low income housing, assisted housing or you're in a $400,00 home, we service everybody," he said.

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DISTRACTED

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Under the previous law, distracted driving was a primary offense only for juvenile drivers, preventing officers from stopping adult distracted drivers unless those drivers also committed a separate primary traffic violation, such as speeding or running a red light.

The law includes a 6-month grace period in which law enforcement will issue warnings as part of an effort to educate motorists about the law changes. Beginning on October 4, 2023, law enforcement officers will begin issuing tickets to those found violating the law.

Pickaway County Sheriff Matthew Hafey said the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association sent him a training video for law enforcement and plain language for the public on the subject after he made a request.

"Whether it's going to help or not, we've had distracted driving laws on the books for a while this law just make it a primary offense," Hafey said.

"Law enforcement will experience challenges going to court over certain things. The biggest thing isn't so much the distracted driving offense it's the other things that happen, like when you go left of center, hitting people or objects or running stop signs. You're going to have those violations there as well. I'm hoping the new law will help make people think before they use their electronic device. We're fortunate most of our newer cars have speakers and can connect to our phones remotely."

Circleville Fire Chief Brian Thompson said he and members of the department had been on scenes of distracted driver crashes, so he shared his thoughts on what the law might do to change things.

"Fortunately and unfortunately I think it's good to have the law in place but people are so apt to jump on their phones and not mind what's going on around them that I don't know it'll make an impact," he said. "Hopefully law enforcement officials will be able to stay on top of it. [Phones] are so engrained in people now with everything at their fingertips that it's be come like second nature."

Circleville Safety Director Doug DeBord said phones are part of society and a lot of crashes are due to distracted or impaired driving.

"[The law] puts it into people's mind and there's going to be some education on the enforcement side with the police department on doing something new and they'll do what they need to do to enforce it," he said. "As cars get newer and the technology improves that obviously helps. I think that was the point of the law was to get the phone out of your hand so you're concentrating, looking forward and driving."

ODOT is also installing signage to educate motorists about the law at locations across the state. These include 45 signs at the state border on interstates and U.S. highways and 19 signs at exits from Ohio's largest passenger airports in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo.

"This new law is about changing behavior," said Andy Wilson, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. "Drivers need to be more responsible for their own safety and to keep from harming others on our roads."

There are some exceptions to the law, including allowing adult drivers to make or receive calls while using a hands-free device. Adult drivers are also permitted to use GPS if they begin navigation before getting on the road. Adult drivers are still permitted to hold a phone directly to their ear for a phone call, but devices may only be activated with a single touch or swipe while driving. Adult drivers are also permitted to hold or use electronic devices while stopped at a traffic light or parked on a road or highway during an emergency or road closure. Both adults and juveniles can use phones at any time to report an emergency to first responders.

Buttons and Bowls 4-H Club News

BY AIDEN SNYDER
4-H Correspondent

STOUTSVILLE — The Buttons and Bowls 4-H Club held their meeting on March 6 at the St Paul's Methodist Church, Stoutsville.

President Samantha Mayhugh called the meeting to order.

Member Haley Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Lillian Skidmore led the 4-H pledge. Roll call was answered by "your favorite place to eat".

Mayhugh reminded members with Market Livestock projects that Quality Assurance is required by May 1 with their certificate submitted to the Extension office. Our Club has set a deadline to have it completed by April 15.

Community Service Advisor Lisa Hedrick went through the donations and service projects that have been completed and shared more to come. The Booth Committee Advisor Rachel Patrick announced the theme for this year's booth. Each member is being asked to provide a picture of themselves with their project and in a frame.

New business included discussion of ordering t-shirts. Advisor Jennifer Hendershot Capsel will check on the pricing and availability and report back at the next meeting. The Environmental Officer Christina Atwood announced she will be presenting at the May 15 meeting.

Next meeting was March 20 at the church. Aiden Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Olivia Snyder seconding that motion.

After the meeting, Cloverbuds made homemade butter with Advisor Marsha Few. Advisors reviewed with members getting started on their project books. Recreation Leader Jason Bradbury led the members in a game of "Heads Up". Snacks were provided by Isabelle Capsel.

Submitted by Buttons and Bowls 4-H Correspondent Aiden Snyder. Thanks Aiden!

ADVOCACY

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the group and receptionist at the Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "That's why I suggested the last time I was at City Hall of putting another entrance on state Route 56 instead of Kingston Pike. For those that are trying to get up that hill who have mobility issues to get up over, that hill is an issue."

Another subject was the topic of public restrooms downtown and how many places are unaccessible, have restrooms that are too small to use or that don't have public restrooms. An idea was floated to designate a willing business or entity who would open their doors to the public to alleviate the issue.

Shelton shared she was interested in meeting with other members of the city, county, state and federal government to address some of those issues.

Blanton said she planned to take what she learned to the City Service Committee and City Service Director Jim Stanley to see how the city might be able to address some of the concerns and issues.

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SUNDAY+ REMEMBER WHEN, COLUMBUS?

Prisoners saw 'Fighting Parson' Moody as firm, fair

As It Were
Ed Lentz

Religion came early into central Ohio in the years after the American Revolution. Frontier Franklinton was founded in 1797. By 1806, a Presbyterian minister named James Hoge received the call and established a church in central Ohio.

The Methodists were not far behind.

The more newly formed evangelical churches of the Methodists and Baptists saw a chance to grow in the "West."

The Methodist church was established in central Ohio with the gathering of four people in a cabin in the state's new capital of Columbus, which was founded in 1812. Methodist ministers had been invited to the town since its founding, and by 1813, the first congregation of four members met. They included George McCormick and his wife, George B. Harvey and Jane Armstrong, who was soon to be George's wife. It was later said to be the first marriage solemnized in Columbus. In short order they were soon joined by a free African American named Moses Freeman.

A later history said of the Methodist Church in Columbus: "At first its growth was slow and feeble. The early Methodists were a humble folk. They were very poor, were burdened with debt, and did not hold social rank..."

But in time, due to the evangelical outreach of its circuit-riding ministers, the church in Columbus, and across Ohio, grew in influence. It was to this established town of Columbus that a new pastor came in 1845. His name was Granville P. Moody and it was a name to be remembered.

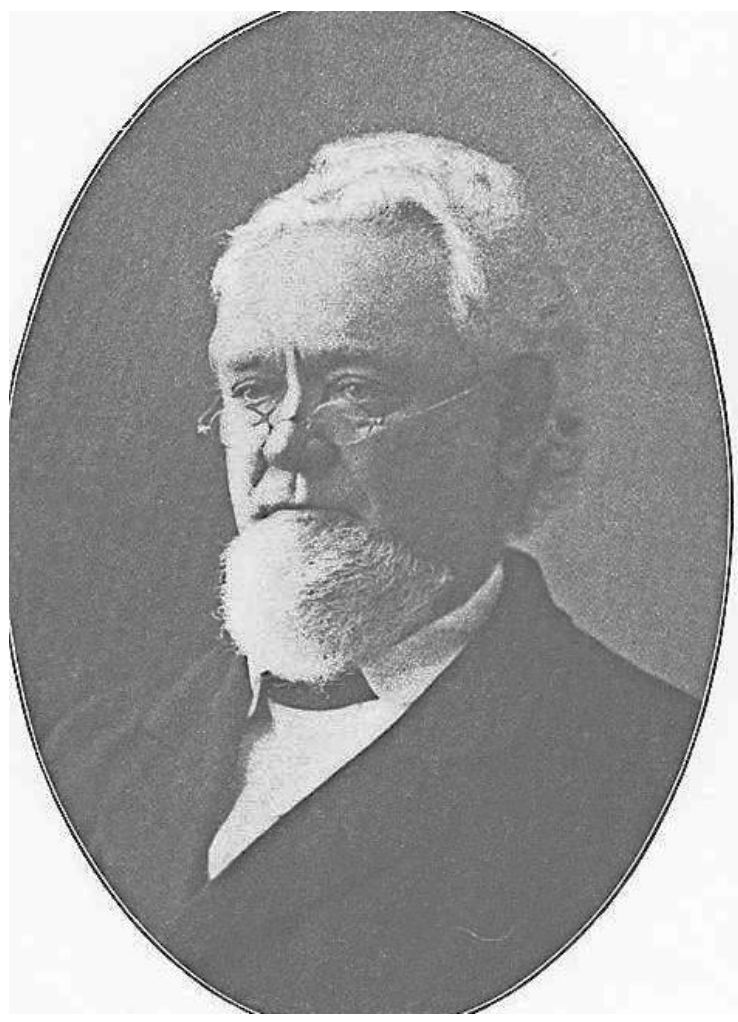
A later history described him in some detail. "He was of Puritan stock, born in Portland, Maine, January 2, 1812...He settled in Muskingum County, Ohio, when eighteen years old, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. While teaching in a Methodist Sabbath school, he was converted...He joined the Ohio Methodist Conference in 1833."

The Methodists had been given a lot for a church on the north side of Town Street between High and 3rd Streets (now a part of the site of John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons) by the Proprietors of Columbus. Other denominations had been given other lots. The Methodists began with a small, one-room church, and built, built and rebuilt as the congregation grew larger. By 1845, there was a brick church of some size on the lot. It was to this church that Granville Moody came as pastor.

"He served it two years, from the fall of 1845 to that of 1847. He had great success and reported a membership of 644 the first year and 600 the second year. Encouraged by this growth, the society felt strong enough to divide. William Neil gave them a lot on the west side of High Street between Gay and Long Streets ... on which Wesley Chapel was built. The location was then considered the northern part of the city. A colony of 190 members went out of Town Street" to this new site.

After leaving Columbus in 1847, Granville Moody continued to grow in influence and position in the Methodist Church in Ohio and the Midwest. And then came the Civil War.

At the outbreak of the war, Gov. William Dennison offered Moody command of the 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, whose duty soon became guarding several thousand Confederate prisoners at the Camp Chase Confederate Prison Camp five miles west of Columbus. Moody was considered to be a firm, but fair, administrator.



Granville P. Moody, a Methodist minister in Columbus from 1845-1847, later was named a colonel overseeing the Ohio 74th Volunteer Infantry when the Civil War broke out. He first was responsible for overseeing Camp Chase, a Confederate prisoner camp here, then later led his troops in the Battle of Stones River in Tennessee. He became known as the 'Fighting Parson.'
COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY PHOTO ARCHIVES

When the rebels later learned that he was leaving, they promised him the same treatment if he were to become a prisoner of the Confederacy. "Should Colonel Moody, at any time become a prisoner of our [Confederate] government, we hereby earnestly request for him the highest consideration and treatment, as a proper acknowledgment of his kindness and care for us." But some wondered how well he might fight.

The doubters soon found out.

Col. Mooody led the 74th Ohio into the Battle at Stones River (Dec. 31, 1862- Jan. 2, 1863) near Murfreesboro, Tennessee. A later account noted that "his horse was shot from under him, he took a bullet in his right calf and he narrowly escaped a fatal wound when one or more bullets shattered a revolver he carried in his right breast pocket, more bullets shredded his uniform so much that one man called him the 'ragged colonel.'"

As a practicing Methodist minister, Moody continued to preach to his men and others while in uniform in the Union Army.

But as one account put it, "the rigors of campaign and camp took a toll on the 50-year-old Moody and prompted his resignation in May, 1863. It was accepted with regret."

Moody continued to preach and serve as a Methodist minister through the rest of the Civil War and after. The "Fighting Parson" closed a long career of service to church and society with his death in 1887 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He was buried nearby. His autobiography, "A Life's Retrospect," was published posthumously in 1890.

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G-7 vows unified stance on Russia

China, North Korea also of concern to diplomats

Foster Klug, Matthew Lee and Mari Yamaguchi
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The G-7 envoys from Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada, Italy and the European Union have underlined that their meeting in Karuizawa, Japan, marks a crucial moment in the world's response to Russian and Chinese aggression. YUICHI YAMAZAKI/AP

KARUIZAWA, Japan – Top diplomats from the Group of Seven wealthy democracies vowed a unified front against Chinese threats to Taiwan and Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, saying at the close of their meetings Tuesday that they were committed to boosting and enforcing tough sanctions against Moscow.

The G-7 communique laying out their commitments also included strong words over an unprecedented run of North Korean missile tests. But it was China's growing assertiveness in Asia and Russia's invasion of Ukraine that highlighted the three-day summit hosted by Japan in this hot springs resort town.

"There can be no impunity for war crimes and other atrocities such as Russia's attacks against civilians and critical civilian infrastructure," the ministers said.

"We remain committed to intensifying sanctions against Russia, coordinating and fully enforcing them," the communique said, and would support "for as long as it takes" Ukraine as it defends itself.

The foreign ministers' communique was prepared as a template for global leaders to use at a G-7 summit that will be held in Hiroshima next month, and included language about Iran, Myanmar, Afghanistan, nuclear proliferation and other "grave threats."

But two crises stood out: China's increasing threats against, and military maneuvers around, Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that Beijing claims as its own, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia's current offensive is largely stalled and Ukraine is preparing a counteroffensive, but there's widespread global worry about the Russian leader's repeated threats to use tactical nuclear weapons.

"Russia's irresponsible nuclear rhetoric and its threat to deploy nuclear weapons in Belarus are unacceptable," the ministers said.

The G-7 envoys from Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada, Italy and the European Union have underlined that their meeting in Karuizawa marks a crucial moment in the world's response to Russian and Chinese aggression, two crises that are seen as challenges to the post-World War II rules-based international order. Global efforts to confront the matters at the United Nations have been stymied by Chinese and Russian intransigence on the Security Council.

Leaders and foreign ministers of G-7 countries, most recently France and Germany, have recently concluded visits to China, and there is growing worry after China recently sent planes and ships to simulate an encirclement of Taiwan. Beijing has also been rapidly adding nuclear warheads, taking a tougher line on its claim to the South China Sea and painting a scenario of impending confrontation.

The G-7 ministers said that peace and stability between China and Taiwan in the Taiwan Strait is "an indispensable element in security and prosperity in the international community," and they called for "the peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues."

On Taiwan, "there is clear unanimity in the approach we are taking," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters of his talks with other ministers in Karuizawa.

"What I heard was a remarkable convergence on concerns related to (China) and what we're doing to address those concerns," he said.

On stalled discussions with the Chinese, Blinken said the United States placed a premium on keeping communications channels open as President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed to last year.

"My expectation would be that we will be able to move forward on that, but it does require China to make clear its own intentions in doing that," Blinken said.

The communique also urged China to "abstain from threats, coercion, intimidation or the use of force. We remain seriously concerned about the situation in the East and South China Seas. ... There is no legal basis for China's expansive maritime claims in the South China Sea, and we oppose China's militarization activities in the region."

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Wenbin said the G-7 had "grossly interfered in China's internal affairs and maliciously slandered and smeared China."

Despite indications, notably comments from French President Emmanuel Macron, that the G-7 is split over China, U.S. officials said in Karuizawa that there is a shared worry among G-7 nations over China's actions, and a desire to continue a coordinated approach on working with Beijing even as nations confront Chinese coercion and attempts to water down or circumvent international rules regarding trade and commerce.

Japan's worry about China can be seen it its efforts to make a major break from its self-defense-only post-World War II principles, which include work to acquire preemptive strike capabilities and cruise missiles.

Besides China, a key worry is North Korea, which since the beginning of last year has test-fired around 100 missiles, including intercontinental ballistic missiles that showed the potential of reaching the U.S. mainland and a variety of other shorter-range weapons that threaten South Korea and Japan.

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LOCAL WEATHER

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TODAY
HIGH: 71
LOW: 47
Partly sunny and warmer

THURSDAY
HIGH: 82
LOW: 58
Warmer with times of sun and clouds

FRIDAY
HIGH: 71
LOW: 54
Cloudy and not as warm with showers around

SATURDAY
HIGH: 61
LOW: 36
Heavy rain and a t-storm; breezy, cooler

SUNDAY
HIGH: 50
LOW: 31
Mostly cloudy and colder with a shower

ALMANAC

Monday

TEMPERATURES
High **46**
Low **38**

PRECIPITATION *(in inches)*
Monday ..... **0.07”**

SUN & MOON

SUN	Today	Thu.
Rise	**6:47 a.m.**	**6:45 a.m.**
Set	**8:12 p.m.**	**8:13 p.m.**
MOON	Today	Thu.
Rise	**6:34 a.m.**	**7:00 a.m.**
Set	**7:55 p.m.**	**9:07 p.m.**

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 20	Apr 27	May 5	May 12

NATIONAL EXTREMES

48 contiguous states Monday

HIGH TEMPERATURE
Death Valley, CA..... **96°**
LOW TEMPERATURE
Gothic, CO..... **4°**

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BIBLE DIGEST

“The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17 AKJV)

LOTTERIES

OHIO
(Drawings: April 17)
Pick 3 (early): 3 4 2
Pick 3 (late): 9 2 9
Pick 4 (early): 7 6 4 8
Pick 4 (late): 4 3 8 2
Pick 5 (early): 6 0 4 8 6
Pick 5 (late): 5 3 8 2 6
Rolling Cash 5: 21 24 27 28 29
Classic Lotto: 6 9 17 27 28 34
Wednesday’s jackpot is $1.5 million.

BRIEFS

Tribune nominated for four AP award nominations

COLUMBUS – The Coshocton Tribune received four nominations in Division I for the 2022 Ohio Association Press Media Editors Awards.

Reporter Leonard Hayhurst was nominated for best business writer, Chris Crook was nominated for best spot news coverage for the fire that destroyed Grace United Methodist Church and Sam Blackburn was nominated for best sports enterprise for a story on football acclimation days. The Tribune was also nominated for best digital presence.

Winners will be announced at a banquet on May 7.

Senate candidate stopping in Coshocton

COSHOCTON – Bernie Moreno, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, will have a meet and greet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Warehouse Restaurant, 400 N. Whitewoman St.

Chamber to hold mix and mingle

COSHOCTON – The Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce is having a mix and mingle from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday Wooly Pig Farm Brewery, 23631 Township Road 167, Fresno.

Water assistance offered

COSHOCTON – The Ohio Department of Development and Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Community Action Commission is offering water and wastewater assistance for income eligible Ohioans.

Those seeking assistance must provide copies of their most recent water or wastewater bills, a list of all household members and proof of income, proof of citizenship, proof of disability if applicable and other documentation as needed.

For more information, contact CAC at 740-622-9801.

Onuzo joins Genesis of Coshocton

COSHOCTON – Dr. Audrey Onuzo has joined Genesis Primary Care of Coshocton, specializing in internal medicine.

The graduate of the University of Ghana School of Medicine and Dentistry in Accra, Ghana, completed her residency in internal medicine and an addiction medicine fellowship at St. Vincent Charity Medical Centre in Cleveland. She has specific interest in outpatient, general internal medicine and substance use rehabilitation.

Two injured in C.R. 273 wreck

COSHOCTON – The Coshocton County Sheriff’s Office reported a one-vehicle crash at 7:26 p.m. Sunday in the 47000 block of County Road 273 in Franklin Township.

Authorities said Brock Farver, 20, of Coshocton, was traveling northbound when he lost control while negotiating a curve and went off the left side of the road. The vehicle struck a tree.

Farver and passenger Jaden Corder, 28, of Coshocton, were transported to Coshocton Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. Assisting were Conesville Fire Department, Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services and Prince’s Wrecker Service.

Adamsville woman hurt in crash

COSHOCTON – The Coshocton County Sheriff’s Office reported a single-vehicle crash shortly after 9:30 a.m. Monday on Ohio 60, just north of Clark Township Road 25.

Authorities said Sondra L. Eckhardt, 87, of Adamsville, went off the left side of the road and struck a ditch, then struck a culvert and went airborne, before landing back in the ditch.

Eckhardt was transported to Genesis Coshocton Medical Center for treatment. Deputies believed a medical condition play a role in the wreck. Assisting were Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services, Walhonding Valley Fire Department and Prince’s Wrecker Service.

Vehicle lands in culvert on Cambridge Road

COSHOCTON – The Coshocton County Sheriff’s Office reported a single-vehicle crash at 12:13 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Cambridge Road and Morgan Run Road.

Authorities said Aeriel Atkins, 27, of Coshocton, was driving a 2011 Chevy Malibu eastbound on Cambridge Road when she lost control, went left of center and off the left side of the roadway. The Malibu went down an embankment and into a culvert.

Atkins and a juvenile passenger were not injured. Assisting were Coshocton County Emergency Medical Services, Coshocton Fire Department and Prince’s Wrecker Service.

Competition

Continued from Page 1A

Landerman has been in the National Guard 11 years and is currently a Sergeant 1st Class (E-7). His specialty is air defense artillery. He said that’s unique for the contest with most competing either being infantry or special forces. It’s also odd for someone of his rank to be competing. There are two divisions, one for commissioned officers and one for non-commissioned.

“E-5s and E-6s are the ones who typically do it, because it’s a promotion point. I did it because I wanted someone to represent headquarters battery in the 2174 and we didn’t have an NCO that volunteered,” he said on why he entered. “I was like, ‘we can’t just not go, we can’t not represent.’ We had to send somebody and I said it might as well be me. I knew I could do it.”

The state contest featured seven National Guard brigades from across Ohio. Landerman advanced from his battalion, which had one soldier from each of four batteries competing in his division. There were several events over four days. Before arriving Landerman had to write an essay on the biggest threats to the Ohio National Guard.

Events included the U.S. Army combat fitness test and expert soldier badge fitness test; weapons qualifications with a rifle and pistol; swimming 250 meters in uniform; running in full gear; clearing, disassembling, assembling and checking functionality of four different weapons; treating a casualty; night and day land navigation; three gun stress shoot; personal appearance board in front of commanders; multiple choice exam; and a 12-mile ruck march with a 35 pound ruck sack. Landerman said the regional competition is similar, but there will be more events.

“It was pure exhaustion,” Landerman said of competing. “I felt pretty good knowing the day was over and I was going to get a little bit of rest. But, at the same time, knowing I was representing the air defense artillery and representing my unit, it just pushed me a lot harder.”

Landerman said he was one of the older soldiers competing at age 30. He also appreciated the support he received on the local level.

“I’m just really blessed God has given me the physical ability to be able to do these things and I don’t want to squander it and let it go to waste,” Landerman said. “I truly didn’t think I was going to win. I didn’t think I was capable of winning it and somehow I pulled it off.”

Leonard Hayhurst is a community content coordinator and general news reporter for the Coshocton Tribune with more than 15 years of local journalism experience and multiple awards from the Ohio Associated Press. He can be reached at 740-295-3417 or llhayhur@coshoctontribune.com. Follow him on Twitter at @llhayhurst.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO, *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, and Case No. 23-24-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority*. In the application, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on January 6, 2023, and matters related to the Company’s procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2030.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

(a) April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room FCE 111, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

(b) April 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Zanesville-Muskingum County Conference & Welcome Center, Heritage Hall, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

(c) May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State Community College, Arts & Science Building, Graham Auditorium, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

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Cont from BASEBALL, B1

The Tornadoes broke a scoreless tie with six runs in the fourth inning. They held that lead until the bottom of the seventh, when Elmwood scored five times.

But Columbian held on.

Hayden Wickard took the loss for the Royals, going four innings and allowing one earned run. He struck out 10. Allen Sterling had three singles for Elmwood, while Andrew Holland added two singles.

Columbian	000 600 0	–6	5 2
Elmwood	000 000 5	-1	0 1

WP – Woessner. LP – Wickard. TOP HITTERS: (TC) Roggow 2B, Woessner 2B, Cook 2B. (ELM) Sterling 3-1B; Holland 2-1B.

Torkelson homers with 3 hits to lead Tigers over Astros 6-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Spencer Torkelson tied a career high with three hits, highlighted by a two-run homer in the eighth inning to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Houston Astros 6-3 on Tuesday night.

The Tigers, who got a 7-6 victory in 11 innings Monday, have won two games against the Astros after being swept by the Rays in their opening series.

Detroit led by 1 with one out in the eighth when Riley Greene tied a career high with his third hit of the night on a single to center. Torkelson followed with his soaring shot that bounced high on the center field wall to make it 5-2.

Matt Manning (1-0) yielded six hits with two walks and two runs in 5 2/3 innings in his season debut.

Houston starter Framber Valdez (0-1) allowed eight hits and three runs — two earned — with nine strikeouts in seven innings.

Kyle Tucker homered with two hits and two RBIs for the World Series champion Astros, who fell to 2-4.

The score was tied with one out in the sixth when Greene hit an infield single. Torkelson singled before both players advanced on a passed ball by catcher Martín Maldonado. Detroit took a 3-2 lead when Greene scored on a groundout by Eric Haase.

Greene also had a big night on defense, likely robbing Yordan Alvarez of extra bases when he made a diving catch in center field for the first out of the sixth inning.

Torkelson's RBI double with two outs in the first gave Detroit a 1-0 lead.

Alex Bregman walked with one out in the bottom of the inning before a one-out single by José Abreu. Tucker then singled to left field to send Bregman home and tie it at 1-all.

There was one out in the first when Matt Vierling walked before advancing to second on a wild pitch. Greene singled on a grounder to left field with two outs.

Vierling attempted to score on the play, but Alvarez's throw home was just in time for Martín Maldonado to tag him at the plate to end the inning.

Houston took the lead when Tucker smacked his second homer of the season to the seats in right-center to start the fourth.

Jonathan Schoop singled with no outs in the fifth before another wild pitch by Valdez sent him to second. Jake Rogers singled to score Schoop and tie it at 2-2.

An RBI double by Vierling drove in a run with two outs in the ninth.

ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH / The Associated Press

DETROIT TIGERS FIRST BASEMAN Spencer Torkelson, left, fields the throw as Houston Astros' Jose Abreu is safe at first on a single during a game, Tuesday, in Houston.

PUSHED BACK

The start of Houston's series at Minnesota has been postponed from Thursday until Friday because of inclement weather expected in the area. The Astros were supposed to open the series Thursday before continuing it after a day off Friday.

MLB Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	0	1.000	–
New York	3	1	.750	1
Baltimore	2	2	.500	2
Boston	2	2	.500	2
Toronto	1	3	.250	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	**4**	**1**	**.800**	–
Minnesota	4	1	.800	–
Chicago	2	3	.400	2
Detroit	1	3	.250	2½
Kansas City	1	3	.250	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	–
Texas	3	1	.750	–
Houston	2	3	.400	1½
Oakland	1	3	.250	2
Seattle	1	4	.200	2½

Tuesday's Games

Miami 1, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, late
Tampa Bay at Washington, late
Pittsburgh at Boston, late
Toronto at Kansas City, late
Baltimore at Texas, late
Detroit at Houston, late
Cleveland at Oakland, late
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Nola 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 1-0) at Washington (Corbin 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (López 1-0) at Miami (Luzardo 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 0-0) at Boston (Kluber 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at Texas (deGrom 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Rodriguez 0-1) at Houston (Javier 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Gaddis 0-0) at Oakland (Muller 0-0), 3:37 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 0-0) at Seattle (Flexen 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 0-0) at Kansas City (Greinke 0-1), 7:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	–
New York	3	2	.600	½
Miami	2	4	.333	2
Washington	1	3	.250	2
Philadelphia	0	4	.000	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	3	1	.750	–
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	–
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1
St. Louis	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	1	3	.250	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	–
Arizona	3	3	.500	½
San Diego	3	3	.500	½
San Francisco	2	2	.500	½
Colorado	2	3	.400	1

Tuesday's Games

Arizona 8, San Diego 6
Miami 1, Minnesota 0
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, late
Tampa Bay at Washington, late
Pittsburgh at Boston, late
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, late
Atlanta at St. Louis, late
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Stroman 1-0) at Cincinnati (Greene 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 1-0) at Washington (Corbin 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (López 1-0) at Miami (Luzardo 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Elder 0-0) at St. Louis (Mikolas 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 0-0) at Boston (Kluber 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 0-1) at Milwaukee (Burnes 0-1), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 0-0), 2:10 p.m.

GUARDIANS, ATHLETICS 1 (MON)

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Kwan lf	5	3	2	1	Kemp 2b	6	1	2	1
Rosario ss	5	1	2	2	Petersn 3b	4	2	1	3
Ramírez 3b	5	2	3	2	Díaz ss	4	1	0	0
Bell dh	5	0	0	1	Brown lf	5	1	2	2
Naylor 1b	4	1	3	2	Capel rf	4	1	2	1
Arias pr-1b	0	0	0	0	Laurano dh	5	2	2	2
Giménez 2b	6	1	2	1	Noda 1b	5	1	2	0
Zunino c	5	1	1	0	Lngeliers c	5	1	1	0
Brennan rf	5	2	1	0	Ruiz cf	5	1	2	2
Straw cf	3	1	2	2					
Totals	**43**	**12**	**16**	**11**	**Totals**	**43**	**11**	**14**	**11**

Cleveland 200 302 030 2 — 12
Oakland 150 020 002 1 — 11

E_Rosario (2), Kemp (2). DP_Cleveland 1, Oakland 0. LOB_Cleveland 11, Oakland 6. 2B_Kwan (2), Giménez (1), Straw (1), Ruiz 2 (2), Noda (1). 3B_Ramírez (1). HR_Naylor (2), Peterson (1), Laureano (2), Brown (1). SB_Straw 2 (4), Ramírez (2). SF_Kwan (2), Rosario (1), Bell (1). S_Straw (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Plesac	1	7	6	6	1	1
Curry	5	3	2	2	0	3
Herrin	1	1	0	0	0	2
Karinchak H,2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Clase W,1-0	1	2	2	2	2	0
Morgan S,1-1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Oakland						
Kaprielian	5	7	5	5	2	5
Familia H,1	1	3	2	0	0	0
Moll H,1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Acevedo BS,0-1	2	4	3	3	0	1
May L,1-1	1	2	2	1	1	1

Plesac pitched to 5 batters in the 2nd.
HBP_Acevedo (Straw). WP_May.
Umpires_Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Doug Eddings; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Ramon De Jesus.
T_3:19. A_3,035 (46,847).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	54	24	.692	—
x-Philadelphia	51	27	.654	3
x-New York	46	33	.582	8½
Brooklyn	43	35	.551	11
Toronto	39	39	.500	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	37	.526	—
Atlanta	39	39	.500	2
Washington	34	44	.436	7
Orlando	34	44	.436	7
Charlotte	26	53	.329	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Milwaukee	56	22	.718	—
x-Cleveland	**50**	**30**	**.625**	**7**
Chicago	38	40	.487	18
Indiana	34	45	.430	22½
Detroit	16	62	.205	40

x-clinched playoff spot

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Memphis	49	29	.628	—
New Orleans	40	38	.513	9
Dallas	37	42	.468	12½
San Antonio	20	58	.256	29
Houston	19	60	.241	30½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Denver	52	26	.667	—
Minnesota	39	40	.494	13½
Oklahoma City	38	41	.481	14½
Utah	36	42	.462	16
Portland	33	45	.423	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	47	31	.603	—
Phoenix	43	35	.551	4
L.A. Clippers	41	38	.519	6½
Golden State	41	38	.519	6½
L.A. Lakers	40	38	.513	7

y-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 117, Orlando 113
Toronto 120, Charlotte 100
Milwaukee 140, Washington 128
Miami at Detroit, late
Minnesota at Brooklyn, late
Atlanta at Chicago, late
Boston at Philadelphia, late
Denver at Houston, late
Portland at Memphis, late
Sacramento at New Orleans, late
L.A. Lakers at Utah, late
Oklahoma City at Golden State, late
San Antonio at Phoenix, late

Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Cleveland 117, Orlando 113

CLEVELAND (117)

E.Mobley 5-10 3-4 14, Wade 1-5 0-0 3, Allen 6-10 0-0 12, Garland 6-16 3-3 16, Mitchell 15-23 8-9 43, Osman 0-1 2-2 2, Stevens 1-3 2-2 5, LeVert 7-10 0-0 19, Rubio 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 42-84 18-20 117.

ORLANDO (113)

Banchero 7-16 4-6 20, F.Wagner 7-18 2-3 17, Carter Jr. 6-10 1-2 17, Fultz 11-17 0-0 23, G.Harris 1-6 0-0 3, Bitadze 5-9 0-0 10, M.Wagner 0-1 0-0 0, Anthony 4-6 6-6 15, Suggs 4-6 0-0 8. Totals 45-89 13-17 113.

Cleveland	**23**	**35**	**35**	**24**	**— 117**
Orlando	**29**	**30**	**32**	**22**	**— 113**

3-Point Goals_Cleveland 15-31 (LeVert 5-6, Mitchell 5-9, E.Mobley 1-2, Stevens 1-2, Rubio 1-3, Garland 1-4, Wade 1-5), Orlando 10-23 (Carter Jr. 4-5, Banchero 2-4, Anthony 1-1, Fultz 1-1, F.Wagner 1-3, G.Harris 1-5, Bitadze 0-1, M.Wagner 0-1, Suggs 0-2). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Cleveland 30 (Allen, E.Mobley 7), Orlando 47 (Carter Jr. 12). Assists_Cleveland 23 (Garland 10), Orlando 25 (Fultz 8). Total Fouls_Cleveland 16, Orlando 22. A_19,449 (18,846)

tvschedule

From wire reports

TODAY

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
5 p.m. BTN — Michigan at Michigan St.
7 p.m. ACCN — Furman at Clemson
7 p.m. BTN — Northwestern at Illinois

GOLF
3 p.m. ESPN — Masters Par 3 Contest: Augusta Nat. Golf Course

MLB
1 p.m. MLBN — Atlanta at St. Louis OR Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati
4 p.m. MLBN — LA Angels at Seattle
7:30 p.m. MLBN — Toronto at Kansas City

NBA
7:45 p.m. ESPN — Chicago at Milwaukee
10:05 p.m. ESPN — LA Lakers at LA Clippers

NHL
7:30 p.m. TNT — Tampa Bay at NY Rangers
10 p.m. TNT — Edmonton at Anaheim

SOCCER
3 p.m. USA — Premier League: Newcastle U. at West Ham United

Cont from GENERALS, B1

trol, Weis struck out the first nine Findlay hitters that stepped into the batters box. He allowed just one hit over six innings, struck out 14 and walked two. Cody Keller pitched the seventh for an Anthony Wayne team playing its first northern game after a spring trip to Florida.

"He's our No. 1, and he was definitely on tonight," Anthony Wayne coach Ryan Donley said of Weis, who will be pitching for the University of Findlay next spring.

"He had a good start in Florida last week, five innings of one-hit ball, and he came out and did the same thing tonight. He had command of all three of his pitches, and when you get good starting pitching you always have a chance to win."

Ammons said Findlay, which slipped to 1-3 with the loss, had not seen anything the like of Weis this season.

"He had a heater," Ammons said.

"We tried to simulate that kind of speed in the batting cage, but it's not the same as seeing the guy live. The first time through the order, nobody adjusted. After that we started moving the ball a little bit, but hats off to him. He's elite, and he's going to have some big-time stats this year."

Javonte Hill pitched well for Findlay, allowing just one run over four innings before running into trouble in the fifth.

Keller, the No. 9 hitter in the Generals' lineup, singled up the middle leading off and was sacrificed to second. Michael James walked and Tommy Ling lined an RBI double to right.

After James scored on a wild pitch, Jack Behnfeldt walked and Marco Morrison was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Austin Sertell, a junior left-hander, relieved Hill. But his first pitch to Mitch Harder was in the dirt, rolled to the backstop and two runs scored. Harder then lined an RBI single, capping the five-run rally that put Anthony Wayne up 6-1.

"Both of (Findlay's) pitchers did a good job," Donley said. "They were quick to the plate, so we weren't in situations where we could steal bags. We had to find other ways: sacrifice bunts to move guys over, moving guys up on balls in the dirt, getting a good jump and reading the play ... We were able to manufacture runs."

Harder had three hits, including RBI singles in the second and fifth innings, for an Anthony Wayne team that was the NLL preseason pick over Sylvania Northview, the defending Division I state champion.

The reason for the No. 1 label?

"We return a lot of experience," said Donley, who guided the Generals to the regional semifinals in his first year as head coach.

"We have 14 seniors on the roster, which is unheard of. Last year the No. 2 through No. 7 batters in our lineup were all first-team all-league and the majority of those guys are back.

"We're humbled and honored that the coaches picked us up there, but there's still a lot of baseball to be played. The NLL is no joke and with Findlay and (Toledo) Whitmer and Fremont (Ross) and Oregon Clay coming next year it's going to be even better."

Matthew Guthrie had Findlay's lone hit, a liner to left leading off the last of the fourth. Guthrie raced all the way to third when Luke Weihrauch put down a sacrifice bunt and Weis's throw was wide of first. Guthrie scored on a wild pickoff throw past first.

Findlay now hits the road for league play, with Three Rivers Athletic Conference games at Lima Senior on Friday and at Fremont Ross on Monday. The Trojans then face another preseason league favorite – Oregon Clay – in a game at Woody Curlis Field next Wednesday.

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Henry commissioners issue child-related proclamation, discuss stats

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NAPOLEON — Henry County commissioners approved a proclamation during their Tuesday meeting recognizing a national month held to highlight the danger of child abuse.

Commissioners presented the proclamation on the occasion of National Child Abuse Prevention Month to Shannon Jones, director of the Henry County Job and Family Services Department, who also provided some child-related statistics (see below).

The proclamation states that:

"Whereas National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized through the United States as well as in Ohio during the month of April 2023,

"and whereas all children in our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure environment and supportive environment, to enter school prepared to succeed, to choose healthy behaviors,

"and whereas in Henry County 538 calls were received during April 2022 through March 2023 alleging child abuse and neglect, which affected 214 child victims,

"and whereas our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the county,

"and whereas effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement and families,

"and whereas communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families,

"and whereas to further promote child abuse prevention awareness, Henry County Job and Family Services requests countywide participation in 'Wear Blue to Work Day' on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

"Now, therefore be it resolved that in recognition of Child Abuse Prevent Month the board of Henry County commissioners proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourages everyone in the community to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families." Jones also reported on a number of statistics from her office, such as:

• 24 children are in protective custody. Jones said this fluctuates between the low 20s and to 30.

• supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) recipients in January totaled 1,316, down from 1,506 in January 2020. Benefits spent went from $158,568 to $353,524 to higher amounts provided to the county because of the COVID situation. The county will go back to $150,000 with that extra money, according to Jones.

• child support cases total 1,564.

• Medicaid recipients in February numbered 5,582. This is up from 4,097 recipients in February 2020, according to Jones.

In other business Tuesday, commissioners:

• passed a resolution making 2023 county budget adjustments.

• opened bids on asphalt emulsion with Henry County Engineer Tim Schumm. Only one bid was received, and that matter was tabled.

• received an update from Amanda Espinoza, director of administrative operations and human resources for the Henry County Transportation Network. She said the agency is still searching to fill a new position — a part-time financial assistant. Espinoza also met in executive session with commissioners to discuss a public employee.

• approved a resolution appointing Alex Arnos as inspector for 2023.

• passed a resolution proclaiming April as National County Government Month.

• approved a resolution accepting a proposal from GEM Services to install HVAC units at several county properties, including the Oakwood Avenue office complex. The total cost is $149,190.

• passed a resolution authorizing a technical assistance agreement for a grant to be used on Napoleon's Meekison Street sewer improvement project.

• approved a resolution concerning recent changes to the county's retention and vacation policies.

• passed a resolution allowing participating in the Ohio Department of Transportation 2023 salt purchasing contracts.

Suspects charged in Circle K robbery

NAPOLEON — The Henry County Sheriff's Office has arrested three persons implicated in an armed robbery last week in Liberty Center.

William Mullins, 25, Northwood; Melvin Rayoum, 29, Toledo; and Kyle Gaynor, 22, Delta, were each charged with aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony, according to a press release issued Tuesday by Henry County Sheriff Michael Bodenbender.

The suspects were incarcerated Tuesday in local jails pending court appearances while the investigation continues. More charges are expected, Bodenbender reported. Gaynor had a preliminary hearing scheduled for 1 p.m. April 13 in Napoleon Municipal Court and bond was set at $250,000. The three suspects allegedly robbed at gunpoint the Circle K at 403 East St. in Liberty Center on Thursday at about 1:51 a.m. They were able to get away with an undisclosed amount of money. Assisting the Henry County Sheriff's Office with this investigation are the Napoleon Police Department, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Delta Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service.

City of Napoleon selects new assistant fire chief

NAPOLEON — The City of Napoleon has selected a new assistant fire chief.

Capt. Jonah Stiriz has been chosen for the position which opened when David Bowen was chosen as the city's fire chief. Bowen had replaced Clayton O'Brien who took the chief's position for the City of Oregon.

Under the direction of the fire chief, the assistant is responsible for managing, coordinating and supervising the operations of Napoleon's fire and rescue department. This position provides complex administrative support to both the fire chief and other city department heads.

Stiriz's appointment was the unanimous recommendation of the interview panel, according to a press release issued by the city's human resources director, Brittany Roof.

Stiriz began his career in the fire service in 2010 serving as a firefighter/EMT-B with the Gorham-Fayette Fire Department and eventually served as a lieutenant for three years there.

In April of 2014, he obtained his paramedic certification while working with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office as a communications officer. By June 2014, he started with the Archbold-German Township Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic where he has worked until this year. In November 2016, Stiriz began working for the Napoleon Fire and Rescue Department as a full-time firefighter/paramedic and became the acting fire captain two years later. In June 2020, he was promoted to fire captain and served as the shift commander.

Stiriz has attended many trainings and helped spearhead many initiatives within the department and the community. Stiriz is an active member and leader of the department's special teams (technical rescue) which provides training and equipment to the department.

The formal swearing-in ceremony for Stiriz is scheduled for April 17 during the next Napoleon City Council meeting.

Northwest State announces pass rates for nursing students

ARCHBOLD — As Northwest State Community College (NSCC) continues to prepare students to meet healthcare demands, the school recently issued a press release concerning the success of its Practical Nursing graduates.

Those from 2022 earned a 100% pass rate for the national council licensure exam (NCLEX) while registered nursing (RN) graduates earned a 92.86% pass rate. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the national pass rate for RNs is 77.91% and 79.93% for PNs. "The faculty and I are pleased to announce the NCLEX results for both the practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs," noted Dr. Tiffany Ludwig, NSCC Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. "Our graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX examination and qualify for entry-level nursing positions." "Having consistently high passing rates, with multiple times 100% pass on the first try, is a testament to a dedicated group of faculty that ensures high-quality learning environments and student success," said Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC president. "As northwest Ohio's premier community institution, local hospitals depend on our healthcare programs, like nursing, so they can ensure high-quality medical care. We're so proud of our nursing students, and look forward to their success serving our local families."

Hamler council welcomes new member, discusses OEPA findings/orders

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HAMLER — Hamler Village Council welcomed a new member during its meeting Monday, and also discussed new Ohio EPA (OEPA) findings and orders concerning water quality.

Ryan Shaffer was sworn in and replaces Candace Starkey who resigned earlier this year.

Starkey had been elected to a new four-year term in November 2021. That terms expires at the end of 2025.

In another matter, council discussed drinking water notices that were mailed out to village residents. These concern trihalomethanes (THMs), a byproduct of the water treatment process that can cause health issues with certain segments of the population, according to OEPA.

The environmental agency has placed the village under findings and orders require resolution of the matter.

Mayor Jeff Brubaker said the village is "looking at some additions to the water plant to take care of that." A pilot study employing a granulated activated carbon (GAC) system is underway, he said, to "prove to the state it will work."

If it does, the village would hire an engineer to design a system to be installed, Brubaker indicated.

Defiance and Archbold are among communities that have installed GAC systems recently — at great expense — to meet OEPA requirements concerning THMs. However, Hamler's system would be much smaller and potentially less expensive.

The town's water plant recently was rebuilt, but Brubaker said it has plenty of room to include a GAC filter system.

"We have more than enough room to put in a filter," he said.

In other news, council:

• discussed power outages in the village and the possibility of obtaining a generator to serve the municipal building.

• approved a contract with Hill Asphalt, LLC, Napoleon, to redo downtown parking spaces. The cost is $6,279.

• learned that Brubaker has been chosen as vice president of the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association during a meeting in Pemberville. He will serve as vice president this year before becoming presidents for two years thereafter.

• was informed that the village's new website (Hamlerohio.com) is online.

• learned that the Hamler Men's Club will donate $1,500 to the village over three years to help cover the cost of renting Christmas decorations.

• was informed that concrete pouring for the village's new water tower project should begin soon.

• learned that a contractor (Goliath Tree Service of Defiance) was interrupted in removing trees in poor shape on Fourth Street due to a mechanical problem. Part of a single tree remained.

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Campus notes

UF students to present at national conference on undergraduate research

FINDLAY — University of Findlay students had works that were selected for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research this Spring. 2023 marks the eighth consecutive year in which UF students from the English program have had their work accepted by NCUR. Students will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from April 13-15, where they will present their research projects in front of several thousand students and faculty. NCUR is one of the largest undergraduate research conferences in the country.

Local students include:

— Kayla Bays, of Carey, will present "An Attempt to Revive the Humanities in a High School English Classroom."

— Megan Trausch, of Carey, will present "A Hijacker's Demise: An Account of the D.B. Cooper Mystery."

Located in Findlay, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees.

Marietta SPE students place fifth at 2023 Petro Bowl

MARIETTA — Four students from Marietta College's Society of Petroleum Engineers recently placed fifth in the North American 2023 Petro Bowl.

— Alec Bollinger, of Sycamore, is majoring in petroleum engineering and environmental engineering and is a graduate of Mohawk High School.

— Marcus Terry, of McCutchenville, is majoring in petroleum engineering and geology and is a graduate of Mohawk High School.

Located in Marietta, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Tracing its roots to the Muskingum Academy back in 1797, the College was officially chartered in 1835. Today Marietta College serves a body of 1,200 full-time students. The College offers more than 50 majors.

McCall family creates scholarship for first generation college students

MARION — A local couple knows the experience of being the first in their families to attend college. Ryan and Rachel McCall created a new scholarship fund to help other first-generation college students make it to graduation.

"We chose to support first-generation college students because we both are and we personally know the difference that a college education makes," said Ryan McCall, president of Marion Technical College. "Our job is to change family trees. Sometimes working parents attend college and their children follow in their footsteps. Sometimes parents are inspired to get their degrees after their children graduate from college."

The McCall Family Scholarship will benefit a second-year student at Marion Technical College who is a first-generation college student with a preference for students with financial need.

Ryan and Rachel McCall grew up in southern Ohio in Scioto County, a part of Appalachia.

"There were people who encouraged us to go to college. I was lucky to get a scholarship. Rachel worked full-time to afford college," Ryan recalled.

While their parents supported them, Ryan and Rachel had to navigate college on their own. Their parents did not have the knowledge to help guide them through the college process.

Ryan earned a bachelor of science in natural science from Shawnee State University. He then earned a master's of science degree from Morehead State University. While working at Shawnee State University, Ryan supervised the federal three TRIO (Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, and Educational Talent Search programs) to help disadvantaged middle and high school students explore college opportunities and reach them.

"Being a first-generation college student helping other first-generation students was an impetus to go and keep learning and working with these students," Ryan said.

Ryan changed his career plans and earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Ohio University. He wrote his dissertation on first-generation college students.

"College degrees really open doors for students from all backgrounds. I've seen lives changed!" Ryan said.

Ryan brought the TRIO program, Educational Talent Search, to Marion Technical College where it serves middle and high school students in Cardington, Elgin, Harding, Kenton, Mount Gilead, Ridgedale and Upper Sandusky with college planning, visits and mentoring.

Rachel earned her visualist bachelor's degree in from Shawnee State.

"I knew I wanted to go to college but I had no clue what I wanted to do," Rachel said.

Rachel has used her background and experience to open the Sweada Mae Art Café in downtown Marion. In addition to her entrepreneurship, the McCall's oldest son is currently taking college classes while in high school through the College Credit Plus program. While they guide their son, they hope this scholarship will smooth the path for other first-gen students. The firstscholarship will be awarded for fall semester 2023.

"Thank you for your generous donation," said Phyllis Butterworth, immediate past president of the Marion Technical College Foundation and a current board member. "It's so rewarding to give someone a hand up."

The Marion Technical College Foundation raises funds because, even with Marion Tech's affordable tuition, cost can be an obstacle to earning a degree and getting ahead. For more information or a full list of scholarships, go to www.mtc.edu/scholarships/.

Owens Community College celebrates Burke for national faculty award

FINDLAY — Owens Community College Assistant Professor Sara Burke, P.T., DPT has been recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges on the 2023 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty list. Awarded to select individuals who make a difference in community college classrooms across the country, this highly competitive national designation honors faculty who are active in their students' lives and in their colleges' activities to ensure student success.

A total of 42 faculty received the honor named for former AACC President and CEO Dale P. Parnell. Qualities of the honored faculty include:

— Demonstrate passion for the students and the classroom.

— Show willingness to support students, inside and outside of the classroom.

— Participate in college committees.

— Go above and beyond what is required to ensure that students are successful in their academic endeavors.

"Dr. Burke has incredible passion for students and for teaching. Her dedication provides the opportunity for a transformational educational experience for her students," Owens President Dione D. Somerville said. "She is a student and practitioner of teaching excellence and is intentional about ensuring an effective student experience.

"She elevates the performance of those around her," Somerville added. "She embodies the Owens mission by creating pathways for students. She is not only inspiring her students but her colleagues, and in doing so, she is distinguished by establishing an Owens legacy of success."

The AACC recognized the 2023 recipients at its national conference in Denver this past Tuesday.

"I love working at Owens and being able to make a difference. It's all about the Owens students and their accomplishments," Burke said. "That's why I'm excited to go to work every day. I'm humbled to be recognized for doing what I love. I'm grateful to the AACC for selecting me and for everyone at Owens, including Somerville, the faculty and staff and our students."

Owens faculty members Jen Hazel, English professor, and Sarah Long, mathematics associate professor, received the Parnell honor in 2022 and 2021.

"We are so proud of all of our faculty — and the national faculty recognition for Sara, Jen and Sarah these past three years highlights what our students already know, that we have some of the best and brightest faculty members in the country," Dr. Somerville said.

Burke began her Owens career in 2008 as an adjunct faculty member in the science department. She began teaching in the physical therapist assistant program as an instructor in 2016 and rose to her current rank of assistant professor in 2021.

In 2018, Dr. Burke joined the interprofessional leadership team, which assists in the creation and delivery of School of Nursing and Health Professions events as well as facilitates and obtains data collection during the events for future publication of findings and results. She successfully completed the virtual 2021 IPEC Interprofessional Leadership Development Program. She also completed the Association of College and University Educators Course in Effective Online Teaching Practices co-endorsed by the American Council on Education.

She received the College's School of Nursing and Health Professions Teaching Excellence Award in 2022.

This year, she took over the leadership of the Owens PTA program.

A licensed physical therapist who resides in Findlay, she served as the northwest district chair of the Ohio Physical Therapist Assistant Program from 2020-21. Dr. Burke earned her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Findlay and bachelor's degree in science at Ohio State University-Lima Campus.

Community in Christ

By PASTOR AMY VITTORIO
Sycamore United Church of Christ

There's a quietness that happens after Palm Sunday and before Good Friday — one in which, if we are listening carefully, we can hear the sounds of feet being washed, bread being torn, and a cup being passed around the table. That "Last Supper," as we so often label it, was really the first meal of many, many more to come that would be shared around tables for centuries to come in remembrance of that first moment of communion that Christ shared with his disciples.

This Holy Week, many of us will gather in churches and other places where communion will be served. In some places, people will be handed tiny cups with even tinier pieces of bread all sealed up together. In others, church members will painstakingly bake bread and cut it into cubes and pour juice into beloved communion glasses. In still others, they will tear from a common loaf and dip their bread into a common cup. But no matter how communion is prepared and served, Christ will be present in our moments of quiet contemplation as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter morning. His unmerited favor and Grace will be poured out over and over again for all who gather this week and beyond in the sacred moments that we share in Christian community.

It has been a rough last couple of weeks for many. There has been storm damage to contend with, along with the lack of electricity, not to mention, that because of the storms, many have had to change plans that had long been established or had to rethink how things would get accomplished. Yet in the midst of it all, we have been in community together, helping each other along to make necessary repairs, wait patiently for help, and to make the best of what were less than ideal circumstances.

So as we gather in the quiet this Thursday, let us pause and remember our churches and our communities and all the ways that they have continued to serve and support each of us. Let us remember the hands and feet which serve us and most importantly, let us remember that hands of our Savior which continue to serve us today.

Church bulletins

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

Today, 7 p.m., potluck in Alban Room.

Friday, 7 p.m., Good Friday service.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., praise and pancakes; 10 a.m., Easter service.

April 11, 7 p.m., Bible study.

April 12, 6 p.m. SOM committee meeting.

April 15, 9 a.m., Mud Men meeting.

April 19, 6:30 p.m., Nevada Community Vacation Bible School meeting at Nevada UMC.

Transfiguration of the Lord parish

Today, 7 p.m., Mass at Upper church.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Frenchtown to Carey walk; 5 p.m., Good Friday service at Upper Church; 7 p.m., Good Friday service at Kirby chapel.

Saturday, 8 p.m., Mass at Upper church.

Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Mass at Kirby chapel; 10:30 a.m., Mass at Upper church.

April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Spaghetti dinner drive-thru

Everyone is invited to the WyandotCARES spaghetti dinner fundraiser drive-thru from 4:30-7 p.m. April 14 at Trinity Evangelical Church (west entrance), 108 Malabar Drive, Upper Sandusky.

The menu will consist of salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert. There is a suggested donation of $6 for adults and $3 for ages 6 and under.

The fundraiser will benefit WyandotCARES, a released time Bible education program offering classes to students from elementary through high school age in Wyandot County.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for WyandotCARES is asked to visit wyandotcares.org or call Director Laura Wood at 567-674-0596.

More information about the event and WyandotCARES is available online on the WyandotCARES Facebook and Instagram pages.

Marseilles Community Chicken BBQ
Saturday, April 29, 2023
4pm to 6pm
Marseilles Community Park
Meal includes:
1/2 Chicken
Applesauce
Baked Beans
Dinner Roll
Price: $10.00
Tickets are available from RoseAnn Weaver, Bill Trautwein, Henry Weaver, Wilson Tire Company (Upper Sandusky) and the Angle Back Tavern in Marseilles. Tickets can also be reserved by calling Rick Arnold at 419-835-4078.
All proceeds benefit the
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Exploring options for No. 4, No. 5 starters

Reds' back end starters have struggled so far

Bobby Nightengale
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Luis Cessa, left, talks with catcher Luke Maile, right, after walking a Philadelphia Phillies batter. AP

The Cincinnati Reds were essentially out of the game before their hitters came to the plate in Sunday's series finale against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The numbers in the top of the first inning were ugly. Luis Cessa gave up eight hits and two walks to 13 batters. Bryson Stott homered on Cessa's second pitch. Jake Cave hit a three-run double to the center field wall. Some ground balls sneaked through the infield and there were line drives down the line that stayed fair by a couple of feet.

"I think it was the worst inning of my career," said Cessa, who became the second Reds pitcher to give up 11 earned runs in a game since 1931 in the team's 14-3 loss.

Cessa didn't have a reliable pitch to help himself out of jams. Phillies hitters crushed his four-seam fastball and sinker. He threw primarily change-ups and sliders, which didn't elicit many swings and misses.

"The first guy hits a home run into the first row there, which the pitch was up, but it was just one thing after another," catcher Luke Maile said. "Anything that could go wrong did."

Cessa's disastrous outing underscored the bad start to the season for the backend starters in the rotation. The Reds have seen promise from Hunter Greene, Nick Lodolo and Graham Ashcraft, but there has been a noticeable dip when their second-year starters aren't on the mound.

Greene, Lodolo and Ashcraft have combined for a 2.70 ERA in their nine starts with 67 strikeouts across 50 innings. Even excluding Sunday's calamity, Cessa and Overton combined for a 9.45 ERA across their first five starts.

Luke Weaver will start Wednesday, filling Overton's spot in the rotation after Overton went on the 15-day injured list with an elbow strain. The Reds haven't indicated any change in Cessa's status, but he's given up a lot of hard contact through his first three starts.

Among the 160 pitchers who have thrown at least 10 innings this season, Cessa has the highest ERA (13.50) and the seventh-highest FIP (fielding independent pitching, 8.32), a stat that focuses on things pitcher has control over like strikeouts, walks, hit by pitches and home runs.

"We've seen him really good," manager David Bell said of Cessa. "He's a good pitcher. I know he has struggled so far. It's very early. We're always evaluating what is best for our team, but the main thing is making sure his stuff and him are physically OK. As long as that's the case, you have to trust these guys are going to be who they are over the long haul. That's kind of where we are with it."

Cessa's velocity was down by about 1 mph Sunday, but he insisted he feels fine physically. He showed how much a spot in the rotation meant to him during spring training when he left Team Mexico before the World Baseball Classic semifinal to return to the Reds to build up his innings.

He had a 3.65 ERA in his last seven starts last season.

"When you're out there, you're saying 'oh my god, what's going on? What happened?' I made good pitches," Cessa said Sunday. "Sometimes, they have the good luck. They had a really good inning on me. A really tough day. I'll try to keep working, clean it up and turn the page for the next one."

Weaver, who signed a one-year, $2 million contract in the winter, had a 6.56 ERA in 35 2/3 innings as a reliever last year, but the Reds believe he has some untapped potential.

There are risks with the 29-year-old Weaver. He hasn't pitched more than 66 innings in a season since 2018. He led the league in losses in 2020 and the Diamondbacks shifted him to the bullpen last year. Weaver was a former top prospect with the St. Louis Cardinals and broke into the majors with Bell as his bench coach.

If the Reds contemplate another change in their rotation, they have four prominent candidates: Chase Anderson, Levi Stoudt, Brandon Williamson and Andrew Abbott. Stoudt and Williamson are on the 40-man roster.

Anderson, 35, re-signed with the Reds on a minor league contract because of his comfort with Reds pitching coach Derek Johnson. Anderson has a 3.00 ERA through 15 innings at Triple-A with 13 strikeouts and eight walks. His changeup has been a reliable weapon through his first three starts in the minor leagues and he's the top veteran option.

Stoudt and Williamson have similar stats at Triple-A. The right-handed Stoudt has carried a 4.09 ERA through his first three starts with 10 strikeouts, nine walks and three homers allowed in 11 innings. Williamson, a 6-foot-6 lefty, has a 6.57 ERA in three starts after totaling 10 strikeouts, nine walks and thee homers allowed in 12 1/3 innings. The major difference is Stoudt has yielded eight hits and Williamson has permitted 17 hits.

Abbott, who is pitching in Double-A, represents the hot hand. The 23-year-old has thrown 10 2/3 scoreless innings and struck out 25 of the 35 batters he's faced. The 6-foot lefty wasn't in consideration for a spot in the rotation when he was in big-league camp this year, so it would be accelerating his timetable by quite a bit after only two starts and zero experience in Triple-A.

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UConn emerges victorious after March Madness full of upsets

By David Brandt
AP Sports Writer

Paul Sancya | AP

Fairleigh Dickinson players celebrate beating Purdue 63-58 after a first-round game in the NCAA Tournament on March 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Cinderellas certainly had their moments in this March Madness. More than a few, actually. In the end, it was a familiar face that won the NCAA Tournament.

UConn — a No. 4 seed — beat No. 5 seed San Diego State 76-59 on Monday night in Houston for its fifth title in the past 24 years. The Huskies and coach Dan Hurley cruised through the tournament in impressive fashion, winning all six games by at least 10 points. The Aztecs of the Mountain West Conference didn't go quietly, cutting UConn's lead to six points late in the second half before the Huskies used one more run to put the game away. It was San Diego State's first trip to the title game.

Before Monday night, college basketball fans enjoyed three weeks of great moments. Here are a few that stood out:

Fairleigh Dickinson shocker

Little-known Fairleigh Dickinson — a private, commuter school in Teaneck, New Jersey — provided an early stunner, becoming just the second No. 16 seed to beat a No. 1 seed with its 63-58 win over Purdue. Only in the NCAA Tournament field due to a technicality, FDU, which went 4-22 last season, won a First Four game in Dayton before the victory over the Boilermakers. FDU lost the Northeast Conference Tournament title game 67-66 but still received the league's automatic bid to the NCAA bracket because champion Merrimack remains ineligible for postseason play after moving up from Division II to Division I.

Princeton, too

Smart kids made it all the way to the Sweet 16 when Ivy League champion Princeton — a No. 15 seed — won not just one but two games in the tournament to advance to the second weekend.

The Tigers used a late-game run to earn their first NCAA Tournament win in 25 years, beating No. 2 seed Arizona 59-55 before a dominant 78-63 win over No. 7 Missouri.

Top seeds bite dust

Purdue's loss to Fairleigh Dickinson was just the opening salvo in a tough tournament for No. 1 seeds. The men's tournament did not have a No. 1 seed in the Elite Eight for the first time since seeding began in 1979. Kansas bowed out in the second round, with Arkansas taking down the reigning national champion Jayhawks. Alabama, the bracket's No. 1 overall seed, succumbed in the Sweet 16 to San Diego State. Later in the Sweet 16, Miami capped the No. 1 carnage with a dominant 89-75 win over Houston.

Butler's buzzer-beater

San Diego State's Lamont Butler hit a buzzer-beating jumper that will live a long time in college basketball lore, sending the Aztecs to their first national championship game with a 72-71 win over fellow mid-major Florida Atlantic in the Final Four.

The clock ticking down, Butler dribbled to the baseline, found that cut off and circled back. He stepped back to create a little room and hit a jumper that sent the Aztecs racing out onto the floor and had San Diego Padres fans going wild at Petco Park.

That was cool

Kansas State's Markquis Nowell broke the NCAA Tournament record for assists in a game with 19, including one late in the game that was among the most creative in postseason history.

Nowell found Keyontae Johnson for a reverse alley-oop with 52 seconds left in OT to give the Wildcats the lead for good over Michigan State in the Sweet 16. Nowell appeared to be arguing with coach Jerome Tang right before the pass, catching the Spartans flat-footed in one of the most important moments of the game.

Great games

There were a lot of great games in this year's tournament. Among the best: Gonzaga's 79-76 thriller over UCLA in the Sweet 16.

Julian Strawther hit a 3-pointer with 7.2 seconds left to answer a 3-pointer by UCLA's Amari Bailey, lifting Gonzaga to the wild win over the Bruins. The Bruins stormed back from an eight-point deficit in the final 1:05 and took a 76-75 lead on Bailey's 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left before Strawther's shot.

Nantz's finale

Announcing legend Jim Nantz has called his last NCAA Tournament game. The 63-year-old called his 354th and final tournament game on Monday night when UConn beat San Diego State for the title.

Vikings

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over visiting New Albany Tuesday afternoon in Lewis Center. After Cole Cahill worked a 1-2-3 first, the Pioneer offense went to work in the bottom half. They loaded the bases without the benefit of a hit before Diego Astacio singled to left to score Tyler Fuller and Charlie Scholvin, who both reached after being hit by pitches.

A three-run second put the Eagles on top, but the lead was brief as Orange answered with a three-run inning of its own. Astacio singled home Cahill to cap the rally and make it a 5-3 game.

Cahill took care of the rest on the mound, allowing four runs on 10 hits en route to the complete-game win. He struck out four and didn't walk a single batter. Astacio led the charge at the dish, finishing 2-for-3 with three RBI. Scholvin also had a pair of hits to go with an RBI. Zach Casey and Dom Fullen had two hits apiece to lead New Albany.

Big Walnut 3, Dublin Coffman 2

Drew Gaskins singled home Cam Gladden with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh as the host Golden Eagles walked off against the Shamrocks Tuesday afternoon in Sunbury. After Coffman scored two runs in the second, Big Walnut scored a run in the third before sealing the deal with single tallies in the sixth and seventh. Gaskins finished 2-for-4 with the RBI while Ethan Clawson and Lorne Anderson also knocked in runs.

Olentangy Liberty 8, Kimberly 0

Brock Amelung had three RBI while Blake Hajjar finished 2-for-2 with two runs and two knocked in to lead the Patriots to their fifth straight win to start the season Tuesday night in Powell. Liberty broke things open with four runs in the third before adding two in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Colin Bester took care of the rest, tossing a one-hit shutout. He struck out 13 and walked two.

Delaware Christian 6, Danville 4

Micah Carroll knocked in a game-best three runs to lead the Eagles to a non-league win over host Danville Tuesday afternoon. Caden Beck and Matt Tranel also knocked in runs while Beck earned the win on the mound, allowing four runs on 12 hits while striking out four and walking one in seven innings of work.

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Junior Kaitlyn Jurawitz finished in 45th place at 119, junior Tori Garey placed 46th with a 122, junior Ellen Kennedy was 47th with a 138, and sophomore Lily Davis finished 52nd with a 180.

MEN'S TENNIS

The No. 2 doubles team of junior Marcelo Aguilar and freshman Kobe Francis stood out for Ohio Wesleyan in a 9-0 North Coast Athletic Conference setback to 14th-ranked Kenyon on Sunday in Granville.

Aguilar and Francis lost an 8-4 decision to Ethan Green and Tomer Ozmo at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 1 doubles, the Bishop duo of senior José Mancilla and junior Mark Siriwanichkul fell to Jack Buler and Anthony Payiavlas by an 8-3 count.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Junior Shanzay Ali stood out for Ohio Wesleyan in a 9-0 North Coast Athletic Conference loss to 22nd-ranked Denison on Sunday in Granville.

Playing at No. 2 singles, Ali fell to Caroline Lopez by scores of 6-1, 7-5.

At No. 1 singles, senior Katie Lee squared off against regionally-ranked Sarah Robertson and lost by scores of 6-2, 6-0.

OWU Sports Information contributed to this report.

Sharks

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and thrilled to bring a national title back to Nova Southeastern."

Yoakum poured in a game-high 31 points in the title game against his old team, including scoring seven of nine to balloon the Sharks' lead to 77-65 midway through the second half.

He was dominant in the first half, too, hitting a deep three-pointer to lead Nova into the break up 55-48.

His performance was solid no matter how you look at it. Put in the proper context, though, it was even better.

The Sharks, who broke the D-II national championship record for points in the first half (55) and game (111), finished as just the sixth team in Division II history to close out the year as undefeated national champs.

"This year has been an incredible ride," Yoakum said, "and to go 36-0 is a feeling I can't even describe. It was a match-up a lot of my former teamsters and I talked about before, so when we both made it to the Elite Eight and eventually the Final Four, I knew it was going to come down to us versus them.

"I wanted to treat it like any other game. I had some nerves leading up to the game, but once it started I felt comfortable as long as I knew I went out and gave it my all."

Yoakum broke the single-season record for points, scoring 727 in his lone season as a Shark. His 31 in the title game earned him Co-Most Outstanding Player honors with RJ Sunahara, who had 28 in the win.

Sunahara and Dallas Graziani, who finished top-10 in the nation in assists, played huge parts in the Sharks' success this season, too.

"When you play with great players, it rubs off," Yoakum said. "Our guards are the best in the country and they do a great job of putting me in scoring positions."

Next up, Yoakum said he plans to continue to play ball at the professional level while finishing up his master's degree in business marketing.

While at Hayes, Yoakum nabbed multiple all-district and all-conference honors while being named the Delaware County Player of the Year his senior season, averaging 19.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

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John Gregg team going to Global Finals

John Gregg Elementary School located on SR 164 between Amsterdam and Bergholz, is celebrating as one of its Destination Imagination teams earned a ticket to the Global Finals in May.

The team "Us," which includes sixth-graders Beckett Dopp, Lindsey Howell, Connor Richardson, Daleanee Devore, Olivia Ferguson and Nate Myers and is managed by Amanda Richardson, earned first place during the state contest held April 1 in Barberton. Now the students are competing among 1,400 teams from around the world in Kansas City, MO, at the Global Finals being held May 20-23.

According to Edison Local School District Destination Imagination Coordinator Kelly Dopp, the teams are from every continent. "For a small, rural school to compete against kids from all over the world, I think it's very impressive," she said.

Dopp explained that the Us team took part in the middle-level engineering challenge and created a thrill-ride rollercoaster with a golf ball moving along the tracks while also incorporating a story.

The result was "Emotional Rollercoaster," which included a range of emotions humans feel at a given time. Two members portrayed typical people in the skit while the others represented various feelings, and that ingenuity not only earned them top honors but also a DaVinci Award – a rare award.

"The DaVinci Award is given to teams to honor outstanding creativity," she continued.

Submitted

The Bergholz Community Foundation (BCF) helped make this possible with a grant for $9,000. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Olivia Ferguson, Lindsey Howell, Beckett Dopp, and Conner Richardson. Back row (from left) is Amy Richards, BCF President, Daleanee Devore, Nathan Myers, Terri McConnaughy, BCF VP, Nikki Klien, BCF Trustee and Kim Richardson, BCF Trustee.

Lindsey Howell, a team member, said the idea struck her to use the theme and her teammates discussed and agreed to utilize it in their project. They worked on the challenge since September and it accounted for 60 percent of their score, but the team also had to quickly complete an instant challenge.

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Early voting for May 2 election ends April 30

Officials at the Carroll County Board of Elections (BOE) remind voters in Malvern, Carrollton A, and Carrollton B Precincts that early voting hours for the May 2 special election ends at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

This is different than in previous elections. The passage of HB 458 changed the last early voting date for all elections to the Sunday before election day. There will be no early voting available at the BOE office Monday, May 1.

The remaining early voting dates and times are: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Friday, April 21; 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 24; 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25: Absentee Ballot Application deadline; 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, April 26-28; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 29; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Any absentee ballots that were mailed out to voters can be brought back to the BOE office as late as Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. by placing them in the drop box outside the courthouse on Second Street SE or by bringing them into BOE office at 119 S. Lisbon St., Suite 102.

Those ballots may not be turned in at the voters' regular polling locations. Absentee ballots that ar

e mailed back to the BOE must have a postmark no later than May 1, and must arrive at the BOE office no later than May 6.

For more information, contact the Carroll County Board of Elections at 330-627-2610.

Minerva clock dedication planned

The Minerva Area Historical Society will host a town clock dedication on Friday, April 28, 6 p.m. at the Haas Museum, 128 N. Market St.

The community is invited to attend and the ceremony will include remarks by historical society President Chip Syme and refreshments.

The clock was purchased in 1926 by the board of directors of the Minerva Savings and Trust and removed when the bank was sold in 1963.

Harold Wunderle bought the clock for its scrap value of $100. After, Harold's wife, Helen Ready Wunderle, died, their children, Janet and William, donated it back to the Haas Museum in their mother's name.

Through the years, many people have worked on the clock in an effort to keep it running. Paul White, owner of Medicine Center Pharmacy, spent countless hours working on it in 2003.

Submitted

A dedication will be held Friday, April 28, for Minerva's clock, located at the Haas Museum. The Minerva Historical Society recently had the clock repaired.

Last summer, the clock was refurbished and retrofitted with electronic works by Lumichron Commercial Clocks of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ministerial Assoc. to host National Day of Prayer May 4

The Carroll County Ministerial Association will once again host Carroll County's annual observance of The National Day of Prayer.

All Carroll County residents are invited to gather Thursday, May 4, in Carrollton's public square at noon (rain location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 N. Lisbon St., Carrollton) to lift our communities and our country in prayer.

If you have a need for personal prayer, people will be staying around after the event to meet and pray with you. You are encouraged to take a folding chair if you would like to sit during the program.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

Commissioners sign Fraternal Order of Police contract

By Nancy Schaar

The Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, April 13, and heard from Commissioner Bob Wirkner that a union contract has been approved between the Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Wage increases for dispatchers, deputies, corrections officers, and supervisors will be 6 percent for 2024; 4 percent in 2025, and 3 percent in 2026, for a collective bargaining agreement of Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2026.

Wirkner said that typically during the negotiation process, attorneys negotiate for each party. This time, since there was an agreement to negotiate without the use of attorneys, the money that was saved went to sheriff's employees as a bonus.

County Treasurer Jeff Yeager presented the first quarterly report for the Carroll County Investment Advisory Board. Interest rates on accounts totaling $31,849,436 were from 2.40 to 4.15 percent. The interest earned in the first quarter was $227,180.

Allison Redman, County Risk Sharing Authority Membership Services Manager and Chris Jones, McFadden Insurance agent, appeared before the board to discuss the 2023 CORSA renewal.

Redman said the average increase in CORSA program costs is 10 percent, while Carroll County's increase in cost is 8.1 percent, which is below the average increase.

In other business commissioners:

- AWARDED a contract to CCI Commercial Construction for $79,995 for the Health Department's storage building project.

- APPROVED a contract for $44,746 with Richardson Electric, LLC to install a generator for the 2021 CDBG Dellroy Community Center Project.

- ANNOUNCED commissioners will hold a second public hearing for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) PY23 grant program on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 9 a.m.

- APPROVED a contract with Ohio Regional Development Corpora-

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Judge Michael Repella II

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New Cases Filed

Michelle L. Rentz of 6361 Riverview Dr., Malvern, has filed a petition for a domestic violence civil protection order against Aaron L. Hilliard of 301 ½ S. Market St., Minerva; temporary protection order issued until May 13 and full hearing on petition set for April 25.

Jessica Gartrell of 6191 Crowder Rd. SW, Sherrodsville, has filed a complaint with a jury demand against Tara Wright-Timberlake of 122 S. Wooster Ave., Strasburg, seeking judgment in excess of $150,000 and damages. The complaint regards a divorce proceedings and pensions handled by the defendant who provided legal advice and assistance to the plaintiff.

Designation Made in New Ohio Law

Judge Michael V. Repella II has designated the Carroll County Prosecutor's office to make all notifications to victim(s) of hearings in the Carroll County Common Pleas Court regarding the new Marsy's Law (HB 343) pertaining to the rights of crime victims which became effective April 6.

Criminal Cases

Raymond H. Stull, 46, of 105 Maple St., Scio, has entered a not guilty plea to a March 1 indictment charging him with aggravated possession of drugs; case continued to April 27 for a pre-trial.

Bradley O. Drake, 42, of 77 3rd St. SW, Lot 4, Carrollton, has withdrawn a former not guilty by reason of insanity plea and entered a plea of not guilty to an Aug. 3, 2022, indictment charging him with three counts of aggravated possession of drugs and one count of drug paraphernalia offences; case continued to April 27 for pre-trial.

The Court has ordered the temporary protection order issued in Carroll County Municipal Court be certified to the Common Pleas Court and remain in full force and effect in the case of Clarence L. Lutz III, 43, of 630 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon, who was indicted April 5 for domestic violence.

The $50,0000 recognizance bond set Feb. 2, 2023, has been ordered revoked in the case of William Joseph Martin, 50, of 316 E. Grant St., Malvern, on a motion of the Prosecuting Attorney due to the defendant failing random drug/alcohol testing by the Carroll County Adult Probation Department in violation of the terms of his release involving a Feb. 1, 2023, indictment charging him with receiving stolen property and aggravated possession of drugs.

The three-year probation imposed Aug. 9, 2021, has been terminated in the case of Joseph A. Dinger, 39, of 3060 Bergholz Rd., Mechanicstown, who was convicted of tampering with evidence and obstructing justice.

The five-year probation imposed July 29, 2019, has been terminated in the case of Ross A. Amos, 37, of 849 Cherry St. E, Canal Fulton, who was convicted of receiving stolen property, aggravated possession of drugs, possessing drug abuse instruments and drug paraphernalia offenses.

Justin Allen Broad, 41, of 7474 Oakhill Ave. NE, Alliance, has withdrawn a former not guilty plea to a Sept. 7, 2022, indictment charging him with theft by deception and entered a guilty plea to the original 5th degree felony charge. Broad was sentenced to a three-year community control program on 19 conditions, which include successfully completing any remaining term of incarceration at Stark Regional Community Correction Center and paying all court costs within 36 months.

The case of Crystal L. McNutt, 40, of 9110 Kennison Ave. NE Ext., Mineral City, has been ordered dismissed upon the defendant's successful completion of her two-year intervention plan imposed July 27, 2020, when she was convicted of breaking and entering, grand theft of a motor vehicle and offenses with purpose to conceal or destroy identity.

A defendant's request for judicial release has been denied in the case of Anthony M. Corbin, 38, formerly of 3929 Mahoning Rd. NE, Canton, who is serving a two to three-year prison term imposed Oct. 1, 2021, when Corbin was convicted of felonious assault, possession of deadly weapon while under detention and escape.

Steven S. Flack, 54, of 11881 SR 164, Amsterdam, has withdrawn a former not guilty plea to a Jan. 30, 2023, indictment charging him with receiving stolen property (5th degree felony) and entered a guilty plea to an amended indictment charging Flack with operating a motor vehicle bearing an invalid license plate or ID mark (4th degree misdemeanor). Flack was sentenced to 30 days in jail, plus a $100 fine and all court costs with credit for 4 days of jail time served.

Divorces Granted

A divorce has been granted on grounds of incompatibility in the divorce action filed Oct. 26, 2021, by Stephanie J. Mihlbauer of 5696 Steubenville Rd., Amsterdam, vs. David A. Mihlbauer of 8242 Allensworth St., Amsterdam.

A divorce has been granted to each party on the grounds of mutual incompatibility in the divorce action filed Sept. 26, 2022, by Lowell B. Myers II of 559 Canton Rd. NW, Carrollton, vs. Christine M. Myers of 1260 Granada Rd. NW, Dellroy.

Vivian L. Iverson of 508 Lot 1, Citrus Rd., Malvern, has been granted a divorce from Matthew S. Iverson of 3268 Camille Rd., Sherrodsville; plaintiff restored to a former name of Vivian L. Snyder.

A divorce has been granted in the divorce action filed April 29, 2022, by Kim L. McLean of 588 11th St. NW, Carrollton, vs. Darrin R. McLean of 380 Steubenville Rd., Carrollton.

COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Gary L. Willen

Carrollton Police Department cases

Stephen Bernard of Wheeling, WV, traffic device violation, $50 fine, $95 costs; no operators license, $50 fine. Randal Rawson of Toronto, speed (39/25), $195 bond.

Ohio State Highway Patrol's case

Denise Duncan of 6071 Canton Rd. NW, R, Carrollton, assured clear distance, $155 bond.

State's Carrollton Police Department case

Justin Broad of 7474 Oakhill Ave., Alliance, petty theft, $50 fine, $176 costs, 135 days of a 180-day jail sentence suspended on conditions; petty theft, $50 fine, same jail sentence.

Sheriff's Department cases

David Hinton of 7074 Bay Rd. SE, Carrollton, criminal trespassing, $125 fine, $142 costs, 20 days of a 30-day jail sentence suspended on conditions; criminal damages, $125 fine, 80 days of a 90-day jail sentence suspended on conditions; assault of a police dog, $125 fine, 80 days of a 90-day jail sentence suspended on conditions; resisting arrest, $125 fine, 80 days of a 90-day jail sentence suspended on conditions. Justin Broad of 7474 Oakhill Ave., Alliance, petty theft, $50 fine, $117 costs, 135 days of a 180-day jail sentence suspended on conditions.

Civil Cases

New eviction and contract note actions filed during the past week included:

Eviction Action

Susanne Russell of 4300 Ruby Rd. NW, Carrollton, vs. Joshua Morris and Amber Kurtz of 4290 Ruby Rd. NW, Carrollton.

Paula Moore of 101 North Star St. NW, Carrollton, vs. William Baker of 101 North Star St. NW, Carrollton, and Bakers Sandblasting of 6164 Trench Rd., Amsterdam.

Contract Note Actions

Canton School Employees Federal Credit Union of Canton vs. Jacob R. Morgan of 203 Murray Ave., Minerva, $2,921.64.

LVNV Funding LLC of Greenville, SC, vs. Lauren Miller of 822 Pleasant Ave., Malvern, $944.97.

Citibank of Sioux Falls, SD, vs. Dominic J. Strada of 8005 Bachelor Rd. NW, Waynesburg, $8,220.40.

Credit Corp. Solutions, Inc. of Draper, UT, vs. Justin Collins of 1026 Lumen Rd. NW, Minerva, $1,559.06.

Judgments Granted

Midland Credit Management, Inc. of San Diego, CA, from Roy Ford of 7235 Wicker Rd. NW, Malvern, $3,424.97.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. of San Diego, CA, from Jennifer E. Elliott of 7224 Ryder Rd. NW, Waynesburg, $1,170.06.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC, of Golden, CO, from Brooke Barrera of 37 Iroquois Trail, Malvern, $543.63.

Contract Note Action Dismissed

Claim for $2,542.38, filed Jan. 30 by JP Morgan Chase Bank of Wilmington, DE, vs. Mary K. Wickersham of 3156 Lander Rd. NW, Malvern.

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Malvern academic instructor receives state award

An intervention specialist at Malvern Middle School and High School was honored recently at an awards assembly held at RG Drage Career Center between Canton and Massillon.

Katie Spencer was named The Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Honorable Mention award winner.

The award was presented by Brown Local School Supt. Mark Scott of the Ohio Department of Education State Support Team 9.

The Franklin B. Walter Outstanding Educator Award is presented to educators who have made extraordinary contributions to the education of students with disabilities.

Mrs. Spencer graduated from Mount Union University and earned a master's degree from Malone University. She has 19 years of teaching experience.

Supt. Mark Scott said: "Mrs. Spencer is a kind, dedicated and outstanding teacher and advocate for her students. She creates a nurturing and supportive classroom environment to ensure all students have the opportunity to grow and learn."

"Mrs. Spencer is very deserving of this award. Our school district and community are very fortunate to have her at Brown Local Schools," he added.

In response, Mrs. Spencer said: "It was an honor to be nominated and spend the morning with such dedicated, well-deserving educators and students. I have loved all 19 years of teaching students with special needs and look forward to the next 19."

Submitted

Mrs. Spencer is shown (center) with Special Education Director Dawn Kaufman and Supt. Mark Scott.

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Commissioners promote two

By Nancy Schaar

The Board of Commissioners held two separate executive sessions during its meeting on Monday, April 17.

The first session lasted 13 minutes and was to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. No action was taken following the session.

The board then moved on into a second executive session to consider the promotion or compensation of a public employee or official. They met for about 20 minutes.

After returning to full session, Board President Christopher Modranski stated that two employees were being considered for promotions and an increase in pay.

Commissioner Bob Wirkner said that the county now owns and operates several different buildings, county buildings in town and the Route 9 communication tower. Wirkner stated that all those buildings come under the responsibility of Ed Eick, building supervisor.

The Board agreed to promote Eick to Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and increase his pay to $25 per hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Wirkner then brought up for discussion the duties in the commissioner's office regarding office clerks in their office.

Wirkner advised that the office now has a shared management style and Clerk Melissa Schaar has taken the lead on several agendas in the office.

Commissioners promoted Schaar to Superintendent of Office Management and Clerks at a rate of $20 per hour. This was unanimously approved.

In other matters, Wirkner will seek clarification regarding the county's payment for the Next Generation 911 cost sharing plan with Morgan County.

When Carroll County was ready to sign on with Next Gen 911, several counties were joining together to make it more affordable.

Carroll County's share was set at $36,000 per year, but Wirkner said it was never specified when the county was to begin paying its share. He wasn't sure if it was when the equipment was purchased or when Carroll County went live with the program.

Assistant Clerk I Ronald M. Nuzzolillo advised that this week is National Work Zone Awareness Week. Drivers are asked to be aware of road projects, slow down and pay attention to road workers.

In Ohio last year, there were 4,477 work-zone related crashes. Those include 23 deaths from those road-work crashes. All of the fatalities were the drivers and their passengers in their vehicles at construction areas.

In other business, commissioners:

- AGREED to hire Skyler Neer as a Social Service Worker II and be paid a rate of $20.05, effective April 17, for the Department of Job & Family Services.

-ADOPTED Resolution 2023-14 authorizing the Ohio Regional Development Corporation to file a PY2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Application with the State of Ohio. It also authorizes the execution of an agreement with the ORDC for administration and implementation services.

- APPROVED permits for county highway right-of-way for Spectrum MidAmerica, LLC for aerial cable construction on Avalon Road in Harrison township.

- RECEIVED the weekly dog pound report with five impounded, six adopted out, three redeemed, zero euthanized, no citations for having no license and one citation for running-at-large.

Sherrodsville Council plans clean-up, paving

By Nancy Schaar

Sherrodsville Village Council held a lengthy discussion about streets and alleys in the village that need paved and/or patched during the regular meeting on Monday, April 17.

Lantzer & Sons Paving gave a quote that was acceptable to the board. With the money set aside for paving, the village will be able to pave Elm, Hazelton, and Mound streets. Streets to be patched include Lynn, Bellmar, and Keys.

If the funds set aside stretch further than anticipated, other streets will be patched or paved.

Village Clean-up Day will be held on June 24. Shredding services will also be available at no cost to village residents.

Dan Fantine from the Conotton Valley Softball Association discussed summer plans for the league to use the ball field for games. Fantine will maintain the field, but the village will continue to take care of mowing chores.

In other business, council:

- APPROVED Casebold Construction to make water damage repairs to the former village hall meeting room beside the bank. The cost is estimated to be $1,750.

- HIRED John Stine from Carrollton to work with the street superintendent and handle mowing, weed eating and other such duties as needed. He will receive $12 per hour and work an average of 20 hours per week.

- LEARNED that gas-and-oil royalties total $15,085 for the year. $36,000 was expected for the year, according to Gardner. Council was pleased with the increase.

- HEARD the Record's Retention Committee met to discuss materials to be destroyed. Items chosen are on the approved list prepared by the Ohio Historical Connection.

- REPORTED that the village received the property-tax settlement which was 56 percent of expected revenues.

- WAS REMINDED that the census count for 2010 showed 316 village residents. The census for 2020 shows 222 in the village.

- INCREASED the pay for the street supervisor to $500 per month. The village office cleaner will receive $35 per month.

- AGREED to purchase flags and poles for the downtown area.

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tion of Coshocton for the PY2023 and PY2024 Community Development (CDBG) allocation for administrative services.

- AUTHORIZED a change in bid date from May 5 to May 11, 2023, for the Arbor Road bridge replacement project.

- APPROVED a contract with Riley Petroleum Products to furnish petroleum equipment to the county highway department through April 20, 2024.

- FILED the monthly Child Support Enforcement Agency with 1,128 open and active cases.

- RECEIVED the weekly dog pound report for April 2-8, with two impounded, six adopted out, zero redeemed, none euthanized, and no citations for having no license or for running at large.

GREGG

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Team Member Beckett Dopp explained that the rollercoaster broke at one point during the timed challenge, but the crew pulled it together and finished with time to spare. Had they surpassed the limit, they would not have advanced to the global competition.

"I am super excited and proud," said Team Member Daleanee Devore. "Every year, we've been working harder and harder to get to globals," she quipped.

"I am extremely happy and excited for the long drive," added Team Member Connor Richardson.

"Just one word: Yippee!" exclaimed Team Member Lindsey Howell. "There are a lot of ceremonies and festivals all week," she noted.

Beckett, Lindsey, Connor and Nate have been together since the first grade while Daleanee and Olivia joined the team in subsequent years, and each time they kept an eye on the global goal. They first earned first place at regionals as third-graders but COVID prevented them from attending the state event. They returned to regionals again last year as fifth-graders and ranked second at the state contest with their challenge.

Submitted

Sixth graders who are members of the Us team are front, Nate Myers (left) and Beckett Dopp. Back, (from left) are Connor Richardson, Daleanee Devore, Lindsey Howell and Olivia Ferguson.

"It's awesome that we can keep going and we can keep doing it the next year. "I look forward to being in Kansas City," Beckett added.

"I'm excited about the puzzles, getting to meet the teams and seeing what they are doing for their challenges," Olivia continued, saying she also anticipated the pin-trading portion of their trip that involved creating a homemade pin and swapping them with the other teams.

Meanwhile, Dopp was thrilled to see them succeed.

"They decided to come back the next year and go to states. They had a goal to go after and they got it," she noted.

The team is currently soliciting businesses to raise funds for the trip while a spaghetti dinner, raffle and other ideas are in the works.

Us is the first district team to go to the global competition since Edison Local Schools reinstituted Destination Imagination in 2017. Prior to that, no other district team has possibly attended since around 2002.

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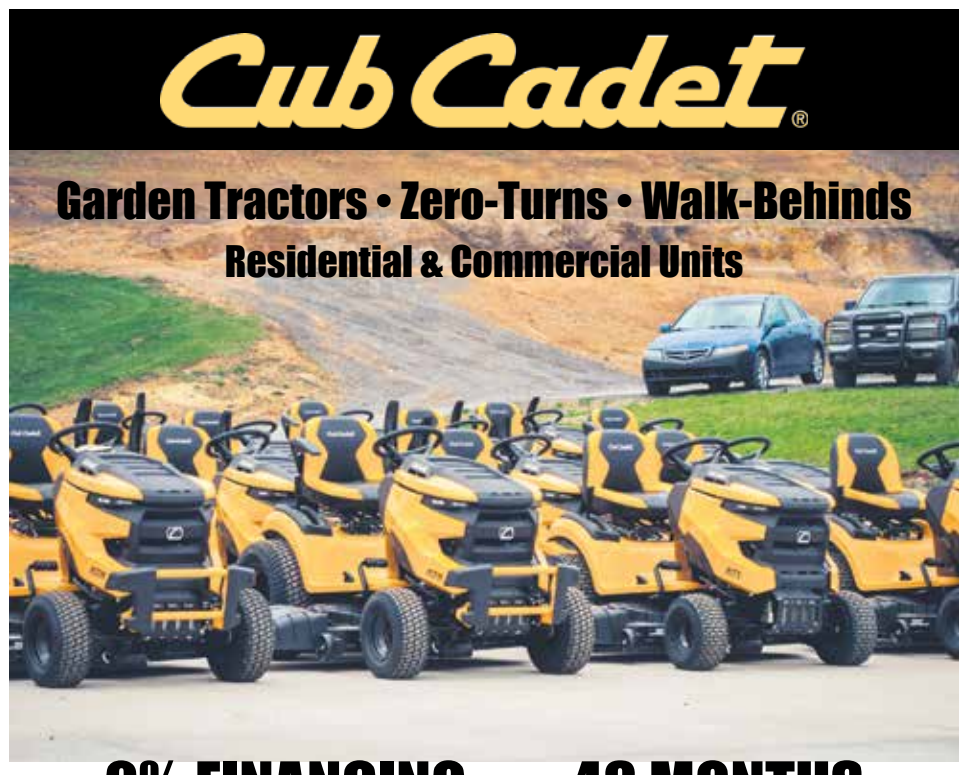

Robb Blasdel announces $500,000 in Technical Assistance Grants

State Rep. Monica Robb Blasdel (R-Columbiana County) has announced the region will receive $500,000 through the Appalachian Community Grant Program for technical assistance grants to local organizations, including Carroll County.

According to Rep. Blasdel, the State Controlling Board approved the funding during their meeting Monday, March 20.

The three $500,000 allocations include $250,000 for Carroll County to be used for hiring a project manager to assist with the development of projects the Carroll County Commissioners have proposed for grant funding.

The two other allocations include $175,000 for the Columbiana County Port Authority and $75,000 for the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber.

"It's great to see these investments coming to our communities as these projects are going to bolster our infrastructure, workforce, health care and much more across our region," said Robb Blasdel.

Only local government and government-related entities are eligible to apply, however, the program encourages collaboration.

The next State Controlling Board meeting is scheduled for April 3.

In response to the grant announcement, Carroll County Commissioner Chris Modranski said, "This is a very exciting time in Appalachia Ohio because of the investment that Gov. Mike DeWine and our state legislators are making in the 32 counties that make up Appalachia Ohio. In July 2022, Gov. DeWine signed HB377 into law appropriating $500 million and creating the Appalachian Community Grant."

Modranski explained the grant is split into two rounds. The first round includes the Technical Assistance (TA) funding and up to $50 million for development funds (this is for projects that would have already been planned and can be deployed within 90 days of award).

There was $250,000 set aside for each of the 32 Appalachian counties (sidenote – each county could have more than one TA application, but the amount awarded would not go over 250K total for each county). The TA (250k) that Carroll County was awarded will help guide us for our development grant in which we will apply for in the fall of 2023.

Modranski said the TA grant award will be utilized as follows:

Up to $75,000 to hire a ACG Project Manager. The PM will oversee operations of the ACG Steering Committee and Project Sub-committees; assure engineers/architects are on track for finishing preliminary design/costs; secure MOUs and Sub-recipient agreements.

Up to $160,000 to secure design firm(s) as needed for the development of projects.

Up to $15,000 to secure specialized, proven agency that specializes in developing entrepreneurial strategies and initiatives with small, rural Appalachian Counties.

Foster Care Awareness 5K promotes fostering children

The second annual Foster Care Awareness 5K and Prayer Walk on Sunday, May 7, at the Carroll County Fairgrounds, 106 Kensington Road NE, Carrollton.

Registration will start at 2 p.m. in the grandstand with the cost by donation. The welcome at 2:30 p.m., and the 5K race will start at 3 p.m. This event will happen rain or shine.

The race / walk was organized by two foster mothers, who hope to spread awareness about how residents can serve foster children, their birth families, foster families, kinship families, and adoptive families in the community. There will also be information about how to become foster parents which is also a great need in the community.

Those attending will also be able to purchase treats from the local Smith's Sweet Treats ice-cream truck at half price. There will also be chips and drinks available for purchase, free face painting, free popcorn, and some great outdoor games.

All the proceeds from the event will benefit the children and families in Carroll County directly impacted by foster care. For more information, email fromtheashes2017@gmail.com.

Submitted

Rain did not stop last year's Foster Care Awareness 5K and Prayer Walk. This year's event is planned May 7.

CHS Students of the Month chosen

By Don Rutledge

Carrollton High School's Students of the Month (SOM) for March are Mackenzie Burgett, daughter of Amy and Bryan Burgett of Carrollton, and Cadyn Smith, son of Jason and Lindsay Smith of Carrollton.

Following are responses to questions submitted by The Free Press Standard to each of the SOM students.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in both in and out of school?

Mackenzie: I am involved in Youth to Youth, Middle School mentoring, National Honor Society, cross country, track and field and 4-H.

Cadyn: Football basketball, baseball.

Do you have any special hobbies?

Mackenzie: I like to go on walks, run, workout, listen to music, help on our family farm, play cards and games with my cousins, and help others.

Submitted

Cadyn Smith

Submitted

Mackenzie Burgett

Cadyn: Beating my buddies Jaxon and Lincoln in Pickleball with my partner, Kris Mallarnee, also known as K7X.

Where do you plan to attend college?

Mackenzie: Kent State University.

Cadyn: Malone University.

What are your career plans?

Mackenzie: I plan to be a registered nurse. I want to specialize in a specific field and possibly go back to school for a higher degree.

Cadyn: Become an Optometrist.

What teacher, coach, family member or special friend has influenced you and why?

Mackenzie: I cannot choose one. Everyone that has taught, helped, loved, and cared for me, all have influenced me in great way. I am thankful for all my friends, family, teachers, coaches and anyone that has impacted my life.

Cadyn: Mrs. Incerpi because she challenged me to become a better student.

What advice can you give for success in life?

Mackenzie: Advice I would give others is to never give up on something you want and to not let others define who you are. Everyone is capable of anything and are worthy of it.

Cadyn: Challenge yourself; the easy road does not always mean it is the best road.

As Students of the Month, both become eligible for a $500 scholarship provided by Progressive (McFadden) Insurance Co. to one boy and one girl at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

The seniors, who are selected by the staff, also will be treated to lunch by the Carrollton High School Principal and have their pictures displayed at CHS.

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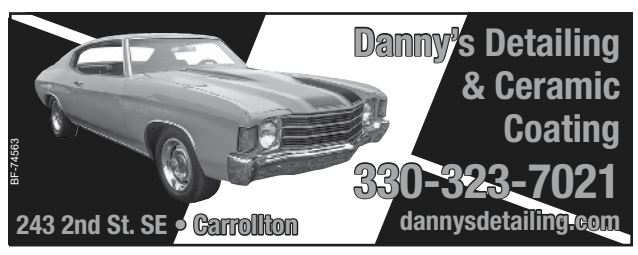

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, and Case No. 23-24-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority. In the application, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on January 6, 2023, and matters related to the Company's procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2030.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

(a) April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room FCE 111, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

(b) April 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Zanesville-Muskingum County Conference & Welcome Center, Heritage Hall, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

(c) May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State Community College, Arts & Science Building, Graham Auditorium, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

(d) May 22, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(e) May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at Ohio History Connection, 800 East 17th Avenue, Cardinal Classroom, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

An evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the Company's electric security plan will commence on July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Further information regarding this case may be obtained by: contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; viewing the case docket on the Commission's web page at http://www.puco.ohio.gov, Docketing Information System and entering the case number, Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO in the Case Lookup box; or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

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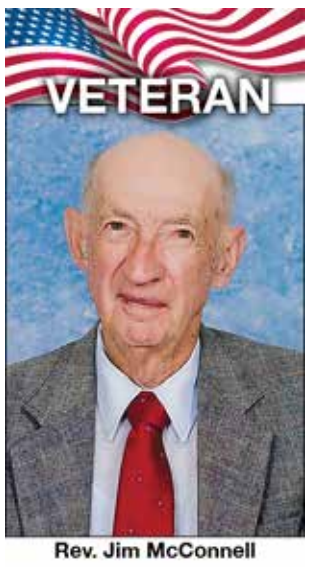

Rev. Jim McConnell

Rev. James "Jim" N. McConnell, 99, of Carrollton, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023, at Copeland Oaks in Sebring, Ohio.

Son of the late Robert R. and Callie (Waud) McConnell, he was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Jefferson County, Ohio.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II in the 736 tank battalion. After receiving his bachelor's degree of Divinity from Asbury University, Jim graduated from Oberlin Seminary. He was a minister in the United Methodist Church for 35 years, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jim was also a member of the East Ohio United Methodist conference and associated with the Carrollton United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son, Marvin L. (Linda) McConnell of North Canton; two grandsons, Michael and Matthew McConnell; and two sisters, Kathleen Wrkich, and Patricia Fellows of Mingo Junction.

Along with his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Grace M. (Tedrick) McConnell in 2007, whom he married June 15, 1958; two sisters, Maxine (Ross) Townsend, and Marge (Clyde) Beebe; and brothers-in-law, George Wrkich and Jim Fellows.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2023, in Westview Cemetery of Carrollton, officiated by Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh.

Jim loved to play shuffleboard, both indoors and out. A donation in lieu of flowers towards a shuffleboard roof will help others to also enjoy the game of shuffleboard in all kinds of weather, as Jim did.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's honor to Canton Parks and Recreation 1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton, Ohio 44718, Attention: Amie Biltz with "for shuffleboard roof" on the memo line.

Dodds Funeral Home assisted the family with services.

Robert L. Elifritz

Robert Elifritz

Robert L. Elifritz, 83, of Malvern, Ohio, passed away peacefully Thursday evening, April 13, 2023, in the Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

He was born March 15, 1940, in Leesville, Ohio, attended the former Dellroy High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

He was the son of the late Boyd and Mildred (Ashworth) Elifritz.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Genevieve Caldwell Shuman and Cynthia Strawder, and five brothers, Donald, John, James, Bill, and Dale Elifritz.

He is survived by his three children, Kimberly Elifritz of East Sparta, Aaron Elifritz of Magnolia, and Kathy Elifritz of East Sparta; his faithful companion, Loretta Woods; three grandchildren Avery, Paige and Jacob; two great-grandchildren; three siblings, Raymond Elifritz, Colleen Blymiller and Loretta Hupp, plus a large family of nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a private ceremony for the immediate family will be held at a later date.

Paquelet Funeral Home & Crematory, 330-833-3222. www.paquelet.com

Dessie M. Szakacs

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Dessie M. Szakacs, 81, of Carrollton, passed away April 15, 2023.

She was born Dec. 10, 1941, in Canton, Ohio, to Joseph Ferdinand Hann and Birdelle Annette (Kirkbride) Hann.

Dessie was a devoted Lutheran and a homemaker. She loved her animals dearly, fishing, riding motorcycles, and crocheting.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jimmy Szakacs; daughter, Rosemarie O'Donnell of Carrollton; grandsons, Andrew J. Chess of Florida, and Joseph R. Chess of the Phillippines; granddaughter, Morgan T. O'Donnell of Carrollton; great-grandson, Caleb J. Chess; two nieces, Danielle Boston and Rachael Williams; two nephews, Anthony Hann and Justin Hann; many cousins and her fur babies, Tinkerbell, Boots and Peaches.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Joseph William Hann, Sr.; her son, William John Chess, Jr.; and a nephew, Joseph William Hann, Jr.

A graveside service was held Thursday, April 20, 2023, at North Lawn Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. with Danny Grine officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an animal shelter of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Kreighbaum Sanders Funeral Home, 4041 Cleveland Ave. S, Canton, Ohio 44707.

Friends and family may share condolences and memories online at www.sandersfuneralhomes.com.

Christian Academy honor roll students listed

Students listed on the Honor Roll and Merit Roll for the 2022-23 third quarter of school at the Carroll County Christian Academy have been reported as follows:

Honor Roll
(3.67-4.0 GPA)

Grades 1-4: Emma Gingerich, Merrett Cunningham, Brielle Tangler, Camden Poole, Remmi Cunningham, Kendal Spurlock, Maddilyn Irwin, Quinn Fry, Landen Roberts, Kaliyah Fry, Liam Berlyak, Briella Tucker, Amelia Stoffer, Tenligh Parker, Nicholas Martel, Branson Mizer, Finley Hawk, Braiden Ty Wilson, Andi Warner, Ava Shepherd, Grady Snedden.

Grades 5-8: Alaunah Moody, Katelyn Haas.

Grades 9-12: None

Merit Roll
(2.67-.3.66 GPA)

Grades 1-4: Jacquelyn Powell, Brantley Garland, Jenna Steele, Brayden C. Wilson, Rocco Myers, Declan Loveless, Madisyn Wright, Talon Moore.

Grades 5-8: Heavenly McFall, Adrianna Hale, Brennen Roberts, Gabriella Kramer, Malia Schaar, David Powell, Olivia Powell, Cooper Fry, Amelia Shankel, Gavin Kramer.

Grades 9-12: Emmaleigh Hale, Danielle Shankel, Malachi Carson, Abigail Huggins.

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Community Church Directory

Submit your Church News to klewis@alonovus.com

BF-90026

Amsterdam

Kilgore Evangelical Church
8114 Germano Rd. SE, Amsterdam
330-739-5035 • Pastor Harold Miller
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. • Eve. 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Amsterdam Community Church of God
8247 Bear Rd SE, Amsterdam
740.543.3927 • Pastor David Guess
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m.
Men & Women Bible Studies Thurs. 7 p.m.

Augusta

Augusta Christian Church
8150 Andora Rd., NE, Augusta
234-247-1153
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Stillfork Presbyterian Church
Aurora Rd. NE, Augusta
330-844-2763 • Rev. Ryan Hale
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Service 10 a.m.

Bergholz

Bergholz Faith Community Church
Rt. 524, Bergholz • 740-768-2835
Pastor Chad Thompson • Worship 10:45 a.m.

Carrollton

Baxters Ridge United Methodist Church
4006 Jade NW, Carrollton
330-735-3187 • Rev. Richard Wallace
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible

Carrollton Baptist Temple
1211 Lincoln Ave. NW, Carrollton
330-627-5124 • Pastor David L. Powell
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed. 7 p.m.
Wed. Kings Kids & Youth 6:30 p.m.
Free Transportation For All Services

Carrollton Bible Chapel
Community Fellowship In Jesus Christ
365 Steubenville Rd. SE, Carrollton
330-627-7376
Senior Pastor Dr. Chuck Wilson
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Groups Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Carrollton Church Of God
371 Moody Ave., Carrollton
330-627-4406 • Pastor Jarron Fry
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
carrolltonchurchofgod.org

Carrollton Believers Fellowship
A God Experience For The Whole Family
PO Box 146 • 3006 Waynesburg Rd.,
Carrollton • 330-627-4848
Pastors Frank & Fran Leghart
Sunday 10 a.m.
Children's Classes & Nursery At All Service

Carrollton Church of The Nazarene
274 Fifth St., NW, Carrollton
330-476-6080 • 941-722-4483
Pastor Cynthia D Hervey
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Chestnut Ridge United Methodist Church
1177 Cinder Rd. NE, Carrollton
330-614-4395 • Pastor Lee Iden
Sunday Worship 11:45 a.m.

Church Of Christ (Christian Disciples)
353 Moody Ave. SW, Carrollton
330-627-4451• Mark Statler
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.

The Family Worship Center
Full Gospel Church
225 N. Lisbon St., Carrollton 330-627-5589
Pastor Diana Bowling-Ruoff
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Children's Church after Praise & Worship
Wed. Night Prayer 7-8 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
200 N. Lisbon St., Carrollton
330-627-4330 • Rev. Tim Dyck
Worship 10:30 a.m.

The Bridge
Carroll County Fairgrounds
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Harsh Bible Church
4236 Lunar Rd., Carrollton
330-494-7559 • Minister Ed Good
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Heaven's Edge Apostolic Church
1196 Brenner Rd. NE, Carrollton
330-324-7969 • Pastor Bill Grimes
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Carrollton First United Methodist Church
253 S. Lisbon, Carrollton 330-627-7671
Senior Pastor Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh
Associate Pastor Rev. JP Snyder
9:00 a.m. Service
Yellow Brick Church - 253 S. Lisbon St.
www.carrolltonfirstumc.org

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
89 Canyon Rd. SW, Carrollton
330-627-2219 • Pastor Rick Dawson
Youth Pastor Jonathan Naylor
Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group 6-12th Grades, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Handicap Accessible

North Suburban Church of Christ
1067 N. Lisbon, Carrollton
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.
Free Bible Study Correspondence Course

Old Path Bible Baptist
295 E. Main St., Carrollton
330-340-5828
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m

Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church
748 Roswell Rd. SW, Carrollton
330-627-4664 • Pastor Fr. Jonas Shell
Masses: Sat. 4:30 PM & Sun. 8:30 AM
info@olmcarrollton.org • www.olmcarrollton.org

Seventh-Day Adventist
450 12th St., Carrollton • 330-627-7777
Pastor Jesse Santos
Saturday Services
Sabbath School 2 p.m. • Church 3 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Handicap Accessible

Trinity Lutheran Church
275 N. Lisbon, Carrollton
330-627-4840 • Rev. Andrew Riggs
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wesley Community Chapel
569 12th St. NW, Carrollton
330-627-2917 • Rev. Gordon Warner
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth and children ministries

VoAsh Lake Chapel
Non-Denominational Church
6702 Morningside Dr. SW, Carrollton
Pastor Ben Boggess
Saturday Worship 10 a.m.
Monday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Dellroy

Christ Community Church
20 East Main St., Dellroy
330-735-2127 • Pastor Scott Welch
Men's Group 8 a.m. • Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship Service & Kids Church 10 a.m.
www.loveled.org

Dellroy Church Of The Nazarene
7 Liberty St., Dellroy
330-735-2609 • Rev. Jullie Kelley
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
We are Handicap Accessible

Dellroy Methodist Church
1 West Main St., Dellroy
740-706-6456 • Pastor Ken Ogg
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible

Jewett

Harrison Hills United
Pentecostal Church
87800 Cadiz-Jewett Rd., Jewett
740-946-2851 • Pastor Phillip Spellman
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m. • Youth Service 5 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Kensington

Kensington First Christian Church
11035 Canal Street, Kensington
330-223-1048 • Pastor Gene Hydrick
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30 a.m.

Kilgore / Harlem Springs

Grace Community Church of Carrollton
3168 Apollo Rd. NE, Carrollton, OH 234-
458-3073 • 717-250-2254
Pastor Ray Druckenmiller
Worship Services: Sunday, 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Meeting in the Lee Township Building

Kilgore-Harsh Memorial
United Methodist Church
Rev. Mark Thomas
Kilgore: Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Harsh Memorial, Harlem Springs
330-739-3472
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday Contemporary Praise
& Worship Service, Followed By
Small & Youth Groups 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Magnolia

Sandy Valley Baptist Temple
530 Elson St., PO Box 482, Magnolia
330-866-3254
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Preaching 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Malvern

Damascus Friends Church
Malvern Campus
Former Malvern High School
401 W. Main St., Malvern
330-605-8435
Campus Pastor Jamie Roton
Sun.: Worship Experience 9:30 a.m.
Mon.: Celebrate Recovery 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Adult Groups & Youth 7:00 p.m.
**Childcare available at all service times*

First Christian Church of Malvern
4046 Coral Rd. NW., Malvern
330-863-1303
Lead Minister Kenny Thomas
Children's & Youth Activities
Young Adult & Senior Adult Ministries
Thursday Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Traditional Service: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary: 10 & 11:30 a.m.

Malvern United Methodist Church
121 Wood St., Malvern
330-863-0009 • Pastor Aaron Linard
Worship 9:00 a.m. • Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Youth: Sunday Evenings 6:00 p.m.

New Vine Baptist Church
423 East Porter St., Malvern
330-627-5972 • Pastor Steve Gilreath
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
105 S. Reed Ave. Malvern
(The Former Village Florist)
330-205-2359 • 330-863-0178
Pastor Kevin Mcleod
Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Follows Service
www.resurrectionlutheranonline.com

Mechanicstown

Herrington Bethel Church
4009 Arbor Rd., Mechanicstown
330-627-5291 • Pastor Chuck Naylor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
www.herringtonbethel.com

Corinth Presbyterian Church
7004 Salineville Road
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Minerva

Catholic Community of
Minerva & Malvern
PO Box 275, Minerva • 330-868-4498
Pastor Rev. Fr. Victor Cinson

First Christian Church
300 W. Lincoln Way, Minerva
Pastor: Jason Jackson
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Bible School 9 a.m. • Bible Study 6 p.m.
Childcare at all services for all ages.

Hope Community Church
133 Bonnieview Ave., Minerva
Sunday Service 10:30
hopecommunityonline.org

St. Francis Xavier
125 Carrollton St., Malvern
Saturday: 4 p.m. • Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m.

St. Gabriel
400 W High St., Minerva
Saturday: 6 pm. • Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m.

Grace Chapel
825 Valley St., Minerva
330-868-6700
Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m.
For more information,
see www.gracechapel.cc

Great Trail Community Church of God
16561 Liberty Church St SE, Minerva
330-868-6117
Pastors Rachel & Michael Galarneau
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday CR 6:30 p.m.
MOPS 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9 a.m./6 p.m.

Minerva United Methodist Church
204 N. Main St., Minerva
330-868-4940 • Pastor Peggy Garner
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Mt. Zion Church Of God
13353 Lincoln St., Minerva
330-868-1016
Pastor Leamon R. Whitehead
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

New Franklin
United Methodist Church
16540 Lisbon Street, S.E., Minerva
Rev. Susan Bowman, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. • Worship 10:30

Pleasant Grove-Mt. Zion United
Methodist Church
Pleasant Grove
5230 Arrow Rd. NW, Minerva
330-895-2011 • (Cell) 740-262-8103
Pastor Linda Bradley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. • Worship 11:45
Mt. Zion
2004 Bellflower Rd., Minerva
PO Box 163, Augusta • 330-895-2016
Worship 8:45 a.m. • Sunday School 10:00
Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
(Vertical Chair Lift Available, Elevator Like)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
515 East Line St., Minerva
330-868-4918
Sunday Worship 9:15am

First Presbyterian Church of Minerva
204 Edgewood Dr., Minerva
Worship service, Sunday 9:30A.M.
Prayer service Wed. 7:00 P.M.
Ph. 330-868-5230

Perrysville

Perrysville-Pleasant Hill
United Methodist Church
Rt. 164, Perrysville • Pastor Dixie Hendricks
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship 10:30

Pleasant Hill
Scio Rd. SW (Rt.332), Carrollton
Worship 9 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.

Salineville

Riley's United Methodist Church
Rt. 39, Salineville • Pastor Linda Baker
Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sherrodsville

Sherrodsville Calvary Methodist Church
338 Church Street, Sherrodsville
740-269-2118 • Pastor Ken Ogg
www.calvaryumcoh.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Live streamed on the website
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Bible Study: Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Handicap Accessible

Waynesburg

St. James Church
400 W. Lisbon St., Waynesburg
330-866-9449
Rev. Joseph Zamary, Pastor
Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Mass Sunday 9 a.m.

St. Mary Of The Immaculate
Conception Catholic Church
8012 Bachelor Rd., NW, Waynesburg
330-627-4664

Waynesburg Freewill Baptist
8600 Waynesburg Dr. SE, Waynesburg
Pastor Raymond Stanley
Sunday Morning 10AM
Wednesday Bible Study 6PM

Celebrating 90 Years of Serving the Community
Ashton's 5¢ and 10¢ Store
60 W. Main St., Carrollton 330-627-2340

The Ashton House Museum
Open April-December
120 3rd St. NW, Carrollton
330-627-2682

Bud's Flowers & Gifts
80 W. Main St., Carrollton
330-627-5114

DeNoon Lumber Co.
571 Co. Highway 52, Bergholz
740-768-2597

BULLETIN BOARD

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SENIOR CENTERS

• **Carrollton Friendship Center** -Malvern Nutrition Site - Sherrodsville Lions Club - Curbside pickup continuesMonday through Friday at Carrollton, Malvern, and Sherrodsville. Cost is $2.For all reservations,call the Friendship Center at 330-627-7017 before 8:30 a.m. Monday – Chicken cacciatore, baby bakers, broccoli, fruit salad, dinner roll/margarine. Tuesday – Bean & ham soup, house salad, beets, banana, juice, corn bread/margarine. Wednesday – Salisbury steak, noodles/gravy, capri blend vegetable, apricots, bread/margarine. Thursday – Souper chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, dinner roll/margarine. Friday – Sloppy joe, French fries, peas & carrots, pears, bun.

• **Minerva Senior Center - Din**ing room meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Curbside meals will be from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. All meals include bread and milk. Diabetic salads and desserts are available upon request. Phone 330-868-6004 by noon on the day you plan to participate. Monday – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, pea salad, pears. Tuesday – Boneless pork chops, stuffing, applesauce, cake. Wednesday – Smoked sausage w/peppers & onion, potato wedges, broccoli/grape salad, banana split dessert. Thursday – Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, ambrosia. Friday – Beef & broccoli w/white rice, tossed salad, peach crisp.

• **Warren Twp. Community** Centerserves lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Monday for in-person or drive-thru. The cost is by donation. Call 330-365-9240 for take-out. Menu for April 24 is hamburgers & cheeseburgers, Italian sausage soup, tossed salad, coleslaw, cottage cheese,applesauce, pickled eggs & beets, cook's choice for dessert.

SUPPORT GROUPS

• **C-Town NA (Narcotics Anon**ymous) meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Carrollton Bible Chapel on Steubenville Road, Next to H&M Tire. This meeting is for people who are dealing with an addiction and follows a 12-step program.

• **Caregiver Support Group at** The Friendship Center, 100 Kensington Rd. NE, from 2-4 p.m. (usually) every 3rd Monday of each month. For more info. call Pat Lake, RN at 800-945-4250 ext. 4901.

• **Grief Support Group at The** Yellow Brick Church, 253 S. Lisbon St., Carrollton, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. The first Tuesday meeting is at 10 a.m. The third Tuesday meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

• **Alzheimer's & Dementia** Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Minerva YMCA.

• **SOS Loss Support Group** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Aultman Carrollton in the Community Room. If you have been impacted by suicide loss, you are welcome here.

MEETINGS

• **The Carroll County Retired** Teachers Association luncheon and meeting will be held April 21 at 11:30 at the Villa Restaurant, 701 Crest St., Carrollton. We will order from the menu, but please help us plan seating by notifying Joyce Ferguson by e-mail at joyce739@frontier.com or text 330-205-1066.

• **Workforce Development** Area 16 Council of Governments will be holding an in-person public meeting April 21 at 10 a.m. at the Harrison Co. JFS Building, 520 N. Main Street, Cadiz. Items to be addressed at this meeting include fund transfers, program updates, WIOA performance and government agreements. All meeting documents are posted at omj16.com approximately 10 days prior to the meeting.

• **The Muskingum Watershed** Conservancy District Board of Directors will meet April 21 at 9 a.m. at Kent State University Tuscarawas, 330 University Dr. NE, New Philadelphia.

• **Carroll Co. Animal Protec**tion League will meet at the Carroll Co. Dist. Library on the following dates: May 11 & June 9. The library is located at 70 2nd St. NE and meetings are held in the meeting room located inside the front doors to the right. Doors open at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

NOTICES

• **Minerva's annual vil**lage-wide garage sales will be May 4-6. Anyone who would like their address put on the map, please email pattiw@ci.minerva.oh.us or call Patti at 330-868-7705, ext. 151. The cutoff date for adding addresses is April 28. Maps will be available online and at Village Hall only starting May 3. The village-wide cleanup day will be May 20.

• **The Carroll County Health** District will host a Retire the Tire event on April 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Carroll County Fairgrounds behind the Grandstands, 160 Kensington Rd. NE, Carrollton. There is a limit of 10 tires, no rims, per Carroll County residential address. For more information, call 330-627-4866 ext. 1522.

• **All area musicians are invit**ed to join the Malvern High School marching band for the Memorial Day parade Monday, May 29, and meet in the Malvern post office parking lot at 8:30 a.m. wearing red, white, and blue. Those interested should contact Jeneva Ford (fordj@brownlocalschools.com) for music and additional information.

CHURCH EVENTS

• **Harsh Bible Church will be** hosting gospel singer and witness Juanita Phillips April 22 at 6 p.m. Followed by dinner after concert. Public welcome. The church is located at 4236 Lunar Rd. NE, Carrollton. For questions call Pastor Ed Good at 330-499-7559 or 330-312-3649.

DINNERS

• **All You Can Eat Pancake &** Sausage Breakfast at New Franklin United Methodist Church (corner of state Route 172 and 183) April 22 from 7-11 a.m. Adults $6; children $3; under 6 is free.

• **Spaghetti Dinner at Mechan**icstown Church April 29 from 4-7 p.m. Donations for cemetery upkeep. Music by Keith Barnett.

• **Fundraiser Breakfast for** Bluebird Valley School April 29, 8-11 a.m. at Dellroy Community Hall, 4 E. Main St., Dellroy. Menu consists of sausage gravy, homemade biscuits, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, bacon, pancakes; desserts are cinnamon rolls & frozen fruit slush; drinks are coffee, orange juice and water. Bring your friends!

• **The Scio Volunteer Fire** Department will host its monthly roast-beef dinner on April 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Scio Fire Hall, 318 W. Main St. The all-you-can-eat meal is $15 for adults, and $8 for children younger than 10. Eat-in or carry-out is available.

ONGOING EVENTS

• **Free Clothing give-away to** anyone who needs it every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Dellroy Church of the Nazarene from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Anyone welcome.

• **Euchre at Warren Twp. Com**munity Center every second Tuesday of every month. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. $5, bring quarters. 1st place, $10 and 2nd place, quarters. Bingo starts at 12:30 p.m. every Monday. The Loft Resale Shop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays. Corn Hole games are held Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Men's basketball night at 6 p.m. every Thursday. Everyone is welcome. WTCC is located at 3986 New Cumberland Road NE, Mineral City. Any questions call 330-365-9240 or 330-260-9528, or email thewtcc@yahoo.com.

• **Music for Meals at the** Friendship Center the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6-9 p.m. All donations benefit Meals on Wheels. There will be free coffee and punch provided. The café will be open with limited items and snacks available.

• **Wood Carvers classes at the** Carroll County Arts Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m.

• **Sweet Pickin's Dulcimer** classes at the Carroll County Arts Center every 2nd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. No charge. Dulcimers available to use. Classes upstairs.

• **4-week course of Yoga for** Beginners w/Janelle Cookson at Carroll Co. Arts Center on the following dates: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, all from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All 4 classes for $40. Call 330-627-3739 to register.

• **Grief expressed through art** at Carroll Co. Arts Center, Mondays in May (May 1, 8, 15 & 22) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Art honors our loved ones as a tangible memorial. Join us for one or all 4 sessions as we use guided imagery to reflect on loved ones to create art to take home. $25 per session. Call to pre-register, 330-627-3739.

• **Power Yoga w/ Taylor Bell at** the Carroll Co. Arts Center every Tuesday in May from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost for all 4 classes is $40.Call 330-627-3739 to reserve your spot.

• **Slow Flow Yoga w/Janelle** Sneddenat the Carroll Co. Arts Center every Tuesday in May from 6-7 p.m.The cost for all 4 classes is $40.Call 330-627-3739 to reserve your spot.

• **Gentle Yoga w/Janelle Sned**den at the Carroll Co. Arts Center every Thursday in May from 5:30-6:30 p.m.Cost is $10 per class. Call 330-627-3739 to reserve your spot.

• **The OSU Extension Office, in** cooperation with the Carroll County Common Pleas Court, is hosting a Successful Co-Parenting Program designed to help parents minimize the negative effects of separation and divorce on children as they adjust to the process of parenting together while living apart. Classes are offered 2-4:30 p.m. April 18, May 16 and June 20 at the OSU multipurpose room at 540 High St. NW, Carrollton. Pre-registration is required the Friday before the class is held by calling 330-627-4310. Registration is $25 per person and payable in cash the day of the session.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

• **Sunset Silhouette acrylics** class w/Cheri Bell at Carroll Co. Arts Center April 21 from 3-5 p.m. Cost is $35. Call the Center to reserve your spot, 330-627-3739.

• **Local author of 'Oh, Susan**nah', Gary Beckley, will visit Carroll Co. Dist. Library April 22 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. to promote his book and sign copies.

• **Earth Day Family Class at** Carroll Co. Arts Center April 22 at 1 p.m. Create a fun terrarium from repurposed coffee pots. $10 covers all supplies (bring your old coffee pots or small fairy garden items if you want). Space will be limited so call to reserve your spot, 330-627-3739.

• **St. John's Villa is hosting a** spring craft show April 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 701 Crest St. NW, Carrollton. For more information, contact 330-627-9789.

• **Grounding Yin Yoga & Reiki** for Earth Day at Carroll Co. Arts Center April 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is $35. Call to reserve your spot, 330-627-3739.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Minerva's Roxy Theatre and** Krackpots Comedy Club of Massillon present nationally touring comedian Pete George for one night only, Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are general admission, with a limited number of front-row/VIP seats and can be purchased online at eventbrite.com. Downtown restaurants will be open throughout the evening, and concessions and a food truck will be available at the theater. The village's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area will be in effect from 5-10 p.m. Patrons may purchase beverages in official DORA cups from the Normandy Inn, Stoney Inn, Que Pasa Mexican Restaurant, and Sandy Springs Brewing Company and carry them throughout the designated area, including into the Roxy. For more information, call 330-809-0360. The Roxy Theatre is located at 114 N. Market St., Minerva.

• **The Minerva Area Historical** Society will host a town clock dedication April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Haas Museum, 128 N. Market St. The community is invited to attend, and the ceremony will include remarks by historical society President Chip Syme and refreshments will be served.

• **Paint with T – Bring a friend** and come paint April 29 at 4 p.m. at Carrollton Masonic Temple, 75 3rd St. NE. Cost is $35. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome.

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CARROLL COUNTY Sheriff's Department

• April 10 – A Fargo Road, Rose Township, resident reported a man threatened to shoot his dog.

• April 12 – A firearm was stolen from a location on Alliance Road in Brown Township.

• April 14 – Deputies investigated theft at a residence on Hale Road in Rose Township.

• April 14 – A firearm was stolen from a location on Apollo Road in Fox Township.

Accidents

• April 10 – Aston Stucan of Mace Road, driving a 2017 Chevrolet Cruze, ran off state Route 39, Roswell Road, into a ditch, struck a culvert and re-entered the ditch before coming to rest in a driveway.

• April 11- Myah Howell of Richmond, OH, driving a 2014 Jeep Patriot, struck a 2021 Freightliner driven by Steven Pugh of Lisbon, that was stopped for traffic on state Route 9 in Augusta Township.

CARROLLTON Village Fire Department

• April 8 – Firefighters were called off an alarm drop on Crest Street NW.

• April 10 – Firefighters directed traffic and cleared the roadway following a one-car rollover accident at the intersection of Roswell and Chapel roads.

MINERVA Police Reports

• April 7 - Police received a report for a theft from a storage unit from a business on Bayard

Road.

• April 10 - Shane Oyster of Alliance posted bond on warrants out of Minerva Mayor's Court for failure to pay fines and cost for drug abuse and illumination of rear light. Information was obtained for a report and the warrants canceled.

• April 11 - Police received a report for a disorderly male at a business located on E. Lincolnway. Mark Benson of Canton was cited for disorderly conduct by intoxication and trespassed from the business. Benson is scheduled to appear in Minerva Mayor's Court.

• April 13 - While on a traffic stop police cited Hannah Arkenburgh of Malvern with speeding and charged Cruz Bates of Carrollton with drug abuse. Arkenburgh and Bates are scheduled to appear in Minerva Mayor's Court.

• April 14 - Police received a report for a suicidal subject from a residence on Marihill Drive. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Accident

• April 11 - Joshua Campbell of Minerva laid down a motorcycle on E. Lincolnway. No injuries and minor damage reported.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Richard Lee Bausell, 40, and Jessica Johana Bohorquez Lupu, 39, both of 4301 Hagerstown Rd. SE, Carrollton.

NOTICES

• Lisa Borton of Minerva has been hired by the Carroll County Board of Elections as the new Republican clerk. She succeeds Deloris Kean, who has been named deputy director.

STARK COUNTY GRAND JURY

• Stark County Prosecuting Attorney Kyle L. Stone announced the Grand Jury reported an indictment against the following individual(s): Tanner R. Karcher, 30, of 8838 Oakhurst Ave. SE, Waynesburg – Trafficking in marijuana.

CARROLL COUNTY COURT NEWS

• A Carroll County criminal case is scheduled to be heard by the Seventh District Court of Appeals on the record and submitted briefs without oral arguments July 19. The case involves Timothy A. Skidmore, 44, formerly of 173 Henry St., Akron, who is serving a 36-month prison sentence imposed in Carroll County Common Pleas Court July 11, 2022, upon conviction of aggravated possession of drugs.

BENCH WARRANTS

• Bench warrants have been issued by Carroll County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge Sean R.H. Smith for the arrest of the following individuals for failure to appear for support contempt hearings scheduled for April 12: Brady Cooper of 40 E. Washington St., Alliance; Alison Brown of 8777 Sequoia Ave. SE, Waynesburg; Sabrina Williams of 1700 Gateway Blvd., Canton, and Jacob Offenberger of 8167 Old Canal Lane NW, Malvern.

CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY REPORT

• A total of $329,594.64 was collected by the Carroll County Child Support Enforcement Agency during March for child and spousal support and/or medical support paid to families and/or the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for public assistance. According to Carroll County Prosecuting Attorney Steven D. Barnett, $8,066.75 was paid to the county treasurer for processing charges. Processed during the month were 6 new cases filed with orders, 9 new cases opened or transferred in without orders, 21 contempt hearings held, 4 administrative orders established, and 5 administrative review hearings filed for enforcement of cases. The Agency is currently handling 1,128 open/active cases.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

• CARROLL COUNTY: State Route 542 will close just north of Dellroy for 150-days for the replacement of the bridge over Atwood Lake. The detour is state Route 183 east to state Route 800 south, state Route 800 south to state Route 212 east, state Route 212 east back to state Route 542, and reverse. The completion date for the entire project is June 30, 2023.

• HARRISON COUNTY: The closure that was set to begin March 28 for state Route 151 in Bowerston has been postponed until further notice due to utility relocation delays. The road will remain open until the utility relocation work is complete. Traffic will be maintained via flaggers. An advanced notice of closure will be shared when the future date is determined.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

• Wally Smith, Wallace F. Smith to James and Amy Myers, Lots 1414-1415, Yogi Bear, $3,000.

• Carl Stout, Carl P. Stout to James and Amy Myers, Lots 1416, 1417, Yogi Bear, $3,000.

• Taylor Ballard to Ethan Jarrard, 1.000A, East Twp., $79,500.

• Fred App ACQ LLC, Front Range Energy Partners LLC to Front Range Energy Partners LLC, Front Range Energy Partners Fund III LLC, 1.607A, Orange Twp., 0.064A, Perry Twp., $4,200.

• John R. Waugh to Adam and Amanda Chaddock, Lots 1029, 1030, Lake Mohawk, $750,000.

• David G., Linda L. and Malinda L. Kurtz to Andy L. and Martha B. Byler, 14.875A, 8.400A, Lee Twp., $350,000.

• Margaret A. Garner, Margaret Ann Garner to Kelly Ann Williamson, Lots 24, 25, Morges, $65,000.

• MGI 1955 LLC to Mountain Lion Oil & Gas LLC, 42.951A, Brown Twp., 49.493A, 7.475A, Harrison Twp., 35.030A, 55.089A, 54.538A, 29.740A, 57.428A, 28.415A, Rose Twp.

• Herbert L. and Lucas M. Hebron to Fritz Dairy Farms LLC, 7.006A, 5.006A, Augusta Twp., $40,000.

• Michael J. and Lisa R. Leslie to Carroll County Airport Authority, 9.180A, Center Twp., $44,100.

• Michael J. and Lisa R. Leslie to Michael J. and Lisa R. Leslie, 11.113A, Center Twp.

• Kyle S. Hight to David Burge, Lots 6, 7, Carrollton, $129,900.

• Basil Newbold Jr. Trustee, Basil Newbold Jr. Revocable Trust, Edith A. Newbold, Basil Newbold Jr., to Basil Newbold Jr. and Edith A. Newbold, Lots 35, 36-38, Mechanicstown; 0.120A, 0.575A, 2.64A, 0.038A, .164A, Fox Twp.

• Brian Kinsey to Dawn Kinsey, 5.050A, Orange Twp.

• Dawn Kinsey to Thomas S. Simmons, 5.050A, Orange Twp., $154,500.

• Russell T. Thurston, et al, to Reliance First Capital LLC, 1.653A, Rose Twp., $104,700.

• EAP Ohio LLC to EAP Minerals Ohio LLC, 0.637A, Perry Twp.

• Frank R. and Kay D. Fondriest to Jacob and Ada Delagrange, 13.453A, Harrison Twp., $350,000.

• Kim Hidey, Kim McLean to Rusty McLean, Lot 81, Center Twp.

• Dale and Tina Tittle to Darrell A. and Lynda S. Pitzer, Lot 238, Yogi Bear, $2,000.

• Dale and Tina Tittle to William P. Cunningham, Jamie N. McDanel, Lots 239, 240, 241, Yogi Bear, $10,500.

• Michael W. Maley Trustee, Maley Family Trust to Almos Jorge Nanco, Almos Jaszmin A. Nanco, Jorge Nanco Olmos, Jazmin A. Nanco Olmos, 17.808A, Brown Twp., $107,800.

• Judy M. Griffith to Dee Ann Booth Jones, Lots 17-18, Loudon Twp., $15,000.

Conotton Valley Garden Club teaches children about plants

The Conotton Valley Garden Club members were so happy to participate in teaching Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Randulics' second graders at Conotton Valley about planting.

Jennifer Love presented an informative program including pictures explaining how plants and flowers grow. She explained how important it was to have good soil full of nutrients, sunshine and water to have a successful garden. They also learned the importance of how seeds spread for future growth.

During her presentation, the children were given plant holders which they decorated, filled with potting soil and planted Zinnia seeds followed by watering them. The children were a delight and had plenty of questions and were engaged in learning.

Marilyn Ribo, Lois Dudgeon, Kelly Love, and Peggy Rutledge helped with the program and were thrilled with the children's discipline, creativeness, and energy.

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Area high schools announce the dates of their proms

It's high school prom time!

Dates of upcoming proms for local and area schools within The Free Press Standard's circulation area are as follows:

Carrollton High School – Carrollton High school's 2023 prom will be held Saturday, April 29, at the high school. The promenade will begin at 5 p.m. with the crowning scheduled for 6:30 p.m, followed by dinner at 6:45 and dance from 7:30-10 p.m. Theme of this year's prom is being kept a surprise until the night of the prom, according to McKenzie Hagey, prom coordinator.

Conotton Valley High School – Saturday, April 29, at the Emerson Hall Event Center in New Philadelphia. The theme is "A Night Under the Stars". Troy Milburn will be the DJ, and pizza and philly subs will be provided by Bob Zontini's Wood-Fired Pizza and Casey's Snack Shack.

Malvern High School – "An Enchanted Evening" is the theme of Malvern's prom to be held Saturday, April 22, at Varian Orchards for a night of dinner and dancing. A promenade will take place before the prom a Malvern High School. Doors for the Promenade will open to the public at 5:15 p.m. and students will be introduced at 5:45 p.m. The Prom King and Queen, Prince and Princess will be announced at the promenade.

Minerva High School – Minerva High Schools Prom is Saturday, April 29, with a "Night in Italy" theme. A promenade will be held at MHS from 5-5:30 p.m. for any interested student in participating. The prom will be held at Waters Edge in Louisville with the doors opening at 6 p.m. and dinner to start at 6:30. The King and Queen will be crowned at 9:30 p.m. and at the conclusion students will be able to return to MHS for Post Prom activities until 12 a.m.

Sandy Valley High School – Saturday, April 29.

Southern Local High School – Friday, April 21. The theme is "Candy Land". Grand march starts at 5 p.m. Court will be announced and crowning at that time. Prom follows at Drake's Landing in Canfield.

Edison High School – The Edison High School 2023 prom court has been selected and activities will be held Sunday, April 23, at Hidden Acres in Mingo Junction. The promenade will be held at the high school at 5:30 p.m. prior to the dance, which starts at 7 p.m. with the theme "A Night in Wonderland." This year's king and queen candidates include Ashton Ellis, Coleman Holly, Shane Smith, Aiden Ferguson, Matthew Whitehill, Decker Lancaster, Jaycee Blake, Cole Jackson, Laney Riccardi, Sophia Smith, Anna Wadas, Bayleigh Gump, Nicole Zullo, Holley Scott, Morgan Martin and Pam Johnson.

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Numerous projects planned by Carrollton Garden Club

The Carrollton Garden Club is preparing for a new season with lots of projects.

Civic projects include planting flowers at the McCook House, Carrollton's Public Square and Blue Star Marker, Post Office and the Senior Friendship Center at the fairgrounds.

An appreciation was shared at the Club's April meeting for the $400 donation from Carrollton Village Council to assist with these projects. Nellie Nye and Vickie Reed will make plant selections.

Ways and Means projects will include a garage/plant sale June 1, 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vickie Reed's residence, 239 S. Lisbon St., manning the Hot Dog stand at Sander's Market, a Mum sale and a Christmas auction.

During the meeting, it was reported enough bottle caps have been collected to purchase a bench for the school. Members also discussed getting an additional one for the 5th Street field.

In other business, correspondence was received from Loaves and Fishes for the club's donation of 72 pounds of sugar, along with a thank you for the club's donation to Penny Pines, which is used to plant trees in Ohio.

The April program, "Brewing Teas" was presented by Club Member Kathy Horn, who shared various methods for drying herbs, including air, oven and dehydrators.

Horn told club members dried herbs are safe from bacteria and mold and retain their flavor and potence for up to one year. She concluded her program by brewing and serving herbal teas in special teacups.

The club's next meeting is Monday, May 1, at 2 p.m. in the Seventh Day Adventist Church social room on 12th St. NW. Laura Miller Frase will speak on "Native Gardening for Pollinators."

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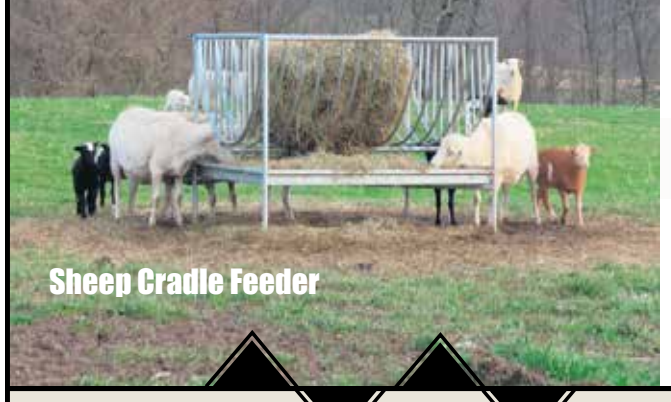

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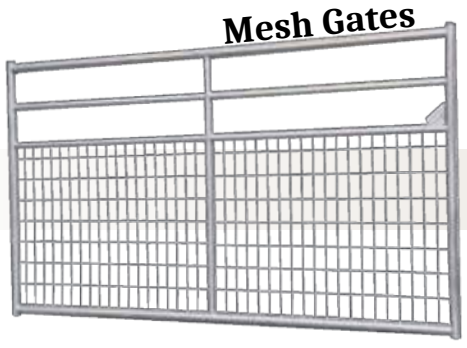

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CHS band state event this Friday

Due to a superior (I) rating received by the Carrollton High School Concert band at the District 8 Ohio Music Education Association's large group competition in March, the band qualified for state competition this weekend.

According to CHS Band Director David Dickerhoof, the CHS band is scheduled to perform at 8:55 p.m. this Friday, April 21, at GlenOak High School located at 1801 Schneider St. NE, Canton.

Dickerhoof said the band will perform three numbers for the stage adjudicators, including Front and Center March by Gene Milford, Among the Stars by Lisa Galvin (the required Class C number), and Laramie by David Shaffer.

Following their stage performance, the band must sight read and perform a music selection they have not seen for their final overall rating. The stage performance is free and open to the public.

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Carolyn Leggett
Center Township Fiscal Officer
Carrollton, Ohio – Carroll County

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 22-23

Ordinance No. 22-23 An ordinance accepting and authorizing Amendment #10 to the Village of Minerva Employee Benefit Plan and declaring it an emergency.

Passed: April 11, 2023

Mayor Timothy N. Tarbet

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

Resolution No. 23-23 An resolution authorizing expenditure from American Rescue Plan Act funds to be allocated to revenue loss under the Department of Treasury standard allowance and declaring it an emergency.

Passed: April 11, 2023

Mayor Timothy N. Tarbet

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To view all sale details and terms for this property visit www.Auction.com and enter the Search Code 2022CVE29966 into the search bar.

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Solid Waste Landfill Other Authorizing Action
Carroll County Landfill
3163 Chase Rd. NW, Carrollton, OH 44615

ID #: MSWL019397

Date of Action: 04/11/2023

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(F), approved the corrective measures monitoring plan for Carroll County Landfill, located at 3163 Chase Rd. NW, Carrollton, Ohio 44615 in Carroll County. This authorization is subject to all rules, regulations, and specified conditions and can be viewed here: https://tinyurl.com/OhioepaIA.

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PERMIT NUMBER D-0052
MINING YEAR 27
DATE ISSUED: 7/19/1982

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D-0052, Year 27, Phase 3 Bond Release on 2.6 acres located in Sec 31, Hanover Township, Columbiana County and 1.4 acres located in Section 6 East Township, Carroll County, Ohio. Successful reclamation was completed in July 2008, with seeding completed in August 2008, in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. $1,500.00 bond is on deposit, of which $1,500.00 is sought to be released.

Written objections, comments, or requests for a bond release conference may be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg H-2, Columbus, Ohio 43229, Attn: Bonding Section, in accordance with paragraph (F)(6) of Revised Code Section 1513.16. Written objections or requests for bond release conferences must be filed with the Chief within 30 days after the last date of this publication.

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1. **Proverbs 16:20 "...whose trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." Faith and trust in God who created us and owns us is a sure way to happiness.**
2. **I Timothy 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great fain." Godliness is a result of faith and trust in God. The Bible is God's will revealed to us and tells us how to live a godly life.**
3. **Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God..." Many things in life seem pressing, but we must put the most important things first. It doesn't really matter how much or how little we have. What really matters is whether or not God is in our heart and we have the resulting godliness and hapiness.**

The things that satisfy our five senses are subject to decay and their satisfaction fades away. We are called to "lay up for 'ourselves' treasures in heaven, where neighter moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through not steal." (Matthew 6:20) The sould of man never dies and the things that satisfy the sould are the things that make life whole.

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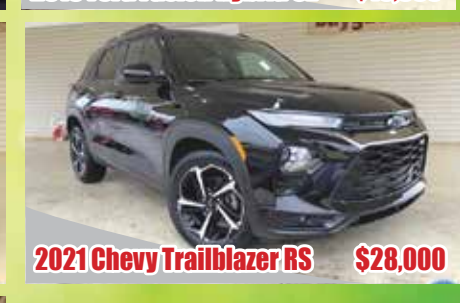
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MAGNOLIA, OH 44643
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1441 SCOVILLE AVE. SW, CANTON, OH 44706
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345 N. RIVER RD., MUNROE FALLS, OH 44262
Ranch Home & 2-Car Garage

Tues. - Apr. 25, 2023 - 5:30 PM
13721 EDISON ST., ALLIANCE, OH 44601
44+ Acres W/ Farm Home

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9474 ASBURY RD., MANTUA, OH 44255
Backhoe - Farm Equip. & Implements - Misc. Items

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9456 COLUMBUS RD. NE, LOUISVILLE, OH 44641
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Dump Trucks - Skid Loader - Trees & Nursery Stock

Thur. - Apr. 27, 2023 - 11:00 AM
2150 ALBERTSON PKWY, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44223
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738 CANTON RD., AKRON, OH 44312
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Ends: Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 12:00 PM
CANTON, OH 44706
Lawn Mowers - Woodworking Tools - Generator

Fri. - Apr. 28, 2023 - 4:00 PM
6595 BLOUGH AVE. SW, NAVARRE, OH 44662
Three-Bedroom Home - Trailer - Van - Antiques

Starts: Wed. - Apr. 28, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Ends: Mon. - May 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM
4517 GUILFORD AVE. NW, CANTON, OH 44709
Auto - Motorcycles - Furniture - Tools - HH

Sat. - Apr. 29, 2023 - 10:30 AM
9351 STRASBURG BOLIVAR RD. NW, STRASBURG, OH 44680
Tractors - Farm. Equip. - Dodge Truck - Golf Cart

Starts: Mon. - May 1, 2023 - 12:00 PM
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5095 SHAMROCK AVE. NW, NORTH CANTON, OH 44720
Clean Furniture And Household

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5785 BEECHWOOD AVE., ALLIANCE, OH 44601
Woodworking Tools - Hand Tools - Antiques

Mon. - May 1, 2023 - 5:00 PM
142 HOOD DR., CANFIELD, OH 44406
2,458 SF Home - Two-Car Attached - Two-Car Detached

Tues. - May 2, 2023 - 12:00 PM
3821 20TH ST. NW, CANTON, OH 44708
Brick Ranch Home - 4 Bedrooms - 2.5 Baths - Furniture

Tues. - May 2, 2023 - 12:30 PM
330 (448) STEUBENVILLE RD. SE, CARROLLTON, OH 44615
Cozy Ranch Home - 2013 Ford Focus

Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 12:00 PM
1519 31ST ST. NE, CANTON, OH 44714
Updated Bungalow Home

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Ends: Tues. - May 9, 2023 - 5:00 PM
15529 PLAZA DR., EAST LIVERPOOL, OH 43920
Furniture - Glass & China - Tools

Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 12:30 PM
515 48TH ST SW, CANTON, OH 44706
Ranch Home & Contents

Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 4:30 PM
6770 SKYLANE ST NW, NORTH CANTON, OH 44720
Brick Ranch Home On Cul-De-Sac - Firearms - Tools

Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 5:00 PM
1110 MICK RD., WELLSVILLE, OH 43968
Two-Story Home On 1.9 Acres - Furniture - HH

Wed. - May 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM
BACON RD. NW, CARROLLTON, OH 44615
29.03 Acres Mostly Open Land - Carroll County

Thur. - May 4, 2023 - 12:00 PM
5095 SHAMROCK AVE. NW, NORTH CANTON, OH 44720
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Thur. - May 4, 2023 - 1:00 PM
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Fri. - May 5, 2023 - 4:00 PM
9456 COLUMBUS RD. NE, LOUISVILLE, OH 44641
Antiques - Tools - Coins - Monthly Consignment

Sat. - May 6, 2023 - 10:00 AM
32563 LEWIS RD., SALINEVILLE, OH 43945
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0901
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0904
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0915
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All-American Toad sings for spring, all 7,000 species of them

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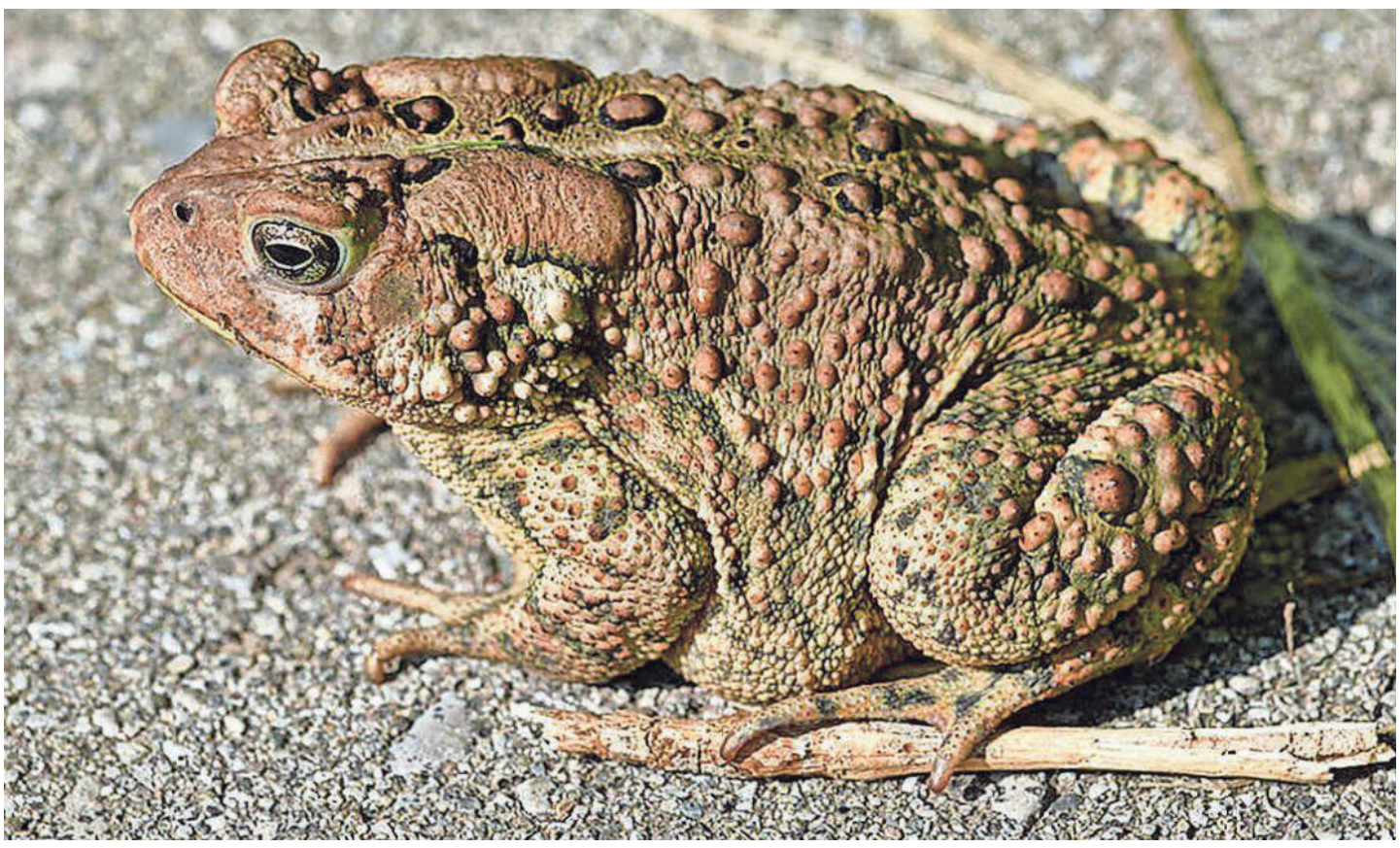

An Eastern American Toad PUBLIC DOMAIN PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KEN BAKER, COLUMNIST

One of the first truly warm nights of the year, and I'd fallen asleep on top of the sheets. But not for long. Down the block, a woman was screaming at someone, making her outrage crystal clear to them and all the world. Or so I assumed; all I could make out was her terrible fury.

Eventually, the room fell quiet again. I reached over to the cellphone on the nightstand and shook it awake. A quarter to two. Sheesh.

A soft breeze half-heartedly set the blinds scraping along the sill by an open window, but soon gave it up, as if to say, "Really, what's the point?" All lay still now except for the high-pitched, monotone trilling of a distant telephone.

One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three, one thousand four, one thousand five, one thousand six...

A six second ringtone?

American toads are singing about spring

Ah, no. We've had a mild winter for Ohio and it's mid-April. That's mister American toad, *Anaxyrus americanus*, calling to let us know it's spring at last. He's informing any lady American toads in the area he's set up shop in a shallow little pond about a quarter mile away, he's open for business, and he is, quite frankly, gorgeous.

The mating song of the male American toad (females don't sing) can run up to a half-minute, and the sound of his trilling can carry a surprisingly long distance. It's likely you're familiar with the song, even if you don't know you know it. (YouTube Songs of the American Toad.)

There are about 7,000 species of frogs and 570 species of toads in the world. North America is home to plus or minus 85 frogs and 20 toads (depending on which taxonomist you consult), Ohio has 12 frogs and 3 toads. The American Toad's range covers almost the entire eastern half of North America with the exception of the deep South and Northern Quebec.

In general, frogs have smooth, moist skin while toads have dry warty skin. But not really. Everyone calls the profusion of lumps all over most toads' back and legs warts, but they're just bumps that look like warts. Real warts are caused by the human papilloma virus which doesn't affect amphibians.

So, the widespread belief that you can get warts from touching a toad is just a myth. That said, you should still give your hands a rinse after handling a toad. Behind each eye, toads have a large swelling called a parotoid gland that secretes a milky fluid containing a collection of noxious compounds called bufotoxins.

However, with the exception of the Colorado River Toad of the Southwest and the invasive Cane Toad ,which now has a solid foothold in Florida, the bufotoxins in the skin of most North American toads are pretty mild. They won't irritate your skin, but you don't want to let your dog mouth a toad. Its skin will cause her to foam at the mouth and she'll not make that mistake again.

While bufotoxins provide protection against some predators, garter snakes, water snakes and especially hognose snakes seem to have no culinary problem with them. Neither do crows and owls. Raccoons dislike their taste, but have developed a work around by flipping a toad over, eating the belly and leaving the toxin-rich back skin and head.

Toads are not big fans of deep water

Unlike frogs, toads aren't very good swimmers, so they typically seek out shallow water bodies like roadside ditches and vernal (temporary) pools in wooded areas created by melting snow and spring rains. Really, almost anywhere they can find vegetation covered by 4 to 6 inches of water for the several months it takes their tadpoles to mature into inch long toadlets.

Toads' dry skin provides effective protection from dehydrating and, after the breeding season, American toads can often be found quite a distance from water – in open woods, agricultural fields and meadows, suburban lawns and gardens.,

On the other hand, you're unlikely to see them during the depths of summer. They can't take the heat, so they'll spend the day hunkered down in some moist hiding place like beneath a log or buried in deep litter. They'll venture out at night to hunt insects, spiders and earthworms, often returning to the same favorite hiding spot as the day warms up.

Cool toad tidbit No. 1: Like most amphibians, American toads shed the outer layer of their skin every couple of weeks while growing and three to four times a year once mature. The skin, which comes off in one piece, is eaten. It's called dermatophagy.

Tidbit No. 2: Rather than drink water, they absorb moisture through their skin, especially the soft belly skin covering the pelvis.

Tidbit No. 3: Frogs and toads can't use their tongues (which are attached to the front of their mouths) to swallow. However, by blinking their eyes, the backs of their eyeballs roll into the roof of their mouths, pushing their prey down their throats.

Ken Baker is a retired professor of biology and environmental studies. If you have a natural history topic you would like Dr. Baker to consider for an upcoming column, please email your idea to fre-newsdesk@gannett.com .

TODAY IS: BANANA DAY

National Banana Day is centered in Ireland, where it was first celebrated in 2017. It is promoted by Fyffes, a fresh produce and fruit importing company, and has been acknowledged by other fruit companies such as Dole Food Company and Chiquita Brands International. It supports a national drive to encourage healthy eating, especially for children, and reminds shoppers to think of bananas as a nutritious and natural food that they can add to meals or eat as convenience food. It also highlights how the banana is fun and versatile.

The banana is the most popular fruit in the United States and around the world. The average person eats about 100 of them a year. They are the cheapest fruit and are also one of the most perishable.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO, *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, and Case No. 23-24-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority*. In the application, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on January 6, 2023, and matters related to the Company's procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2030.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

(a) April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room FCE 111, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

(b) April 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Zanesville-Muskingum County Conference & Welcome Center, Heritage Hall, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

(c) May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State Community College, Arts & Science Building, Graham Auditorium, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

(d) May 22, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(e) May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at Ohio History Connection, 800 East 17th Avenue, Cardinal Classroom, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

An evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the Company's electric security plan will commence on July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Further information regarding this case may be obtained by: contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; viewing the case docket on the Commission's web page at http://www.puco.ohio.gov, Docketing Information System and entering the case number, Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO in the Case Lookup box; or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

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"offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt's." It's not that Stefanski and Van Pelt, among others on staff, haven't spent months since last season ended trying to craft an offense best suited to Watson.

It's that point specifically. It's going to be an offense that fits the unique skill set that Watson brings to the field, while not forgetting the other players — specifically, All-Pro running back Nick Chubb — around him.

"I think everybody knows that it was unique obviously to transition in-season in that way," Stefanski said at the NFL Combine. "But I think that's where this is such a great offseason for us and for Deshaun and for our offense to spend some time this spring and into this summer and seeing all those things that fit what Deshaun does well, that fit what Nick and the rest of the crew do well. So I think we're excited about that, but it is a process. It's going to take some time."

The Browns have added several new players to that offense. Most notably, they traded for still-young receiver Elijah Moore and signed veteran receiver Marquise Goodwin, while also signing Jordan Akins, one of Watson's former Houston Texans tight ends.

Now, how does all of that start to come together? The media won't get a true glimpse until late May's OTAs, but the players will get a chance to see it starting Monday.

How does Jim Schwartz's defense start to take shape?

The biggest change organizationally for the Browns after last year's 7-10 season was at defensive coordinator. Joe Woods was let go and veteran defensive coach Jim Schwartz was hired.

Schwartz's mission is simple. He has to get a defense that has been inconsistent at best to play much more consistently.

The tools are there, at least on paper. Schwartz has All-Pro edge rusher Myles Garrett, Pro Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward and a handful of intriguing young players from which to start.

On top of that, the Browns went out in free agency and made sure to add to that group. Defensive tackle Dalvin Tomlinson (Vikings), edge rusher Ogbonnia Okoronkwo (Texans) and two-time Super Bowl champion Juan Thornhill (Chiefs) were among the biggest-ticket additions over the last month.

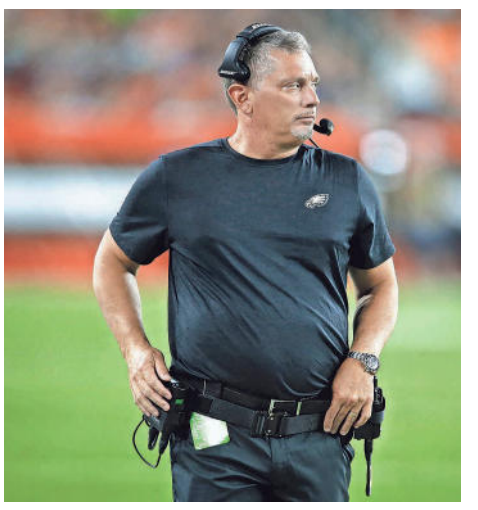
"We're all thrilled with the guys that we've been able to add really at all levels of the defense," Stefanski said at the NFL meetings. "Like we talked about earlier, you're always looking for more, and I promise you every coach wants more. But, yeah, Jim and the staff, they're excited. We're meeting for a long time right now, just trying to figure out where we want to go with this defense and hammer it away so that April 17 we're ready to go when the players show up."

Does Greg Newsome II's complaints about role linger?

The offseason had been, relatively speaking, free from major off-the-field headlines. Watson still has two outstanding lawsuits from women alleging sexual assault or sexual misconduct in massage appointments he has been dealing with, and 2022 fourth-round pick Perrion Winfrey was arrested last week in Texas for misdemeanor assault of his girlfriend.

Outside of those two obviously still serious issues, most of the news around the Browns has concerned on-field things. That includes the one potential controversy that did crop up involving cornerback Greg Newsome II and his complaints about his role as the slot corner.

Newsome, the 2021 first-round pick, made it clear multiple times on social media over the last few months that he didn't like being the Browns' primary slot cornerback a year ago. It all came to a head when a report came out last week that he was looking for a trade, which he and newly rehired agent Drew Rosenhaus quickly dismissed.



Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz watches during the second half of an NFL preseason football game against the Cleveland Browns in 2018.
RON SCHWANE/AP

Both Newsome and Rosenhaus said all's well, especially after a conversation with Schwartz. The only real question is whether or not there's any lingering effects into the offseason program, particularly if he still finds himself playing a high number of snaps in the slot.

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Lakota

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McDaid and Jayson Bennington are options to pitch.

"Kenny plays center field," Biddle said. "He's got a great arm. He can fire that ball. As a pitcher, he keeps us in games. He's consistent."

McDaid returns to the mound after an injury, after leading the team at the plate last season.

"He plays first base and bats fourth," Biddle said. "His bat's on fire. I'm pretty sure he's 12 for his last 13. He rocks the ball."

Freshmen Izreal Smith and Brayden Gilts can pitch as well. Bomer is steady behind the plate.

"Coach [Aaron Bomer] says catcher calls the game for us," Biddle said. "He's great back there. Nothing gets by him, he throws kids out at second base like it's nothing all the time."

Bomer occupies the coaching helm for a second season. Zach Graber, Mike Dussel and Chad Biddle are his assistants.

"He holds us accountable," Biddle said. "His high expectations drive us. He's also wrestling coach for some of us, that winning mindset. We're there to win so we'll do what we can to win."

Jacob Newell and Carson Hill play second base, Cole Roush left field and Mitch Rosser right field. Drew Matz is in the varsity mix.

Lakota started the season 9-4, including 8-1 in its last nine. It lost three games during a tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, before winning the first eight games upon return.

"Myrtle Beach was an awesome trip," Biddle said. "We were there for business, baseball, but it was a bonding experience. To see that level of competition was awesome. We brought that back and started a win streak in Ohio."

The Raiders lost Saturday to Van Buren.

"We've been great at bat," Biddle said. "Everybody is hitting the ball through the lineup. We have over 70 steals as a team. We're getting on base and scoring. Except for one, the games we won were by double digits for runs.

"We score a lot, we hit a lot."

Lakota's narrow victory over Hopewell-Loudon built confidence in a different way.

"That shows, in close games we can push through," Biddle said. "We settled down and closed the game. We stayed calm and finished."

The Raiders won the SBC River Division crown outright last season.

"The coaches have high expectations and that pushes us," Biddle said. "Last year is motivation, knowing we can do it. We're chasing that league title."

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Hartline

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tline while he was in the hospital overnight, but he was unconscious while on medication. The report noted his room had a "strong odor of an alcoholic beverage."

A former wide receiver for the Buckeyes, Hartline has been on staff since 2017, and the fast-rising assistant coach was elevated to offensive coordinator in January.

The promotion put Hartline in place to possibly call plays for the offense this fall as coach Ryan Day considers delegating those responsibilities for the first time.

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Two 90 MM, T-25 Anti-Tank Guns were secured by VFW Post 9772 in 1959. One was placed at the Post Home on West Main Street. The other was put on display at the Mt. Orab Cemetery.

The Guns Came from the U.S. Army Depot in Alabama. Post Quartermaster Wilson Sroufe arranged for their hauling.

Scotty Schindel rented a truck and trailer from Danbury Towing in Williamsburg. Floyd Ott and his father drove to Alabama to secure the two Guns.

Up on return to Mt. Orab, Glen Rhoades from Rhoades Construction

used his crane to place the Anti-Tank guns onto their respective display pads.

When the Post home was closed and sold in 2010, the Gun that had been proudly displayed in front of the Post was moved to the Green Township Park in Greenbush Ohio.

In 2022 the display pad was found to be severely cracked. That fall the Gun was removed and taken to Hurricne Hurricane Concrete song Custom Classics in Hamersville for sandblasting and painting. A new reinforced display pad was poured by Heath Terwilliger Concrete at the same location.

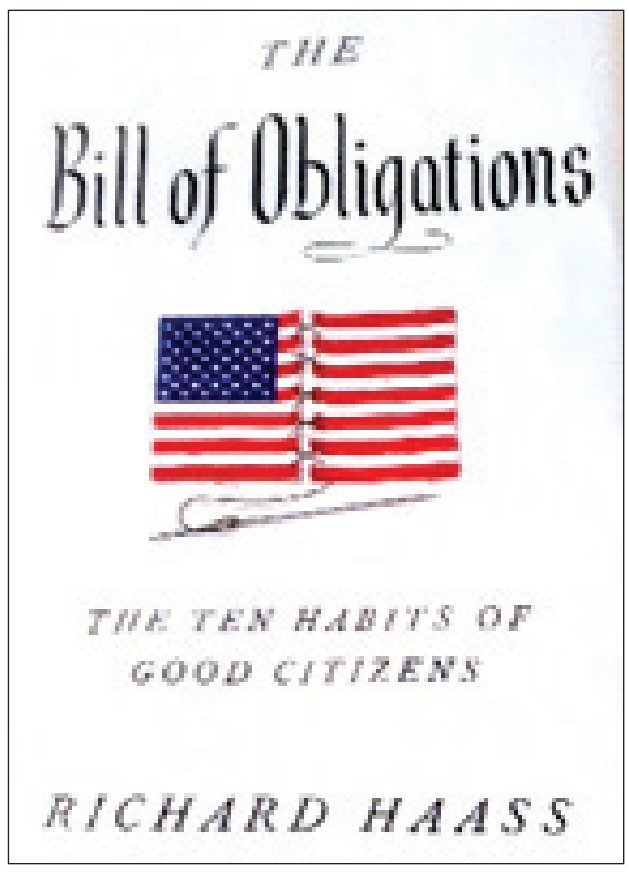
On October 29th, 2022, the Gun was returned for display at the Park.

A monument was secured that tells about the Gun and placed on the display pad, dedicating the display to all of our veterans.

'Bill of Obligations' part 3

A book review by Stan Purdy

This is part two of an 11-part series by Stan Purdy on a book by Richard Haass, president of the Council of Foreign Relations, entitled The Bill of Obligations.



"Bill of Obligations" Habit No. II - Get Involved

Our democracy is a representative government, that is, voters elect candidates to represent them as opposed to voting directly on the issues. It is very important, then, that voters are knowledgeable about the candidate they're voting for and what she or he stands for. Those winning candidates set the policies in their elected offices. In order to elect the best candidates voters must be part of the elective process.

Richard Haass in his book Bill of Obligations writes, "The most basic measure of democracy Is being involved in voting."

He says that only 50%-60% of the eligible voters actually vote.

Among the reasons voters don't vote is their belief that their vote won't count. Haass sites many examples where elections are decided by a few votes. Elections for township trustees, school board members, council members and county officers in Brown County are frequently are decided by just a few votes. Every vote does count!

Voting is not the only way to get involved - running for office, campaigning for your candidate choice, contributing money to a campaign, work in the board of elections or be a poll worker.

Connie Ayers, Director of the Brown County Board of Elections, reports, "Given the questioning attitude toward elections and harassment of poll workers, nationally ,it is harder than ever to get enough poll workers."

We also need to speak out against those institutions and "individuals" (added by reviewer) who traffic in misinformation and conspiracy theories, according to the author.

Author Haass reminds us democracy is not a "spectator sport." We need to get involved.

Next week: Habit No. III, "Stay Open to Compromise."

Stan Purdy is a retired Georgetown attorney, president of the US Grant Homestead Association, and writes articles for The News Democrat, Ripley Bee, and Brown County Press.

RULH Board of Education to meet April 20

The Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington School District Board of Education will have their regular meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Lecture Hall.

Super Crossword

Answers

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HCAT hosting Earth Day event

The Hamersville Community Action Team is hosting an Earth Day event. They invite the community to get their hands dirty planting flowers, cleaning up, and repairing picnic tables. It is encouraged that everyone brings their tools to help beautify the Hamersville Community Park. Volunteers are needed for assistance on April 22 at 9 a.m. Drinks will be provided, but attendees are advised to bring their own snack.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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The Scio Methodist Church has announced the hours for its upcoming Rummage Sale. Dates and times are as follows: Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.–noon. Lots of treasures.

Please contact me with any notices, news, or upcoming events that you would like included in this column. scionews@myyahoo.com or 740-945-4844.

REMINDERS:

The band "Twice as Nice" will be appearing at the Scio American Legion on Saturday, April 8, from 8-11 p.m.. Open to the public. No cover charge.

The Conotton Creek Trail Meeting will be held Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at Scio Branch Library, lower level meeting room. The public is invited.

DID YOU KNOW?… In the 1940s, there was a Duckpin Alley (a variation of the sport of bowling) located above the former Neimayer Pharmacy.

HOPEDALE
By John Wilson

Hi everybody, hope you had a great week. Looks like spring is not going to let winter get back in. My 4-H pigs will be here this month, so I know summer is right around the corner.

The Hopedale Church of Christ would like to invite you to attend the Easter worship services on Sunday, April 9. Sonrise service will be held at 7 a.m., Sunday School at 9 a.m., and service at 10 a.m.

The Hopedale Presbyterian Church will be holding a sunrise service at 7 a.m. with breakfast to follow. All are welcome to attend.

Don't forget the Hopedale Legion Fish Fry will be held every Friday through Lent from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., or they run out. They have fish dinners, fish chunks, fish tails, shrimp, and a seafood platter. Dine-in or carry-out. Call ahead and place your order at 740-937-9995.

The next Hopedale Fire Department Flea Market will be held on April 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make sure you bring the kids and stop by. Money raised will help pay for new tables at the Social Hall.

If you have news, remember to please drop me a line at hopedale-news@yahoo.com. Hope everybody has a great week and a Happy Easter.

HOLLOWAY
By Susan Adams

John Stewart will be celebrating his 85th Birthday on April 13. John was originally from Freeport and lived in Holloway from 1959 - 2019 minus the time he served in the Army. While living in Holloway, he was a fireman for many years and served as fire chief. He was on the village council and served at one time as mayor of Holloway. To send a greeting: John Stewart, 163 Meadowpark Dr, Apt 115, Cambridge OH 43725. He is doing well, and all the birthday wishes would make a special day even more special. Let's shower him with at least 85 cards. One for each year of his life.

The Flushing Volunteer Fire Department will be holding fish fries from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent. Call 740-968-4700 for orders. All dinners include fries and a choice of cole slaw or mac & cheese. Fries can be substituted for onion rings for an extra $1.

Saturday, April 1, the Holloway UM Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Holloway Old Timers. A really nice group of children ages 1-12 participated. There was a "Golden Egg" for each age group and lots of nice gifts. They hid 940 eggs. They got to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. It was windy, but no rain. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to all who have donated and to all who worked so hard to make this project such a success to help make wonderful memories for the children and their parents.

Save the date: Saturday, May 20, 2-4 p.m., Annual Ladies Tea Party at the Holloway United Methodist Church. Public Welcome. Put your fancy hat and dress on and join the ladies for an afternoon of tea, snacks, and fun. Cost is $5 per person. There will be a door prize and you can buy tickets for their raffles.

The Holloway UM Church is still holding services on Sunday at 9:30 am. The church looks beautiful and ready for Easter Services on April 9.

The Holloway Volunteer Fire Department project for veteran banners is ongoing. You can still order a banner for a veteran. Check out the Holloway VFD Activities page on Facebook and click on Veterans Banners for directions and to print an order form. Memorial Day will be here sooner than we know, and this is a perfect opportunity to honor a veteran. The Flushing Business Association and Committe Project group are working on hanging banners also. Check out their Facebook page for information.

The Holloway Old Timers Association needs help in planning the 2023 Old Timers Baseball Festival that will take place in early September. Active members are few thus making it difficult to prepare and pull off a great festival. That has been the biggest challenge. If you can help out, if you have any ideas (including contacts) for any activity, please contact the group through Messenger on Facebook. As with any festival, they are asking for donations. Food, prizes, soda, and water. Entertainment is expensive. For more information, contact Kenny Staten at 740-381-6124 or Linda Nester at 740-541-5401. FYI: This will be the 75th Annual Old Timers. Much help is appreciated and needed.

Thank you to the Holloway Street Department, Mayor John Sheppard, Dave Holloway, and AEP for all their hard work in clearing things up from the storm on April 1.

State Route 331 goes through Holloway. March 31 is Happy 331 Day in Holloway every year.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 17 will be the Holloway Alumni banquet. More information later.

Save the Date: Saturday, July 15 will be the Freeport-Lakeland Alumni banquet. More information later.

The Holloway VFD Activities Committee is still having the "Shop Rada Cutlery Fundraising Store Shop for Cutlery and Gifts" fundraising. There is a link on their Facebook page. Rada also has some great soup kits and dips besides cutlery. These products make great gifts. Mother's Day is coming. June is a big month for weddings. A treat for yourself.

DEERSVILLE
By Susan Adams

On Wednesday, March 22, four ladies made 10 blankets at the Woody Paul Blanket Mission at the Deersville UM Church. They enjoyed a covered dish dinner.

April Anniversaries: 7th Bob and Donna McMillen; 24th James and Rita Heath. Happy Anniversary to all that are having an April anniversary.

April Birthdays: 10th Oneida White Kirschman, Cecil Dieterich III; 13th Jayne Horner; 16th Kellen McMillen; 17th Holly Brindley and Sherri Kramer; 26th Mason Miles. Happy Birthday to all those who are having an April birthday.

The Brownsville Christian Church services at 10:30 am with Pastor Tim Thomas. Deersville UM Church, Sunday school at 9:45 am and church services at 11 am with Pastor Mike Cunningham Jr.

Feed Spring Church Sunday school 9:30 am, worship 10:30 am, Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. All are welcome to these three churches that grace the Moravian Trail.

Bosler's Honey Bees and Accessories (330-401-5889) opened for business Thursday, March 30, for the season. They will be open Thursday and Friday 12-6 pm and Saturdays 9 am-2 pm until October. You can follow them on their Facebook page.

For all of you that love to fish, the Deersville General Store is stocked with nightcrawlers, redworms, wax worms, and minnows. Any questions call 740-827-4203.

The Deersville General Store's special 5th Anniversary ice cream flavor: Chocolate peanut butter with Heath pieces and chocolate krunches. That sounds like a stop for ice cream!

Saturday, April 8 at 4 pm, Tim McMillen, Melissa Beckley, Marilyn McMillen, and Wanda Machan will be performing at the Winfield Community Church at the Jerusalem Walk. This will be a blessing to all within hearing distance. I know they would appreciate seeing some local faces in the crowd.

The Deersville Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a fish fry on Saturday, April 8 from 3-7 pm. Please come out and support our local fire department. Eat in or carry out.

Thursday, April 13 at 4 pm will be the first meeting for the Deersville Community Garden Club at the Fellowship Hall of the Deersville UM Church. The hostesses will be Susan Adams and Rebecca Gladman. The program will be presented by Marilyn McMillen and Rebecca Gladman.

Saturday, April 15, and Sunday, April 16 the Muskingum Lakes Chapter of the Buckeye Trail needs a few volunteers to help clean up the BTA Century Barn on the shores of Tappan Lake on Beall Rd, just outside Deersville. They could use some help! They will be at the barn by 9 am on Saturday and noon on Sunday if need be.

Saturday, April 22 will be the Clendening Half Marathon sponsored by the Muskingum Lakes Chapter of the Buckey Trail. This is the first of the Lakes Series races. The race will start at the Fort Steuben Scout Reservation. You will start the race with about 1.5 miles down the back roads and then

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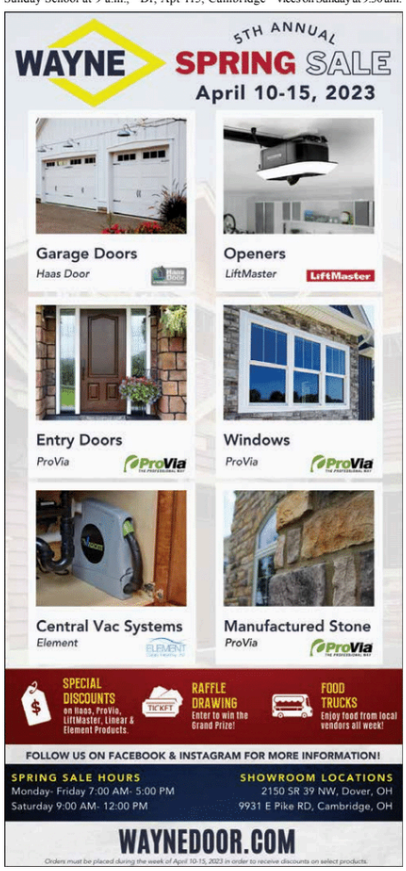

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WEATHER

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

TODAY: A 30 percent chance of showers with a possible thunderstorm after 2 p.m., with a high near 84. A 90 percent chance of showers and a possible thunderstorm overnight, with a low of 51.

THURSDAY: A 60 percent chance of showers, with a high near 59. Mostly cloudy overnight, with a low around 38.

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Partly cloudy overnight, with a low around 34.

SATURDAY: Sunny, with a high near 61. Mostly clear overnight, with a low around 37.

SUNDAY: Sunny, with a high near 68. Partly cloudy overnight, with a low around 45.

MOON PHASES

Full April 6 · Last April 13 · New April 20 · First April 27

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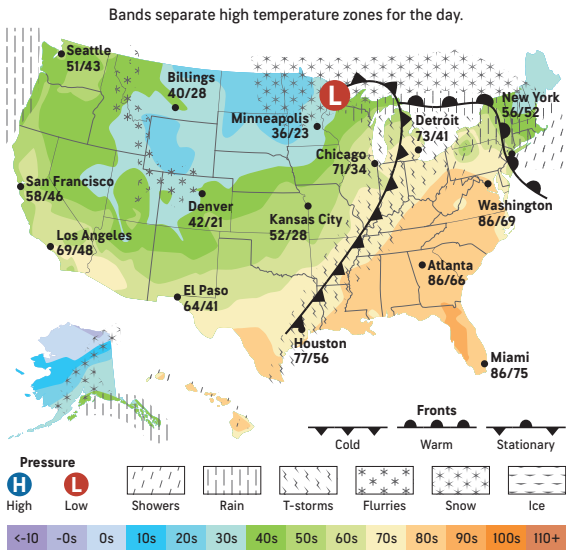
NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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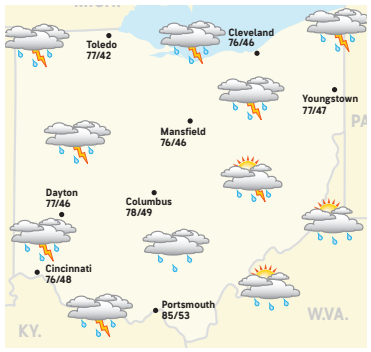

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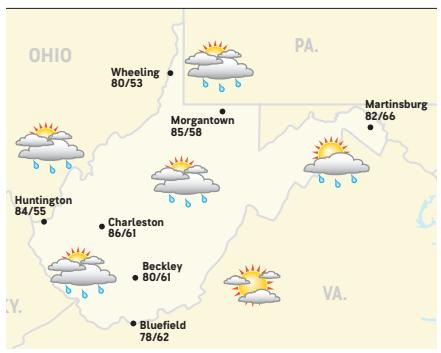

QUICK GLANCE

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 59 Low: 38	High: 58 Low: 34	High: 61 Low: 37

RIVER STAGES

New Cumberland Locks and Dam
17.22 feet, stationary (Flood stage: 36 feet)

Pike Island Locks and Dam
17.64 feet, falling (Flood stage: 37 feet)

Wheeling
18.88 feet, falling (Flood stage: 36 feet)

AFTERNOON BRIEFING

Board game creator, Teuber, dies

Klaus Teuber, creator of the hugely popular Catan board game in which players compete to build settlements on a fictional island, has died after a brief illness, according to a family statement. He was 70.

The board game, originally called The Settlers of Catan when introduced in 1995 and based on a set of hexagonal tiles, has sold tens of millions of copies and is available in more than 40 languages. It has spawned dozens of spinoffs and new editions, including electronic versions, not to mention products related to the game.

"It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that the Teuber family announces their beloved husband and father Klaus Teuber passed away at the age of 70 on April 1, 2023 after a short and serious illness," said the statement posted on the German-language Catan website. The family requested privacy.

A statement from the Catan studio team on social media noted that "While Klaus' contributions to the board gaming industry are immeasurable, we will remember him most as a kind and selfless human being, an inspirational leader, and most importantly, as a friend."

Eyedrop maker lacked in safety rule

WASHINGTON — The manufacturer of eyedrops recently linked to deaths and injuries lacked measures to assure sterility at its factory in India, according to U.S. health inspectors.

Food and Drug Administration officials uncovered about a dozen problems with how Global Pharma Healthcare made and tested its eyedrops during an inspection from late February through early March. The FDA released its preliminary inspection report Monday.

The company uses procedures that can't actually ensure its products are sterile, FDA staff wrote. In particular, the inspectors found that the plant had used "a deficient manufacturing process" between December 2020 and April 2022 for products that were later shipped to the U.S.

The plant in India's southern Tamil Nadu state produced eyedrops that have been linked to 68 bacterial infections in the U.S., including three deaths and eight cases of vision loss. Four people have had their eyeballs surgically removed due to infection. The drops were recalled in February by two U.S. distributors, EzriCare and Delsam Phama.

The outbreak is considered particularly worrisome because the bacteria driving it is resistant to standard antibiotics.

About 5K GM workers take buyouts

DETROIT — About 5,000 white-collar workers at General Motors took the company's buyout offers, which the automaker says is enough to avoid layoffs at this time.

GM said Tuesday that the offers will save about $1 billion per year in costs, about half of the $2 billion it wants to cut annually by the end of 2024. The company now has about 58,000 salaried workers in the U.S.

The buyouts come at an uncertain time for the auto industry, which is in the midst of a transition from internal combustion to electric vehicles. GM has a goal of selling only electric passenger vehicles by 2035.

The Detroit automaker and its competitors are making huge capital outlays to develop and build new electric vehicles, all while continuing to make cars, trucks and SUVs with gasoline engines.

By The Associated Press

LOTTERIES: The Mega Millions estimated jackpot: $385 million. The Powerball estimated jackpot: $170 million.

Ohio
Pick 3 (day): 3-8-7
Pick 4 (day): 5-2-8-1
Pick 5 (day): 7-4-7-8-2
Pick 3 (night): 7-5-5
Pick 4 (night): 1-4-3-8
Pick 5 (night): 2-2-7-7-4
Rolling Cash 5: 11-14-17-22-29
Mega Millions: 1-37-45-62-64
Mega Ball: 4
Megaplier: 3

West Virginia
Daily 3: 8-9-1
Daily 4: 5-2-8-2
Cash 25: 5-6-10-12-22-25

Pennsylvania
Pick 2 (day): 2-7 **Wild:** 5
Pick 3 (day): 4-4-9
Pick 4 (day): 7-4-7-6
Pick 5 (noon): 0-1-7-4-3
Pick 2 (night): 3-8 **Wild:** 3
Pick 3 (night): 5-0-0
Pick 4 (night): 0-7-1-0
Pick 5 (night): 2-3-4-3-2
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$450M offered for clean energy projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden's administration is making $450 million available for solar farms and other clean energy projects at the site of current or former coal mines, part of his efforts to combat climate change.

As many as five projects nationwide will be funded through the 2021 infrastructure law, with at least two projects set aside for solar farms, the White House said Tuesday.

The White House also said it will allow developers of clean energy projects to take advantage of billions of dollars in new bonuses being offered in addition to investment and production tax credits available through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The bonuses will "incentivize more clean energy investment in energy communities, particularly coal communities,," that have been hurt by a decade-plus decline in U.S. coal production, the White House said.

The actions are among steps the Biden administration is taking as the Democratic president moves to convert the U.S. economy to renewable energy such as wind and solar power, while turning away from coal and other fossil fuels that produce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions. Biden has set a goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and achieve a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

The projects are modeled on a site Biden visited last summer, where a former coal-fired power plant in Massachusetts is shifting to offshore wind power. Biden highlighted the former Brayton Point power plant in Somerset, Massachusetts, calling it the embodiment of the transition to clean energy that he is seeking. But he has struggled to realize that goal in the first two years of his presidency.

"It's very clear that ... the workers who powered the last century of industry and innovation can power the next one," said Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, whose agency will oversee the new grant program.

Mining areas in Appalachia and other parts of the country have long had the infrastructure, workforce, expertise and "can-do attitude" to produce energy, Granholm told reporters on Monday. The new investments "can help them bring this new energy economy to life," she added.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the bonuses will add new credits of up to 10 percent for clean energy production in struggling energy communities. Solar farm operators "can get an extra dime on the dollar for your investment in a new facility," she said Tuesday.

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, and Case No. 23-24-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority. In the application, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on January 6, 2023, and matters related to the Company's procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2030.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

(a) April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room FCE 111, Findlay, Ohio 45840.
(b) April 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Zanesville-Muskingum County Conference & Welcome Center, Heritage Hall, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.
(c) May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State Community College, Arts & Science Building, Graham Auditorium, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.
(d) May 22, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
(e) May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at Ohio History Connection, 800 East 17th Avenue, Cardinal Classroom, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

An evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the Company's electric security plan will commence on July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Further information regarding this case may be obtained by: contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; viewing the case docket on the Commission's web page at http://www.puco.ohio.gov, Docketing Information System and entering the case number, Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO in the Case Lookup box; or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: IN THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE ALICE SIEMERS
CASE NO: 22AM019838
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all interested heirs of Florence Alice Siemers A hearing on the inventory and appraisal of Florence Alice Siemers estate shall take place on the 8th day of May, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Said hearing shall take place at the Lawrence County Probate Court, located at 111 S. 4th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638.
/s/ Donald R. Capper
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NOTICE OF PRIVATE SELLING OFFICER SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5721.39 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE In the Common Pleas Court of Lawrence County, Ohio.

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest, and costs as follows: The Common Pleas Court Case No.; the case caption; the street address (for guidance only); the permanent parcel number; minimum acceptable bid; auction end date and second auction end date for each parcel, as defined by the Statutes of Ohio are set forth below as follows: 22OC000534; Tax Ease OH II, LLC v. Arnold Anderson, Jr., et al; 3868 St Rt 141, Ironton, OH 45638, Upper Twp.; 27-041-1300.000; MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID $15,013.42 (PLUS 10% BUYER'S PREMIUM); AUCTION END DATE: April 13, 2023; SECOND AUCTION END DATE: April 27, 2023 NOTE: All parcels will be auctioned online at **www.OhioForeclosures.com**. All auctions will begin at least seven (7) days prior to the auction end date. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms, on the same website, with the second auction beginning at least seven (7) days prior to the end date of the second auction. A ten percent (10%) Buyer's Premium will be added to the high bid to determine the sale price. Full legal description of parcels, and other sale details, are available at **www.OhioForeclosures.com**. TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser shall be required to pay a buyer's premium, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the high bid price, which shall be added to the high bid and included in the full purchase price. Deposit of $5,000.00, shall be wire transferred to Standard Title Co. no later than 2:00 pm EST the day following auction end. Balance of the FULL purchase price shall be wire transferred to Standard Title Co. no later than thirty (30) days following the confirmation of sale. Failure to pay deposit, buyer premium or balance of purchase price timely will result in private selling officer moving the court for a contempt citation against purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover. **PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PARCELS TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE**. NOTE: Prospective bidders are responsible for knowing what they are bidding on prior to the time of sale by first having reviewed the records of the City wherein the parcel is located, and the records of the County, and further, by personally viewing the parcel at its location. NOTE: Per Section 5721.38 of the Ohio Revised Code, an owner of a parcel may redeem his property by payment in full of all taxes and costs until the sale of such parcel is confirmed by the Court. This advertisement is prepared and published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5721.37 and 5721.39 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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PROBATE COURT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO PATRICIA SANDERS, JUDGE ADOPTION OF EZEKIEL AVALON COFFEE CASE NO. 23-AD-9 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION Notice must be served not less than 20 days before the date of the hearing [R.C. 3107.11]

To: Andre Allen Jones, address unknown You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of March, 2023, Dwayne Coffee, Sr. and Annette Coffee, filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of Ezekiel Avalon Coffee, a minor, whose date of birth is April 22, 2016, and for change of the name of the minor to ___. This Court, located at 111 S. 4th Street Ironton, Ohio will hear the petition on the 13th day of June, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. It is alleged in the petition, pursuant R. C. 3107.07, that the consent of Andre Allen Jones is not required due to the following: That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of minor in the home of the petitioner. That person is a parent who has failed with justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner. "A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING."

NOTICE

IF YOU ARE INDIGENT, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR COUNSEL TO BE APPOINTED ON YOUR BEHALF. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO APPLY FOR APPOINTED COUNSEL IN THIS CASE AT (740) 533-4341

Patricia Sanders, Probate Judge
BY: /s/Kevin D. Samples
Deputy Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE
Sale of Real Estate
LAWRENCE County
Foreclosure Auction.**

Case#22OC000416. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. vs Adkins, Eddie , et al. .The description of the property to be sold is as follows: Property Address: 10 PRIVATE DRIVE 704, SOUTH POINT, LAWRENCE, Ohio, 45680; Legal Description: Full Legal Listed on Public Website; Parcel Number: 15-100-0400.009 Bidding will be available only on www.Auction.com opening on 5/2/2023 at 10:00 AM for a minimum of 7 days. Property may be sold on a provisional sale date should the third party purchaser fail to provide their deposit within the allotted time. Provisional Sale date: 5/16/2023 at 10:00 AM. Sales subject to cancellation. The deposit required is $5,000.00 to be paid by wire transfer within 2 hours of the sale ending. No cash is permitted. Purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances, and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover. To view all sale details and terms for this property visit www.Auction.com and enter the Search Code 22OC000416 into the search bar.

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BERNICE E. WILSON AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERNICE E. WILSON, whose last known addresses are unknown and all of whose residences are unknown, will hereby take notice that on January 19th, 2023, Plaintiff filed its Complaint in the Common Pleas Court of Lawrence County, Ohio, being Case No. 23OC000058 in said Court against BERNICE E. WILSON, et al. praying for Judgment of $56,539.79 with interest at the rate of 4.49000% per annum from July 10, 2022, until paid and for foreclosure of a mortgage on the following described real estate, to wit:
PARCEL NO. 06-108-1500.000
STREET ADDRESS: 62 Township Road 276 South, South Point, OH 45680
A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PARCEL MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR.
and that Defendants be required to set up any interest they may have in said premises or be forever barred, that upon failure of said Defendants to pay or cause to be paid said Judgment within three days from its rendition that an Order of Sale be issued to the Sheriff of Lawrence County, Ohio, to appraise, advertise, and sell said real estate, that the premises be sold free and clear of all claims, liens and interest of any parties herein, that the proceeds from the sale of said premises be applied to Plaintiff's Judgment and for such other relief to which Plaintiff is entitled. Said Defendant(s) will take notice that they will be required to answer said Complaint on or before twenty-eight (28) days from the final publication run date or judgment will be rendered accordingly.
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**Legal Notice
Lawrence County, Ohio
County Village Joint Road Resurfacing 2022
Opinion of Probable Cost
$988,877**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Administrator of The Board of County Commissioners at the Lawrence County Courthouse located in Ironton, Ohio, until 11:00 am local time, April 21, 2023, at which time the bids received will be opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to resurface various County and Village Roads in accordance with the Lawrence County Engineer's specifications. Bids must be in accordance with specifications and bidding documents that may be obtained from the Lawrence County Engineer's Garage at 3001 South 6 th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638. Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than 60 Days from the Notice to Proceed. All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required. Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Lawrence County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division. This contract is funded in part with funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Proposals will be let with one contract on a unit price basis. The Commissioners reserve the right to waive irregularities and reject any or all bids.
Summer Riley
Assistant Administrator, Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO PHILLIP D. CARPENTER AND JEANETTE L. CARPENTER 894 COUNTY ROAD 24 IRONTON, OHIO 45638 PLAINTIFFS, V. CATHERINE HOLTZAPPEL AKA CATHERINE HOLTZAPFEL AND JOHN F. HOLTZAPPEL AKA JOHN F. HOLTZAPFEL AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO. 23OC000205**

**LEGAL NOTICE
FOR SERVICE
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It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Catherine Holtzappel aka Catherine Holtzapfel and John F. Holtzappel aka John F. Holtzapfel and their unknown heirs have an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that the above-named Defendants serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Alicia B. Walters, whose address is 2122 South 9th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Complaint for Adverse Possession and Quiet Title filed in this action regarding the subject real estate of the Complaint, which is described as follows: PARCEL NO. 1:The following Real Estate, situated in the County of Lawrence in the State of Ohio, and in the Town of Bradyville and bounded and described as follows, To-wit: Being lot number Thirty Three (33) in the Village of Bradyville in the Township of Upper County of Lawrence and State of Ohio. PARCEL NO.: 27-107-0900.000 PARCEL NO. 2 AND 3:The following described real estate situate in the County of Lawrence and State of Ohio to-wit: Lots Number 34 and 35 in Bradyville Ohio.PARCEL NO.: 27-107-1000.000 & 27-107-1100.000 Defendants and their unknown heirs are required to file an Answer to said Complaint or set up any interest they have in the same premises or forever be barred within twenty-eight (28) days after the publication or at such other time after the publication that is set as the time to appear within which to respond after service of such pleading or other document.

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The City of Ironton is accepting sealed Bids for one or more of the following:
2023 2500 or 3500 Chevrolet 4x2 service body.
Bids will be received at the Mayor's Office, Ironton City Center, 301 South 3 rd Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638, Until: 1p.m. prevailing time, April 12th , at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The City has the right to reject any or all bids. By the authority of the City of Ironton,
Sam Cramblit, Mayor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following matters are the subject of this public notice by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The complete public notice, including any additional instructions for submitting comments, requesting information, a public hearing, filing an appeal, or ADA accommodations may be obtained at: https://epa.ohio.gov/actions or Hearing Clerk, Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St. P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Ph: 614-644-3037 email: HClerk@epa.ohio.gov
Final Issuance of Renewal of NPDES Permit Village of Crown City Wastewater Treatment Plant County Road 9, Crown City, OH 45623
Facility Description: Wastewater-Municipality
Receiving Water: Shoal creek
ID #: 0PA00109*CD
Date of Action: 03/28/2023
This final action not preceded by proposed action and is appealable to ERAC.
Final Issuance of Administrative Modification to Permit-To-Install General James M Gavin Power Plant 7397 N St Rt #7, Cheshire, OH 45620-0271
ID #: P0133844
Date of Action: 03/29/2023
Administrative modification for the limestone and lime handling system to replace the original limestone surge hopper and baghouse with three smaller-capacity surge hoppers, each with its own baghouse.

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Final Issuance of Permit-To-Install and Operate Hill Top C&D Landfill LLC 801 Lane St, Coal Grove, OH 45638
ID #: P0133691
Date of Action: 03/24/2023
General permit (GP 5.2) for paved and unpaved roadways and parking areas at a C&D landfill.
Final Issuance of Permit-To-Install and Operate
Hill Top C&D Landfill LLC
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROBATE COURT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO PATRICIA SANDERS, JUDGE IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Ryan Seth Doane (Present Name) Rosa Ichor Doane (Name Requested) Case No. 23 NM 10 NOTICE OF HEARING OF CHANGE OF NAME [R.C. 2717.01]

Applicant hereby gives notice to all interested persons and to __ whose last known address is __, that the applicant has filed and Applicationn for Change of Name in the Probate Court of Lawrence County, Ohio, requesting the change of name of Ryan Seth Doane to Rosa Ichor Doane. The hearing on the application will be held on the 15th day of May, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. in the Probate Court of Lawrence County, located at 111 South 4th Street Ironton, OH 45638.
/s/Ryan Doane
Ryan Doane
2371 County Road 411
Proctorville, Ohio 45669

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Columbus, Ohio Division of Construction Management Legal Copy Number:230316

Sealed proposals will be accepted from pre-qualified bidders at the ODOT Office of Contracts until 10:00 a.m. on May 11, 2023. Project 230316 is located in Lawrence County, Dean State Forest Resurface and is a TWO LANE RESURFACING project. The date set for completion of this work shall be as set forth in the bidding proposal. Plans and Specifications are on file in the Department of Transportation.

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Big Thief

Lineup set for Nelsonville Music Festival

Performers to include Big Thief, Kurt Vile and Alvvays

NELSONVILLE — A beloved summer tradition continues as Stuart's Opera House presents the Nelsonville Music Festival on July 21-23 at the Snow Fork Event Center in Nelsonville, Ohio.

The festival includes three days of music featuring more than 50-plus performances across 3 stages, camping, kids' activities, artisan vendors, food and beverage vendors and much more.

Weekend passes for all three days are on sale now for $169, and the price will increase as the festival weekend gets closer. Weekend passes for teens are currently $85, and kids 12 and under are always free. Weekend passes for Nelsonville and Buchtel Ohio residents are free with proof of residency, which must be shown in person at the Stuart's Opera House box office Monday-Friday, 12-4 pm. Tickets and more information can be found at nelsonvillefest.org or by calling 740-753-1924.

Set in the beautiful rolling hills of Southeast Ohio and surrounded by the Wayne National Forest, the laid back, family-friendly weekend offers a carefully curated, diverse lineup of national, regional, and local acts in an intimate setting.

The lineup includes Big Thief, Alex G, Kurt Vile & The Violators, Alvvays, Lucinda Williams, Margo Price, Sierra Ferrell, Andy Shauf, Shannon & The Clams, Altin Gün, Courtney Marie Andrews, Michael Hurley, Lido Pimienta, Geese, MJ Lenderman, Nick Shoulders, Jake Xerxes Fussellm Jupiter & Okwess, Rose City Band,

Kurt Vile

Meridian Brothers, John R. Miller, Wild Pink, Florry, Charlotte Cornfield, Free Range, Pearla, Greg Freeman, The Laughing Chimes, Toecutter, Megan Bee and Weedghost.

Since its inception, The Nelsonville Music Festival has been a production of Stuart's Opera House, a historic, non-profit theater located in Nelsonville that presents live music, theater, educational programming and community building. All proceeds directly support Stuart's Opera House including their tuition-free Arts Education programs. Learn more about Stuart's by visiting stuartsoperahouse.org.

The AV Club and Ohio Magazine have named NMF as the "Best Music Festival in Ohio," and Time Out Chicago has called it "one of the Midwest's best festivals." Past performers have included Japanese Breakfast, Death Cab For Cutie, Wilco, The Flaming Lips, Willie Nelson, Ween, George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Loretta Lynn, Gillian Welch, John Prine, The Avett Brothers, They Might Be Giants, Randy Newman, Merle Haggard, Iron & Wine, George Jones, Emmylou Harris, Courtney Barnett, The Decemberists and many more.

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Nine contestants enter 2023 Jackson Apple Festival Queen's Contest

The Jackson Apple Festival Committee has announced that on Saturday, April 8, the 2023 Jackson Apple Festival Queen's Contest will be held at the Jackson Middle School Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

This year, nine young women from Jackson County will compete for the title of Queen and her first and second attendants. The contest's co-emcees will be current reigning Jackson Apple Festival Queen Abby Donley and a former queen, Viktoria Leonard. The contest will determine the 2023 Queen as well as the first and second attendants.

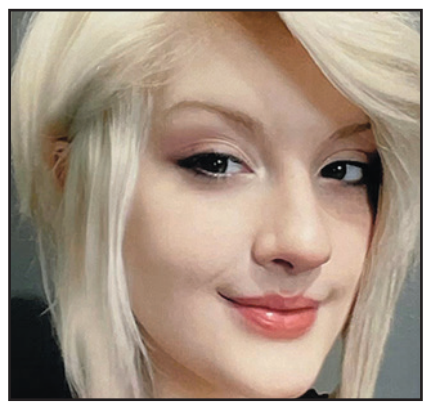
Following are the profiles of all nine contestants competed for the title of 2023 Jackson Apple Festival Queen:

Abigail Elizabeth Plants

Ali Jade Rippeth

Bryn Denny

Deonna Huston



Hannah Souders

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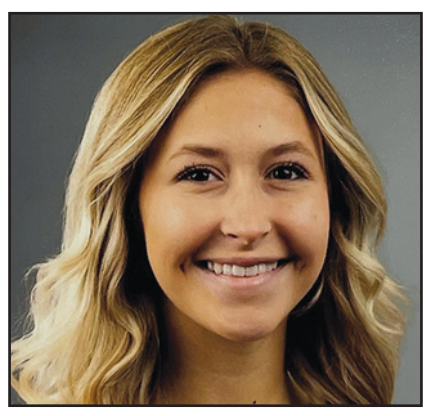

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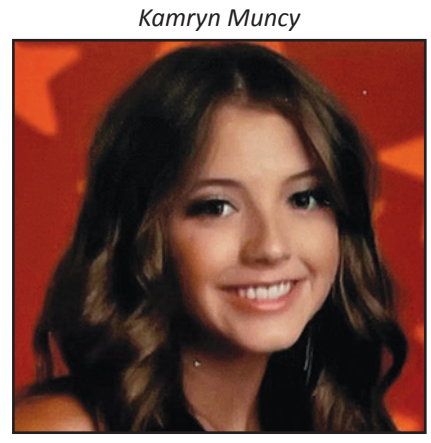

McKinley Riley

Kyley Duncan is the 17-year-old daughter of Brian and Jennifer Duncan. She is a junior at Jackson High School. Kyley participates in varsity cheerleading, media productions team, Youth Leadership Association, Interact, Leo's Club, junior class secretary, and National Honor Society. Her hobbies and interests include traveling, exercising, beauty and hair styling, baking, planning and organization, music, and tutoring children at Southview Elementary. After high school, Kyley plans to attend Shawnee State University and major in occupational therapy.

Bryn Denny is the 16-year-old daughter of Patrick and Lori Denny. She is a sophomore at Jackson High School. Bryn participates in cheerleading, softball, Drug Free Club of America, and Leo's Club. Her hobbies and interests include golfing, tumbling, travel softball, shopping, doing her makeup, hanging out with friends and family. Bryn is undecided on which college to attend but plans to major in nursing.

Ali Jade Rippeth is the 17-year-old daughter of Jennifer and Jason Brenner and Josh and Audra Rippeth. She is a junior at Jackson High School. Ali participates in varsity cheer, competition cheer team, Jackson High School Media Team, Leo's Club, Y-cat, environmental club, and teen feminists plus allies' club. Her hobbies and interests include stunting, thrift shopping, traveling, and hanging out with friends. Ali is undecided on which college to attend but plans to major in criminology and psychology.

Hannah Souders is the 18-year-old daughter of James Jones and Nadine Peart. She is a junior at Wellston High School. Hannah participates in Journeys and recycling program. Her hobbies and interests include writing, psychology, sociology, lepidopterology, history, photography, art, fashion, perfume, anatomy, and interior design. After high school, Hannah plans to attend Marietta College and major in psychology.

McKinley Riley is the 16-year-old daughter of Nathan and Shannon Riley. She is a sophomore at Jackson High School. McKinley participates in YLA, Student Health Council, Drug Free Club of America, and Cheer. Her hobbies and interests include cheerleading, gymnastics, fishing, and makeup. McKinley is undecided on which college to attend but plans to major in anesthesiology.

Katlen Gray is the 16-year-old daughter of Paul Gray. She is a sophomore at Jackson High School. Katlen participates in Drug Free Club of America and has a part-time job. Her hobbies and interests include gymnastics, reading, and spending time with friends and family. After high school, Katlen plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in criminal law.

Abigail Elizabeth Plants is the 16-year-old daughter of Traci and Matt Plants. She is a junior at Jackson High School. Abigail participates in marching band, wind ensemble, quick recall, Fellowship of Christian Athletes as the secretary, drama club, National Honor Society, Youth in Government, 2023 Harvard Pre-Collage, Leo's Club, and Student Council. Her hobbies and interests include sewing, reading, thrifting and working at 4-Mile Bakery. After high school, Abigail plans to attend Yale University and major in economics.

Kamryn Muncy is the 17-year-old daughter of Amanda Muncy and Bill Moore. She is a junior at Jackson High School. Kamryn participates in National Honor Society, Youth Leadership Association, BPA, Student Health Council, Leo's Club, 4-H, Jackson Varsity Cheer Team, and Jackson Competition Cheer Team. Her hobbies and interests include spending time with friends and family, traveling, shopping, modeling, working for a local business and tumbling. After high school, Kamryn plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in nursing.

Deonna Huston is the 17-year-old daughter of Rachel Knight and Cameran Knight. She is a junior at Jackson High School. Deonna participates in tennis, Jackson Marching Ironmen, Leader of Youth Climate Action Team, Youth in Government, and STEM Club. Her hobbies and interests include junior Lake Alma volunteer, Wellston Summer Reading Program, 4-H Camp Counselor, Junior Fair Board member, crocheting and hiking. After high school, Deonna plans to attend Marietta College and major in geology.

Little Miss Apple Festival Queen Contest set Friday evening

The 2023 Little Miss Apple Festival Queen Contest will be held on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Jackson Middle School Auditorium.

Al contestants must report to the Middle School Gymnasium by 6:30 p.m. This event will be open to the public, and admission is $5 per person. The contestants will be interviewed by Mistresses of Ceremonies Kelcie Stewart and Allyson Morris and will be judged by out-of-county judges.

Jaelynn Velez, the 2022 Jackson County "Little Miss Apple Festival Queen," would like to wish the contestants trying out for the 2023 position good luck at this year's contest. Jaelynn, the 8-year-old daughter of Stephanie McGinnis and Patrick Waldron, is a 2nd grader at Northview Elementary, where her favorite subject is reading. In her spare she enjoys playing with her two dogs, doing cheerleading and gymnastics.

Special thanks go to 2023's contest sponsor, Ohio Valley Bank. A special thank-you also goes to Andrea's Prom and Bridal for donating the crowns and Elizabeth's Flower and Gifts for donating the flower bouquets.

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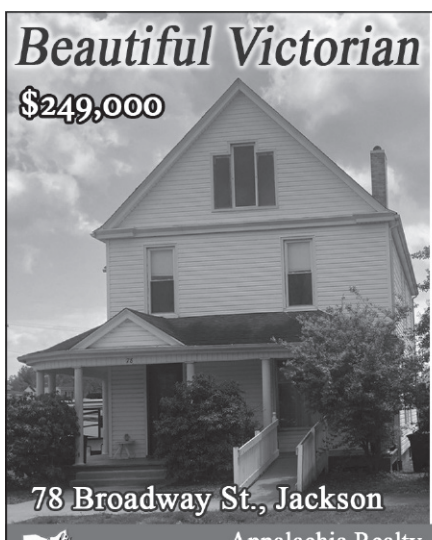

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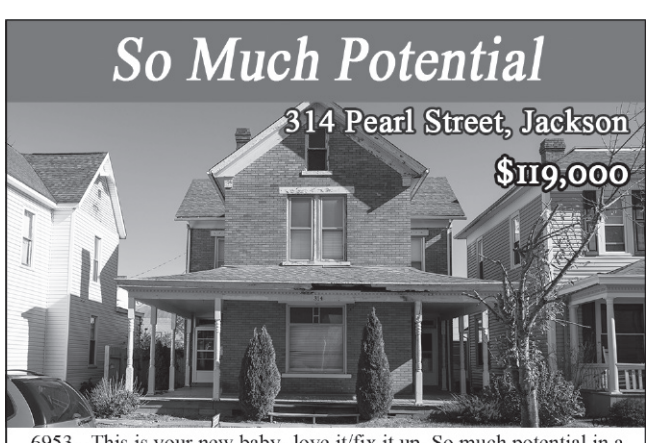

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Food requirements

Derek Dunson (left), sanitarian from Kenton Hardin Health Department, talked about mobile food requirements at the Kenton Lions meeting. Pictured with him is Lion Brad Bailey.

Submitted photo

New member

Kenton Lion Aaron Osborn (left) welcomes new member Jason Treen at the club's April 5 meeting.

Kenton Lions learn about port authority

The Kenton Lions Club held its meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at the Kenton Elks. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lion President Bill Keller with 23 members and three guests present. He led with the pledge and the prayer. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened at 7 p.m. following a meal.

Guest speaker Jerry Pfister, chairman of the Kenton Ohio Port Authority was introduced by Lion Jason VanBuskirk. Pfister shared information about port authorities and how this benefits the City of Kenton and Hardin County.

He shared a brief history on port authorities, some legalities and benefits. Pfister also stated that 72 of the 80 counties in Ohio were port authorities. Questions and answers followed his presentation.

Lion Brad Bailey introduced Derek Dunson, sanitarian from the Kenton Hardin Health Department. Dunson shared information on mobile food requirements. Members will be using this information for possible future activities.

The club welcomed new members Jason Treen and Darlene Ellis.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m., followed by the singing of the Lions Roar.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Lion Bill Keller.

Submitted photo

Lions speaker

Kenton Lion Jason VanBuskirk visits with Jerry Pfister, chairman of the Kenton Ohio Port Authority, who shared information about port authorities with club members.

Class studies jelly beans

The Hardin Northern third grade Maddux Mast investigates a bag of jelly beans. The class participated in everything jelly bean ths week. They took a virtual tour of how jelly beans are made, researched through a webquest the start of Jelly Belly's, and then sorted, graphed, created tally charts, and interpreted their data they had created.

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Insurance agent talks about her career at meeting of Hardin Co. BPW

Hardin Co. Business and Professional Women's Club met at Kenton's Royal Buffet on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. President Sandy Moore welcomed four members and guests Melissa Tracy and Danita Podach.

Following the delicious dinner, Patty Garmon introduced speaker Melissa Tracy who explained some information about being an insurance agent. She has worked for about three years with the Nelson Insurance Co.

The process has requirements in order to develop a licensed insurance agent. She had various jobs before taking the classes, which can be done online, to become an insurance agent. Her employment followed taking a three-hour test that costs $400. A passing grade must be above 70. She is so glad that her path has led her to this career which she finds rewarding. She enjoys the challenge to find the best coverage for the best affordable price for her clients. Tracy and her coworkers represent approximately 52 insurance companies. These companies provide coverage for life, health, property, casualty, farm, commercial, and Medicare.

President Sandy Moore thanked Tracy for her information and began the meeting. Secretary Norma Frederick read her report which was accepted. Treasurer Connie Dietz had her report filed for audit. She accepted pin fines and donations which were accepted into the scholarship fund. A summary of the works done by BPW was listed and explained. These include the Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund, free socks and slippers for clients at Helping Hands at Christmas as provided with the help of 3 other clubs, and a scholarship for one or two students. Melissa Tracy was welcomed as a new member.

Director Sandy Moore gave her report for the Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund. A review started with October 2022 with donations from Walnut Grove UMC and Penni Smith, and one pair of shoes was purchased. In November, donations came from Linda Williams, Mt. Zion UMC, Douglas Putnam, and Mary Fay. No shoes were purchased. In December, donations came from Hardin County Pomona Grange and Salem United Church of Christ Women's Guild. She paid the mailbox rent and 15 pairs of shoes at Shoe Sensation in Kenton. Thank you notes have been sent to all those who have donated, and her accounts agree with the banks. The shoe fund is listed as a tax exempt account for any who donate. Applications to get free shoes can be acquired from Helping Hands for students K through grade 12. One can write to PO Box 505, Kenton, Ohio 43326 to obtain an application.

MELISSA TRACY

For the 2022 summary, Moore stated that she had purchased 154 pairs of shoes from Kenton's Shoe Sensation for $5,683.42 for 66 families. There were 83 applications approved from 86 submitted. More discussion will follow for including preschool children. She has paid Katrina Hughes-Collins for tax prep, State of Ohio renewal fees to have tax exempt status, stamps, and U.S. mailbox rent.

To begin 2023, there were donations in January from First Baptist Church Women's Missionary Guild and Mary Deckard. In February, Moore applied for $1,500 grant from the Hardin County Community Foundation. No shoes were purchased in January, February, or March. Thank you notes were sent to those who had donated.

Secretary Frederick asked the members to allow a change of date for the next meeting. All agreed that Wednesday, April 19 would be acceptable at the Royal Buffet at 5:30 p.m. Vanessa Brim will be the hostess. The meeting was adjourned and all were wished safe travels.

WG Mission Society meets

The Walnut Grove Mission Society met April 4 at 11 a.m. at Pizza Hut in Kenton. Sharon Good gave the blessing before lunch was enjoyed by all.

Mary Lou Adams' devotional included a reading, "My Quilt", The Carpenter's Tools poem, and the story of St. Patrick.

Sharon Good, president, opened the business meeting with an article about the Via Dolorosa. Five members answered the roll call, "Will you attend Sonrise service ?" The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Bev Bahr.

A donation will be sent to Walnut Grove Kids Club. The next meeting will be May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut in Kenton.

social calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

P.E.R.I. Hardin County Chapter 34 meeting – 10:30 a.m. at the sheriff's office, 1025 S. Main St., Kenton

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Minerva Club – 1:30 p.m. at Kenton Elks.

Hardin County Genealogy Society – 7 p.m. at Genealogy Center, 211 W. Franklin St., Kenton; membership meeting; Guest speaker will be Tom Neel.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Ohio Knit Wits – 6:30 p.m., social knitting and 7 p.m., meeting at First United Methodist Church.

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Claiming false label, CBC 'pausing' Twitter

Broadcaster says it does not meet criteria

Rob Gillies
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TORONTO – The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation paused its use of Twitter on Monday after the social media platform owned by Elon Musk stamped CBC's account with a label the public broadcaster says is intended to undermine its credibility.

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AG files civil suit against Wapak contractor

Staff Reports

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The lawsuit, filed last week in Auglaize County Common Pleas Court, alleges that Jerry Weeks, owner and operator of Grizzly Buildings, violated Ohio's Consumer Sales Practices Act, Home Solicitation Sales Act and Home Construction Service Suppliers Act by accepting roughly $200,000 in payments from clients who said work on pole barns and other buildings was never started, never finished or was done improperly.

A press release issued by the AG's office said 11 separate complaints were received about Grizzly Buildings, with most alleging the company's failure to deliver during the time period from November 2021 to March 2023.

Yost

The suit requests that Weeks and Grizzly be ordered to reimburse consumers and pay civil penalties and court costs.

In a separate development, a referral to Yost's Economic Crimes Unit resulted in a 16-count indictment against Weeks in Wood County last December.

"Consumers shouldn't have to hold their breath when they do business with a contractor and hope that the work they're paying for actually gets done," Yost said in the press release. "When you're hiring a contractor, ask for a cost estimate, a written contract and references."

Ohioans who suspect unfair or deceptive business practices can contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT RECORDS

March 29

William C. Clowers, 40, of Lima, pleaded no contest and found guilty of criminal trespass. Sentence: 30 days jail. 12 days suspended. $200 fine.

Brittney M. Coffman, 24, of Lebanon, found guilty of dus. Sentence: 30 days jail. 30 days suspended. $200 fine.

Edward J, Jr. Hogan, 45, of Lima, found guilty of disregard of safety. Sentence: 60 days jail. 60 days suspended. $500 fine.

Robert F. Preston, 62, of Cincinnati, found guilty of physical control. Sentence: 3 days jail. 3 days suspended. $500 fine.

Frank N. Waters, 29, of Lima, found guilty of OVI. Sentence: 6 days jail. 3 days suspended. $500 fine.

March 31

Robert Baker Jr., 55, of Lima, found guilty of OVI. Sentence: 60 days jail. 50 days suspended. $500 fine.

Demond A. Burns, 44, of Lima, found guilty of no OL. Sentence: 3 days jail. 0 days suspended. $150 fine.

Steel D. Dameron, 25, of Lima, found guilty of OVI. Sentence: 3 days jail. 3 days suspended. $400 fine.

Charles H. Edwards, 51, of Lima, found guilty of use/poss/sale/drug para. Sentence: 30 days jail. 30 days suspended. $50 fine; found guilty of resisting arrest. Sentence: 90 days jail. 90 days suspended. $150 fine; found guilty of OVI. Sentence: 30 days jail. 30 days suspended. $500 fine.

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April 3

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Rachelle S. Davison, 36, of Lima, found guilty of OVI. Sentence: 6 days jail. 6 days suspended. $500 fine.

Kyle L. Horton, 46, of Lima, found guilty of resisting arrest. Sentence: 90 days jail. 65 days suspended. $100 fine.

Donella E. Lindeman, 45, of Lima, found guilty of theft. Sentence: 180 days jail. 168 days suspended. $100 fine.

Branden. McMillen, 29, of Lima, found guilty of theft. Sentence: 180 days jail. 171 days suspended. $150 fine.

Christopher C. Payner, 19, of Lima, pleaded no contest and found guilty of use/poss/sale/drug para. Sentence: 30 days jail. 22 days suspended. $100 fine.

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April 4

Brady E. Durr, 46, of Lima, pleaded no contest and found guilty of physical control. Sentence: 180 days jail. 120 days suspended. $500 fine.

Mollina T. Wilson, 29, of Lima, found guilty of criminal damaging/endangering*. Sentence: 90 days jail. 85 days suspended. $150 fine.

POLICE CALLS

LIMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

1600 block of West Spring Street, Lima — A domestic violence incident was investigated Tuesday.

500 block of North Cable Road, Lima — Police responded Tuesday to a fight in progress.

North Metcalf Street at West Grand Avenue, Lima — An assault was investigated Tuesday.

East North Street at North Central Avenue, Lima — A traffic accident with property damage was investigated Tuesday.

100 block of South Central Avenue, Lima — Police responded to a fight in progress on Tuesday.

700 block of Brice Avenue, Lima — A domestic violence incident was investigated Tuesday evening.

800 block of Brice Avenue, Lima — Police responded Tuesday evening to the report of an assault.

2000 block of West Wayne Street, Lima — A theft was reported early Wednesday.

1100 block of Bahama Drive, Lima — Police responded to a fight in progress Wednesday morning.

800 block of Holmes Avenue, Lima — Police responded to a fight in progress Wednesday morning.

2000 block of Oakland Parkway, Lima — A theft was reported Wednesday morning.

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People charged with misdemeanor offenses are not identified in this column but are identified through published court dispositions.

Ohio Republican lawmaker falsely claims to be MIT graduate

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A freshman state lawmaker in Ohio falsely claimed to have graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, according to the prestigious university, and he has stepped down from a House committee leadership post after that revelation.

Rep. Dave Dobos, a Columbus-area Republican, attended MIT in the 1970s and 1980 and studied economics but did not receive a degree, MIT's deputy director of media relations, Sarah McDonnell, told Cleveland.com, which first reported the discrepancy Tuesday.

House Speaker Jason Stephens has since accepted Dobos' resignation as vice chair of the Higher Education Committee.

"I have known Dave to be a hardworking member for his constituents. This is disappointing news," Stephens said in a statement.

Dobos had publicly described himself as an MIT graduate, including on his campaign website, as well as in his online biography for the Ohio House. By Tuesday evening, that biography had been changed to say that he "attended" the school.

Dobos has been involved with the MIT Club of Central Ohio, an alumni club of the university, and helped fundraise an MIT reunion, among other activities with the MIT Alumni Association, Cleveland.com reported. His studies at MIT made him eligible for the association, and graduation isn't a requirement, McDonnell said.

Dobos did not immediately respond to repeated requests for comment, nor did the MIT Club of Central Ohio.

Ohio House Republican Caucus via AP

Rep. Dave Dobos, a Columbus-area Republican, sits in the House chamber at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio, on March 1. Dobos, who is under fire for falsely claiming for decades that he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has stepped down from a House committee leadership post following the revelation.

Dobos, who years ago helped govern one of Ohio's largest school districts as president of the Columbus City Schools Board of Education, had faced scrutiny last fall for not initially disclosing that he had more than $1 million in outstanding debts while he was running for office. State law requires that disclosure, which he made belatedly to an ethics committee.

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Blinken says WSJ reporter 'wrongfully detained' by Russia

By Matthew Lee
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BRUSSELS — U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday he has "no doubt" that Russia has wrongfully detained an American reporter for The Wall Street Journal who was arrested last week on spying allegations.

However, Blinken said a formal determination of Evan Gershkovich's wrongful detention has not yet been made, something that would elevate the priority of his case within the U.S. government. Blinken said the legal process for such a determination would be completed soon.

"In Evan's case, we are working through the determination on wrongful detention and there's a process to do that and it's something that we're working through very deliberately, but expeditiously as well," he said. "And I'll let that process play out."

"In my own mind, there's no doubt that he's being wrongfully detained by Russia and that's exactly what I said to Foreign Minister (Sergey) Lavrov when I spoke to him over the weekend and insisted that Evan be released immediately," Blinken told reporters at NATO headquarters in Brussels. "But I want to make sure, as always, because there is a formal process that we go through it and we will and I expect that to be completed soon."

In what was a rare call with Lavrov since Russia invaded Ukraine early last year, Blinken also urged him to immediately release another imprisoned American, Paul Whelan, who had already been determined to have been wrongfully detained.

POLICE

East Palestine

— An ambulance crew reported at 9:13 p.m. that a green laser was being shined into and around the ambulance Monday on Park Ave.

— Officers responded at 3:58 p.m. on Monday to a private property crash on East Martin Street.

— Officers responded at 7:37 a.m. to the reports of a man in the closed area of East Taggart Street on Monday. Security reported that the man refused to leave. Officers located the man and he failed a field sobriety test. The man provided a sample of breath and it registered .0268.

— Officers responded at 4:02 p.m. to Park Avenue regarding a menacing/stalking complaint on Sunday. A report was completed by a female at the residence.

— Officers assisted a village ambulance crew at 3:34 p.m. Sunday with a male who was incoherent on Alice Street. Officers were unable to obtain any information from the man because he was intoxicated. The officers also reported the conditions of his home to be deplorable. The man was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

— Officers responded at 11:06 p.m. to North Market Street for a welfare check on Saturday. The subject was determined to be safe at the residence.

— A tree limb hanging on wires was reported at 6:59 p.m. on Saturday. The limb was partially obstructing the eastbound lane of East Main Street. The village street department removed the limb and cleared the roadway.

— Officers conducted a traffic stop at 9:33 a.m. on Saturday on North Pleasant Drive and found the driver's license to be suspended. The vehicle was towed and the driver was released to an acquaintance.

— Officers responded at 10:20 p.m. to a disturbance Friday on East Taggart Street.

— A woman reported at 7:45 p.m. Friday that she was receiving harassing text messages and phone calls from a person known to her. An officer contacted the individual and warned them to cease and desist or face telecommunications harassment charges.

— A large brown dog was reported at 7:39 p.m. on Friday running free on North Market Street. Officers were unable to locate the animal.

— An officer assisted the Columbiana County Humane Society at 11:52 a.m. while an agent checked on an animal complaint Friday.

— Officers responded at 9:20 a.m. on Friday to a report of theft on Alice Street. It was determined to be a misunderstanding.

— Officers conducted a traffic stop at 1:29 a.m. on Friday at North Market Street. A search of the vehicle yielded prescription pills. The driver could not provide the prescription. The vehicle was stopped due to an improperly placed license plate and illegal window tint. The matter is under investigation.

Columbiana

— Rusty R. Altman, 50, Lisbon, was cited at 6:24 p.m. for driving without a license and speed following a traffic stop on Fairfield Avenue on Saturday. Lisa A. Clark, 63, of Lisbon was cited for wrongful entrustment for permitting the vehicle usage.

— Cody Schultz, 37, Columbiana was arrested at 8:57 p.m. and charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct on Friday. Schultz was arrested following a reported intoxicated person attempting to open several car doors in the area of Arby's on state Route 14.

— A report of threats was made at 11:40 p.m. on Thursday on East Duquesne Street.

— Justin Boyd, 43, Columbiana was arrested at 6:38 p.m. on Wednesday and charged with OVI and traveling left of center. Columbiana Police Department received numerous calls of a reckless driver. When officers were able to locate the vehicle, it had traveled left of center over a hill and nearly collided with a marked patrol car with its lights and siren activated traveling in the opposite direction on East Metz Road.

— Officers took a report of a private property crash at 1:28 p.m. in the Columbiana Medical Center parking lot on East Park Avenue after a vehicle crashed into a light pole on March 28.

— Officers took a report of a co-worker dispute at 11:55 a.m. on South Avenue on March 27.

— Eric Spooner, no age given, Columbiana was arrested at 8:34 p.m. and charged with domestic violence and resisting arrest after a disturbance call on Bell Avenue on March 26.

— Officers assisted EMS at 6:22 p.m. on March 26 with an unresponsive patient on Union Street.

— A report of a tree down on two vehicles was reported at 3:10 on South Main Street on March 26.

— Officers took a report at 3:35 a.m. on March 26 for harassment at Sunoco on state Route 14.

THE COURTS

Common Pleas

New Cases

Matthew Merriman, Steubenville, and Sara Merriman, Water Street, Salineville; dissolution sought.

Homer Smith, Chestnut Street, Leetonia, vs. Distinctive Details Inc., Lower Elkton Road, Columbiana, and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Columbus; appeal of claim denial.

Credit Acceptance Corporation, Southfield, Mich., and Tiffany Boyle and Vincent Boyle, both Ravine Street, East Liverpool; collection sought of $15,307 debt.

Nations Direct Mortgage LLC vs. Andrew Swickard, et al.; appeal to Seventh District Court of Appeal of judgment denying motion to vacate confirmation, sale, deed and revive mortgage.

Docket Entries

State of Ohio Department of Taxation vs. Webster-Perkins Inc.; cases consolidated, with total owed $3,719.

Mark Stewart and Justeena Stewart; dissolution granted.

John P. McGarry and Carol McGarry; dissolution granted.

M&T Bank vs. Jeffrey Vickroy, et al.; Dale Property Services Penn, LP dismissed as defendant.

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC vs Mary Sevek, et al.; mortgage foreclosure ordered for state Route 558, Leetonia property.

Grand Jury

LISBON — A man who had been employed as a guard at the Columbiana County jail when he allegedly played a part in the assault of an inmate in 2021 was served recently with a secret indictment for a felony charge.

Daniel J. Spence, 41, Beaver, Pa., was charged with complicity in the commission of an offense, a second-degree felony.

The indictment said the assault occurred on May 25, 2021 when Spence was working as a guard at the jail and electronically unlocked the jail cell of an inmate, Shane Linden, allowing two other inmates, Harley Falkner and Noah Bainbridge, to enter his cell and assault him. Both Bainbridge and Falkner were charged with felonious assault for their part in the incident.

Also served recently with secret indictments were:

— Danielle Billman, 48, Canton, aggravated trafficking in drugs and aggravated possession of drugs, both second-degree felonies, possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony, and aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony, for allegedly preparing meth and possessing meth equal to or greater than five times the bulk amount but less than 50 times the bulk amount, and also for allegedly possessing cocaine and flualprazolam all on Sept. 6, 2021.

— Constance Adams, 32, Youngstown, possessing of cocaine, fifth-degree felony, for allegedly possessing cocaine on May 4, 2022.

— Chantel Shuman, 31, Cleveland Street, Salem, aggravated possession of drugs, fifth-degree felony, for allegedly possessing methamphetamine on Sept. 4, 2021.

Municipal

LISBON — In Columbiana County Municipal Court, a case was bound over to the county grand jury for Michael Howard, 37, West Seventh Street, East Liverpool, charged with felonious assault, a second-degree felony, for allegedly breaking windows out of a residence on West Seventh Street, East Liverpool and attacking someone with a machete on March 16. Tires were also slashed on a vehicle at the property. Bond had been set at $100,000 cash or surety.

A preliminary/pretrial hearing was set April 10 for Davante Lashondre Jackson, 30, Cleveland, charged with third-degree felony tampering with evidence and misdemeanors of resisting arrest and obstructing official business for allegedly dropping a bag of alleged narcotics after taking off on foot from officers who responded to an alleged drug deal in East Liverpool on April 3. A patrolman was injured while chasing him down and had to deploy his taser to stop Jackson.

A preliminary/pretrial hearing was set April 10 for William Gist, 55, Broadway, Wellsville, charged with fifth-degree felony violation of a protection order and misdemeanor domestic violence for allegedly attempting to contact a woman via cell phone and social media in violation of a protection order in March in Liverpool Township. The domestic violence charge stemmed from an incident Nov. 30, 2022 in East Liverpool when he allegedly physically harmed a different woman. Bond was set at $75,000 cash or surety and he was ordered to have no contact wit the protection order victim

A preliminary hearing was set April 6 for Kolton Smith, 25, Winona Road, Salem, charged with domestic violence, a felony, for allegedly attempting to cause physical harm to a woman on March 29 in Perry Township, with a previous domestic violence conviction on his record.

A domestic violence charge was dismissed without prejudice for Anthony Baker, 37, Sophia Street, East Liverpool, due to the alleged victim being uncooperative. Baker had been accused of assaulting and threatening a woman on March 9 in East Liverpool.

A pretrial was set June 1 for Rachel Jane Lane, 43, Cuyahoga Falls, charged with soliciting, a misdemeanor, for allegedly soliciting sex for hire by posting an ad on a known prostitution website and agreeing to sexual activity with an undercover agent in exchange for money, driving to East Palestine for the meeting on Jan. 2.

Carmine Carrabbia, 44, Youngstown, was fined $500 for two counts of disorderly conduct, amended from engaging in prostitution and possessing criminal tools, and was permitted to buy out 10 hours community service. Carrabbia had been accused of arranging for sexual activity in exchange for $100 with an undercover agent posing as two adult females online and arriving on Jan. 12 in East Palestine for the meeting.

A pretrial was set April 13 for Kenneth Cook, 43, Avondale Street, East Liverpool, charged with assault for allegedly confronting a man he claimed owed him money and striking him in the face, causing a laceration. He also allegedly choked the man. Bond was set at $15,000 cash or surety and he was ordered to have no contact with the victim.

Ethan Ruffner, 32, Middleton Township, was fined $150 and sentenced to 25 days in jail, with credit for 14 days served, for domestic violence for making threats against a male on March 21 at a Union Ridge Road, Negley property.

A pretrial was set July 6 for Jeremiah Koons, 28, Fair Avenue, Salem, charged with domestic violence for allegedly choking a woman on March 2 in Salem, causing her to lose consciousness after an argument.

Eva Koons, 24, Fair Avenue, Salem, was fined $150 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 89 days suspended and credit for one day served, for disorderly conduct. She was ordered to complete 20 hours community service. She struck a man in the face during a domestic on March 26 in Salem.

Brock Joy, 33, Sunset Drive, Lisbon, was fined $150 for disorderly conduct, with a charge of aggravated menacing dismissed. Joy was accused of being involved in an altercation on McCormick Run Road, Wellsville on Oct. 10, 2022 and threatening a victim.

Blayke McCloud, 23, Montana Avenue, East Liverpool, was fined $250 and given a suspended 30-day jail term for disorderly conduct, amended from domestic violence, and was ordered to complete 10 hours community service. McCloud was accused of biting a woman's hand on Jan. 8 at Giant Eagle in East Liverpool.

Edward Torres, 41, Green Lane, East Liverpool, was fined $500 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for eight days served, for violation of a protection order and obstructing official business for being in the presence of a woman who had a protection order against him on March 25 in East Liverpool and then attempting to flee from police.

A pretrial was set June 13 for Robert Paul Lewis, 38, Blakely Street, East Liverpool, charged with assault for allegedly swinging at a neighbor, then pushing him to the ground causing injury on Nov. 22, 2022 in East Liverpool.

Brandon Prager, 18, Lang Street, East Liverpool, was fined $150 for disorderly conduct, amended from theft, for failing to scan and pay for $213 worth of items at the Calcutta Walmart on Oct. 27, 2022.

A pretrial was set April 13 for Brian Fenton, 50, Dillworth Road, East Liverpool, charged with domestic violence for allegedly striking a woman several times and throwing her to the ground while allegedly intoxicated on April 3 in Liverpool Township.

Jonathan Pullie, 48, Center Street, Wellsville, was fined $250 for disorderly conduct-intoxication for an incident at Walmart in St. Clair Township on Jan. 17 when he was running up and down the aisles in the parking lot, dancing and acting strange, then wasn't following directions of officers.

Michael Welsh, 49, Youngstown, was fined $350 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with credit for 17 days served, for receiving stolen property and criminal trespass for being on a property without permission on Carmel Achor Road on March 17 and possessing eight different rings that did not belong to him that were identified by the owner.

Patrick Doss, 38, state Route 14, Columbiana, was fined $975 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 27 days suspended and credit for three days served in a driver intervention program, for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possessing marijuana and a stop sign violation. His driver's license was suspended for one year, with driving privileges granted. He was ordered to complete 40 hours community service.

Lane Donnalley, 24, Millrock Road, New Waterford, was fined $995 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 87 days suspended and credit for three days served in a driver intervention program, for OVI first offense, open container and a plate light violation. His driver's license was suspended for one year, with driving privileges granted, and an order to complete 40 hours community service.

Janet Rodriguez, 63, Stanton Drive, Columbiana, was fined $875 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 87 days suspended and credit for three days served in a driver intervention program, for OVI first offense. Charges of OVI breath and lights required were dismissed. Her driver's license was suspended for one year and she was ordered to complete 20 hours community service.

A pretrial was set June 20 for Sydney Paul Huffnagle II, 30, Salineville Road, Mechanicstown, charged with OVI second offense, driving under suspension and license plate light.

Matthew Ainsworth, 35, state Route 9, Kensington, was fined $900 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 27 days suspended and credit for three days served in a driver intervention program, for OVI and improper passing. His driver's license was suspended for one year and he was ordered to complete 40 hours community service.

Mark Smith, 56, Oakmont Avenue, East Liverpool, was fined $1,000, with $950 of the fine suspended, for two counts failure to file city income tax in East Liverpool for 2016 and 2017. All due returns must be filed and remittances paid.

A pretrial was set June 20 for Douglas English, 48, Forest Lawn Lane, Columbiana, charged with OVI first offense.

Christina Peachey, 42, St. George Street, East Liverpool, was fined $500 each for five charges of failure to filed city income tax return, with $450 suspended on each of the five charges. Peachey failed to file East Liverpool city income tax returns from 2017 through 2021.

Jonathan Vonspiegle, 35, Youngstown, was fined $425 and sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 87 days suspended and credit for three days served in a driver intervention program, for OVI first offense and speeding. His driver's license was suspended for one year and he was ordered to complete 50 hours community service.

A pretrial was set April 13 for Colleen Murray, 43, Youngstown, charged with illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing a broken meth pipe and suspected methamphetamine during an incident in Columbiana on April 4.

A pretrial was set June 8 for Christine Hill, 40, state Route 172, Kensington, charged with use of unauthorized plate.

Elias Hall, 40, Mogadore, was fined $250 and sentenced to four days in jail, with credit for four days served, for possessing drug abuse instrument for having a syringe in his pants pocket during a traffic stop in Salem on Jan. 13.

Valerie Chludzinski, 47, Walnut Street, Rogers, was fined $250 for use of unauthorized plate.

Alexis Wiley, 19, Hillcrest Road, Wellsville, was fined $250 for assured clear distance.

A pretrial was set June 13 for Zachary English, 27, Ninth Avenue, East Liverpool, charged with speeding.

Charles Huntington, 53, Empire, was fined $150 for driving under suspension.

Jerrica King, 22, Sixth Street, Wellsville, was fined $300 for failure to control and driving under suspension.

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NEWS

DeWine keeps talking about the 'science of reading,' but what does that really mean?

BY MEGAN HENRY

(Ohio Capital Journal) – A chunk of Gov. Mike DeWine's proposed budget zeroes in on what's called the science of reading method.

Specifically, it includes $64 million for science of reading curricula, $43 million each year for the next two years to offer science of reading instruction for educators, and $12 million to support 100 literacy coaches in schools and districts.

"I truly believe there's nothing more important than the science of reading, and making sure that every single child in the state of Ohio, as they are learning to read, has the benefit of the science," DeWine said at a March 23 event. DeWine has been making literacy stops in classrooms around Ohio to learn about how the science of reading method has been implemented in lessons.

The science of reading method incorporates phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, said Brett Tingley, the president of both Parents for Reading Justice and OH-KID (Ohio Kids Identified with Dyslexia).

"Teaching reading should be systematic, explicit, and direct based on the system of processing language," said DeJunne' Clark Jackson, president of the Center for Literacy and Learning, a Louisiana-based literacy nonprofit organization.

Meanwhile, some skeptics argue that the science of reading method doesn't do enough to provoke the kind of thinking that enables deep comprehension in realistic reading situations.

"We must teach comprehension as a multidimensional experience," wrote educators Jessica Hahn and Mia Hood in Education Week. "We want children to comprehend what's happening literally in the text (who did what when), but we also want them to be able to analyze how parts of the text (literary devices, figurative language, structural choices) work together to develop ideas. And we want them to interpret the purpose and significance of the text in relation to their lives and to society."

How children best learn how to read has been debated for decades, and a recent six-part podcast series from American Public Media called Sold a Story has thrust this hotly-debated issue further into the national spotlight.

A little more than half of the states and the District of Columbia have passed laws or implemented new policies related to evidence-based reading instruction since 2013 as of August, according to Education Week. DeWine is hoping Ohio can be added to that list.

Structured literacy

Structured literacy is an approach to reading instruction that applies the knowledge of the science of reading method, and it includes explicit and systematic instruction in foundational reading skills, including phonics. The science of reading says most children need explicit phonics when learning how to read.

"Phonics isn't the only component of literacy instruction, but it can't exist without phonics," said Troy McIntosh, executive director of the Ohio Christian Education Network.

The science of reading method prioritizes this.

"To have a student say that they can comprehend what they're reading, there's two components to that, that go hand in hand, and it's word recognition and language comprehension," said Lindsey Roush, an assistant professor at Walsh University's division of education.

Walsh University, a private Catholic college in North Canton, converted all their education courses to be aligned with the science of reading method in 2019, Roush said.

The method focuses on how letter sounds and printed letters work together, she said.

"We want their eyes to stay focused on the word and start from those little points of the sounds to bigger chunks of the word to analyze the word to be able to decode it and understand it," Roush said.

Which is where phonics comes into play.

"Phonics is a very big part of this in terms of really getting down to those phonemes the letter sounds and understanding which sound each of those letters make, individually, and as they're grouped together in different formats," Roush said.

Balanced literacy

There is another approach to reading instruction called balanced literacy that does not teach phonics in an explicit, systematic way, but prioritizes students' comprehension of a text.

Critics of that approach say it's not based on the science. "It's not using the foundational skills," alleged Danielle Fontenot, vice president of program development at the Center for Literacy and Learning.

Balanced literacy incorporates the three-cueing method, which encourages children to read words by asking three questions: Does it make sense? Does it sound right? Does it look right? For example, there could be a picture of a horse on a book's page and a student may say "pony."

"When you get to books without pictures your strategy's not working," Tingley said.

The science of reading method eliminates guessing, Roush said.

"We don't want them looking at pictures," she said.

Whole language is another approach to reading that is more in line with balanced literacy that, as the name suggests, teaches students the whole word instead of parts of the word, Jackson said.

The balanced literacy and whole language methods teach children the "habits of poor readers," Tingley alleged.

"The children are the ones who are suffering," she said. "It's hard to have someone you love struggle to read. … If you can't read, you can't do a story problem. You have a hard time in math, you can't access science or social studies, so reading is the most important thing."

Linda Fenner, a founding member of Citizen Advocates for Public Education (CAPEOhio), said she wonders if there is a "global solution or a one-size fits all program" that works best for teaching all students how to read.

"Different kids need different things in order to learn how to read," she said. "The kids who need the most support really need different things and in different combinations."

Ohio school districts

It's unclear which Ohio school districts are using which methods when it comes to the reading curriculum. Ohio law gives local schools and districts sole authority regarding decisions about curriculum, so there is no required state curriculum, said Ohio Department of Education Spokesperson Lacey Snoke.

But one thing is clear – there are Ohio school districts not teaching the science of reading method and DeWine is working hard to change that through his proposed budget.

"This is a problem that we know how to fix," Tingley said. "And we owe it to these children to fix it."

Athens City School District in Athens County currently uses what would be considered a balanced literacy approach, but supports DeWine's science of reading method budget proposal, Superintendent Thomas Gibbs said in an email.

"We have continued to see stagnation in our reading scores and have been internally training and reviewing different curriculum that is more in line with the Science of Reading," Gibbs said. "The allocation of dollars in the budget to purchase new materials that are in line with SOR and dollars to support the additional time and commitment our teachers will have to put into professional development is necessary and would be a good investment."

Athens Schools third grade English Language Arts reading scores from the 2017-18 to the 2020-21 school year have been between 9% to 29% for limited scores, between 17% to 25% for basic scores, between 13% to 22% for proficient scores, between 11% to 20% accomplished, and between 12% to 34% for advanced scores, according to ODE.

Ohio's tests scores

Ohio's test scores dipped in the latest report from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which published in October.

Eighth grade math proficiency dropped from 38% in 2019 to 29% in 2022. In reading scores for the same grade level, proficiency went from 38% in 2019 to 33% in 2022, according to the NAEP data.

Fourth graders saw decreases as well, going from 38% in 2019 to 33% in 2022 in reading scores, and from 38% in 2019 to 29% in 2022 in math.

"I believe that one of the biggest educational mistakes we have made over the last three to four decades is abandoning direct phonic instruction," McIntosh said. "That has been disastrous for Ohio's kids."

"One of those 'aha moments' "

Roush distinctly remembers being introduced to the science of reading method through Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) professional development training about four years ago.

"It's just one of those moments, I feel as an educator, like one of those 'aha moments,' like, why haven't we been doing this?" Roush said.

She previously taught for 13 years at McKinley Elementary School, part of Lisbon Exempted Village Schools in Columbia County, and remembers seeing frustrated students struggling to read before the district switched to the science of reading approach.

"If we can prevent that, of course, we should want to do that as educators," Roush said.

She remembers students looking at a picture in a book that was near the word on a page and say something that might have started with the same letter, but was ultimately incorrect.

"(It) made zero sense whatsoever, because they were just simply guessing by looking for context clues in the pictures rather than trying to decode the word," she said.

She starting noticing a difference after incorporating the science of reading method in her third grade classroom.

"It started to click with students," Roush said. "The big thing was seeing them start to problem solve and how to break apart a word. If they came to a word that they didn't know, they had the strategies to decode that word."

Educators say it's worth putting in the time to learn the science of reading method.

"It's our obligation to do what's best for students and if we have been doing it one way for so long and it isn't working, then we have an obligation to our students to know better and do better," Fontenot said.

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Surrounded by supporters and members of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Rodney Rucker (third from left, holding the scissors) and his wife, Rebecca (fourth from left), cut the ribbon on their new business, London Farm Fresh Market. The ceremony took place April 3.

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Market opens on South Main Street

By Kristy Zurbrick
Madison Editor

London residents Rebecca and Rodney Rucker cut the ribbon on their new business, London Farm Fresh Market, on April 3. The store is located at 119 S. Main St. in the space formerly occupied by the Procter Store.

Like its predecessor, London Farm Fresh Market is essentially an indoor farmers market offering a wide array of fresh produce, meats, baked goods, and more.

"We carry a lot of vendors that come in with their products," Rebecca said.

Several area farmers drop off fresh fruits and vegetables that will change by the season. Honey, garlic, herbs, jam, salsa, noodles, and fresh-baked bread are among the offerings, as are soap in pump and bar form, candles, earrings, magnets, and healthy, homemade dog treats.

Fat Hen Farmhouse out of the South Charleston area stocks the store with fish, bison, and other meats. Watch for the strawberry jam bratwurst from Lehnert's Meats of London. Main Street Deli in West Jefferson is supplying wrapped sub sandwiches, lunch meats, and cheeses. M&M Diner of London offers up homebaked pies and carrot cakes. And the list goes on.

Many of the vendors are carryovers from the Procter Store, including the Procter Conference Center & Farm which supplies the store with meat, eggs, and produce. The store also serves as a dropoff point for Procter's CSA bags (community supported agriculture).

The Ruckers themselves will help to stock the shelves with fresh vegetables. Rebecca is an avid gardener, and Rodney is a farmer.

Both Rodney and Rebecca were born and raised in Madison County–Rodney in West Jefferson and Rebecca in London. Rebecca said she is excited to serve the community but especially the neighborhood in which she grew up.

"It feels good to be giving people on this end of town more choices for shopping and fresh products," she said.

In the future, the market plans to offer delivery.

London Farm Fresh Market is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. For information, call Rebecca at (614) 827-3923.

RURAL URBAN

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Farm Service Agency, served as the program speaker. Born and raised in Adams County, Ohio, Quilter graduated from Wilmington College with a degree in production agriculture.

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In 2013, the Clark County and Madison County Farm Service Agency offices combined to make one office. Madison County's FSA serves all of Clark and Madison counties and half of Franklin County

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Donna Quilter, program technician with the USDA Farm Service Agency, speaks at the London Rotary Club's annual Rural Urban Day Breakfast held on March 30 at the Madison County Senior Center in London.

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Effort to increase Ohio's minimum wage crosses another hurdle

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This article has been updated to correct the date that tipped employees would receive full minimum wage.

Advocates hoping to raise Ohio's minimum wage to $15 an hour got the green light Monday to start collecting signatures for the November 2024 ballot.

The five-member Ohio Ballot Board approved Raise the Wage Ohio's measure as one issue rather than multiple ones. The procedural step allows proponents to start collecting the 413,446 valid signatures that the group would need to make the ballot.

Under the proposed constitutional amendment, the state minimum wage would increase to $12.75 an hour starting Jan. 1, 2025 and $15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2026. After that, increases would be indexed to inflation. Tipped employees, who currently receive a lower rate, would receive full minimum wage by Jan. 1, 2029.

The amendment would also repeal provisions that allow minors and people with mental or physical disabilities to be paid less than minimum wage.

Proponents of the measure say it's needed to help Ohio's lower-income employees. Opponents say it would cripple an already struggling labor market.

"The proposed minimum wage amendment to the Ohio Constitution is not only ill-advised and economically detrimental," Ohio Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Stivers said in a statement. "It would also be next to impossible to correct once the unintended consequences transpire."

By the end of 2023, six states will have minimum wages at or above $15. They include California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington, according to a report from the National Employment Law Project.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Soundgarden, Cornell's widow settle recordings lawsuit

The widow of singer Chris Cornell and his former bandmates in Soundgarden said Monday that they have resolved her lawsuit against them, clearing the way for the release of the band's final recordings more than five years after his death.

Vicky Cornell sued Soundgarden in federal court in 2019 over royalties from recordings her husband had made that she said were intended to be a solo project but the band contended were part of their partnership with him.

Chris Cornell made the seven disputed recordings in his Miami Beach home studio in the months before his death in May 2017 after a Soundgarden concert in Detroit, according to the lawsuit, whose defendants included the band's guitarist Kim Thayil, drummer Matt Cameron and bassist Ben Shepherd.

It alleged the band was denying hundreds of thousands of dollars in royalties from Vicky Cornell and the couple's two children.

In 2021, Cornell's family settled a different lawsuit against a doctor they alleged over-prescribed him drugs before his death, which was ruled a suicide.

Soundgarden was founded in 1984 and broke nationally during the rise of Seattle's grunge music scene in the late '80s and early '90s. Their best-known songs include "Black Hole Sun," "Jesus Christ Pose," "Outshined" and "Spoonman." Cornell was also part of the bands Audioslave and Temple of the Dog.

SNAP

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per month, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. But some families received $250 or more per month.

ODJFS reported issuing $397 million in SNAP benefits in October 2022, up from $176 million in October 2018.

Those extra payments ended in March 2023, but the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services says they are behind the rise in high-balance accounts.

"In October of 2018, there were 100 high-balance accounts. In October of 2020, there were 273, and in October of 2022, that number was 2,860," spokesman Bill Teets wrote in an email. "We believe the most likely reasons behind this increase were the pandemic-era additions."

That explanation raised a red flag for Sen. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, who wondered whether some of those dollars were "wasted" on families who didn't need them.

"These programs were not designed to be savings accounts. These were designed to help families in crisis," Schaffer said. "It's incumbent upon us to find out why these balances are running so high."

Could Ohio collect those dollars?

SNAP benefits roll over from month to month, but they don't accrue indefinitely.

"The caveat is that if the card is not used in nine months, benefits which are nine months old will be expunged," Teets said. "In other words, the benefits do not expire so long as I use the card at least every nine months."

Ohio also has the authority to "reduce allotments" when there's been an overpayment and collect balances from the cards of deceased persons. But nothing in federal law or Ohio Revised Code appears to provide a legal pathway to rescind approved benefits that go unused.

Seitz sent an email to the head of ODJFS, asking the agency to "determine whether the high balance should remain on the recipient's EBT card or whether it should be removed or rescinded, or whether it is fraudulent in the first place."

He added that the state "could give that money to the SNAP recipients that really need it, as opposed to carrying these high balances for one minute longer than we need to."

Ohio's Department of Job and Family Services says 2,800 Ohioans have high-balance SNAP accounts with more than $5,000.
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Schaffer, who has long pushed for greater scrutiny of welfare recipients, told the USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau he's considering amendments to the state budget that might allow Ohio to "recoup" some of those dollars but declined to divulge specifics.

"I think the big point here is whoever has those accounts, if they have racked up a $20- or $30,000 balance, they don't need help ... ," Schaffer said. "We all want to help people in need, no question. But we do have to crack down on the waste."

State and local oversight

Ohio regularly sends the high-balance spreadsheet to local counties so they can "monitor those accounts for potential indications of fraud, such as a particularly high expenditure," Teets said.

High-balance accounts only represent about 0.2% of all Ohio SNAP recipients. A fact Democrats, like Rep. Elliot Forhan, D-South Euclid, want lawmakers to keep in mind as the Legislature considers any changes in the program's oversight or operation.

Republicans have previously tried to pass laws mandating drug tests and photographs on recipient cards.

"SNAP benefits play a vital role in helping low-income families across Ohio. Before we politicize how they're being hypothetically obtained and used, I believe that much more analysis is needed to be done," Forhan said. "Only then can we form an accurate conclusion that will help dictate next steps."

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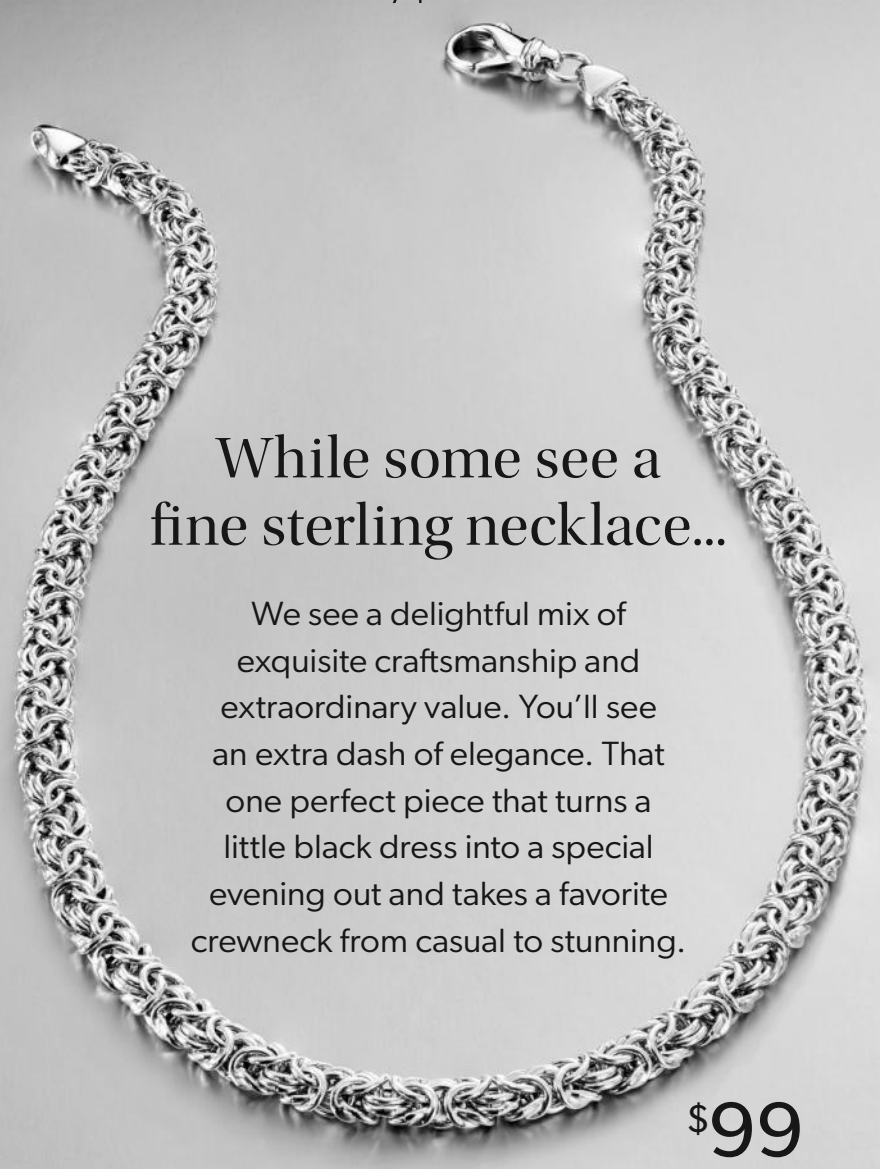

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TODAY
HIGH: 66
LOW: 55
Mostly sunny and milder

THURSDAY
HIGH: 81
LOW: 64
Mostly cloudy and increasingly windy

FRIDAY
HIGH: 67
LOW: 52
Cloudy and cooler with showers around

SATURDAY
HIGH: 58
LOW: 36
Windy and cooler with heavy rain

SUN & MOON

SUN	Today	Thu.
Rise	6:46 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Set	8:13 p.m.	8:14 p.m.

MOON	Today	Thu.
Rise	6:34 a.m.	6:59 a.m.
Set	7:57 p.m.	9:09 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 20	Apr 27	May 5	May 12

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NATIONAL EXTREMES

48 contiguous states Monday

HIGH TEMPERATURE
Death Valley, CA 96

LOW TEMPERATURE
Gothic, CO 4

ALMANAC

Monday

TEMPERATURES

High/Low	44/34
Normal	61/40
Record	83 (1969)
Record	21 (1946)

PRECIPITATION *(in inches)*

Monday	0.00
Month to date	1.50
Normal month to date	2.40
Year to date	13.14
Normal year to date	11.49
Last year to date	13.13

BIBLE DIGEST

"The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17 AKJV)

LOTTERIES

OHIO

(Drawings: April 17)
Pick 3 (early): 3 4 2
Pick 3 (late): 9 2 9
Pick 4 (early): 7 6 4 8
Pick 4 (late): 4 3 8 2
Pick 5 (early): 6 0 4 8 6
Pick 5 (late): 5 3 8 2 6
Rolling Cash 5: 21 24 27 28 29
Classic Lotto: 6 9 17 27 28 34
Wednesday's jackpot is $1.5 million.

Rating

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company hasn't received 2021 financial statements from the issuers." The report also noted that the figure was "the most since at least 2018, and materially higher than the prior five-year average of 95 such moves, according to S&P data."

Schertzer outlined some of the ramifications the withdrawal of Marion's bond rating could have on the city's ability to borrow funds or obtain grant funding, noting that the city may have to explore obtaining funding from alternative resources.

"Make no mistake, this is catastrophic," Schertzer said. "There's only one more catastrophic thing that could happen and that's the (Ohio Auditor of State) comes in and runs our books. Council needs to understand how bad this is. Does it jeopardize future capital projects? Absolutely. So now we have to look at the secondary market. We have to look at other options.

"And as was already stated by (Councilman Jeff Gerritsen, 1st Ward) all those options are going to cost the taxpayers more money. We went from a AA to a BB to no rating at all."

Schertzer noted that while the city's revenue stream is currently strong, potentially losing access to valuable federal grant funding could have a serious negative impact on the city's general fund.

"If those federal dollars are ever in jeopardy ... then the general fund will be strapped and strained to cover those lost federal dollars in a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Service) grant, in a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant, FAA grants, transit grants, senior transportation grants at the (Marion) Senior Center," Schertzer said. "There are a multitude of departments that rely on federal dollars and that's why it's so important to make that Federal Audit Clearinghouse deadline on Sept. 30 before the feds decide to do something about it."

As she has stated previously, Meginness reiterated to the finance committee on Monday that she believes the blame for the current situation the city is facing can be laid at the feet of former Marion Auditor Robert Landon.

"One thing I did want to note as well is that this is the result of the 22 months that Robert Landon was in office and (took) little to no action while he was in office," Meginness said. "The bank reconciliations are a big part of that. If the bank reconciliations had been done this could have been avoided.

"The majority of the problems with why we're being so held up right now is the inaccurate record keeping (under Landon's administration). If we had the records in the appropriate places and the appropriate orders, this wouldn't be such a problem. The amount of digging my staff and I have had to do to get this completed has led to the delays (in the completion of the city's financial audits)."

Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24 at City Hall.

To see city council agendas, go to the City of Marion website www.marionohio.us.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Marion Star nominated for AP awards

MARION – The Marion Star received seven nominations in the 2022 Ohio Association Press Media Editors Awards.

News reporter Andrew Carter is a finalist for best news writer and best enterprise reporting. Sports reporter Rob McCurdy is a finalist for best sports writer, best sport feature writer and best sports columnist. Former editor Ben Lanka is a finalist for best editorial writer. The Star is also a finalist in the best daily sport section category. The winners will be announced in May.

MTC awarded grant for engineering programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded two grants totaling $919,586 to two colleges in Central Ohio for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) research and education.

Marion Technical College was awarded $648,370 for engineering education programs to support manufacturing jobs through hands-on and virtual reality trainings. Otterbein College in Westerville will receive $271,216 for research on chemical synthesis with potential use in optical devices and sensing.

ODOT projects to impact Marion area traffic

MARION – The intersection of Barks Road and Delaware Avenue (U.S. 23) will have intermittent lane closures for the next few months. Traffic will be maintained using flaggers during this work. The Ohio Department of Transportation is completing a roadway safety project in this area.

ODOT also has announced that Ohio 529 between Marion-Cardington Road and Ohio 98 will be closed starting Friday through June 5. The detour will be Ohio 98 to Ohio 95 to Ohio 529.

In addition, Ohio 95 between Whetstone River Road and Salem Road is reduced to one lane through October for bridge deck replacement. Traffic is being maintained by temporary traffic signals.

Women's history re-enacted on Saturday

MARION – Women's history will be coming to life at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Marion Women's Club Home, 1126 E. Center St. Students from Dr. Margaret Sumner's women's history class at The Ohio State University at Marion have been exploring the Women's Club archives dating to 1895. The student have written short plays will be read at the event.

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Program

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else's burden. She's decided to take things on herself. She's decided to disassociate herself from negative people. She's decided to change everything, not just what was convenient, which is the easy way through. She decided not to give up when things got difficult. And she decided that she was more than just a recovering addict.

"She decided she's a sister, she's a mom, she's a friend, she's a daughter. And she's decided those are the most important things. So she's decided to give up that one thing so she can get everything back."

Haley, age 33, and mother to two children, read from a statement that she wrote about completing the MARCA program and the difference it has made in her life and the lives of those closest to her.

"I feel that I'm a different me compared to when I started this program. After I quit fighting and just started to listen and take the advice that I was given, I feel that I never stopped," Haley said. "I'm honest now. People can depend on me. I worked really hard to become a better person. And with the help of this program, I know I'm a better person and better mom. Not only did this program save my life, but it saved my kids' and family's life as well."

Ballinger said Haley's statement was a "very powerful" explanation of the transformation that she has experienced through her participation in the MARC drug court program. The judge touted Haley's accomplishments since completing the program, including changing her thinking, setting life goals, being independent, trusting herself and others, asking for help when necessary, finding a place to live, securing a driver's license and a vehicle, finding gainful employment, meeting her financial responsibilities, living a healthy lifestyle, and holding herself accountable.

"When I got into this program, I didn't have my kids. It was hard for my family to talk to me," Haley explained. "It took months to get to where I'm at now, just to get my family to speak to me. But now I have everything I wanted and I can just keep getting more. I'm in the process of getting custody of my kids back. It's life-changing. And all I had to do was just shut up and listen and do what I was told. These people aren't trying to ruin your life like I thought, they're really trying to help. And they did help a lot."

The MARC drug court is one of three specialized dockets Marion Municipal Court operates. The other two are the Wellness Intervention Court (WIN) that is, according to the court's website, "for offenders diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness. WIN Court connects these offenders with effective, evidence-based treatment and case management to assist in improving their illness management skills. These connections aid the participants in developing accountability, enhancing their ability to lead a stable life, and reducing their criminal behavior."

The other specialized docket is the Veterans Treatment Court designed "for offenders who are also veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. The court is committed to addressing the unique mental health- and substance abuse-related needs of the participants by providing an intensive treatment program that helps establish access to a range of services available within the community. The goal is to promote self-sufficiency, to reduce recidivism, to enhance public safety and to provide an alternative to incarceration."

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Former top aide to Maryland governor dead after manhunt

BALTIMORE (AP) — A one-time chief of staff for former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan died Monday after being shot when FBI agents confronted him in a manhunt launched when he failed to show up for trial on corruption charges, his lawyer said.

Attorney Joseph Murtha said the FBI confirmed Roy McGrath's death to him. He added that it was not immediately clear if McGrath's wound was self-inflicted or came during an exchange of gunfire with agents.

William Brennan, an attorney for McGrath's wife, Laura Bruner, also confirmed the death and said she was "absolutely distraught."

According to an earlier email from FBI Supervisory Special Agent Shayne Buchwald in Maryland, McGrath was wounded during "an agent-involved shooting" about 6:30 p.m. in a commercial area on the southwestern outskirts of Knoxville, Tennessee. Buchwald said McGrath was taken to a hospital but did not elaborate.

Further details, including how McGrath was wounded and what led up to it, were not immediately released. The shooting was under investigation.

"The FBI takes all shooting incidents involving our agents or task force members seriously," said Buchwald, who declined to confirm that McGrath had died.

McGrath, 53, was declared a wanted fugitive after his disappearance, and the FBI said he was considered an international flight risk.

In a statement, Hogan said he and his wife, Yumi, "are deeply saddened by this tragic situation. We are praying for Mr. McGrath's family and loved ones."

Murtha called the death "a tragic ending to the past three weeks of uncertainty" and said his client always maintained his innocence.

After McGrath failed to appear at Baltimore's federal courthouse on March 13, Murtha said he believed McGrath, who had moved to Naples, Florida, was planning to fly to Maryland the night before. Instead of beginning jury selection, a judge issued an arrest warrant and dismissed prospective jurors.

McGrath was indicted in 2021 on accusations that he fraudulently secured a $233,648 severance payment, equal to one year of salary as the head of Maryland Environmental Service, by falsely telling the agency's board the governor had approved it. He was also accused of fraud and embezzlement connected to roughly $170,000 in expenses. McGrath pleaded not guilty.

Knox County Sheriff's Office and FBI officers work in a parking lot area in Knoxville, Tenn. Monday. A lawyer for a former Maryland political aide says the man has died after being wounded while being confronted by law enforcement agents following a manhunt launched after he failed to appear for trial. Attorney Joseph Murtha said it is not immediately clear if Roy McGrath's wound was self-inflicted or came during an exchange of gunfire with agents.

(AP photo)

TODAY IN HISTORY

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By The Associated Press

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

On this date:

In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe, a widower, in the Virginia Colony.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1764, Britain's Parliament passed The American Revenue Act of 1764, also known as the Sugar Act.

In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident that prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1987, Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime-time TV debut by airing the situation comedy "Married with Children" followed by "The Tracey Ullman Show," then repeating both premiere episodes two more times in the same evening.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

In 2008, actor Charlton Heston, big-screen hero and later leader of the National Rifle Association, died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 84.

In 2010, an explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine near Charleston, West Virginia, killed 29 workers. In a televised rescue, 115 Chinese coal miners were freed after spending eight days trapped in a flooded mine, surviving an accident that had killed 38.

In 2016, UConn won an unprecedented fourth straight women's national championship, capping another perfect season by routing Syracuse 82-51.

In 2019, inspecting a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in California, President Donald Trump declared that "our country is full," and that illegal crossings must be stopped.

Ten years ago: Kansas legislators gave final passage to a sweeping anti-abortion measure declaring that life began "at fertilization." (Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, signed the measure two weeks later.) A federal judge in New York ordered the Food and Drug Administration to lift age restrictions on the sale of emergency contraception, ending a requirement that buyers show proof they were 17 or older if they wanted to buy it without a prescription. (After months of back-and-forth legal battles, the Obama administration agreed to lift the age limits.)

Five years ago: In his first public comments about Stormy Daniels, President Donald Trump said he didn't know about the $130,000 payment his personal attorney Michael Cohen had made to the porn actress who alleged she had an affair with Trump. In a dramatic escalation of the trade dispute with China, Trump told the U.S. trade representative to consider slapping an additional $100 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods. A Brazilian judge issued an arrest warrant for former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as the once-popular leader tried to mount a political comeback ahead of October elections; da Silva had sought to stay out of prison while he appealed a corruption conviction. A federal immigration raid took 97 people into custody at a Tennessee meat processing plant.

One year ago: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russian troops of gruesome atrocities in Ukraine and told the U.N. Security Council that those responsible should immediately be brought up on war crimes charges in front of a tribunal like the one set up at Nuremberg after World War II. Barack Obama returned to the White House for the first time in more than five years to savor the 12th anniversary of his signature health care law and give a boost to President Joe Biden's efforts to expand it. Ivanka Trump, former President Donald Trump's daughter and one of those closest to him during the insurrection at the Capitol, testified before the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 97. Country singer Tommy Cash is 83. Actor Michael Moriarty is 82. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 81. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 81. Actor Max Gail is 80. Actor Jane Asher is 77. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 73. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 71. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 69. Hip-hop artist/actor Christopher "Kid" Reid is 59. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 57. Singer Paula Cole is 55. Actor Krista Allen is 52. Actor Victoria Hamilton is 52. Country singer Pat Green is 51. Rapper-producer Pharrell (fa-REHL') Williams is 50. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 48. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 47. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 42. Actor Hayley Atwell is 41. Actor Lily James is 34.

Biden offers $450M for clean energy projects at coal mines

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden's administration is making $450 million available for solar farms and other clean energy projects across the country at the site of current or former coal mines, part of his efforts to combat climate change.

As many as five projects nationwide will be funded through the 2021 infrastructure law, with at least two projects set aside for solar farms, the White House said Tuesday.

The White House also said it will allow developers of clean energy projects to take advantage of billions of dollars in new bonuses being offered in addition to investment and production tax credits available through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The bonuses will "incentivize more clean energy investment in energy communities, particularly coal communities," that have been hurt by a decade-plus decline in U.S. coal production, the White House said.

The actions are among steps the Biden administration is taking as the Democratic president moves to convert the U.S. economy to renewable energy such as wind and solar power, while turning away from coal and other fossil fuels that produce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

The projects are modeled on a site Biden visited last summer, where a former coal-fired power plant in Massachusetts is shifting to offshore wind power. Biden highlighted the former Brayton Point power plant in Somerset, Massachusetts, calling it the embodiment of the transition to clean energy that he is seeking but has struggled to realize in the first two years of his presidency.

"It's very clear that ... the workers who powered the last century of industry and innovation can power the next one," said Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, whose agency will oversee the new grant program.

Former mining areas in Appalachia and other parts of the country have long had the infrastructure, workforce, expertise and "can-do attitude" to produce energy, Granholm told reporters on Monday.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the new plan provides a bonus investment credit of up to 10% for clean energy production in struggling energy communities. Solar farm operators "can get an extra dime on the dollar for your investment in a new facility," she said Tuesday.

To take full advantage of the bonus, developers must pay workers prevailing wages and use a sufficient proportion of apprentices on the job, Yellen said. "These provisions will ensure that workers in energy communities reap the benefits of the clean energy economy they are helping to build," she said.

Up to five clean energy projects will be funded at current and former mines, Granholm said. The demonstration projects are expected to be examples for future development, "providing knowledge and experience that catalyze the next generation of clean energy on mine land projects," the Energy Department said.

Applications are due by the end of August, with grant decisions expected by early next year.

In a related development, the Energy Department said it is awarding $16 million from the infrastructure law to West Virginia University and the University of North Dakota to study ways to extract critical minerals such as lithium, copper and nickel from coal mine waste streams.

Rare earth elements and other minerals are key parts of batteries for electric vehicles, cellphones and other technology. Biden has made boosting domestic mining a priority as the U.S. seeks to decrease its reliance on China, which has long dominated the battery supply chain.

One of the two universities that will receive funding is in the home state of one of Biden's loudest critics, West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a fellow Democrat who has decried what he calls Biden's anti-coal agenda. Manchin complained on Friday about new Treasury Department guidelines for EV tax credits that he said ignore the intent of last year's climate and health care law.

The new rules are aimed at reducing U.S. dependence on China and other countries for EV battery supply chains, but Manchin said they don't move fast enough to "bring manufacturing back to America and ensure we have reliable and secure supply chains."

Manchin, who chairs the Senate Energy Committee, also slammed Biden last year after the president vowed to shutter coal-fired power plants and rely more heavily on wind and solar energy.

The powerful coal state lawmaker called Biden's comments last November "divorced from reality," adding that they "ignore the severe economic pain" caused by higher energy prices as a result of declining domestic production of coal and other fossil fuels. The White House said Biden's words in a Nov. 4 speech in California had been "twisted to suggest a meaning that was not intended" and that the president regretted any offense caused.

Biden has set a goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and achieve a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

White House climate adviser Ali Zaidi said Monday that Biden believes U.S. leaders "need to be bold" in combating climate change "and that includes helping revitalize the economies of coal, oil and gas and power-plant communities."

Abigail Ross Hopper, president and CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association, said the bonuses being offered by Treasury will help solar projects move forward in underserved communities, "helping us fight climate change and create thousands of high-quality, family-supporting jobs."

The program "will funnel new jobs, cleaner air and low-cost electricity to tens of millions of Americans in disadvantaged communities, helping to make sure they're a top priority" in the clean energy transition, Hopper said.

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The cold never felt so good

From Pg. 1

The cast of "Frozen Jr." celebrates saving the kingdom of Arendelle from a spell causing eternal winter during the premier of this year's district musical Friday, March 31 at River High School.

She worked through those jitters to put together an amazing performance.

"I loved it," she said.

Hannah Ogilbee and Katrina Maibach set the stage for Williamson and Griffith, opening the show and setting the scene as Young Anna and Elsa.

Willow Bates and Bristol Ruthenbuhler took over next as Middle Anna and Elsa, before Williamson and Griffith began their adventure to reclaim the kingdom from a spell of eternal winter.

There were a few fun stops along the way, filled with fun characters and songs.

Kenneth Robertson and Felicity Good teamed up as Kristoff the ice harvester and his reindeer friend Sven to help Williamson find the queen in a castle on the top of a mountain.

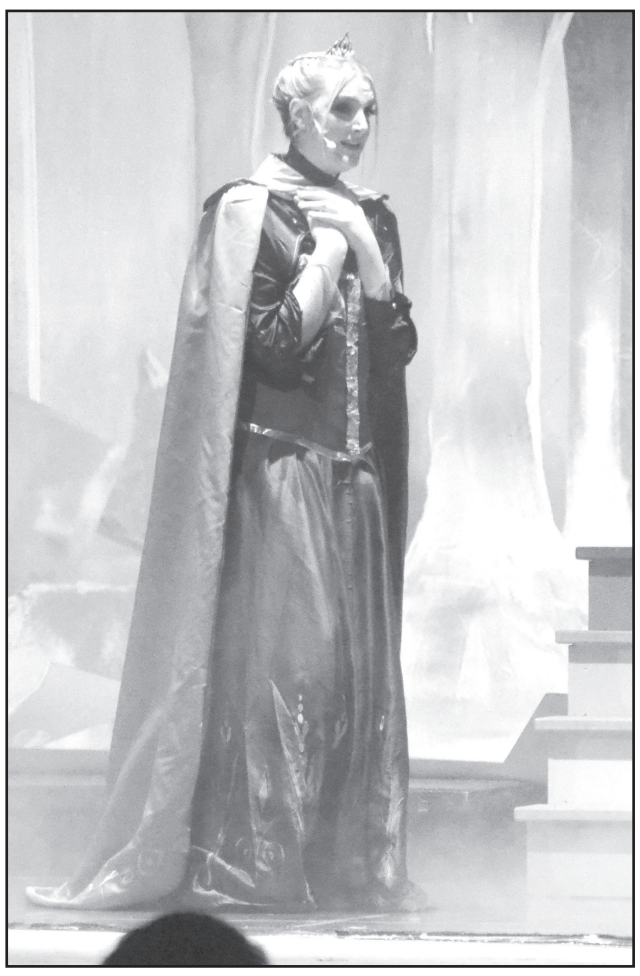
Despite danger, and the dastardly tricks of Hans, played by Grant Smith, our characters saved the day – and entertained a delighted crowd in the process.

After the kingdom of Arendelle was freed from Elsa's spell and the curtain call, the cast had even more treats for the audience, as children got to get their pictures taken with real-life princesses, heroes, reindeer and snowmen, including the one and only Olaf, played by Abby Glass.

The emotions of seeing months of hard work come to a successful conclusion were mixed. As shown by Jones, there was the joy of seeing her actors and backstage crew put on another great show. And there was also the sadness of seeing it end, knowing that Saturday night's performance was the end of their journey together.

But instead of focusing on that, Williamson was happy seeing how much people enjoyed the show.

"It's amazing," she said, "seeing all their faces and seeing them laugh."



Kadelan Griffith sings "Let it Go" during the district musical "Frozen Jr." Friday, March 31 at River High School.

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Thank you for your patience

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County Road 9A
(Six Points Road)

County Road 9A (Six Points Road) will have **FULL CLOSURE**, starting April 10, 2023 and lasting for approximately 2 weeks, between the east and west intersections with Green Township Road 8, for a large culvert replacement.
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NOTICE
County Road 43
(Long Ridge Road)

County Road 43 (Long Ridge Road) will have **DAYTIME CLOSURE**, 8:30am-6pm, starting April 17, 2023 and lasting for approximately 1 week, 100 feet east of County Road 22 intersection, for slip repair.
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County Road 47
(Mechanicsburg Road)

County Road 47 (Mechanicsburg Road) will have **DAYTIME CLOSURE**, 9:00am-7:00pm, starting April 17, 2023 and lasting for approximately 2 days, between State Route 800 and Perry Township Road 1002, for soil borings, weather permitting.
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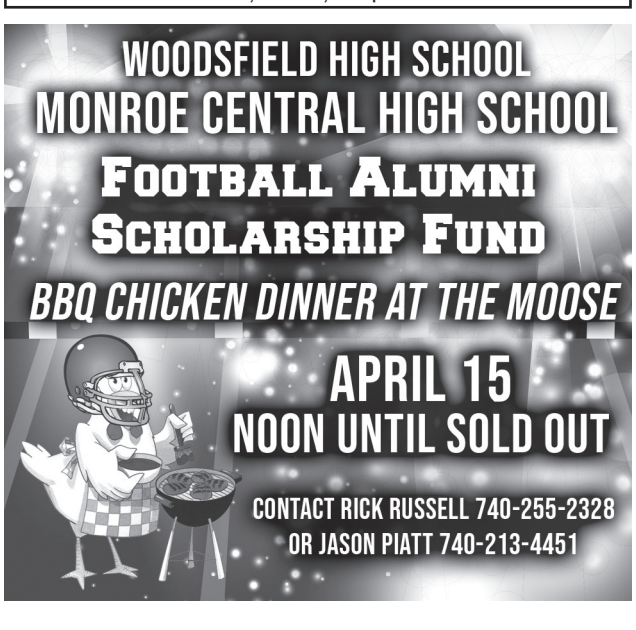

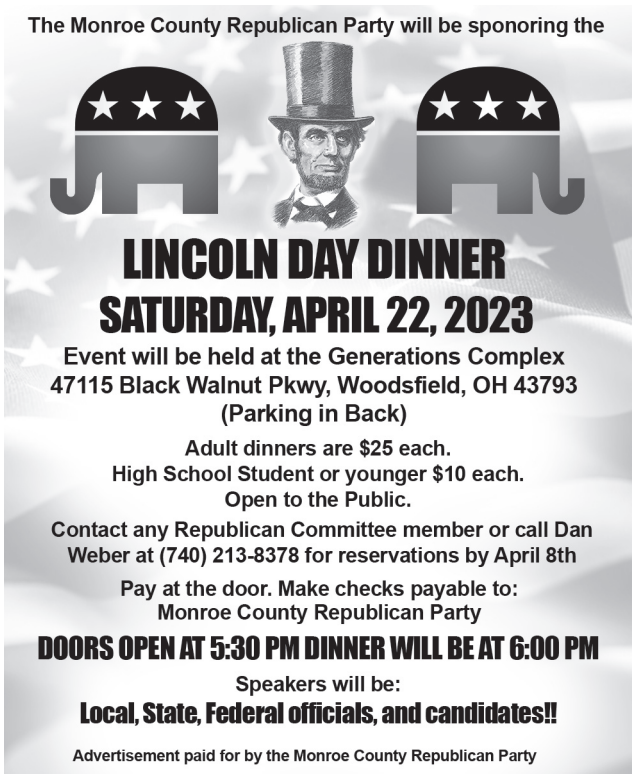

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Lady Raider softball team beats Ceramics, Colts

By KEITH SPARE

The Morgan Lady Raider softball team began its 2023 campaign by winning two of three Muskingum Valley League contests. The Lady Raiders bested Crooksville and Meadowbrook. However, they suffered a tough extra-inning loss to Philo.

West Muskingum visits the Morgan Softball/Baseball Facility tonight (Wednesday) in a Muskingum Valley League Small School Division contest at 5 p.m. Morgan goes on the road Thursday for an MVL crossover battle at John Glenn. It's back to Small School Division play with a trip to Coshocton on Monday, April 10. The first pitch on both nights is slated to start at 5 p.m.

The Lady Raiders opened the season by hosting Crooksville in a contest featuring the MVL Small School Division co-champs from a year ago. Malayni Clemens tossed a five-hitter, and the Lady Raider offense pounded out 13 hits in a 12-1 win.

Morgan scored six times in the bottom of the first as Cassidy Herdman smacked a two-run double. Baylee Harmon and Paige Lanning added RBI base knocks.

After Crooksville scored a run in the top of the second, Morgan plated two runs in the second on Clemens' two-run round-tripper to left. The Lady Raiders added two runs in the fourth and fifth innings for the mercy-rule victory.

Clemens struck out ten, allowing one earned run on three hits in the complete game win.

Clemens also led the offense going four for four with five runs battled in. Blair Clawson clubbed two doubles and scored twice. Herdman doubled and singled, knocking in a pair of runs. Chloe Baker ripped two singles and scored twice. Raya Augenstein, Harmon, and Lanning also contributed singles. Harmon drove in two runs while Lanning plated one. Clawson stole two bases, and Augenstein had one stolen base.

Morgan's first road game had the Lady Raiders heading to Byesville to battle Meadowbrook. Clemens and Clawson both homered in, leading the MoCo ladies to a wild 16-7 win.

Morgan scored two times in the top of the first. The Lady Colts countered with a run in the bottom of the frame. The Lady Raiders made it 9-1 with a seven-run second inning, highlighted by Clawson's three-run blast to center and Lanning's two-run double.

Meadowbrook pulled to within 9-3 after two innings. It was 12-6 Morgan at the end of three frames. The teams each scored a run in the fourth, putting the Lady Raiders up 13-7. Morgan finished the scoring with three runs in the top of the fifth, including a solo homer by Clemens, a sacrifice fly by Remi Keirns, and an RBI double from Herdman.

The Lady Raiders pounded out seven extra bases hits in their 17-hit assault. Clawson and Keirns each had three hits. Clawson added a double and a single to her round-tripper. She also drove in three runs and scored twice. Clemens drove in a run with a homer and a double as she scored twice.

Myka Augenstein ripped a double and a single. Raya Augenstein singled twice. They both drove in and scored two runs each. Lanning doubled and singled, adding two RBIs. Harmon plated two runs with a single. Herdman cracked a double with an RBI. Baker singled and scored three times.

Raya Augenstein tossed three innings in the circle surrendering six runs (four earned) on six hits. She fanned three and walked two. Clemens tossed three innings, allowing one earned run on two hits. She notched six strikeouts.

The Lady Raiders played host to Philo in an MVL crossover matchup on March 30. The visiting Lady Electrics dealt Morgan a 5-4 loss in eight innings.

Philo scored three in the first on a hit batter and four consecutive singles.

Morgan fought back in the home half of the third. Paige Lanning singled, and Keirns reached on an error. A sacrifice bunt by Herdman moved the runners up a base. A Clawson single to left plated Lanning for Morgan's first run. Raya Augenstein tied the game with a double to center. Augenstein scored on Baker's ground out for a 4-3 Morgan advantage after three innings.

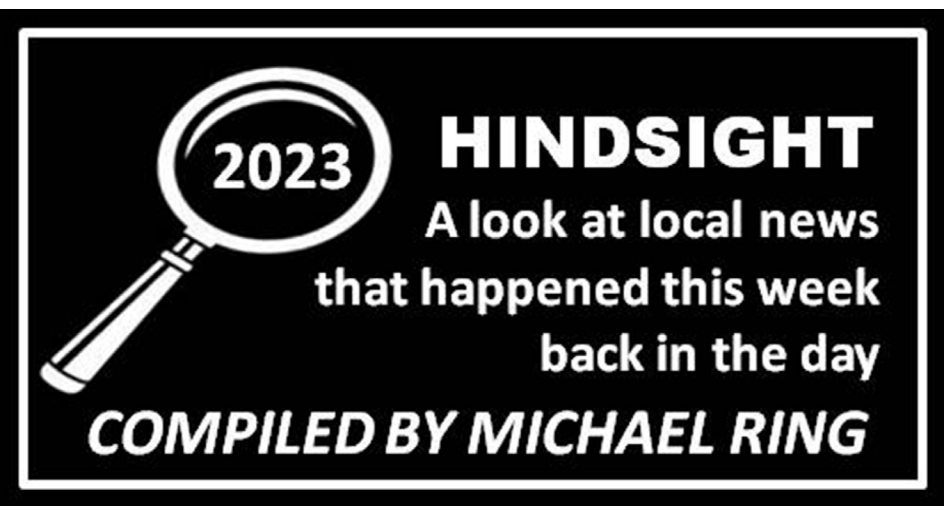
Philo tied the game with a two-out run in the top of the fourth. The Lady Raiders threatened in the bottom of the fifth when they loaded the bases with one out. However, the Lady Electrics got out of trouble with an inning-ending double play.

Philo scored another two-out run in the top of the eighth and retired the side in the home half of the inning for the victory.

Lanning had two of Morgan's five hits. Raya Augenstein doubled. Clawson and Herdman added base knocks.

Clemens suffered the loss giving up five runs (four earned) and 13 hits. She recorded 17 strikeouts and walked three.

Morgan's doubleheader at Belpre on Saturday was canceled.



10 Years Ago (2013)

• The 50th season began for the Morgan County Fairgrounds Golf Course. Golf Committee Chairman Gene Voytko extended an invitation for anyone in the community to play. Season memberships and greens fees remained the same price from last season. Construction began in 1962 on the only golf course in the state of Ohio built on a fairgrounds. It opened on March 31, 1963.

• Cecil Mayle received the Earl Goodin Memorial Firefighter of the Year plaque at the Chesterhill VFD and EMS Appreciation Banquet. Cody Fleming accepted the Allen Cain Memorial Outstanding Service Award. Service awards were presented to Cecil Mayle, 30 years; Kathy Smedley and Gordon Armstrong, 35 years each. Fire Department officers were Tim Smedley, chief; Ryan Rush, assistant chief; Cecil Mayle, captain; Brian Garber, Charlie Mayle and Jay Peters, lieutenants; Ryan Rush, training officer; Jay Peters, president; Charlie Mayle, vice president, Kathy Smedley, secretary; and Brian Garber, treasurer. Auxiliary officers included Sue Mayle, president; Stephanie Mayle, vice president; Dorothy Metcalf, secretary; and Kathy Smedley, treasurer.

20 Years Ago (2003)

• Morgan High School student Nicole Strohl, a member of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America Club, received a Three-Star rating and first-place honors in the Senior Division Job Interview competition at the Regional Rally at Canal Winchester High School. She qualified to advance to the state competition held later this spring.

• Morgan High School Study Club presented the live drama "Strange Boarders" at the James D. McKinney Little Theater at the high school. Cast members included David Tuttle, Laura Hartl, Andrew Hartl, Christen Best, Beth White, Jessica Carper, Kyna Graham, Matt Woodrum, Dustin Walker, Michael Posey, Ann Wilson, Justin Townley, Donnie Maynard, and Vanessa Kraps. Drama directors were Janette Calendine and Jacob Wettersten. Lighting and sound was done by Roger Calendine.

30 Years Ago (1993)

• Mayor Sam Myers presented Volunteer Fireman Mark Schramm and Kenny Harlow, long-time member of both the fire department and emergency squad with the Stockport Mayor's Award. Among the other awards presented during their annual banquet were Chuck Guinn, Officer of the Year; Jim Haught, Most Improved Fireman; Mike Abel and Rich Travis, Chief's Award; Mona Farnsworth, Community Service Award; and service awards to Dave Creighton, Don Oliver, June Roberts, Kenny Horner, John Roberts, and Steve Hanson. Charter Fire Chief Frank Faires read the following names of the deceased squad members as Brian Clark rang the bell for each: Wilfred Faires, Harry McCoy, Stanley Lane, Weir Kern, Lloyd Lowther, Jim Shaner, Doris Mendenhall, Doug Ervin, Glenn Evans, Clarence Bishop, Ralph Calendine, Howard Janes, Max Ewart, Donald Van Fossen, Lew Wallace, Dale Muse, Harry Fleming, Cedric Morrison, Kenneth Price, Boyd Wallace, Bernard Wallace, Kent James, George Huffman, Carlton Wallace, Powell B. Morris, Wally Carr, Harry Teter, Albert Beck, Robert L. Robinson, Cluster Chapman, and Chester Mills.

• Dale and Margaret Woodyard of Stockport celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Union Township Road 104. She is the daughter of the late David and Linnie (Basim) Van Fossen. He is the son of the late Albert Oscar and Alice Mae (Wood) Woodyard.

40 Years Ago (1983)

• Frank Demster was named Republican of the Year at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner. Evelyn Hopkins, the 1982 award recipient, presented the plaque. Featured speaker at the event was Congressman John Kasich. Fred Puente was the master of ceremonies.

• Members of the Morgan Raider Band continued to prepare for the upcoming trip and performance at the Apple Blossom Parade in Virginia. The local students will participate with 75 other marching bands from across the country and visit Washington D.C. sites before returning home. Becky O'Brien, president of the Morgan Music Boosters, said the estimated cost for the trip is $11,000. Fundraising continued to cover the costs for the 30 uniforms needed for new members of the band and the recently added flag corps.

50 Years Ago (1973)

• Morgan County boys and girls captured five first-place trophies and several other honors at the Zanesville Junior Bowling Tournament. Winners in the girls' division were Kim Jones, Krickett Bucey, Becky Leeper, Crystal Clemens, Jeanne Ewing, Patty Kraps, Mickey Conaway, Sherry Smith, Tammy Best, and Belinda Morris. Winners in both singles and doubles in the boys' division were Kirk Kennard, John Hambel, Mark Bowman, Rodney Spencer, Frank Fitch, A.W. Abel, Gary Abel and Raini Day… Morgan FFA Chapter elected the following officers for the 1973-74 school year: Stanley Strode, president; Barry Earich, vice president; Dennis Hann, secretary; Bob McInturf, treasurer; Eddie Canter, reporter; Keith Nelson, district officer; Lynn Knipe, sentinel; and Jim Dalzell, student advisor. The new officers attended the District 14 Officers Training Seminar at Warren High School.

• Russell Chadwick American Legion Post 389 held its 53rd birthday party and celebrated the 54th anniversary of the American Legion in the United States. A buffet dinner was served by Auxiliary Unit 389 for more than 100 members and guests, including students from Warren, Fort Frye and Waterford High Schools who were winners in the Americanism and Government contest sponsored by The Legion. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Lyell Roush. Commander James Pugh recognized Mr. Melvin Chapman, district commander and his wife, Jean, who is auxiliary district president – for being the first husband and wife to serve at the district level at the same time.

100 Years Ago (1923)

• Mr. W.H. Savage, who recently sold his pool room, leased the rooms in Malta formerly occupied by Chester Palmer and announced plans to open up a cigar factory… A new wholesale grocery operation was formed under the name of The Muskingum Valley Grocery Company after the Cochran & Pinkerton Company was dissolved. The first choice for the name of the new grocery was Twin City Grocery Company, but the incorporation papers were rejected by the state because a wholesale grocery by that name already existed in Ohio. H.G. Allen was named general manager. The business will be located on the corner of Seventh and Liberty Streets.

ON APRIL 9, 1959 – A YEAR AFTER NASA was established – seven American test pilots became the inaugural members of the U.S. Space Force. They were Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr., and Donald Slayton.

The crew manned Project Mercury – the country's inaugural space program, but the Force was not activated until 2019.

The selection process was a grueling procedure that started with thirty-one candidates. As History.com describes it: "For six days and three nights, the men were subjected to various tortures that tested their tolerance of physical and psychological stress. Among other tests, the candidates were forced to spend an hour in a pressure chamber that simulated an altitude of 65,000 feet, and two hours in a chamber that was heated to 130 degrees Fahrenheit. At the end of one week, eighteen candidates remained. From among these men, the selection committee was to choose six based on interviews, but seven candidates were so strong they ended up settling on that number."

Ah, it's great to be young and agile

Limbo dancing was quite the fad in the '50s and '60s. If you are not old enough to remember the craze, limbo is a dance where you have to duck lower and lower to get underneath a pole without touching the pole or the ground, says the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). It can be a challenge. Imagine how hard it gets if you're on roller skates and the pole is just about eight inches above the ground – about the distance between the pavement and the undercarriage of a car. That was the challenge waiting for a seven year old girl in India. In fact, she put on her skates, bent over forwards (the hard way) and successfully made her way under, not one car, but 20 cars. You guessed it. The stunt earned Deshna Nahar of Pune, India, a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Free statewide 'Welcome to Medicare' educational events

Submitted

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP), the state's official Medicare educational and counseling program, is holding free in-person and virtual "Welcome to Medicare" events across Ohio from April through June for Ohioans new to Medicare, Ohio Department of Insurance director Judith L. French announced. OSHIIP is a department program.

"Medicare is complicated and there are different health insurance approaches along with health care and budgetary considerations for Ohioans new to Medicare to evaluate," French said. "OSHIIP's Medicare representatives narrow the scope while still thoroughly educating Ohioans about Medicare so they can make informed health insurance decisions best suited for their needs."

During the events, OSHIIP representatives provide an overview of Medicare, Part A and B benefits, Part D prescription drug coverage, Medicare supplemental insurance plans, Medicare Advantage plans, eligibility, enrollment, financial assistance, and important deadlines. One-on-one follow-up counseling sessions can be scheduled.

Last year, OSHIIP through its different engagement services counseled and educated nearly 600,000 people and saved Ohioans on Medicare $46 million by helping them identify suitable coverage options and financial assistance.

To access the in-person and virtual Welcome to Medicare events schedules, visit insurance.ohio.gov. OSHIIP representatives are also available at 800-686-1578 and oshiipmail@insurance.ohio.gov to answer Medicare questions.

For Medicare information and tips, answers to frequently asked questions, and insight into how to avoid Medicare scams visit insurance.ohio.gov and medicare.gov.

NFPA and State Farm announce May 6 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Submitted

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) and State Farm® announce that Wildfire Community Preparedness Day (Preparedness Day) will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The national campaign, which began in 2014, provides an opportunity for groups and individuals who live in wildfire-prone areas to come together on a single day to complete projects that can help make their homes and communities safer from wildfire. This year, the campaign is focused on what residents can do to help their home survive a wildfire.

Years of scientific research support the prescription of removing fuel sources from the area around the home – known as the "home ignition zone" – and is a key component to making a home safe from embers and radiant heat from wildfires. Simple, low-cost home improvement projects such as clearing dead leaves, debris, and pine needles from roofs and gutters, keeping lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of four inches, removing anything stored underneath decks or porches that could burn, and other similar actions are being actively supported by NFPA and State Farm on Preparedness Day and can be easily undertaken by the majority of homeowners.

"The threat of wildfire is becoming increasingly prevalent and dangerous, posting greater risks to people and property than ever before," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "In preparation for a future with more wildfire activity, homeowners need to understand their role and take action in reducing wildfire risk. We encourage people to use and share NFPA's wildfire safety resources with others in their community to not only make a difference in safety on Preparedness Day, but all through the year as well."

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, some 71.8 million properties in the U.S. are at some level of risk from wildfire. This number is predicted to grow by 11 percent over the next 30 years. In the past five years wildfires have destroyed nearly 63,000 structures, the majority of which were homes. This number is poised to grow as increased wildfire activity encounters the substantial number of homes and communities located in wildfire-prone areas.

For more information about Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, project ideas, and free resources to download and share, including a Preparedness Day toolkit, please visit wildfireprepday.org.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

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Richland Soil and Water Conservation District kicks off 75th year

Submitted

MANSFIELD – Brian Alt, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) Board Supervisor Chairperson led a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 18 to kick off Richland SWCD's 75th Anniversary.

The ceremony began with Brian sharing the history of how Soil and Water Conservation Districts were formed. When the Dust Bowl hit in the 1930s, there was mass devastation to land, crops, livestock, and human health. The Dust Bowl was a period of severe dust storms, caused by a combination of both natural factors (severe drought) and manmade factors (destruction of topsoil by bad practices). While the term "the Dust Bowl" was originally a reference to the geographical area affected by the dust, today it usually refers to the event itself (the term "Dirty Thirties" is also sometimes used). On May 12, 1934, the worst dust storm in the nation's history swept eastward from the Great Plains to the Atlantic Ocean, obscuring the sun and depositing obvious films of dust as it moved. This catastrophic storm served as the catalyst for public outcry and congressional action for soil and water conservation throughout the nation. Although the Dust Bowl was a tragedy, out of the tragedy, good resulted in the creation of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 1935. Landowners, primarily farmers, had little interaction with USDA and were wary of working with the federal government. Congress went on to pass, and the President signed, a resolution calling for states to provide conservation assistance from USDA and form local soil and water conservation districts.

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Richland Soil and Water Conservation District was created in 1948 and a Board formed with local farmers to work with residents of Richland County to provide educational and technical assistance. Richland SWCD serves as a resource to help people voluntarily adopt management practices that better protect, preserve, and conserve soil and water health with the goal of preventing another Dust Bowl.

Since Richland SWCD's inception, needs have changed, and assistance to residents has expanded to include urban, rural, commercial, woodland, and residential areas.

Having a solid soil and water infrastructure is important to our health and well-being and the economic impact is far-reaching. It fuels our recreation, business development, and is a beacon to those seeking an area to raise their family or build a business and encourages those who grew up here to stay. It also leaves a long-lasting legacy for future generations.

Brian expressed gratitude to Jennifer Wagner, Richland Area Chamber Member Coordinator for helping coordinate the ribbon cutting ceremony, to all those in attendance, and those who support soil and water health. Brian also recognized other Board Supervisors, Fred Cooke, Lanny Hopkins and Jean McClintock.

Brian announced the launch of the new interactive Richland SWCD website and afterward those in attendance enjoyed cake, visiting with each other, and were offered free Richland SWCD and United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) 2023 calendars.

On behalf of the Board Supervisors and staff, Brian thanked the Richland County Commissioners for supporting soil and water health in Richland County. Board Supervisors and staff look forward to working with residents and partners to put more conservation on the ground in the coming years.

To learn more about services and programs Richland SWCD provides, please visit https://richlandswcd.net/ or call 419-747-8686.

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and our partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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Balderson criticizes Dems for politicizing Trump indictment

BREE GONZALES

U.S. Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH) is pushing back against Democrats for politicizing the indictment of former President Donald Trump.

Trump was arraigned on 34 counts on Tuesday.

"The American people are sick and tired of the political weaponization of the justice system in this country," Balderson said. "It erodes trust in our institutions and is a distraction from the very real crime crisis wreaking havoc across America. This latest development is yet another example of Democrat politicians undermining our democracy."

In the 2020 election, Trump handily beat President Joe Biden in Knox County. In that election, Trump received over 71% of ballots cast with 22,340 votes to Biden's 27.3% of ballots cast with 8,589 votes.

In that same election, Trump won Ohio with 53.3% of the vote on 3,154,834 votes cast. Biden received 45.2% of the vote with 2,679,165 votes cast.

In 2016, Trump carried Knox County with over 66% of the ballots cast and 19,131 votes to Hillary Clinton's 28.25% of the ballots cast with 8,171 votes.

Trump won Ohio in 2016 with 51.7% of the vote and 2,841,005 votes to Clinton's 43.6% of the vote and 2,394,164 votes.

Balderson represents Ohio's 12th District, which includes the communities east of Columbus including Zanesville, Cambridge and Mount Vernon, as well as Athens County, Coshocton County, Fairfield County, Guernsey County, Knox County, Licking County, Morgan County, Muskingum County and Perry County, along with parts of Delaware, Holmes and Tuscarawas counties.

In comments at his Mar-a-Lago estate in the wake of the arraignment, Trump denounced the charges.

"This fake case was brought only to interfere with the upcoming 2024 election, and it should be dropped immediately," Trump said.

Trump posted a statement to his Truth Social social media platform following the indictment.

"This is political persecution and election interference at the highest level in history," Trump said.

"From the time I came down the golden escalator at Trump Tower, and even before I was sworn in as your president of the United States, the radical left Democrats – the enemy of the hardworking men and women of this country – have been engaged in a witch hunt to destroy the Make America Great Again movement. You remember it just like I do: Russia, Russia, Russia; the Mueller Hoax; Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine; Impeachment Hoax 1; Impeachment Hoax 2; the illegal and unconstitutional Mar-a-Lago raid; and now this."

"The Democrats have lied, cheated and stolen in their obsession with trying to 'get Trump,' but now they've done the unthinkable – indicting a completely innocent person in an act of blatant election interference."

"Never before in our nation's history has this been done. The Democrats have cheated countless times over the decades, including spying on my campaign, but weaponizing our justice system to punish a political opponent, who just so happens to be a president of the United States and by far the leading Republican candidate for president, has never happened before. Ever."

"Manhattan District Attorney (DA) Alvin Bragg, who was hand-picked and funded by George Soros, is a disgrace. Rather than stopping the unprecedented crime wave taking over New York City, he's doing Joe Biden's dirty work, ignoring the murders and burglaries and assaults he should be focused on. This is how Bragg spends his time!"

"I believe this witch hunt will backfire massively on Joe Biden. The American people realize exactly what the radical left Democrats are doing here. Everyone can see it. So our movement, and our party – united and strong – will first defeat Alvin Bragg, and then we will defeat Joe Biden, and we are going to throw every last one of these crooked Democrats out of office so we can MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

Show mom how much you appreciate her with the Mount Vernon News

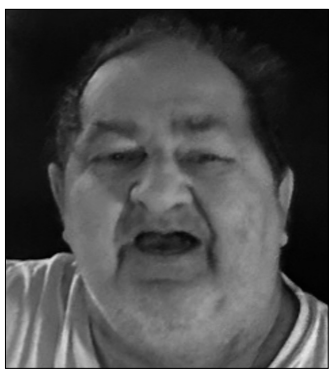
Mother's DAY PAGE

On Saturday April 22nd the Mount Vernon News will publish a Mother's Day page in print explaining how to submit your message, art or photo on "Why my mom is special...."

All approved submissions will show up online and special chosen submissions will be published on Saturday May 13th

OBITUARIES

Jeffrey A. Rittenhouse



FRAZEYSBURG – Jeffrey A. Rittenhouse, 60, of Frazeysburg, passed away on March 31, 2023, at his residence. He was born on April 11, 1962, to Ralph and Maryetta (Ross) Rittenhouse in Mount Vernon.

Jeff liked motorcycles and cars, especially his Fiat. He enjoyed listening to music, AC/DC was one of his favorite bands. The most important thing to Jeff was spending time and spoiling his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Pam (Arndt) Rittenhouse; a son, Jay Hershner of Mount Vernon; daughters, Christy Hershner of Newark and Stephanie (Chris) Drake of Fredericktown; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; siblings, Alvin (Vicky) Rittenhouse of Frazeysburg, Miranda (Ray) Hammonds of Tennessee, Harold (Pricilla) Rittenhouse of Frazeysburg and Calvin Rittenhouse of Columbus; and many really good friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Homer and Wayne Rittenhouse.

There will be no services at this time.

Snyder Funeral Homes

David Edward Williams

MOUNT VERNON – David "Dave the Tree Guy" Edward Williams, 88, of Mount Vernon, passed away on Monday morning, April 3, 2023, at his home. He was born on Feb. 5, 1935, in Pickerelltown, to the late Millard and Charlotte (Morton) Williams.

David graduated from Columbus Linden McKinley High School. After graduating high school, David enlisted in the Army, serving from 1954 to 1959. Upon returning from the military, he continued his education at the Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in theology. David owned and operated a tree service in the Knox County area for many years and was an ordained Methodist minister.

David is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Goenne) Williams, whom he married on Jan. 31, 1978; daughters, Kristal, Karena and Katrinka; a son, Karl; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Pamela.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by a sister, Mary.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the Snyder Funeral Homes, Dowds Chapel, 201 Newark Rd., Mount Vernon. Military honors will be provided by the Knox County Joint Veterans Council following the visitation. A private burial will take place at a later date.

To share a memory or send the family an expression of sympathy, visit SnyderFuneralHomes.com.

The Snyder Funeral Homes, Dowds Chapel is honored to serve the family of David "Dave the Tree Guy" Edward Williams.

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MOUNT VERNON POLICE REPORT

FEB. 15

Street names: North Sandusky Street/Sunset Street, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Lighted lights/distance/heights

Street names: Harcourt/West High/Old Delaware, Mount Vernon
Incident description: ACDA-assured clear distance ahead

Street names: West Pleasant Street, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Expired license plates

Street names: 609 Howard St., Mount Vernon
Incident description: Drugs

Street names: Woodlake, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Expired license plates

Street names: 118 E. High St., Mount Vernon
Incident description: Prisoner transport

Street names: Kirk Street, Mount Vernon
Incident description: 25 mph Except St Rt Outside Bus Dist

Street names: Claypool Drive, Mount Vernon
Incident description: 25 mph Except St Rt Outside Bus Dist

Street names: Eastern Star Road/Teryl Drive, Mount Vernon
Incident description: 25 mph Except St Rt Outside Bus Dist

Street names: South Main Street, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Operation at stop sign

Street names: Park Road, Mount Vernon
Incident description: 25 mph Except St Rt Outside Bus Dist

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Street names: South Sandusky Street/West Gambier Street, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Suspicious person

Street names: Fairway Lane, Mount Vernon
Incident description: Speed school zone

Street names: East Burgess Street, Mount Vernon

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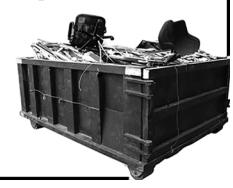
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY
Pleasant Township Residents Only
Sat., April 29, 2023 • 8:00am - Noon
Dumpster located at 8287 Martinsburg Road Pleasant Township House
Appliances will be accepted
$10.00 CHARGE FOR ALL APPLIANCES WITH COOLANT IN THEM NO TIRES OR PAINT



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988

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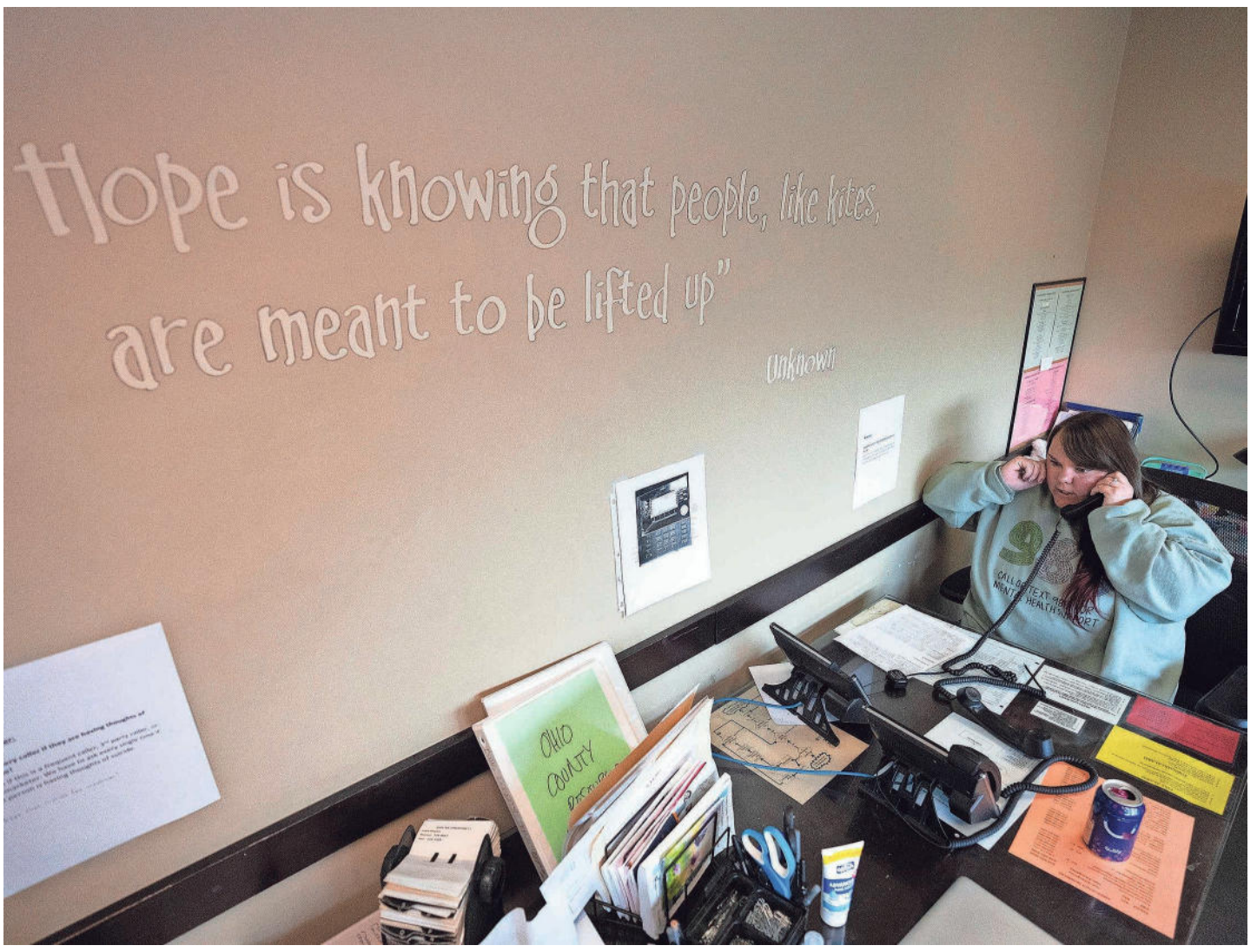
And the need is there, from people struggling with suicidal thoughts to addiction and other mental health challenges.

Call centers across Ohio, including North Central, have seen a surge in calls and messages to the crisis lifeline since 988 officially launched in July 2022. An average of 8,760 calls from Ohio area codes came in from July to December, plus 1,452 text messages and 1,916 chats, according to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

From June to August – right around the time of the launch – call centers saw a 39% rise in calls and a 603% increase in texts.

The state's 19 lifeline facilities have so far managed the increased demand, but challenges remain. Chief among them: Ensuring the program stays afloat for years to come.



Alison O'Donnell takes a call to the 988 line at the North Central Mental Health Services in Columbus on March 29.
BROOKE LAVALLEY/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

988 gets state funding

Gov. Mike DeWine made mental health a hallmark of his proposed budget. As part of that, he allocated roughly $46.5 million to the program for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years, a number that his administration believes will sustain 988 operations.

Ohio earmarked $20 million for the launch and first year of operations, mostly from COVID-19 relief money and other federal grants. It's expected to need $136 million to last until 2027.

"We must face the fact that no Ohioan will ever fully live up to their potential or be able to lead purposeful and meaningful lives if their mental illness remains in the shadows and untreated," DeWine said during his State of the State address.

The budget is a working document, so it's unclear whether that figure will make it into the final product. House lawmakers are poring over DeWine's proposal right now, and Rep. Jay Edwards, R-Nelsonville, said it's too soon to say how they'll handle 988.

Mental health advocates previously called for a 50-cent cellphone fee to help cover 988, but lawmakers have so far not considered that idea.

Funding is critical for facilities that are trying to boost staffing to meet the increased need. North Central used available money last year to hire its first group of staff members, who began manning the lifeline in late October. They now have 11 full-timers and one person working part-time, but they hope to increase that number to 15.

Before that, North Central relied solely on volunteers.

"If we have five people on the phones and we get a sixth call, that's where the challenge sets in," said Alison O'Donnell, the 988 program director at North Central.

More calls, battling burnout

Crisis centers face another challenge that money alone can't fix: Burnout.

Four staff members left North Central in recent months, citing various reasons for their departures. But the center's leaders know how draining 988 calls can be. Staff and volunteers often wonder if they said the right thing, if they did enough to ensure the caller won't harm themselves.

They must also learn to adapt quickly. 988 is based on area code, not location, so North Central sometimes fields calls from out-of-state residents with 614 phone numbers. In those cases, staff and volunteers need to find resources in that person's area, even if it's hundreds of miles away.

North Central's 988 calls began to climb late last year, peaking at over 1,500 in January. That increase also meant more calls to 911 when staff and volunteers believed there was a high risk of harm. The call center dispatched 911 40 times in 2022 and exceeded that number in January and February alone.

O'Donnell said staff members communicate well and rely on each other for support. North Central also debriefs after every 911 call and takes advantage of wellness sessions provided by 988's parent company. State officials encourage employees to take breaks between calls, while urging employers to check on their staff and volunteers.

The calls are unlikely to slow down. Ohio plans to ramp up marketing for 988 now that state officials believe call centers can handle the demand.

For people like Baumann, that means more chances to help someone through a difficult time.

"That's why 988 has really helped," Baumann said. "At least you've got a chance of talking to them. You can bring them into the moment where they can gather their own thoughts again."

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LOCAL WEATHER

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TODAY
HIGH: 71
LOW: 47
Partly sunny and warmer

THURSDAY
HIGH: 82
LOW: 58
Warmer with times of sun and clouds

FRIDAY
HIGH: 71
LOW: 54
Cloudy and not as warm with showers around

SATURDAY
HIGH: 61
LOW: 36
Heavy rain and a t-storm; breezy, cooler

SUNDAY
HIGH: 50
LOW: 31
Mostly cloudy and colder with a shower

ALMANAC

Monday

TEMPERATURES
High 46
Low 38

PRECIPITATION *(in inches)*
Monday ..... 0.07”

SUN & MOON

SUN	Today	Thu.
Rise	6:47 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
Set	8:12 p.m.	8:13 p.m.

MOON	Today	Thu.
Rise	6:34 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Set	7:55 p.m.	9:07 p.m.

MOON PHASES

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 20	Apr 27	May 5	May 12

NATIONAL EXTREMES

48 contiguous states Monday

HIGH TEMPERATURE
Death Valley, CA..... 96°

LOW TEMPERATURE
Gothic, CO..... 4°

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BIBLE DIGEST

“The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17 AKJV)

Biden signs boost to child care access

Josh Boak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden has signed an executive order containing more than 50 directives to increase access to child care and improve the work life of caregivers, the White House said Tuesday.

But the directives would be funded out of existing commitments, the White House said. That likely means their impact would be limited and they’d carry more of a symbolic weight about what’s possible. The Democratic president was far more ambitious in 2021 by calling to provide more than $425 billion to expand child care, improve its affordability and boost wages for caregivers.

Biden also has called for more money for the care economy in his 2024 budget plan, drawing a sharp line with Republicans, who are seeking limits on spending. Susan Rice, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, told reporters on a phone call that the order shows that Biden isn’t waiting on Congress to act.

“The child care, long-term care systems in this country just don’t work well,” Rice said. “High-quality care is costly to deliver. It’s labor-intensive. It requires skilled workers. Yet care workers, who are disproportionately women and women of color and immigrants, are among the lowest paid in the country.”

The order seeks to improve the child care provided to the offspring of federal workers, including military families. It plans to lower costs for families in the Child Care & Development Block Grant program. Military veterans would get better home-based care. And the Department of Health and Human Services would raise pay and benefits for Head Start teachers and staff.

Air Force to review site of leaks

Tara Copp
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Air Force has opened its own investigation into how a lone airman could access and distribute possibly hundreds of highly classified documents, top Air Force leaders told Congress on Tuesday.

Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall said he has directed the Air Force inspector general to go look at the Air National Guard unit based in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where Airman 1st Class Jack Teixeira served and “anything associated with this leak that could have gone wrong” and allowed the leak to happen. Teixeira, 21, was charged Friday in the U.S. District Court in Boston with unauthorized removal and retention of classified and national defense information. He is expected back in court for a hearing Wednesday.

The leaks have raised questions as to how a single airman could have removed so many documents without being detected, why there were not safety checks in place and how the documents could have lingered online undetected for months.

“How could this guardsman take this information and distribute it electronically for weeks, if not months, and nobody knew about it?” Democratic Sen. Jon Tester of Montana asked the Air Force leaders testifying before a Senate defense appropriations subcommittee.

In addition, the Air Force is conducting a servicewide review of how each command handles classified information, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. C.Q. Brown told committee members.

The Air Force’s reviews are on top of a militarywide review directed Monday by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. Austin has ordered all military facilities that handle classified information to report to him within 45 days.

Abortion

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“The likelihood of a Republican-dominated Ohio Supreme Court reaching an expansive interpretation of these rights seems to be between slim and none,” Kobil said.

Question: What is parental consent?

Answer: Parental consent is when a parent or guardian signs off on a medical procedure for someone younger than 18.

Emancipated minors, those who married before 18 or those who entered the military at age 17 can also make their own medical decisions.

Parental consent isn’t needed for certain treatments, such as drug and alcohol treatment or medical treatments for victims of sexual assault.

Is parental consent required to have an abortion in Ohio?

In most cases, yes.

Ohio law requires those younger than 18 to receive approval from a parent, guardian or a juvenile court judge to have an abortion.

How many minors have abortions in Ohio?

In 2021, 538 abortions were had by minors younger than 18 in Ohio, according to the Ohio Department of Health’s induced abortion report. The state health department recorded 57 abortions for children younger than 15.

Those 538 abortions represent 2.5% of all abortions performed in Ohio in 2021.

What does the proposed Ohio constitutional amendment say about parental consent?

The proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution would give individuals the right to make and carry out reproductive decisions, ranging from contraception and fertility treatment to abortion. Ohio lawmakers and prosecutors could not burden or interfere with that right before fetal viability, which is about 22 to 24 weeks into a pregnancy.

The language does not expressly mention “parental consent” or medical treatments for transgender minors.

Opponents of the measure say voters have to read between the lines. They argue that the language gives minors the right to carry out their reproductive decisions, including abortions, without state-imposed burdens like parental consent.

“The Ohio proposal is so broadly worded that it would prevent the legislature not only from requiring the consent of parents before their child pursues a particular procedure but also from requiring mere notification of parents – well short of the power to veto their child’s decision – before the procedure takes place,” wrote attorneys Carrie Campbell Severino and Frank J. Scaturro, both of the Judicial Crisis Network, a conservative judicial advocacy group. “After all, requiring even notification has the effect of ‘directly or indirectly’ burdening or interfering with the decision in question.”

University of Cincinnati law professor Jenn Dye disagreed with that analysis. “There’s no indication that it would overrule or impact the existing consent law that’s already in effect.”

“Even if you were to say the word ‘individual’ is overly broad because it could encompass minors, that’s a stretch,” Dye said. “It’s a misstatement of what the amendment is trying to say.”

Mary Ziegler, a law professor at the University of California at Davis, said the Ohio amendment would require the state to use the “least restrictive means” before limiting abortion access. That could be a high hurdle to clear.

However, minors are often granted fewer rights than adults, even when those rights are strongly protected.

“For example, in federal law, the First Amendment receives really strong protection,” Ziegler said, “And yet, we allow more curbs on students’ speech in schools when they are minors.”

In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Ohio’s parental consent requirement for abortions. “The Ohio statute, in sum, does not impose an undue, or otherwise unconstitutional, burden on a minor seeking an abortion,” wrote then-Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Would the amendment affect medical treatment for transgender minors?

Ohio’s proposed constitutional amendment would not affect medical treatments for transgender minors or parental consent for those treatments, Ziegler said.

“I don’t even see an argument that that’s anything but a scare tactic,” Ziegler said. “If you transition, it can affect your fertility, but I don’t think anyone thinks gender-affirming care is fertility treatment or miscarriage care.”

Kobil agreed, saying the ad was “stretching what a court would be likely to do.”

What would happen next if Ohio passed this abortion amendment?

If Ohio voters approve the constitutional amendment, proponents of abortion access would challenge restrictions in court.

Judges would decide whether Ohio’s abortion bans and limits are unconstitutional using that new voter-approved framework. The final arbiter would be the Ohio Supreme Court, which includes four Republican justices and three Democratic justices on the bench.

“Whether Ohio’s parental involvement law would survive a challenge under this is anybody’s guess. I think you can hardly say in an ad that they’re coming for the parental involvement law because we don’t know what it means for that,” Ziegler said.

“That’s one plausible interpretation of what happens,” she said. “It’s equally plausible that Ohio’s parental involvement law would stick around, especially given who would be tasked with deciding the question, which is the Ohio state Supreme Court.”

Jessie Balmert 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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April 20, 2023
1:30PM
1058 E Main St., Newark
Speaker: Kevin Miller, Dist. 69, Ohio House of Representatives

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Daily Weather Forecast

Regional Map

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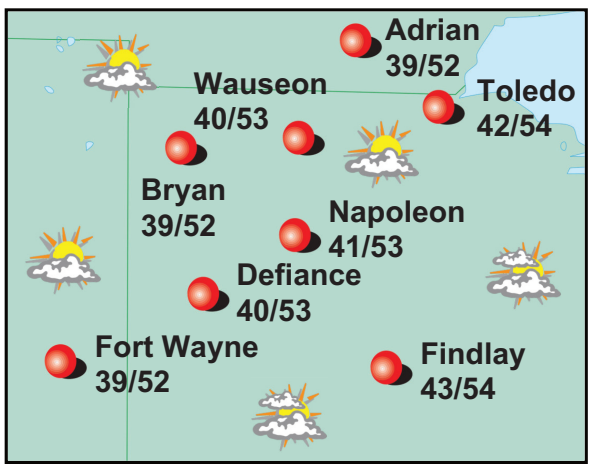


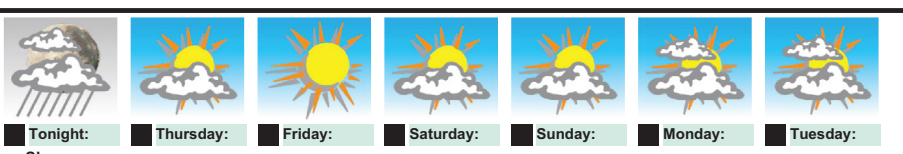
River Levels

Maumee River at Defiance

Latest Level	Flood Stage	Tomorrow's Forecast
5.1	10.0	5.0

Maumee River at Waterville

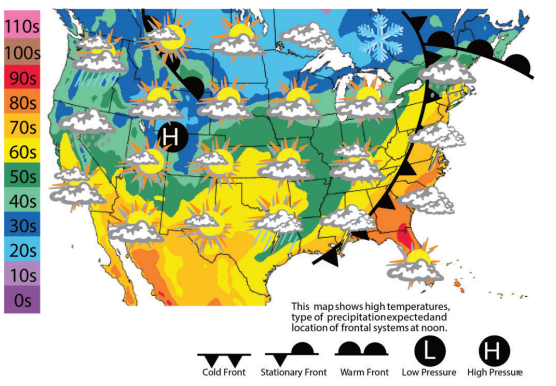
Latest Level	Flood Stage	Tomorrow's Forecast
5.6	11.0	5.2



Tonight:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:	Sunday:	Monday:	Tuesday:
Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
Precip Chance: 90%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 20%
41	53 / 34	55 / 35	59 / 39	67 / 49	68 / 51	69 / 50

Napoleon Forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. West southwest wind 11 to 23 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 37°. The record low for tonight is 22° set in 2000. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 53°, humidity of 47%. West southwest wind 10 to 16 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with an overnight low of 34°. West wind 7 to 14 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 55°, humidity of 46%. West northwest wind 6 to 10 mph.



Almanac

Yesterday's Temperatures & Precipitation

High Temperature	62
Low Temperature	49
Normal High	55
Normal Low	35
Record High	77 in 1997
Record Low	14 in 1971
Precipitation	0.00"

Data as reported from Defiance Memorial Airport

Tomorrow's Sun & Moon Information

Sunrise	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	8:54 p.m.
Moonset	7:31 a.m.

US Extremes

High: 102° in Cotulla, Texas
Low: 0° in Walker, Calif.

Weather History

April 5, 1955 - The Northern Rockies and the Northern High Plains were in the midst of a four day storm which produced 52 inches of snow at Lead, located in the Black Hills of western South Dakota.

Across the Nation

City	Thursday Hi	Lo	Wx	Friday Hi	Lo	Wx
ATLANTA	83	59	t	71	50	sh
BALTIMORE	82	51	sh	64	44	mc
BOISE	57	42	mc	59	45	sh
BOSTON	71	46	sh	56	35	pc
CHARLOTTE	84	55	t	64	47	sh
CHICAGO	51	36	s	50	38	s
CLEVELAND	52	39	sh	48	35	s
DALLAS	64	51	mc	63	53	sh
DENVER	55	28	s	68	37	s
DES MOINES	56	33	s	66	44	s
DETROIT	53	35	pc	51	36	s
HONOLULU	82	69	sh	81	70	sh
HOUSTON	66	60	sh	65	59	sh
INDIANAPOLIS	56	36	mc	61	39	pc
KANSAS CITY	57	37	s	66	42	s
LOS ANGELES	76	51	s	74	53	pc
MIAMI	81	73	pc	82	76	pc
MILWAUKEE	49	29	s	43	34	pc
MINNEAPOLIS	37	20	pc	49	37	pc
NEW ORLEANS	82	68	t	77	67	sh
NEW YORK	73	48	sh	59	40	mc
OKLAHOMA CITY	63	41	pc	66	45	pc
ORLANDO	89	67	pc	88	68	pc
PHOENIX	80	54	s	86	58	s
ST. LOUIS	58	39	pc	64	42	pc
SALT LAKE CITY	46	30	s	53	38	mc
SAN FRANCISCO	60	50	mc	59	52	ra
WASHINGTON, D.C.	85	51	sh	63	44	mc

Around Our State

City	Thursday Hi	Lo	Wx	Friday Hi	Lo	Wx
AKRON	56	36	sh	53	32	s
CINCINNATI	58	38	sh	61	39	pc
COLUMBUS	57	37	sh	58	36	pc
DAYTON	57	36	sh	60	38	pc
HAMILTON	57	36	sh	60	38	pc
LANCASTER	58	36	sh	57	35	pc
MANSFIELD	53	35	sh	52	33	s
TOLEDO	54	35	mc	53	36	s
YOUNGSTOWN	56	36	t	53	31	s

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; fl/flurries; pc/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; ra/rain; rs/rain & snow; sn/snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; ss/snow showers; t/thunderstorms; w/windy;

Wauseon

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with Morenci Fire Department. Kessler thanked Gerald Grain for donating the grain for the fire departments to do their training.

Law Director Thomas McWatters III reported the new fire department contract will be signed and in effect as of April 1.

Director of Finance Jamie Giguere reported that Leslie Gleckler has started as the city's new part-time human resource officer and payroll clerk. Giguere also reported that income tax revenue was up 72% in March.

No new legislation was presented to council and council had no new or old business to discuss. Council approved the bills as presented.

Council entered into executive session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. No action was taken when council returned from executive session.

Prison

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indictment.

Fulton County Common Pleas Court online records state the four-count indictment was filed Jan. 10 and included two counts of rape, felonies of the first degree; one count of gross sexual imposition, a felony of the fourth degree; and one count of unlawful restraint, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

A March 1 judgment entry through Fulton County Common Pleas court states Keough agreed to withdraw his former plea of not guilty on the four charges, and then enter a plea of guilty to the two charges on which he was sentenced.

According to the prosecutor's office, Keough engaged in sexual conduct, with a victim under 13 years of age on Dec. 8, and he had sexual contact with another, and purposely compelled the other person to submit by threat or force on Dec. 15.

Judge Scott A. Haselman sentenced Keough to prison for 10 years to life for the rape charge, and 17 months in prison for gross sexual imposition. The sentences are to be served concurrently with each other. Keough received credit for 103 days already served in jail.

The other two charges were reported to have been dismissed.

In addition, Keough was found to be a Tier III sex offender, which requires in-person verification of his address every 90 days for life, with the sheriff of all counties in which he resides.

Robbery

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Bodenbender reported three males entered the store, one of them armed with a black handgun, and the suspects reportedly fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The Napoleon Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Delta Police Department and U.S. Marshals Service assisted in the investigation and arrests.

Power

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the anticipated hazards. A wind advisory is also in effect today.

Earlier Tuesday, the Henry County commissioners complimented Busch and Henry County EMA Deputy Director Nick Nye on their work throughout the storm and power outages.

"Nick and Tracy did a really good job over the weekend," Henry County Commissioner Bob Hastedt said.

Henry County Commissioner Glenn Miller noted there are seven counties including Henry County where the EMAs work together to help each other where needed.

"This group supports each other," he added.

Fulton County Common Pleas Court

New cases

Jennifer Sharp, Delta, vs. Parker Tire Sales and Service, Delta; other civil.

Metropolitan Life Insurance, Coppell, Texas, vs. Melony D. Carroll, Archbold; foreclosures.

Bank of New York Mellon, West Palm Beach, Florida, vs. Thomas Sheperak, Swanton; foreclosures.

Directions Credit Union, Toledo, vs. Kennedy Brellahan, Wauseon; other civil.

Olivia Ribali, Columbus, vs. Robert Tom, Bryan; other civil.

Latricia Carter, Wauseon, vs. Lester Carter, East St. Louis, Illinois; termination of marriage.

Lisa Anne Zylvitis, Lyons, vs. Vincent P. Zylvitis, Lyons; dissolution of marriage.

Ciarra Flickinger, Delta, vs. Nathan Jokinen, Delta; other civil.

Trump pleads not guilty

By Michael R. Sisak, Eric Tucker, Jennifer Peltz and Will Weissert
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump conspired to illegally influence the 2016 election through a series of hush money payments designed to stifle claims that could be harmful to his candidacy, prosecutors said Tuesday in unsealing a historic 34-count felony indictment against the former president.

The payments, said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Conroy, were part of "an unlawful plan to identify and suppress negative information that could have undermined his campaign for president."

Trump, stone-faced and silent as he entered and exited the Manhattan courtroom, said "not guilty" in a firm voice while facing a judge who warned him to refrain from rhetoric that could inflame or cause civil unrest.

The next court date is December 4, though it is not clear if he will be required to appear.

The broad contours of the case have long been known, but indictment contains new details about a scheme that prosecutors say involved payoffs to two women, including a porn star, who said they had extramarital sexual encounters with him years earlier, as well as to a Trump Tower doorman who claimed to have a story about a child he alleged the former president had out of of wedlock.

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Death Notices

Irving G. Hansen, 90, of Berlin Heights, died Apr 3, 2023, at his residence. Toft Funeral Home Hinman Chapel, Berlin Heights, is assisting family with arrangements.

Obituaries

GRACE BISHOP

SEP 8, 1931 - APR 2, 2023

NEW WASHINGTON

Grace Bishop, 91, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Avita Hospital, Bucyrus.

She was born Sept. 8, 1931, in West Lodi, to the late Albert and Vivian (Dendinger) Slingwine and has been a New Washington resident since 1957. She graduated from Thompson High School and was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and Rosary Altar Society in New Washington. She formerly worked at Woolworth's in Tiffin, then at GE in Bellevue for five years before getting married. Grace enjoyed watching birds, her rock and flower bed on the hill, crocheting, and most of all, raising her children.

She is survived by four sons, Michael Bishop of New Washington, Kevin (Dori) Bishop of Bloomville, and twins Tom and Tim Bishop, both of New Washington; three daughters, Jane (John) Ott of Norwalk, Susan (Rick) Clady of New Washington, and Mary Lou (Jeff) Hamilton of Plymouth; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Raymond (Sandy) Slingwine of Green Springs; three sisters, Fern (Jim) Kinn of Alvada, Ireta Martin of Tiffin, and Mary Jane Covert of Tiffin; sister-in-law, Kate Slingwine of Clyde; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Bishop; parents, Albert and Vivian (Dendinger) Slingwine; brother, Richard Slingwine; and brothers-in-law, Bob Covert and Bill Martin.

Visitation for family and friends will be 4-7 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at Secor Funeral Home, New Washington. Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, New Washington, with Fr. Michael Diemer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery, New Washington.

Memorials may be made to St. Bernard Church or the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.secorfuneralhomes.com.

Crime/Accidents

The blotter reflects the time, nature of the complaint and location. If a person is charged by police, the blotter lists the time, approximate location of the incident and the person's name, age and home address as given to the arresting officer. Offenses listed are charges and citations; guilt or innocence has not been determined in court. Upon request of the person charged, upon a judgment of not guilty or dismissal of the charges, the Reflector will print the disposition of the case.

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF

MONDAY, APRIL 3

11:01 a.m. — 400 block Main St., Huron, bank employee concerned due to man's unusually large withdrawals. Deputy was unable to contact man or man's brother in Florida.

6 p.m. — Third block Twin Oaks Drive, Milan Township, mother and daughter argued.

7:34 p.m. — River Road and Ohio 113, Milan Township, traffic crash.

NORWALK POLICE

MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:05 a.m. — 300 block Westwind Drive, Summer M. Jenkins, 27, Tiffin, theft.

9:29 a.m. — North Foster and Rule streets, abandoned bicycle logged into evidence.

2:51 p.m. — Seminary Street and Woodlawn Avenue, traffic crash. Ramiro M. Lazaro, 38, Willard, driving under suspension, improper backing.

3 p.m. — 300 block Westwind Drive, private property hit-skip.

3:30 p.m. — 100 block W. Main St. (Ohio 61), Ashley Soblosky, 37, Norwalk, warrant.

HURON COUNTY SHERIFF

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

3:58 a.m. — North U.S. 250 and Judy Drive, Norwalk Township, Michael H. Henzler, 32, Toledo, disorderly conduct while intoxicated. Henzler was purportedly stumbling into traffic while walking on U.S. 250.

6:46 a.m. — 4400 block Egypt Road, Norwich Township, vehicle stolen.

8:59 a.m. — 100 block S. Main St., North Fairfield, welfare check.

11:03 p.m. — Ohio 13 and Omega Road, Fitchville Township, man cited for expired plates.

11:47 p.m. — South U.S. 250 and South Exchange Road, Greenwich Township, deputy seized suspected "minor misdemeanor narcotics" for destruction during traffic stop.

WILLARD POLICE

MONDAY, APRIL 3

5:01 a.m. — 100 block E. Pearl St., suspicious person. Officer unable to locate.

6:34 a.m. — First block E. Tiffin St., suspicious person. Officer unable to locate.

7:14 a.m. — 500 block Spring St., civil matter.

8:12 a.m. — 400 block Woodbine St., loose canine reported. Officer unable to locate.

9:34 a.m. — 500 block Woodbine St., fraud report.

12:43 p.m. — First block E. Walton St., private property crash.

1:22 p.m. — 400 block Second St., lost property reported.

2:13 p.m. — East Howard Street and Ohio 99, hazard.

3:45 p.m. — 100 block Hayes St., 911 hangup.

6:05 p.m. — 900 block S. Main St., loose canine.

6:30 p.m. — 900 block Tamarack Drive, report of teen causing hazard to pedestrians by driving mini bike on sidewalk. Officer unable to locate.

BELLEVUE POLICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

12:11 a.m. — Yorkshire Place and West Main Street (U.S. 20), driver warned for equipment violation.

4:46 a.m. — Atwood Terrace and West Main Street (U.S. 20), driver warned for expired plates.

9:51 a.m. — 3000 block Seneca

Advocate files for access

By MATT WESTERHOLD
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NORWALK

A public records advocate filed a writ of mandamus in Huron County Common Pleas Court Tuesday morning asking a judge to order Sheriff Todd Corbin to stop destroying public records.

Tracy Thom, who has worked with crime victims assisting them in difficult cases, also asked the court to instruct county prosecutor James Sitterly to investigate which records already have been destroyed and to take steps to ensure records, in the future, are properly maintained by the sheriff's office.

Corbin

Corbin, sheriff's office employees and Sitterly "are improperly purging and or destroying public record, specifically disciplinary records and potentially others," Thom wrote in the Complaint for Writ of Mandamus she filed.

Thom said the sheriff's office, in a Jan. 24 email to her in response to a public records request, acknowledged purging documents.

"I received the following response, 'Be advised there are no disciplinary files. Any disciplinary action documents were purged in accordance with the Contract Bargaining Agreement that was in effect at that time,'" the court filing states. The email from the sheriff's office was attached.

The records she requested were disciplinary documents and internal investigation reports for Corbin from when he was a deputy prior to becoming sheriff in 2017.

Corbin has declined to respond to questions for weeks, deferring to Sitterly as his legal counsel. Sitterly also has ignored questions from Ogden newspapers and refuses to address whether he's investigated if public records are being improperly removed, purged, discarded or destroyed.

Thom said properly preserving records is a top job for both the sheriff and Sitterly.

"What I want the public to know, is what these missing records say. It's important information," she said.

Trump pleads not guilty to 34 felony charges

By MICHAEL R. SISAK, ERIC TUCKER, JENNIFER PELTZ and WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

NEW YORK

A judge has warned former President Donald Trump to refrain from rhetoric that could inflame or cause civil unrest.

Trump, speaking briefly during his arraignment, told the judge he was pleading "not guilty" and was advised of his rights by the judge.

Judge Juan Merchan also warned Trump that he could be removed from the courtroom if he is disruptive, but Trump spoke only a few times to respond to questions.

He's next due in court in December, but his lawyers asked for him to be excused from attending the hearing in person because of extraordinary security proceedings.

Trump pleaded not guilty to 34 felony counts of falsifying business records arising from a hush money payment to a porn actor during his 2016 campaign, according to two law enforcement officials familiar with the matter.

The plea came during a history-making arraignment in a lower Manhattan courtroom, with Trump becoming the first former president in U.S. history to face criminal prosecution.

The two officials who confirmed the plea spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because prosecutors had not yet released the indictment publicly.

The arraignment, though procedural in nature, amounts to a remarkable reckoning for Trump after years of investigations into his personal, business and political dealings. The case is unfolding against the backdrop not only of his third campaign for the White House but also against other investigations in Washington and Atlanta that might yet produce even more charges.

A silent and stone-faced Trump, his lips pursed in apparent anger, entered the courtroom shortly before 2:30 p.m. He left court about an hour later, also without commenting.

Before the arraignment, he narrated his feelings in real time, describing the experience as "SURREAL" as he traveled from Trump Tower to lower Manhattan to face a judge.

It represents the new split-screen reality for Trump as he submits to the dour demands of the American criminal justice system while projecting an aura of defiance and victimhood at celebratory campaign events.

Wearing his signature dark suit and red tie, Trump turned and waved to crowds outside the building before heading inside to be fingerprinted and processed. He arrived at court in an eight-car motorcade from Trump Tower, communicating in real time his anger at the process.

"Heading to Lower Manhattan, the Courthouse," the voluble ex-president posted on his Truth Social platform. "Seems so SURREAL — WOW, they are going to ARREST ME. Can't believe this is happening in America. MAGA!"

Trump, who was impeached twice by the U.S. House but was never convicted in the U.S. Senate, is the first former president to face criminal charges. The nation's 45th commander in chief was escorted from Trump Tower to the courthouse by the Secret Service and may have his mug shot taken.

"He is strong and ready to go," Trump lawyer Joe Tacopina told The Associated Press. Earlier, Tacopina said in a TV interview that the former president wouldn't plead guilty to lesser charges, even if it might resolve the case. He also said he didn't think the case would make it to a jury.

New York police said they were ready for large protests by Trump supporters, who share the Republican former president's belief that the New York grand jury indictment and three additional pending investigations are politically motivated and intended to weaken his bid to retake the White House in 2024. Journalists often outnumbered protesters, though.

Trump, a former reality TV star, has been hyping that narrative to his political advantage, saying he raised more than $8 million in the days since the indictment on claims of a "witch hunt." His campaign released a fundraising request titled "My last email before arrest" and he has repeatedly assailed the Manhattan district attorney, egged on supporters to protest and claimed without evidence that the judge presiding over the case "hates me" — something his own lawyer has said is not true.

Trump is scheduled to return to his Palm Beach, Florida, home, Mar-a-Lago, on Tuesday evening to give remarks. At least 500 prominent supporters have been invited, with some of the most pro-Trump congressional Republicans expected to attend.

A conviction would not prevent Trump from running for or winning the presidency in 2024.

The indictment contains multiple charges of falsifying business records, including at least one felony offense, two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press last week.

The investigation is scrutinizing six-figure payments made to porn actor Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal. Both say they had sexual encounters with the married Trump years before he got into politics. Trump denies having sexual liaisons with either woman and has denied any wrongdoing involving payments.

The arraignment unfolded against the backdrop of heavy security in New York, coming more than two years after Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in a failed bid to halt the congressional certification of Democrat Joe Biden's win.

Trump was defiant ahead of his arraignment. He used his social media network to complain that he was going to court in a heavily Democratic area, declaring, "KANGAROO COURT" and "THIS IS NOT WHAT AMERICA WAS SUPPOSED TO BE!" He and his campaign have repeatedly assailed Bragg and even trained scrutiny on members of Bragg's family.

Record

MARKET PRICES

Sunrise Cooperative market prices: Tuesday
Clarksfield corn — $6.42; soybeans — $14.90; Wheat — $6.71
Monroeville corn — N/A; soybeans — $14.90; wheat — N/A

Court News

NORWALK — From the Huron County Common Pleas Court:

April 3, 2023

Matthew L. Myers, 39, pleaded guilty to one count of F-5 breaking & entering in exchange for dismissal of one count of F-4 grand theft. Mr. Myers was sentenced to three years community control, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of up to $9,970. He was ordered to report to adult probation.

Keith Edward Meadows, 24, was sentenced on one count of F-5 breaking & entering and one count of F-4 receiving stolen property to three years community control, restitution in the amount of $1,000 and ordered to a residential treatment facility. Mr. Meadows was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Kristina Marie Jordan, 29, admitted to violations of community control and her supervision was extended for an additional two years. Ms. Jordan was ordered to report to adult probation.

Hailey Kay McClellan, 27, pleaded guilty to one count of F-4 attempted aggravated possession of Methamphetamine in exchange for dismissal of one count of F-03 tampering with evidence. She was sentenced to three years community control, six month in residential treatment facility, reimbursement of $580 to the Huron County Sheriff and was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

OHIO LOTTERY

Note: The latest evening results not available by deadline

xxx's daytime results:

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PICK 4	5 2 8 1
PICK 5	7 4 7 8 2

xx's evening results:

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PICK 4	2 3 7 9
PICK 5	4 9 1 2 9

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CLASSIC LOTTO
Monday's drawing
1 6 11 33 43 45
Kicker 4 9 2 1 9 9

MEGA MILLIONS
Friday's drawing
16 26 27 42 61

Mega Ball	23
Megaplier	4

POWERBALL
Monday's drawing
16 30 31 54 68

Power Ball	1
Power Play	2

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PAULDING PROGRESS

SPORTS

Panthers explode in win over Patriots

By KEVIN WANNEMACHER
DHI Media Sports Writer

HAMLER – The Paulding Lady Panthers scored eight runs in the first inning and rolled to a 20-2 victory over host Patrick Henry Friday night in non-league high school softball action.

The maroon and white added six runs each in the third and fifth frames while Patrick Henry scored both of its runs in the home half of the fifth to break up the shutout.

Tia Mendez, Maci Kauser and Jocelynn Parrett all had four hits to lead the way for the Lady Panthers and Brooklynn Bakle picked up three hits for the maroon and white.

Riley Stork, Samantha Leal and Marley Parrett each recorded two hits as well for Paulding while Jalyn Klopfenstein, Olivia Porter and Grace Goyings picked up one hit apiece.

Kauser, Leal and Jocelynn Parrett scored three times apiece for Paulding while Mendez, Bakle, Stork and Marley Parrett touched home plate twice each. Also scoring a run for the maroon and white were Klopfenstein, Goyings and Kiara Adams.

Recording three runs batted in apiece were Kauser, Mendez and Marley Parrett while Leal and Jocelynn Parrett picked up two each. Porter and Stork drove in one run individually as well.

Mendez posted the complete-game, five-inning victory with six strikeouts while allowing four hits, two unearned runs and a walk.

Mariah Boyer took the loss for Patrick Henry, striking out one and walking one in the complete-game effort.

Boyer also had a single and a double for the Lady Patriots with a run batted in while Illy Schwiebert and Haylee Haas posted a single each. Kasey Nelson and Delaney Barnes both scored a run for Patrick Henry with Schwiebert driving in a run.

Lady Archers pull away from Pirates for victory

By KEVIN WANNEMACHER
DHI Media Sports Writer

CONTINENTAL – Antwerp dominated the middle innings and the Archers rallied to post an 11-5 victory over Continental in non-league high school softball action last week.

It was the host Pirates who jumped in front early with a single run in the opening inning before the Archers answered with four runs in the top of the second for a 4-1 advantage.

However, Continental responded in the home half of the second frame with four runs of its own to put the Lady Pirates on top 5-4 after two innings.

From there, though, it was all Antwerp.

The blue and white put up a quartet of runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead for good at 8-5 but the Lady Archers weren't done.

Antwerp scored a trio of runs in the visiting portion of the fifth as well, wrapping up the scoring with an 11-5 margin.

Caroline Rohrs topped the Archer offense, posting a home run along with two singles while driving in three runs and scoring twice. Madison Berenyi chipped in a pair of doubles and two runs batted in with one run scored.

Kearstyn Pierce posted a single and a triple with one run scored and one run batted in and Elle Clem recorded two singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in.

Taylor Shull contributed to the Archer attack with a pair of singles and three runs scored while driving in one run. Lydia Krouse finished with a pair of singles while Emma Townley and Jillian Treece both singled and drove in one run.

Maddy Peters scored a pair of runs for Antwerp with Caydence Shull picking up one single.

Lydia Krouse recorded the victory on the mound for the Lady Archers, tossing a complete game with five strikeouts while allowing six hits and one walk.

Alli Scott singled twice and scored twice to lead the Continental offense with Gracie Homier posting a triple, two runs batted in and one run scored.

Raegen Clemens singled and drove in one run for the Pirates and Lauren Williams ripped a pair of doubles and posted a run batted in. Aislynn Noffsinger singled, scored once and drove in one run as well for Continental.

Tori Searfoss scored the remaining Continental run.

Gracie Homier took the loss on the hill for the Lady Pirates, fanning seven hitters in a complete game effort.

Rams sweep past Archer track

DEFIANCE – Antwerp opened its 2023 high school track season last week as the Archers traveled to Green Meadows Conference rival Tinora.

The Ram girls held off the Archers for a 67-60 victory while the Tinora boys completed the sweep with a 110-18 win.

On the girls' side, Autumn Zuber won the discus with a toss of 79-1/2 while Amelia Graham was a triple winner in capturing the high jump (4-6), pole vault (8-6) and 100m dash (13.5).

Antwerp also won the 3200m relay in 12:41.12.

Zuber finished second in the shot put and Makenna Smith took second in the discus, while Madelyn O'Donnell placed second in the high jump.

Leigha Doster and Taylor Stiebling were second and third, respectively, in the 1600m run while Aeriel Snyder and Addyson Hormann took second and third, in that order, in the 400m sprint.

Camryn McAlexander posted a second-place finish in the 300m hurdles while Snyder was third in the 800m run.

Doster, Stiebling and Isabelle Graham placed first, second and third, respectively, in the 3200m run.

In the boys' portion, Dayne Sholl was third in the high jump and second in the 100m dash while Lance McKeever placed second in the long jump and 200m dash.

Kayden Winslow took third in the 1600m run and second in the 800m run with Owen Franks posting a third-place finish in the 300m hurdles.

Caleb Laker also recorded a second-place finish in the 3200m run.

Patriots walk past Panthers

By KEVIN WANNEMACHER
DHI Media Sports Writer

HAMLER – Patrick Henry posted only two hits in Friday's high school baseball contest against Paulding but the Patriots took advantage of eight Panther walks to record a 5-1 victory over the maroon and white.

The Patriots scored in the opening frame for a 1-0 advantage before Paulding knotted the game at 1-1 with a single run in the top of the third.

However, Patrick Henry answered with a run in the bottom of the frame before adding two more in the fourth to post a 4-1 advantage.

The Henry County squad then wrapped up the scoring with another single run in the sixth to set the final margin at 5-1.

Nash Meyer and Brock Behrman had the lone hits for Patrick Henry, both singles, with Logan Hudson scoring twice while Landon Johnson, Mason Schwiebert and Colton Stewart all scored once. Hudson, Meyer, Drew Rosengarten and Behrman all picked up runs batted in for the Patriots.

Daniel Schmeltz got the win for Patrick Henry, surrendering five hits and one run with four strikeouts in four innings on the mound. Mason Schwiebert pitched the final three frames, totaling five strikeouts while walking two.

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Raiders blank Wildcats

By KEVIN WANNEMACHER
DHI Media Sports Writer

HAVILAND – Wayne Trace picked up victory number two of the young high school baseball season as the Raiders blanked visiting Lima Bath 8-0 Thursday night at the home of the Raiders.

The red, white and blue scored four times in the bottom of the first to take control of the contest, getting a two-run single from Cooper Wenzlick and an RBI double by Kyle Slade to seize a 3-0 advantage. Slade then scored the fourth run for Wayne Trace when Tyler Davis reached on a Lima Bath error.

Wayne Trace then extended the margin in the second inning.

Brady Miller walked to open the frame before Tucker Antoine walked to put runners on first and second. After a Breven Anderson pop out, Cale Winans singled to load the bases with one out. Cooper Wenzlick then struck out for the second out before Miller came in to score on a passed ball for a 5-0 advantage.

A two-run single by Evan Crosby plated Antoine and Winans to stretch the lead to 7-0 and Slade touched home plate on a Lima Bath balk to conclude the game's scoring and make it 8-0.

The Wildcats had runners reach third base in two different innings.

In the second, Joel Rasor was on third and Tyson McGee stood on second with two outs before Gabe Butler struck out to end the inning.

Lima Bath again advanced a runner to third in the fourth with Blaine Albright walking to lead off the frame. Albright moved up a base each on groundouts by Quintin Collins and Rasor but Ricky Deppe flew out to close out the inning.

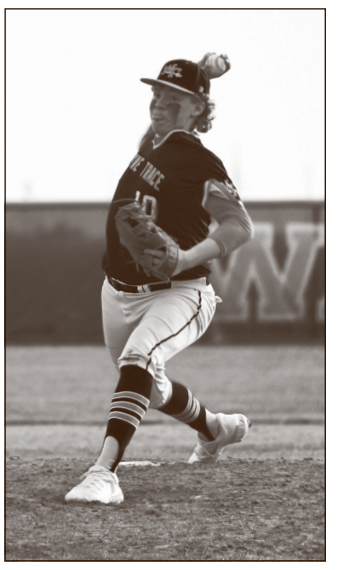
Wenzlick recorded the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, tossing five innings scattering two hits and three walks with seven strikeouts. Tyler Davis pitched one inning with two strikeouts and a walk while Kyle Forrer pitched the final inning, giving up one hit and fanning one.

Slade topped the Raider offense with a single and a double to go along with two runs scored and a run batted in. Wenzlick added a single with two runs batted in and a run scored while Evan Crosby drove in two runs and singled.

Winans singled and scored twice as well for the red, white and blue while Antoine, Anderson and Miller all scored runs.

Ricky Deppe took the loss for Lima Bath, giving up two hits, five runs (four earned) and four walks with one strikeout in one inning. Clay Boedicker tossed the final five frames, surrendering three hits, three walks and three earned runs while striking out six.

Joel Rasor, Tyson McGee and Gabe Butler all singled for Lima Bath.



Right: Wayne Trace's Cooper Wenzlick threw five scoreless innings to lead the Raiders past Lima Bath 8-0 on Thursday, March 30, 2023. (Photo/ Seth Yenzer)

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Who am I?

Loren Hardin

Contributing Columnist

Deborah was 53 years old when she enrolled in our outpatient hospice service with end stage breast cancer. She was one of the most complex and challenging people I've worked with. She was intelligent, perceptive, and outspoken. Deborah was passionate about her Christian faith, but also tormented by chronic mental illness, the type which sometimes drives a person across the line dividing spirituality from obsession, as described in the book: "Manic Depression and the Artistic Temperament: Touched by Fire". Deborah's life was definitely "touched by fire" as evidenced by scorched relationships.

Deborah sold most of her possessions in Southern California and moved in with her daughter, son-in-law and three small grandchildren in southern Ohio. They considered it their last chance to reconcile. Deborah confided, "My final prayer is that my daughter and I can forgive each other." But the friction of differing life styles and the stress of cramped quarters proved too much. Besides, you usually can't just sweep years of hurt and anger under the rug and go on. About six weeks into the move things exploded and I found myself standing on the lawn of her daughter's apartment complex with the staffs of two emergency squads and the county sheriff brainstorming options. Deborah was agitated, probably manic, and was frantically moving her possessions from her daughter's into a neighbor's apartment, as her daughter stood by sobbing.

I presented Deborah's options to her; be admitted to our hospice inpatient center, be taken against her will to the hospital emergency room for a psychiatric evaluation, or be taken directly to jail as threatened by the Sheriff. So Deborah angrily threw some of her possessions into the back of my car, tossed her miniature poodle into the back of the ambulance and climbed in.

Mike, our inpatient social worker, helped Deborah find an apartment, the hospice inpatient staff collected donated furniture and appliances, had her utilities connected and physically moved her in. We also purchased groceries and staples until Deborah received her Social Security check. And surprisingly Deborah agreed to my staying on as her outpatient social worker.

A couple weeks after the move, I was helping Deborah complete a Medicaid application when she insinuated, "Some of the things I put in your car didn't show up at the inpatient center the day you forced me to go there." We stopped right then and there for an honest and direct conversation about trust. Deborah admitted, "I have trust issues" and added, "Why should I trust you?" So I gave Deborah the option of changing Social Workers, but she declined.

Deborah realized her time was limited so she solicited my help in preparing for her departure. She executed her last will and testament and signed consent for cremation. She gave me the names of family and friends she wanted me to contact upon her death. She told me, "My favorite song is 'Who Am I?' and I want it to be my final testimony to my family and friends. I want it to be my only obituary. I want people to see God, not me. It's not about me." I printed several copies of the lyrics of the song and Deborah mailed them to her family and friends.

When Deborah was admitted to the hospice center for imminent death I challenged her to allow me to call her daughter, Sarah, who she hadn't seen or talk with for several weeks. Deborah agreed and when I called Sarah, she asked, "Will you ask mom if I can come and stay a few nights with her". When I asked, Deborah cried, "Would she do that for me?" Deborah concluded, "Maybe my prayer is coming true after all."

About a month after Deborah's death Sarah reflected, "I was sleeping beside mom's bed at the hospice center and I held her hand all night. I was dreaming that mom was holding my face in her hands and telling me 'Sarah I really love you'. And suddenly I woke up as mom took her last breath. I was by her side."

In retrospect I'm so glad Deborah didn't accept my offer to change social workers; because during the last few weeks of her life, we explored the basis of her "trust issues" and engaged in candid conversations about "judging" and "acceptance". We experienced true personal encounter by which we were both forever changed. And a couple of days before Deborah died she hugged me, smiled and said, "We worked through those trust issues didn't we?"

So, in conclusion, I'm leaving you with Deborah's "final testimony", her, "only obituary". It's the fulfillment of my promise to Deborah to "write a column about it".

"Who am I that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart?... And You told me who I am, I am Yours... Who am I that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me. I am Yours...Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, but because of who you are."("Who am I", by Casting Crowns)

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Information for the local farmer

Are you considering a new hay seeding?

Richard Purdin

Extension Office

The month of March is in the books (thank goodness) and I personally believe it was one of the windiest ones I have ever endured! As I make my travels across the county, I can't help but notice the scars of March all around. From broken or uprooted trees to damaged barns, and it seems like two out of five houses have tarpaulins on the roof covering detached roof shingles.

As April begins, hopes for calmer days and warmer conditions fill the thoughts and minds of farmers across the county. Looking at the extended forecast, warm is definitely in the future but with the warmth comes rains and storms as well. Easter weekend is coming up and there is a small chance for rain. As a young lad I always remember my parents and grandparents discussing if rain on Easter was good or bad. The old saying goes that "Rain on Easter equals seven Sundays of rain", is that good or bad? Sunday is the day of rest and rainy days do make it easier to rest. I was also taught that if it doesn't rain on Easter the hay crop will be poor, that school of thought is questionable just as any folklore or saying but one thing is for certain, plants like water and rain makes grain. Speaking of plants, the grass is definitely growing and with expected temperatures to reach the mid-70's the spring flush is definitely upon us. If you have not made some time to walk your forage fields yet, don't delay.

Taking time to walk and evaluate forage stands during the spring can definitely help you make some critical decisions on weather to keep the stand, improve the stand, or kill the forage stand and start new. Spring seeding of cool season forages such as fescue, orchard grass, clovers and alfalfa is very popular but in today's agriculture economy it is very expensive. My mouth about hit the floor when pricing some ladino white clover earlier this year with prices as high as $310/bag and much of our grass forages are reaching $150-$200/ 50lb bag. Making sure to take time and evaluate first before cutting a check can save a lot of money. If your pasture or hay field is in need of overseeding or complete renovation, the window of planting opportunities are getting smaller each passing day. For many of our cool season forages May 1 is a good day to shoot for, the reason for this is the key word (cool season), these forages love cool wet conditions and as May approaches both air and soil temperatures are increasing in turn slowing growth and development of these species. Here are few considerations before pulling the trigger on a new hay or pasture seeding this month.

· Walk the pasture and look down- Evaluating current stands can be tricky in the spring, many field look good in the spring from a distance. It is important to look for weed species, percent of bare ground, and inventory current forage species growing. I also like to take pictures to refer to later on. Pastures that have less than 50% desirable species should be considered candidates for complete renovations.

· Choosing the right species for your operation- After evaluations are complete take time to research forages that work well in your growing environment. This should be done on a Micro and Macro level. For hay producers' diversity in forages are not as critical as it would be for pasture production. 3-4 different species of forages should be considered for pasture renovations but making sure to match forages to your level of management is important. Is your operation a continuous grazing or managed grazing system. For continuous grazing operations the name of the game is tough and hardy. Forages like endophyte free or friendly fescue or ryegrass, work very well vs orchard grass and timothy. For my hay producing friends make sure to pick forages that adapt well to your cutting schedule and soil types, there are many new types of alfalfas being developed to hand heavy clay soils but they do not like to be cut ever 21-30 days.

· Test the soil fertility- If you are going to take time to walk your pasture why not take a soil test. For Both pastures and hay fields testing soils at depths of 4-5 inches in 15-20 spots per 25 acres is recommended. Soil PH levels should be maintained between 6.5-7.0 ph. for best production. Calcium level and Magnesium levels should be maintained in a adequate supply for pasture production to avoid early season grazing health issues such as milk fever and grass tetany.

Other information:

· Crop Revenue Loss Assistance though the second phase of Emergency Relief Program (ERP), deadline is June 2. To learn more, call your Local Farm Service Agency.

· April 10, Adams County Farm Bureau Public policy meeting, 8 a.m. at Frisch's Restaurant back meeting room.

· Ag Educator Words of encouragement – "You can't starve profit". Yours truly

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

The Village of West Union will be accepting sealed bids for 2 vehicles:

#1: 2000 Chevrolet Suburban K2500 / VIN# 3GNK26U6YG205738

#2: 1985 Chevrolet C70 / VIN# 1GBL701B6FV215012

If there are any questions or you would like to see these vehicles, please contact Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator, at (937) 544-5217, all vehicles are sold as is.
Bids must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on April 19, 2023, at the Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 33 Logans Lane, West Union, Ohio 45693.
Please mark envelopes as "SEALED BIDS" and the number of the vehicle you would like to bid on.
Bids will be opened on April 25, 2023 at the regular Council Meeting.
Note: All submitted bids if accepted by Council denote a binding contract. The Village of West Union reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Melissa J. Hall , Fiscal Officer

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SPORTS

Biden to host NCAA champs UConn, LSU; doesn't mention Iowa

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Joe Biden said Tuesday that he looks forward to hosting the NCAA men's and women's championship basketball teams, the University of Connecticut and Louisiana State University, at the White House, appearing to shut the door on a suggestion a day earlier by his wife, Jill, that the defeated Iowa women's team be invited, too.

President Biden tweeted Tuesday that LSU and Connecticut "showed us the best of what this country can be."

"We can all learn a lot from watching these champions compete," the president said, "and I look forward to welcoming them at each of their White House visits." He did not announce dates, and the comment suggests that Iowa will not be invited.

Following LSU's victory, coach Kim Mulkey said she would go to the White House if the team, the Tigers, was invited. There was no immediate comment from Connecticut, but the team has made the trip to the White House after winning the NCAA title game in prior years.

The first lady, who is a big sports fan, had watched LSU's 102-85 victory over Iowa from the stands in the Dallas arena on Sunday alongside tennis great Billie Jean King and several college athletes.

During an appearance Monday in Denver with Colorado lawmakers, Jill Biden followed up by praising Iowa's sportsmanship and congratulated both teams on their performance. She noted the long-standing White House tradition of celebrating championship sports teams – and added a twist.

"I know we'll have the champions come to the White House, we always do. So, we hope LSU will come," she said. "But, you know, I'm going to tell Joe I think Iowa should come, too, because they played such a good game."

The suggestion didn't go over well. LSU star Angel Reese, who was honored as Most Outstanding Player, on Monday tweeted a link to a story on Jill Biden's remarks. "A JOKE," Reese wrote, along with three rolling-on-floor-laughing emojis.

Others commenting on social media said only winners should be rewarded with a White House visit and that also inviting Iowa would detract from LSU's achievement. The LSU team is predominantly Black and Iowa is largely white.

Vanessa Valdivia, a spokesperson for Jill Biden, said the first lady was excited by watching the women's game and meant no disrespect to LSU by suggesting a White House invite for Iowa.

"Her comments in Colorado were intended to applaud the historic game and all women athletes," Valdivia tweeted Tuesday. "She looks forward to celebrating the LSU Tigers on their championship win at the White House."

During her remarks in Colorado, the first lady also talked about how U.S. women have excelled in athletics since Title IX in 1972 gave women equal rights in sports at schools that receive federal funding.

"It was so exciting, wasn't it?" she asked Monday. "It was such a great game. I'm old enough that I remember when we got Title IX. We fought so hard, right? We fought so hard. And look at where women's sports have come today."

The pushback over the first lady's NCAA comments recalled an episode last year when she apologized for saying Latinos are "as unique" as the breakfast tacos served in San Antonio. She had made the comment during a speech to nation's largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization.

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists and others registered their offense on social media, with the journalists' organization tweeting that, "We are not tacos."

United States government official Meanwhile, @UConnMBB returned to glory with a series of dominant performances that were often incredible to watch.

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Celebrations, destruction on campus follow UConn victory

STORRS, Connecticut (AP) – Some UConn fans pulled down signs and light poles, smashed windows and caused other damage after thousands of people, most of them students, spilled onto campus following the Huskies' NCAA Tournament win over San Diego State.

Fifteen people had been arrested by early Tuesday and 16 were taken to the hospital during the celebrations. None of the injuries were thought to be serious, UConn spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz said.

"The vast majority of those celebrating the Husky victory last night did so safely and responsibly," she said in a statement. "A small number chose to risk their safety and that of others by vandalizing or destroying property after the game."

Most of those arrested were students, she said. Police were expected to investigate the damage, and those responsible could face expulsion if they are students.

Gampel Pavilion, the school's basketball arena, was open Monday night for students to watch the game, which was played in Houston. More than 10,000 people attended the watch party.

Much of the partying, which lasted into the early morning, was peaceful, but social media and television video showed students taking down signs and light posts, with several using one pole to smash through the glass portion of a door at one campus building as a crowd cheered.

Reitz said the damage also included broken windows, a vehicle flipped on its side and fires set in trash dumpsters and on wooden benches.

"We were on the streets and people were going crazy," said Nancy Toskova, a 20-year-old junior from Montreal, Quebec. "Everyone was celebrating. Everyone was happy. You felt good. Everyone came together. I was expecting something worse to be honest. I was expecting cars flipping and fires everywhere and people breaking everything, which happened but not to the extent I imagined."

Crews worked feverishly through the morning to clean up the debris and make repairs. Classes and other academic operations were being held as regularly scheduled, Reitz said.

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SPORTS

Michael Boswell named Chillicothe Paints Field Manager

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CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — Coming off their second championship in three seasons and the club's third as part of the Prospect League, the Chillicothe Paints look to maintain their winning tradition with the naming of 2023 field manager Michael Boswell.

Boswell is currently a graduate assistant at Tiffin University, where he recently completed his collegiate playing career, spending time with former Paints standouts Cody Orr, Gunnar Boehm, Tim Orr and others.

"I am super excited to manage the Paints this summer, I've always heard great things about the program," said Boswell. "I've heard even better things about the community and the support the Paints receive."

As a player, Boswell left Tiffin as the school's all-time leader in career wins, strikeouts and innings pitched, collecting numerous awards along the way, including:

- 2017 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Freshman Pitcher of the Year
- 2021 Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) second team All-Conference starting pitcher
- 2022 GMAC first team All-Conference
- 2022 GMAC Pitcher of the Year
- 2022 National College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Regional Pitcher of the Year
- 2022 NCBWA first team All-Region
- 2022 Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) first team all-region
- 2022 CCA third team All-American

Boswell is familiar with summer ball, having played two seasons for the Thomasville HiToms and one with the Holy Springs Salamanders in the Coastal Plain League.

"I'm excited to experience home games at the VA and hope to have another successful season," added Boswell.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., Boswell received his undergraduate degree in athletic administration at Tiffin.

Boswell takes over the Prospect League's all-time winningest team with 446 regular-season wins and 10 playoff appearances in 13 seasons. No team has won more championships than the Paints since the League restructured into its current form prior to the 2009 season.

The Paints open the 2023 season Wednesday, May 31, at Lafayette. Chillicothe returns to VA Memorial Stadium Thursday, June 1, to open the home portion of the schedule with a 7:05 p.m. matchup against the Champion City Kings.

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ROUNDUP

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Western's defense took the batters down in order in the bottom of the seventh inning with pitcher Wyatt Henderson striking out two of the three.

On the mound, Henderson went the distance for the win. In seven innings, he gave up three runs, only one earned, on two hits, while striking out 11 batters and walking three. From the plate, Henderson was 1-4 with a run and an RBI.

Bennett finished 2-2 with a run and two RBIs. Kerns was 2-4 with three runs. Logan Thompson was 1-3 with one RBI. Satterfield went 2-4 with a pair of runs and one RBI. Grooms ended his day 1-3 with two runs and two RBIs. Christian Hawk also had one RBI and Brewster scored three runs.

Western is scheduled to take on Symmes Valley at home Wednesday evening.

WAVERLY

On Monday night, the Waverly Tigers picked up an 8-2 victory at South Webster.

Waverly senior Alex Boles (1-1) picked up the victory on the mound with four innings of work. He didn't allow a run and struck out five batters. From the plate, he blasted a home run, finishing his night 1-3 with three RBIs.

Additionally, LT Jordan went 1-4 with a double, an RBI and a stolen base. Jase Hurd was 1-2 with a double and three stolen bases. Liam Cross was 1-1 with a double. Tanner Nichols went 2-4 with one RBI and a stolen base. Creed Smith ended his night 1-3 with two stolen bases.

On Friday, the Tigers will be back at home and will face SOC II opponent Eastern.

EASTERN

The Eastern Eagles picked up a pair of non-league wins in the opening week of baseball play, defeating New Boston and Scioto-ville East.

On Tuesday, March 28, the Eagles traveled to New Boston and defeated the hosting Tigers 20-4.

Eastern scored two runs in the first inning, three in the second, and five in the third to open up a 10-0 lead. The Tigers produced a run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Then the Eagles flew off with 10 more runs. New Boston had three runs to finish the scoring in the bottom of the fifth before the game ended on the run rule.

For the Eagles, Nate Havens finished 4-4 with two doubles, five runs and three RBIs to lead the way. Christian Smith was 3-4 with one double, four runs and three RBIs. Braylon Lamerson ended his night 3-5 with two doubles, two runs and four RBIs. Dylan Morton also had four RBIs, going 3-4 with a run and stole two bases. Braydon Tomlison, Eddie Salmen and Eric Manley all had a hit and an RBI.

Morton picked up the pitching victory with four innings of work on the mound. He gave up one earned run on four hits, while striking out seven.

On Thursday, the Eagles returned home and defeated the visiting Sciotoville East Tartans 10-4.

East took the early lead, playing out to a 3-1 advantage after two innings of play. The Tartans then added another run in the top of the fourth inning.

The Eagles finally broke through with seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and then added two insurance runs in the home half of the sixth to cap the scoring in the victory.

Mason Schaffner led the way in RBIs with three, finishing 2-4 from the plate with a pair of runs. Morton was also 2-4 with one RBI and two runs. Smith went 2-4 with a run and an RBI. Havens was 1-4 with two runs and one RBI. Cayden Haislop added an RBI.

Havens picked up the win on the mound in 5.1 innings, relieving Smith, who was the starter. Havens gave up one hit and one unearned run, while striking out eight and walking one.

The Eagles will travel to Waverly Friday for a Southern Ohio Conference Division II matchup.

PIKETON

Getting into Scioto Valley Conference play at Zane Trace, the Piketon Redstreaks suffered a 14-4 loss Monday evening in six innings.

Piketon was able to keep it close through three innings, trailing 5-2. But the Pioneers outscored the Redstreaks 9-2 over the final three innings to end the game early.

At the plate for Piketon, Wayde Fout was 1-3 with two RBIs, while Alex Jenkins was 1-3 with one RBI. Cayde Conley also had an RBI. Grayson Roberts was 2-3 with a pair of runs. Garrett Moore went 1-4 with a run. Christian Horn and Zack Hannah each had a hit as well.

The Redstreaks will continue SVC action Wednesday at Southeastern.

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Browns

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"offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt's." It's not that Stefanski and Van Pelt, among others on staff, haven't spent months since last season ended trying to craft an offense best suited to Watson.

It's that point specifically. It's going to be an offense that fits the unique skill set that Watson brings to the field, while not forgetting the other players — specifically, All-Pro running back Nick Chubb — around him.

"I think everybody knows that it was unique obviously to transition in-season in that way," Stefanski said at the NFL Combine. "But I think that's where this is such a great offseason for us and for Deshaun and for our offense to spend some time this spring and into this summer and seeing all those things that fit what Deshaun does well, that fit what Nick and the rest of the crew do well. So I think we're excited about that, but it is a process. It's going to take some time."

The Browns have added several new players to that offense. Most notably, they traded for still-young receiver Elijah Moore and signed veteran receiver Marquise Goodwin, while also signing Jordan Akins, one of Watson's former Houston Texans tight ends.

Now, how does all of that start to come together? The media won't get a true glimpse until late May's OTAs, but the players will get a chance to see it starting Monday.

How does Jim Schwartz's defense start to take shape?

The biggest change organizationally for the Browns after last year's 7-10 season was at defensive coordinator. Joe Woods was let go and veteran defensive coach Jim Schwartz was hired.

Schwartz's mission is simple. He has to get a defense that has been inconsistent at best to play much more consistently.

The tools are there, at least on paper. Schwartz has All-Pro edge rusher Myles Garrett, Pro Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward and a handful of intriguing young players from which to start.

On top of that, the Browns went out in free agency and made sure to add to that group. Defensive tackle Dalvin Tomlinson (Vikings), edge rusher Ogbonnia Okoronkwo (Texans) and two-time Super Bowl champion Juan Thornhill (Chiefs) were among the biggest-ticket additions over the last month.

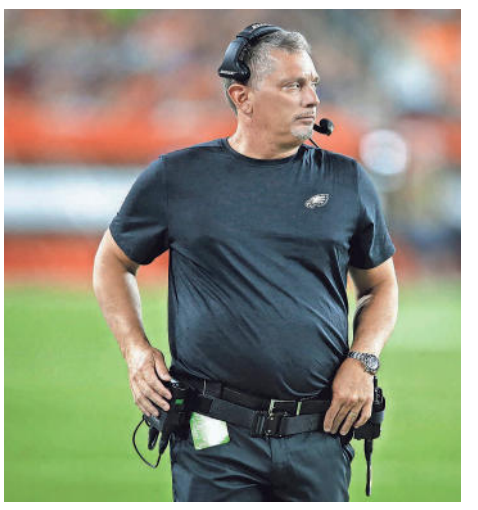
"We're all thrilled with the guys that we've been able to add really at all levels of the defense," Stefanski said at the NFL meetings. "Like we talked about earlier, you're always looking for more, and I promise you every coach wants more. But, yeah, Jim and the staff, they're excited. We're meeting for a long time right now, just trying to figure out where we want to go with this defense and hammer it away so that April 17 we're ready to go when the players show up."

Does Greg Newsome II's complaints about role linger?

The offseason had been, relatively speaking, free from major off-the-field headlines. Watson still has two outstanding lawsuits from women alleging sexual assault or sexual misconduct in massage appointments he has been dealing with, and 2022 fourth-round pick Perrion Winfrey was arrested last week in Texas for misdemeanor assault of his girlfriend.

Outside of those two obviously still serious issues, most of the news around the Browns has concerned on-field things. That includes the one potential controversy that did crop up involving cornerback Greg Newsome II and his complaints about his role as the slot corner.

Newsome, the 2021 first-round pick, made it clear multiple times on social media over the last few months that he didn't like being the Browns' primary slot cornerback a year ago. It all came to a head when a report came out last week that he was looking for a trade, which he and newly rehired agent Drew Rosenhaus quickly dismissed.



Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz watches during the second half of an NFL preseason football game against the Cleveland Browns in 2018.
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Both Newsome and Rosenhaus said all's well, especially after a conversation with Schwartz. The only real question is whether or not there's any lingering effects into the offseason program, particularly if he still finds himself playing a high number of snaps in the slot.

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Lakota

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McDaid and Jayson Bennington are options to pitch.

"Kenny plays center field," Biddle said. "He's got a great arm. He can fire that ball. As a pitcher, he keeps us in games. He's consistent."

McDaid returns to the mound after an injury, after leading the team at the plate last season.

"He plays first base and bats fourth," Biddle said. "His bat's on fire. I'm pretty sure he's 12 for his last 13. He rocks the ball."

Freshmen Izreal Smith and Brayden Gilts can pitch as well. Bomer is steady behind the plate.

"Coach [Aaron Bomer] says catcher calls the game for us," Biddle said. "He's great back there. Nothing gets by him, he throws kids out at second base like it's nothing all the time."

Bomer occupies the coaching helm for a second season. Zach Graber, Mike Dussel and Chad Biddle are his assistants.

"He holds us accountable," Biddle said. "His high expectations drive us. He's also wrestling coach for some of us, that winning mindset. We're there to win so we'll do what we can to win."

Jacob Newell and Carson Hill play second base, Cole Roush left field and Mitch Rosser right field. Drew Matz is in the varsity mix.

Lakota started the season 9-4, including 8-1 in its last nine. It lost three games during a tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, before winning the first eight games upon return.

"Myrtle Beach was an awesome trip," Biddle said. "We were there for business, baseball, but it was a bonding experience. To see that level of competition was awesome. We brought that back and started a win streak in Ohio."

The Raiders lost Saturday to Van Buren.

"We've been great at bat," Biddle said. "Everybody is hitting the ball through the lineup. We have over 70 steals as a team. We're getting on base and scoring. Except for one, the games we won were by double digits for runs.

"We score a lot, we hit a lot."

Lakota's narrow victory over Hopewell-Loudon built confidence in a different way.

"That shows, in close games we can push through," Biddle said. "We settled down and closed the game. We stayed calm and finished."

The Raiders won the SBC River Division crown outright last season.

"The coaches have high expectations and that pushes us," Biddle said. "Last year is motivation, knowing we can do it. We're chasing that league title."

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Hartline

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tline while he was in the hospital overnight, but he was unconscious while on medication. The report noted his room had a "strong odor of an alcoholic beverage."

A former wide receiver for the Buckeyes, Hartline has been on staff since 2017, and the fast-rising assistant coach was elevated to offensive coordinator in January.

The promotion put Hartline in place to possibly call plays for the offense this fall as coach Ryan Day considers delegating those responsibilities for the first time.

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All-American Toad sings for spring, all 7,000 species of them

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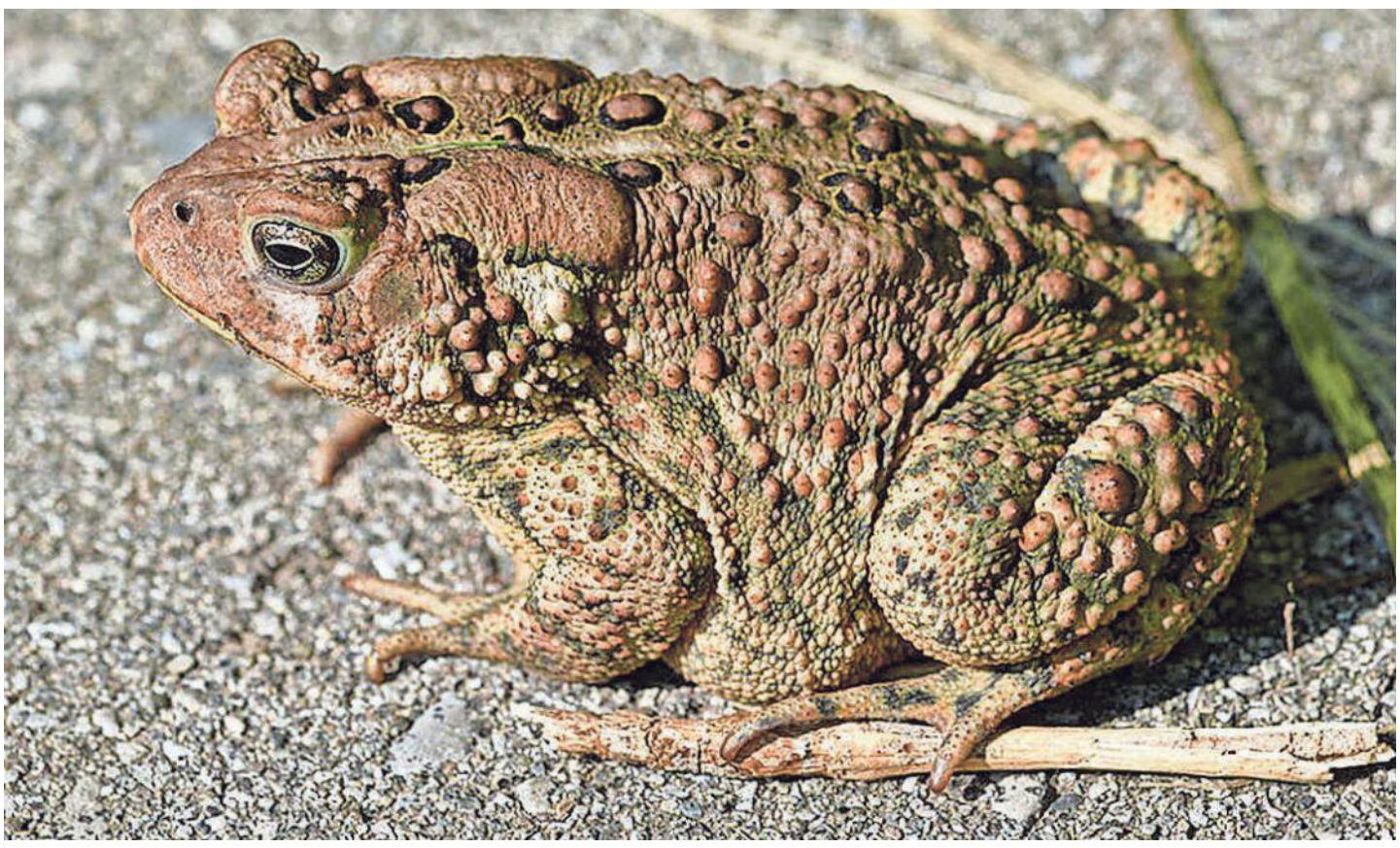

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One of the first truly warm nights of the year, and I'd fallen asleep on top of the sheets. But not for long. Down the block, a woman was screaming at someone, making her outrage crystal clear to them and all the world. Or so I assumed; all I could make out was her terrible fury.

Eventually, the room fell quiet again. I reached over to the cellphone on the nightstand and shook it awake. A quarter to two. Sheesh.

A soft breeze half-heartedly set the blinds scraping along the sill by an open window, but soon gave it up, as if to say, "Really, what's the point?" All lay still now except for the high-pitched, monotone trilling of a distant telephone.

One thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three, one thousand four, one thousand five, one thousand six...

A six second ringtone?

American toads are singing about spring

Ah, no. We've had a mild winter for Ohio and it's mid-April. That's mister American toad, *Anaxyrus americanus*, calling to let us know it's spring at last. He's informing any lady American toads in the area he's set up shop in a shallow little pond about a quarter mile away, he's open for business, and he is, quite frankly, gorgeous.

The mating song of the male American toad (females don't sing) can run up to a half-minute, and the sound of his trilling can carry a surprisingly long distance. It's likely you're familiar with the song, even if you don't know you know it. (YouTube Songs of the American Toad.)

There are about 7,000 species of frogs and 570 species of toads in the world. North America is home to plus or minus 85 frogs and 20 toads (depending on which taxonomist you consult), Ohio has 12 frogs and 3 toads. The American Toad's range covers almost the entire eastern half of North America with the exception of the deep South and Northern Quebec.

In general, frogs have smooth, moist skin while toads have dry warty skin. But not really. Everyone calls the profusion of lumps all over most toads' back and legs warts, but they're just bumps that look like warts. Real warts are caused by the human papilloma virus which doesn't affect amphibians.

So, the widespread belief that you can get warts from touching a toad is just a myth. That said, you should still give your hands a rinse after handling a toad. Behind each eye, toads have a large swelling called a parotoid gland that secretes a milky fluid containing a collection of noxious compounds called bufotoxins.

However, with the exception of the Colorado River Toad of the Southwest and the invasive Cane Toad ,which now has a solid foothold in Florida, the bufotoxins in the skin of most North American toads are pretty mild. They won't irritate your skin, but you don't want to let your dog mouth a toad. Its skin will cause her to foam at the mouth and she'll not make that mistake again.

While bufotoxins provide protection against some predators, garter snakes, water snakes and especially hognose snakes seem to have no culinary problem with them. Neither do crows and owls. Raccoons dislike their taste, but have developed a work around by flipping a toad over, eating the belly and leaving the toxin-rich back skin and head.

Toads are not big fans of deep water

Unlike frogs, toads aren't very good swimmers, so they typically seek out shallow water bodies like roadside ditches and vernal (temporary) pools in wooded areas created by melting snow and spring rains. Really, almost anywhere they can find vegetation covered by 4 to 6 inches of water for the several months it takes their tadpoles to mature into inch long toadlets.

Toads' dry skin provides effective protection from dehydrating and, after the breeding season, American toads can often be found quite a distance from water – in open woods, agricultural fields and meadows, suburban lawns and gardens.,

On the other hand, you're unlikely to see them during the depths of summer. They can't take the heat, so they'll spend the day hunkered down in some moist hiding place like beneath a log or buried in deep litter. They'll venture out at night to hunt insects, spiders and earthworms, often returning to the same favorite hiding spot as the day warms up.

Cool toad tidbit No. 1: Like most amphibians, American toads shed the outer layer of their skin every couple of weeks while growing and three to four times a year once mature. The skin, which comes off in one piece, is eaten. It's called dermatophagy.

Tidbit No. 2: Rather than drink water, they absorb moisture through their skin, especially the soft belly skin covering the pelvis.

Tidbit No. 3: Frogs and toads can't use their tongues (which are attached to the front of their mouths) to swallow. However, by blinking their eyes, the backs of their eyeballs roll into the roof of their mouths, pushing their prey down their throats.

Ken Baker is a retired professor of biology and environmental studies. If you have a natural history topic you would like Dr. Baker to consider for an upcoming column, please email your idea to fre-newsdesk@gannett.com .

TODAY IS: BANANA DAY

National Banana Day is centered in Ireland, where it was first celebrated in 2017. It is promoted by Fyffes, a fresh produce and fruit importing company, and has been acknowledged by other fruit companies such as Dole Food Company and Chiquita Brands International. It supports a national drive to encourage healthy eating, especially for children, and reminds shoppers to think of bananas as a nutritious and natural food that they can add to meals or eat as convenience food. It also highlights how the banana is fun and versatile.

The banana is the most popular fruit in the United States and around the world. The average person eats about 100 of them a year. They are the cheapest fruit and are also one of the most perishable.

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A family recipe for Easter

In the kitchen
Sharon Hughes

Hello! In the kitchen with Sharon this week I was sent this wonderful recipe from Teresa Napier. I am sharing all of her correspondence as it is so touching. I appreciated that you took the time to send this family recipe for everyone to enjoy. I love it. Thank you so much.

If anyone has a special recipe they would like to share, please send them, along with a story about the recipe if you have one, to shughes@timesgazette or call me at 937-393-3456.

Have a great week.

NOTE — The following was written by Teresa Napier:

Hello Sharon,

I hope you are doing well. I truly enjoy the contribution that recipes bring to the local paper. Cooking is my passion and I have been thinking about submitting recipes to you for some time, but am just now getting around to it. I appreciate the old-fashioned idea of sharing recipes as way of encouraging people to experience the cultural celebration of food and the consequential connection that forms between people who enjoy it together.

Enclosed in a beloved family recipe that my grandmother used to make for family gatherings. It is a fruit pizza that I now serve as a dessert every Easter. The fresh fruit is refreshing and reminds me of spring. With the multi-step process it may seem like a lot, but it is actually quite simple to put together. My kids love helping spread the topping and decorating it with fruit.

FRUIT PIZZA

Crust:

2 sticks of butter, soft

4 Tablespoons sugar

2 cups all purpose flour

Combine, then press into a 16-inch pizza pan

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes, or until lightly browned around the edges.

Allow to cool completely

Topping:

1 (8oz) package cream cheese

1 (8oz) container whipped topping

1/4 confectioners' sugar

Combine, then add to cooled crust

Fruit*

2 to 3 kiwifruit, peeled and thinly sliced

1 to 2 bananas, sliced

1 (11 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained

1/2 cup red grape halves

Arrange fruit in a decorate pattern on top of pizza, or however you wish.

* You can use any combination of fruit you would like. This selection just offers a variety of colors and textures, and they also compliment one another.

Glaze:

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup orange juice

2 Tablespoons cold water

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

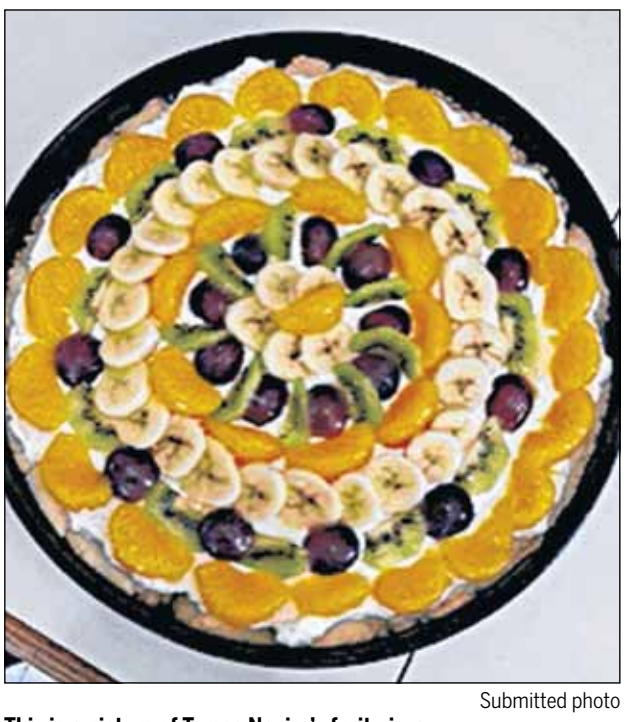
Pinch of salt

In a saucepan, combine glaze ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly for two minutes, or until thickened and translucent.

Brush over fruit topping (this will add flavor plus prevent the fruit from browning).

Refrigerate 4 to 6 hours, or overnight before serving. Slice, serve cold, and enjoy!

Very yummy!



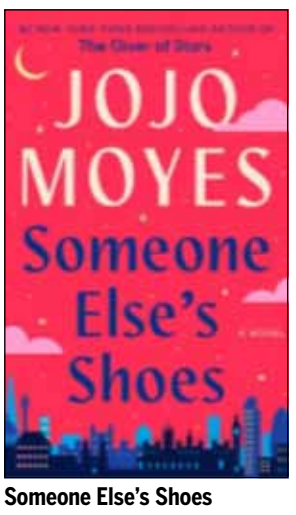
Submitted photo

This is a picture of Teresa Napier's fruit pizza.

Sharon Hughes is the advertising manager at The Times-Gazette. She is also a mother, grandmother and chef.

Recommendations for the week of April 3rd

The Scioto County Public Library would like to recommend these book titles. Each title is available to borrow with your library card! For more book recommendations or information on applying for a library card go to www.yourppl.org or call 740-354-5688.



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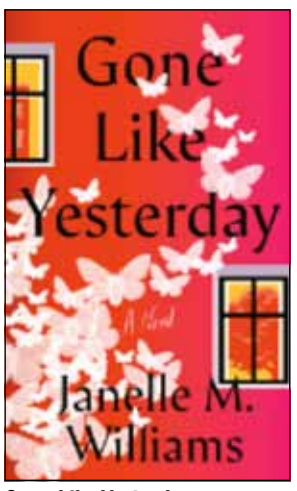

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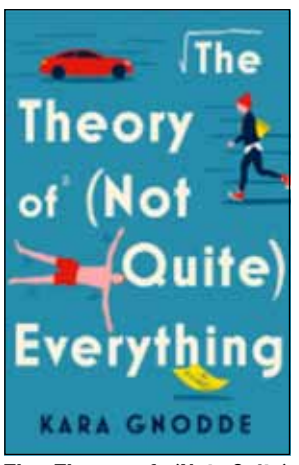

The Theory of (Not Quite) Everything

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes - Nisha Cantor lives the life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. Sam Kemp - in the bleakest point of her life - has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam hardly has time to worry about a lost gym bag—she's struggling to keep herself and her family afloat. When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence makes her realize something must change—and that thing is herself. Readers might also enjoy Fast Friends by Jill Mansell or Porch Lights by Dorothea Benton Frank.

Gone Like Yesterday by Janelle M. Williams - Zahra, a listless college prep coach, and Sammie, a teenage girl and budding activist soon off to college—are drawn to each other through the songs of gypsy moths. Gypsy moths have been singing the songs of Zahra's ancestors to her for years, so when Zahra realizes that Sammie might be a moth person too, their paths become intertwined. Then Zahra's brother, Derrick, goes missing. Derrick has always been different—sensitive and connected to the spiritual world, he has been drifting from Zahra and her family for some time. But this time feels different. Zahra is panicked that he may really be gone for good, lost to her forever. Readers might also enjoy Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid or When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole.

The Theory of (Not Quite) Everything by Kara Gnodde - Meet Art and Mimi Brotherton. Devoted siblings and housemates, they're bound together by the tragic death of their parents. Mathematical genius Art relies on logic, while Mimi prefers to follow her heart. When Mimi decides she needs more from life than dutifully tending to her brilliant brother, she asks for his help to find love. Art agrees, but on one condition: that she find her soulmate using a strict mathematical principle. Things seem promising, until Mimi meets Frank: a romantic, spontaneous stargazer who's also a mathematician. Despite Mimi's obvious affection for the quirky Frank, Art is wary of him from their very first encounter. As Art's mistrust of Frank grows, so do Mimi's feelings, and the siblings' relationship is brought to a breaking point. Something about Frank doesn't quite add up, and only Art can see it... Readers might also enjoy The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin or The Rosie Project.

US is providing Ukraine with $2.6 billion in military aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will send Ukraine about $500 million in ammunition and equipment and spend more than $2 billion to buy an array of munitions, radar and new weapons to help Kyiv counter drones in the coming months, the Pentagon said Tuesday, as Ukrainian troops gear up for a spring offensive against Russian forces.

The aid to be taken from military stockpiles so it can be in the war zone quickly includes "ammunition for U.S.-provided HIMARS, air defense interceptors, and artillery rounds that Ukraine is using to defend itself," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. HIMARS are multiple rocket launchers.

The package includes at least two new weapons systems that are designed to counter drones — specifically the Iranian-made Shahed, which Tehran has provided to Russia and has been heavily used in attacks on Ukrainian cities.

The U.S., for the first time, will send nine 30mm gun trucks and an undisclosed amount of ammunition for them, and 10 mobile laser-guided rocket systems, also developed to counter drones.

The wide array of ammunition being sent from Pentagon stocks includes 155 mm artillery rounds for howitzers as Ukraine burns through the rounds fighting back against Russia's ground invasion. The Pentagon does not provide the amounts of munitions in most cases.

Workman

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members no greater gift than the experience of performing Handel's 'MESSIAH.'"

According to Workman, Handel's "MESSIAH" is considered to be the most famous large-scale sacred music composition. It takes about two and a half hours to perform, and was composed by Handel in 24 days. It contains one of the most iconic pieces of sacred music, the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The text for "MESSIAH" comes completely from the Scriptures and is divided into three parts.

Those parts include Prophecy and Fulfillment; Christ's Passion, Resurrection, the Spreading of the Gospel; and The Believer's Resurrection, and the Second Coming of Christ.

Workman has been performing portions of "MESSIAH" since he was a 10-year-old chorister, learning the "Hallelujah Chorus" and being completely enthralled with the music.

"I have performed as a chorister, as soloist, and as a conductor throughout my career as a musician."

This will be the sixth performance at Second Presbyterian Church since 2000. Many of the choristers, soloists, and orchestral players have multiple experiences with "MESSIAH."

"The experience one gathers from a performance of Handel's 'MESSIAH,' whether as a listener or a performer, is extremely rewarding and edifying on both a musical and theological standpoint," Workman said.

While the show is rewarding, the music is a challenging feat for the performers.

"The music is very challenging," Workman claimed. "The solo and the orchestral parts demand professional level playing and singing, while the choral writing demands a very excellent choir that is willing to devote a large time to prepare the work. The chorus has been learning and preparing their part since January. The soloists and orchestral players train for years to be able to perform music of this difficulty, and have been reviewing and brushing up on the parts. As with our Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols in December, we will convert the sanctuary temporarily into a sacred concert hall."

The performance will be given on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church, 801 Waller Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. The event is free and open to all.

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Delores A. "Snookie" Maag

KALIDA – Delores A. "Snookie" Maag, 92, of Kalida died 4:06 a.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Putnam Heritage, Ottawa. She was born May 8, 1930 to the late Charles and Veronica (Huelsman) Hovest. On April 8, 1953, she married Clayton H. Maag, who survives in Ottawa.

Also surviving are 3 children: Alan (Audrey Weis) Maag of Toledo, Pam Inbody of Columbus Grove and Sheila (Patrick) Beck of Brecksville; 10 grandchildren: Adam Maag, Amanda Maag, Stacy Inbody, Eric (Andrea) Inbody, Tyler (Samantha) Inbody, Ryan (Elyse) Inbody, Michael Beck, Sarah (Scott) Wolfe, Joseph (Danielle) Beck and Katie (A.J.) Boeh; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Delores is preceded by a son-in-law: Ken Inbody; 3 brothers: Carl Hovest, Bob Hovest and her twin, who died shortly after birth, Edward Hovest and 3 sisters: Mary Vennekotter, Arlene Verhoff and Irene "Billie" Drerup.

Delores retired in 1990 from Philips, Ottawa and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kalida. She was a member of C.L. of C. and Christian Mothers. She loved sewing and quilting, playing the piano and playing cards. Delores also enjoyed putting jigsaw puzzles together and reading. She loved babysitting her grandchildren.

There will be a funeral mass 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father Nathan Bockrath and Father Scott Kramer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, April 10, 2023 from 2 to 8 p.m. at LOVE FUNERAL HOME, Ottawa where a rosary service will be held at 7:45 p.m. Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Putnam County Library, or Putnam County Homecare and Hospice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Gail L. Osting

OTTAWA – Gail L. Osting, 79, of Ottawa, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. She was born August 7, 1943 in Baltimore, MD to Robert and Katherine (Mayo) Wannemacher. On October 26, 1963, she married Jerry Osting. He survives in Ottawa.

Other survivors include four children: Robin (Jerry) Levine of Rockford, MI, Scott (Bobbi) Osting, Anita (Rich) Ross, both of Ottawa and Jason (Cindy) Osting of Leipsic; eight grandchildren: Austin (Haley) Levine, Madison Levine, Kennedy (Eli) Brown, Easton Osting, Hanna Keller, Avery Ross, Ryan Ross and Claire Osting; a great-grandchild, Juniper Levine and one on the way; and one brother, Chuck (Nancy) Wannemacher of Ottawa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Wannemacher and Katherine Caprilla.

Gail owned and operated the family jewelry store. She had also worked at Kohl's Bakery in Ottawa. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa and Ottawa Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, where she was the co-founder and director of Road Kill Bingo. Gail enjoyed baking and cooking, especially for Sunday family dinners and going to her kids, and later in life, grandkids' sporting events. Gail loved to travel, especially vacationing in Florida and Maryland with her husband and mother. She was an avid Cleveland Indians fan. Her best times were being surrounded by her family and friends.

Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023 at Sts. Peter and Peter Catholic Church with Fr. Scott Kramer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8th and one hour prior to Mass on Monday at LOVE FUNERAL HOME, Ottawa.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Judy M. Nadler

OTTAWA – Judy M. Nadler, 73 of Ottawa, passed away at 3:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29,

2023 at Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, Ottawa. She was born February 6, 1950 in McComb to

the late Richard and Esther (Vogt) Nadler.

Survivors include five siblings: Roselyn (Charles) Kistler of Powell, Mary Perkins of Weatherford, TX, Shirley (James) Mank of Plain City, John Nadler of Findlay and Patricia (Mike)

McFarland of Defiance; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers: Dennis Nadler and Robert John Nadler; and a brother-in-law, Lee Perkins.

Judy was a caretaker. She loved taking care of people, especially children. She was a member of

Holy Family Catholic Church, New Cleveland.

Funeral Mass will begin 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Holy Family Catholic Church,

New Cleveland with Fr. Scott Perry officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesday prior to the Mass at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of LOVE FUNERAL HOME, Ottawa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Holy Family Catholic Church, New

Cleveland or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Phillip R. Grant

CONTINENTAL – Phillip R. Grant, 85, of Continental, passed away Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Meadows of Kalida. He was born March 19, 1938, in Defiance to the late Howard and Erma (Weller) Grant.

Phillip is survived by an aunt, Naomi Yingling of Ottawa.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by many aunts and uncles.

Phillip was a lifelong farmer and a John Deere fan. He was a member of North Mount Zion Church, Continental.

Funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023 at North Mount Zion Church,

Continental with Rev. Brent Gibson officiating. Burial will follow at North Mount Zion Cemetery,

Continental. Visitation will be held from 10 – 11 a.m. on Monday prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of HEITMEYER FUNERAL HOME, Continental.

Memorial donations may be made to North Mount Zion Church, Continental.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

Roland J. Burkhart

PANDORA – Roland J. Burkhart, 84 of Pandora, died at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Liberty Retirement Community, Lima. He was born October 10, 1938 in Bluffton to the late Ralph Roland and Frieda (Furrer) Burkhart. On November 15, 1960, he married Julienne Shafer. She died on January 15, 2005.

Survivors include three children: John Michael Burkhart of AZ, James Paul (Lisa) Burkhart and Joseph Lynn Burkhart, both of Ottawa; one grandchild, Darren Scott Burkhart of Ottoville; and two brothers: Frederick Lee Burkhart of Greenville, TN and David Brent Burkhart of Alger.

Roland worked for Whirlpool, Findlay and was also a sheep shearer. He was a member of Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora. He enjoyed, camping, watching races at Eldora Speedway and going to swap meets and flea markets. Roland loved his dogs.

A funeral service for Roland will begin at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora with Pastor Matthew Yoder officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Pandora. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 6- 8 p.m. at LOVE FUNERAL HOME, Ottawa and 10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Putnam County Special Olympics.

Condolences may be expressed at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Katherine J. "Kack" Johnson

Katherine J. "Kack" Johnson, age 92, of McGuffey, passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 12:20 AM at Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

She was born on June 21, 1930, in McGuffey, Ohio to the late Okey and Cloie (Jordan) Risner. On August 13, 1950, Katherine married James Johnson and he preceded her in death on February 8, 2017.

Katherine retired from Upper Scioto Valley High School, where worked as the secretary. She was a member of the McGuffey Church of Christ. She loved attending the sporting events of her children and grandchildren at both USV and Ottawa-Glandorf.

Katherine is survived by her two children: Rex (Janine) Johnson of Ottawa, and Tami (Mike) Hunsicker of Alger; eight grandchildren: Mandie (Kyle) Erford, Brittany (Jeff) McCrate, Tyson (Heather) McGlaughlin, Josh (Emily) Johnson, Carly (Derek) Rieman and Carrington Johnson, Travis (Jessica Lawrence) Hunsicker and Troy (Brandi) Hunsicker; twenty-five great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and her four siblings: Mike (Monica) Risner, Gary (Judy) Risner, Janet Kearns, and LaVerne (Claude) Conley all of McGuffey; and a sister-in-law, Lorilla Risner of Kenton.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jayna McGlaughlin; and two brothers: Bud Risner, and Kenny Risner; and a brother-in-law, John Kearns.

Funeral services will begin at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at Hanson-Neely-Allison Funeral & Cremation Services, Alger with David Holbrook officiating. Burial will be in Preston Cemetery, Alger.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service on Thursday, April 6th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Hanson-Neely-Allison Funeral & Cremation Services, Alger

Memorial contributions may be made to USV Alumni Field House (write Johnson in the memo line).

Condolences can be expressed at www.hanson-neelyallison.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hanson-Neely-Allison Funeral & Cremation Services, Alger.

Death Notices

Thomas H. Kaufman

GLANDORF – Tom H. "Tucker" Kaufman, 80 of Glandorf, died surrounded by family at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born August 28, 1942, in Cloverdale, Ohio to Vincent and Lucy (Frank) Kaufman.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday, April 1, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf with Father Kent Kaufman officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

John T. Donaldson

COLUMBUS GROVE – John T. Donaldson, 70, passed away April 1, 2023 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima Ohio. He was born January 29, 1953 in Lima, Ohio to Owen "Don" and JoAnn (Tate) Donaldson. He married Rita J. Donaldson and she survives in Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove. Services were 1:00 p.m.. on Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Geoff Eubank officiating.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 5, the 95th day of 2023. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

On this date

In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe, a widower, in the Virginia Colony.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1764, Britain's Parliament passed The American Revenue Act of 1764, also known as the Sugar Act.

In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident that prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1987, Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime-time TV debut by airing the situation comedy "Married with Children" followed by "The Tracey Ullman Show," then repeating both premiere episodes two more times in the same evening.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

In 2008, actor Charlton Heston, big-screen hero and later leader of the National Rifle Association, died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 84.

In 2010, an explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine near Charleston, West Virginia, killed 29 workers. In a televised rescue, 115 Chinese coal miners were freed after spending eight days trapped in a flooded mine, surviving an accident that had killed 38.

In 2016, UConn won an unprecedented fourth straight women's national championship, capping another perfect season by routing Syracuse 82-51.

In 2019, inspecting a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in California, President Donald Trump declared that "our country is full," and that illegal crossings must be stopped.

Ten years ago: Kansas legislators gave final passage to a sweeping anti-abortion measure declaring that life began "at fertilization." (Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, signed the measure two weeks later.) A federal judge in New York ordered the Food and Drug Administration to lift age restrictions on the sale of emergency contraception, ending a requirement that buyers show proof they were 17 or older if they wanted to buy it without a prescription. (After months of back-and-forth legal battles, the Obama administration agreed to lift the age limits.)

Five years ago: In his first public comments about Stormy Daniels, President Donald Trump said he didn't know about the $130,000 payment his personal attorney Michael Cohen had made to the porn actress who alleged she had an affair with Trump. In a dramatic escalation of the trade dispute with China, Trump told the U.S. trade representative to consider slapping an additional $100 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods. A Brazilian judge issued an arrest warrant for former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as the once-popular leader tried to mount a political comeback ahead of October elections; da Silva had sought to stay out of prison while he appealed a corruption conviction. A federal immigration raid took 97 people into custody at a Tennessee meat processing plant.

One year ago: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russian troops of gruesome atrocities in Ukraine and told the U.N. Security Council that those responsible should immediately be brought up on war crimes charges in front of a tribunal like the one set up at Nuremberg after World War II. Barack Obama returned to the White House for the first time in more than five years to savor the 12th anniversary of his signature health care law and give a boost to President Joe Biden's efforts to expand it. Ivanka Trump, former President Donald Trump's daughter and one of those closest to him during the insurrection at the Capitol, testified before the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack.

Today's birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 97. Country singer Tommy Cash is 83. Actor Michael Moriarty is 82. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 81. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 81. Actor Max Gail is 80. Actor Jane Asher is 77. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 73. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 71. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 69. Hip-hop artist/actor Christopher "Kid" Reid is 59. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 57. Singer Paula Cole is 55. Actor Krista Allen is 52. Actor Victoria Hamilton is 52. Country singer Pat Green is 51. Rapper-producer Pharrell (fa-REHL') Williams is 50. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 48. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 47. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 42. Actor Hayley Atwell is 41. Actor Lily James is 34.

YOUR VIEW

In support of Coach Bihl

To whom it may concern:

I am incredibly disheartened to hear of the plan to fire Girls Basketball coach Samantha Bihl. Coach Bihl has always rewarded hard work, and she goes above and beyond to ensure her players become better athletes and young women. I played for Coach Bihl from 2016-2020. My freshman year, Coach Bihl's first year, our team was lucky to finish .500 on the season. The following three years, Coach Bihl led our team to two 20+ win seasons, three sectional championships, a league championship, and the school's first district championship since 1991. Coach Bihl also rightfully received District Coach of the Year honors. Do not allow recency bias to cloud your judgement of Coach Bihl's successful coaching career thus far.

As if the winning statistics and championships from Coach Bihl's coaching stint are not enough, her outstanding character is all the more reason that it is extremely disappointing that our athletic department would force her out of a coaching position. While success is often measured by wins and losses, the end goal of high school sports should be to teach athletes life lessons—the wins are a bonus. In my four years in the Lady Lions Basketball program under Coach Bihl, I learned more about life than I could have imagined. Though the list could go on and on, my experience playing in the LLB program can be summed up by three words: accountability, hard work, and friendship.

Accountability could not be more important when it comes to being successful in life. Firing Coach Bihl shows that the school district has no desire to make positive change and will continue lax efforts towards ensuring students' success after high school. Many students lack authority figures that care enough to teach them the importance of accountability; Coach Bihl was this person for many. My teammates may not have realized it at the time, but she did not make us do board pushes for missed box outs or run laps for being late for practice as a punishment—she was simply holding us accountable. Coach Bihl always set goals for us, whether it be in a game or in drills in practice. If we failed to meet a goal we were capable of achieving, we would condition—she held us accountable. High school athletes don't always respond well to this methodology, as it seems too hard and "punishments" are seen as taboo, but accountability could not be more important when it comes to being successful in life. Accountability is something Coach Bihl taught extremely well, and it is a shame that her athletes, parents, and administration may fail to see that.

With accountability comes hard work, and with hard work often comes success. Coach Bihl has always been one to encourage and reward hard work. Basketball was easily the most demanding of the three sports I played in high school, but I realize now that we wouldn't have been half as successful as we were if it weren't for all the early mornings or long nights we spent in the gym, lifting, or watching film. As athletes, we learned how important it is to dedicate time and effort to achieving an end goal; Coach Bihl served as our role model by putting even more time and effort into pushing us to be successful. Coach Bihl pushed us to work hard even on our bad days, but our hard work never went unnoticed. Aside from all the wins, our hard work was rewarded with new gear, team meals, and even team trips to Disney and Arizona. We worked hard because Coach Bihl worked so hard to do everything she could for us. We were successful because of our hard work, Coach Bihl's included. Playing for Coach Bihl, I learned that nothing is ever handed to you, and that success requires hard work from everyone involved.

In addition to the life lessons I learned, friendship is one of my biggest takeaways from my experience in LLB. My best friends from high school are the girls I played basketball with. Being on a team with girls is one thing, but being friends with everyone on a team is something very special. I was always close to these girls, but some of my favorite memories with them are because of Coach Bihl. I'll never forget our trips to Arizona or Disney, countless overnight trips across Ohio to play in shootouts at different colleges, Christmas parties, and even nights spent just eating dinner and watching film. Coach Bihl always went above and beyond to give us chances outside of the gym to make memories with each other. It's so special to be able to reminisce with all my friends about all the memories we were able to make because of basketball and Coach Bihl. Now that I am no longer playing, Sam and I have maintained a friendship. Whenever I'm home from college, we go to dinner or get coffee and spend time catching up. She truly cares about her athletes and serves as a friend and role model to each of them. I could not be more thankful for the friendships basketball and Coach Bihl gave me; all who were a part of LLB are truly forever family.

I could not imagine how wildly different my high school experience would be without Coach Bihl, and it is heartbreaking that athletes will not have the opportunity to learn from and form a relationship with her as I did. Coach Bihl is extremely successful, and she embodies accountability, hard work, and friendship. The decision to fire her reflects extremely poorly on the school district and shows where the values of the athletic department lie. The actions taken towards Coach Bihl are blatantly disrespectful and ignorant of all the good she has done for students, athletes, and the athletic department of Washington City Schools. Quite honestly, blame should be placed on anyone but Coach Bihl, and the athletic department should spend time reflecting on the culture it has created. I know my words will likely be disregarded, but I could not in good conscience allow this rash decision to be made without me sharing my experience on her behalf.

Halli Wall
Washington Court House

4-H Tractor Club holds eighth meeting

By Charlie Reeves
and **Michael Cook**
4-H Tractor Club News Reporters

The Fayette County 4-H Tractor Club's eighth meeting was held March 27. The tractor rodeo is June 11.

The secretary and treasurer reports were given. Health report was on protecting eyes. Safety report was on baseball helmets. Environmental report was on recycling oil.

Demonstrations were Micheal Schappacher on ear tags, Bryson Dean on checking oil, Micheal Cook on tagging cattle, and Cole Kirkpatrick on tools for pigs. Shirts are $6.50, if club members pay $3 the club will pick up the slack.

Next meeting is on April 3 at the extension offices. The time will be 7:30 p.m. If there are any questions, call John Hiser at 740-948-2230 or Mark Hiser at 740-606-0501. Facebook is: Fayette County 4-H Tractor Club

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4-6-8-14-32-41
Kicker: 634672
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Mason County Memories ... The Hartford United Methodist Church

Chris Rizer
Historical Columnist

As you all have probably noticed, I try to write an article on a historic building every so often. Tomorrow being Easter, I thought I'd write on a church near to my heart.

Five generations of my family have worshiped here, though our congregation numbers only seven at Sunday service. It's just Pastor Rex and Janet, John and Bonnie, Tim and Susie, and me. A small congregation, to be sure, but our doors are always open!

The Hartford Methodist Church was built in 1856, not even two years after Hartford was founded by George Moredock. This was the second church in town, after the Welsh Baptists, which had built a church on Hartford Hill the year before.

The United Brethren organized the next year in 1857 and met in the schoolhouse until 1874, when they built the church today known as Father's House. The American Baptists organized in 1861 and met with the Welsh Baptists until their building was finished in 1868, which is today occupied by the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church.

Anyhow, back to the Methodists. Moredock was himself a devout New England Methodist, and his Hartford City Salt Co. gave the land for the church. The lumber was donated by steamboat captain Major Brown and was milled for free by William Harpold, owner of the Valley City (later Liverpool) Salt Co.

The bell, which stills rings proudly, was purchased from a foundry in Philadelphia by a wealthy benefactor (possibly Mr. Moredock), shipped overland to Pittsburgh, and brought downriver personally by Captain Brown. And as a finishing touch, Mrs. Eliza Moredock and her daughter Jennie provided the first set of Bibles.

Being one of the largest public buildings in town, the church was not only used for Methodist services but many civic meetings as well, especially during the Civil War.

Following the Virginia Legislature's passing of the Secession Ordnance in April 1861, a town meeting was held in the church to denounce the secessionists. The Rev. John Phelps and Daniel Polsley, among others, gave strong Union speeches, and the meeting unanimously approved resolutions stating that "in the event the Eastern portion of this State persists in her secessionist movement, we will do all in our power for the separation of the Western from the Eastern portion of the State."

This is, as far as can be found, the first printed call for statehood from Mason County, a month before the First Wheeling Convention.

In May 1861 and September 1862, enlistment meetings were held in the church.

The first, before Virginia had officially joined the Confederacy, was in support of the local militia. The second was led by the Reverend Phelps, then the chaplain of the 9th West Virginia Infantry.

In 1863, another meeting was held in the church urging voters to support the new state of West Virginia. This was just days before the final vote on the state Constitution on March 20th, 1863. According to the *Register*, the church was so full that "many were unable to get seats."

Sunday services, weddings and funerals continued during the war, as they have for over 160 years since with only minor interruption. During the 1884 flood, for example, water was 2 feet deep in the second floor of the neighboring parish house, which would've put it nearly to the steeple of the church. Services certainly weren't held that Sunday!

That same flood destroyed the church's organ, said to be the first on our side of the Bend, and prompted the congregation to see about raising the building out of reach of the floodwaters. The congregation spent the next 10 years gathering the funds, and in 1895, the whole building was raised about 10 feet off the ground, placed on a new cast-stone foundation, and rededicated. It turned out that this was not enough to escape the even higher 1913 and 1937 floods, but fortunately the church survived those without much damage.

The church also closed for a time during the 1892 smallpox outbreak, 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, and more recent 2020 COVID-19 pandemic to protect the congregation, but is now back to regular service and celebrating 167 years of being a part of our community.

Information from the Weekly Register, Wheeling Intelligencer, and writings of Anna Lederer and Mildred Gibbs.

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Meigs Health Matters: National Public Health Week

Courtney Midkiff
Meigs County Health Department

National Public Health Week is April 3-9. National Public Health Week is committed to making health inclusive and equitable. The observance hopes to foster decision-making that considers the health of all communities.

Meanwhile, public health efforts are ongoing during the other 51 weeks of the year. Public health works tirelessly around the globe and close to home helping ensure we have cleaner water to drink, more nutritious food to eat, higher-quality air to breathe and access to a broad range of services to promote human health from vaccines and doctors to public parks.

Across the United States, including groundbreaking efforts in states including Ohio, the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) are being used as a framework to transform public health. Public health departments like your Meigs County Health Department (MCHD) have a fundamental responsibility to provide public health protections and services in several areas.

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The FPHS were developed in 2013 to define a minimum package of public health capabilities and programs that no jurisdiction can be without. Almost 10 years and a global pandemic later, it was time to refresh the FPHS framework to assure it continues to reflect the evolving nature and modernization of governmental public health.

The FPHS are a key framework that can be used to improve the nation's public health infrastructure, outline the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and define a minimum set of Foundational Capabilities and Foundational Areas that must be available in every community.

The FPHS framework explains the role of governmental public health in a thriving community, assesses capacity and resource gaps, determines the cost for assuring foundational activities and identifies funding needs. The Foundational Capabilities are: Leadership & Organizational Competencies; Health Equity & Cultural Responsiveness; Community Partnership Development; Assessment & Epidemiology; Policy & Planning; Communication; Emergency Preparedness & Response. The Foundational Areas are Communicable Disease Control; Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Environmental Public Health; Access to and Linkage with Clinical Care.

The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI), which is home to the FPHS, involves statewide public health systems in the process of transforming their public health practice using the FPHS. Additionally, the historic investment from CDC to strengthen public health infrastructure, workforce, and data systems, combined with other investments in public health modernization, provides an opportunity to focus on building the Foundational Capabilities needed everywhere for public health to work anywhere.

In Ohio during the past several years, a collaboration of five public health associations representing health departments led work to: Determine the cost of foundational public health services currently provided, gaps that exist, and the costs of closing those gaps; Maximize the use of shared services; Explore a pathway to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation for small health departments; Align population health hospital and public health department planning requirements for population health.

The MCHD, which is PHAB accredited, is required to report its work on the FPHS to the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Public Health Association on an annual basis. For more information about services provided by your MCHD, visit our offices located at 112 E. Memorial Drive in Pomeroy, Ohio, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or www.meigs-health.com.

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FRIDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega Ball: 23

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Meeting for River Rec to be held Thursday

by Chad Vaughn
STAFF WRITER

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio (WV News) — Can the River Recreation Festival get even bigger and better?

Officials with the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce believe it can.

Bob Hood, executive director of the Chamber, said there will be planning meeting for the festival at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Courtside Bar & Grill.

Hood said the purpose of the meeting is to get the community more involved in the planning of the event, and to expand its scope. Specifically, the Chamber hopes to form subcommittees focusing on the parade, fireworks, kids activities, staging and entertainment and concessions.

"It takes a lot of hands on deck to create an event of this magnitude. We welcome those interested to be a part of this meeting," Hood said.

The festival is held on July 4 every year, and is a local tradition dating back nearly a half century. Attractions have typically included live entertainment, pageants, local food and crafts, baby contests, fireworks and a parade.

The Courtside Bar & Grill is located at 308 Second Ave. in downtown Gallipolis.

Submitted photo

The River Recreation Festival is held every July 4 in Gallipolis.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 4

Gallipolis City Commission to meet

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio — The Gallipolis City Commission will meet at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 333 Third Ave. Access the meeting room through the side entrance door by 2 1/2 Alley.

Thursday, April 6

CSHA regular meeting

CHESTER — Chester Shade Historical Association will meet in regular session on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall of the Academy. All members are encouraged to attend.

Evening Storytime at the Bossard Library

GALLIPOLIS – Evening Storytime at 6 p.m. at the Bossard Memorial Library for ages three to six. Join Ms. Kim for stories, songs, crafts, and games.

Friday, April 7

Meigs County PER Inc. to meet

POMEROY, Ohio — The regular meeting of the Meigs County Public Employee Retirement Inc. Chapter 74 will be held at 1 p.m. at the Mulberry Community Center, 260 Mulberry Ave., Pomeroy. Guest speaker will be Meigs County Auditor Mary Byer-Hill.

Greg Ervin, PERI District 7 representative, will present updates on issues that affect PERI members. Meeting open to all Meigs County retired public employees.

Saturday, April 8

Point Pleasant Easter Parade and Easter Extravaganza Egg Hunt rescheduled

POINT PLEASANT, WV – RESCHEDULED: The Easter Parade was postponed due to inclement weather until April 1. The parade has been rescheduled for Saturday April 8 at 11 a.m. on Main Street in Point Pleasant at 11 a.m. This year's Grand Marshall is Point Pleasant native William "Ben" Edwards, and the parade theme is Depicting the Life of Christ from Birth to Ascension. Line up for the parade begins at 9 a.m. at Southern States Farm Store, 1519 Kanawha Street in Point Pleasant. For more information on the parade non-Biblical participants contact Wayne Sanders at 304-812-8132; Biblical participants contact is Denise Bonecutter at 304-593-6939.

Easter Egg Hunt Tu-Endie-Wel State Park was also rescheduled for Saturday, April 8, at 12: 20 P.M. following the Easter Parade at 11 a.m. Divisions ages 0-12 will have a golden egg prize winner in each age division. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures and to hand out treat bags at the American Legion Post 23 after the parade. The event is sponsored by Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Peoples Bank, American Legion Post 23 Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

Easter Egg Hunt in Gallipolis City Park scheduled

GALLIPOLIS — Join the fun at the Easter Egg Hunt at Gallipolis City Park Saturday, April 8. Games begin at 10 a.m., and the hunt is at 11 a.m. There will be a bake sale from 10-11:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by the City of Gallipolis and the Gallipolis Junior Women's Club.

French City Writers' Guild to meet

GALLIPOLIS — French City Writers' Guild will meet from 1 – 2:30 p.m., ages 18 and up, at the Bossard Memorial Library, 7 Spruce St, in Gallipolis.

Sunday, April 9

Easter closings

GALLIPOLIS – The Bossard Memorial Library will be closed in observance of Easter Regular hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. will resume on Monday, April 10.

POMEROY – The Meigs County Libraries will be closed in observance of Easter. Regular hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. will resume on Monday, April 10.

Monday, April 10

Bedford Township Trustees to meet

POMEROY, Ohio — The Bedford Township Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Raising Chickens class at the Pomeroy Library

POMEROY – Raising Chickens Part 1 at 6 p.m. at the Pomeroy Library. Learn about raising chickens with Central State University Extension agent Phil Hollingshead. If you're considering raising a flock in your backyard or already have chickens, but want to know more about taking care of them, this is the class for you.

Tuesday, April 11

Bossard Memorial Library trustees regular meeting

GALLIPOLIS – The Gallia County District Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Thursday, April 13

Meigs County Republican Party to hold Lincoln Day Dinner

MIDDLEPORT, Ohio — The Meigs County Republican Party will hold its Lincoln Day Dinner April 13 at the Blakeslee Center, 100 Blakeslee Drive, Middleport. Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner will be from 6 to 7:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Sharron Kennedy, chief justice of Ohio Supreme Court. Cost is $30; for tickets, call Sandy Iannarelli at 740-541-0735 or Judy Sisson at 740-992-2076.

Gallipolis in Bloom planning meeting

GALLIPOLIS – Gallipolis in Bloom will hold their planning meeting April 13 at noon at the Courtside Grill in the back meeting room.

Gallipolis Garden Club to meet

GALLIPOLIS – The Gallipolis Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Gallipolis.

Friday, April 14

Special meeting of the Bossard Memorial Library Building Committee announced

GALLIPOLIS – The Building Committee of the Gallia County District Library Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Friday, April 14, at the library, for the purpose of discussing Library facilities (renovation/addition) and Library properties.

Saturday, April 15

DAR meeting at Our House Tavern Museum

GALLIPOLIS — French Colony Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) to meet at 10 a.m. at the Our House Tavern Museum, 432 1st Avenue, in Gallipolis.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2023. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; his slaying was followed by a wave of rioting (Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Chicago were among cities particularly hard hit). James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup.

On this date:

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln, accompanied by his son Tad, visited the vanquished Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, where he was greeted by a crowd that included former slaves.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50).

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi concentration camp Ohrdruf in Germany. Hungary was liberated as Soviet forces cleared out remaining German troops.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1973, the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center were officially dedicated. (The towers were destroyed in the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.)

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-tripper in Cincinnati.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon. Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage. (It was destroyed in the disaster of January 1986.)

In 1991, Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., and six other people, including two children, were killed when a helicopter collided with Heinz's plane over a schoolyard in Merion, Pennsylvania.

In 2011, yielding to political opposition, the Obama administration gave up on trying avowed Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheik Mohammed and four alleged co-conspirators in civilian federal courts and said it would prosecute them instead before military commissions.

In 2015, in North Charleston, South Carolina, Walter Scott, a 50-year-old Black motorist, was shot to death while running away from a traffic stop; Officer Michael Thomas Slager, seen in a cellphone video opening fire at Scott, was charged with murder. (The charge, which lingered after a first state trial ended in a mistrial, was dropped as part of a deal under which Slager pleaded guilty to a federal civil rights violation; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison.)

Ten years ago: Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy signed into law sweeping new restrictions on weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines similar to the ones used by the young man who gunned down 20 children and six educators in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. At least 72 people were killed in the collapse of an eight-story residential building being constructed illegally near Mumbai, India's financial capital. Pulitzer Prize-winning film reviewer Roger Ebert, 70, died in Chicago.

Transfers

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3041 East Plaza Blvd., Northwood, residential, from Family G&C Investments LLC, to Salvatore and Tammy Sangregory, $249,900.

26350 Emerald Lakes Drive, Perrysburg Township, residential, from Judith Modene, trustee, to David and Sharon Merritt, $338,800.

1040 Hickory St., Perrysburg, residential, from Equity Trust Co Custodian FBO Andrew Fidler IRA, to Greg Avery, $266,000.

777 Dixie Hwy. and 0 Perrysburg Road, Rossford, commercial, from Kathleen Shelt, to Rust and Rust Limited, $75,000.

20542 and 0 Elm St., Weston, residential, from Raymond and Cynthia Stump, trustees, to Ronald Dallas, $20,000.

March 29

210 Chicago Ave., North Baltimore, residential, from Katelyn and Zachary Weinandy, to April McEwen, $80,900.

308 Wayne St., Risingsun, residential, from Eke Investments LLC, to Jose and Linda Jiron, $40,000.

1938 Lear Drive, Northwood, residential, from Constance Butler, to Michael Tack and Brooke Jacob, $216,500.

26654 Sheringham Road, Perrysburg, residential, from Sisters of Notre Dame Toledo Province, to Dustin Burchard, $280,000.

26292 E. Wexford Drive, Perrysburg Township, residential, from Eric and Jennifer Miller, to Thomas and Margaret Armstrong, $275,000.

19917 Sand Ridge Road, Weston, residential, from Timothy Bixler, to Matthew Zulch, $109,780.

March 30

14733 Lake Meadows Drive, Middleton Township, residential, from Ellen Belville, to Bert Belville Jr., $283,700.

2424 Jamestown Drive, Middleton

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Chili

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or corn, she added.

"Honestly, that makes it all the more easier, you don't have to drain anything," Ellerbrock said. "It's kind of nice to have those easy recipes for when you work."

And work, she does.

In addition to her full-time job as a customer service representative for the district, Ellerbrock is also the fiscal officer for Liberty Township in Hancock County.

She first ran for the elected position almost 24 years ago, after a friend talked her into the campaign.

"I like the service part of it, for sure," Ellerbrock said, adding that her father was a former township trustee.

Ellerbrock has been with the district since 2014.

"I love people I work with. I enjoy being up front. I enjoy working with customers," she said.

Ellerbrock said she's more of a dessert person than a cook.

"I make a HoHo cake that gets requested often," she said, adding that it's not made with the prepared packages of chocolate cake with white filling that can be purchased in a store. "It just tastes like a HoHo. You make the cake and the filling and it has a chocolate ganache that pours over it."

She learned her way around the kitchen from her mother, who was famous for her pies.

She and her husband, Rob, live in Findlay. Her son and daughter are grown, but often visit for a home-cooked meal — especially if her meatballs with a mushroom gravy is being served.

Her daughter has already asked for a Christmas gift from mom: A collection of all of Ellerbrock's recipes, handwritten.

"I should probably start that, but she may not get it this year," Ellerbrock said.

Debbie Rogers | Sentinel-Tribune

Southwest Chili.

SOUTHWEST CHILI

Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef
chopped onion
2 cans of diced tomatoes with chiles (Rotel)
1 large can of tomato sauce
1 can kernel corn
1 can black beans
1 can light red kidney beans
1 envelope of taco seasoning
1 envelope of ranch dip mix seasoning

Directions

Chop some onion, add to the ground beef and brown.
Add all above ingredients (do not drain cans) along with the cooked, browned meat to a slow cooker. It's already cooked, so just keep on low to keep warm.
Heat and serve with Frito corn chips, sour cream and cheese.
You can also use chicken instead of ground beef.

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him as well.

He said that in the fall of 2022, when council was discussing strategic goals for the coming year, one that was identified was starting a conversation about a comprehensive exterior housing maintenance code in the city. Aspacher said some development of additional laws and ordinances around exterior housing conditions are appropriate when one sees photographs like those provided by Pfleger.

"I think all of us would agree there is room for improvement," he said. "I certainly do."

He noted that there are funds in the 2023 budget to begin engaging in conversations around this issue.

"This is still my intent, we will begin this conversation in the course of the calendar year," Aspacher said. "I suspect it will be a lengthy and at times, contentious conversation."

Aspacher said that he is committed to it.

"I think probably the thing that most stresses me looking at these pictures is these were accumulated in one day," Hollenbaugh said. "These weren't just cherry-picked over a period of time."

He said that council is also willing to work on the issue.

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Taxpayers

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tax burden to Perrysburg residential taxpayers by approximately $2.6 million, equating to a tax increase of over 2 mils.

The reduction in the assessment rate would also decrease a district's borrowing capacity.

"We are currently formulating a very significant facilities project that addresses our strong enrollment growth. The debt capacity of each district is based on the district's assessed valuation. The reduction in the assessment rate by 10% reduces our debt capacity at a time when we will need our entire debt capacity to meet district growth," Drewyor said to the Ways and Means Committee.

Drewyor also presented testimony on March 22 to the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education against House Bill 33, which establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-25.

Gov. Mike DeWine has included the previously passed fair funding plan and its continued phase-in in his executive budget, but not with up-to-date base costs.

Drewyor spoke on the importance of having a predictive model of funding, as well as updating the base costs. Currently, base costs are set at a 2018 level.

In a follow-up interview, Drewyor said that the district just laid out a capital improvement plan that would address the growth in the number of students through 2040. The plan includes building a new elementary school and adding classrooms to most of the other schools.

"With base costs remaining stagnant at 2018 levels, while allowing for district wealth to increase, the state funding per student falls quite dramatically."

Drewyor's chart implementing the new formula using 2018 base values results in State Per Pupil Share for 2023 of $1,462 per pupil would fall to $1,328 in 2024, $1,139 in 2025, $974 in 2026 and to $798 in 2027.

If the 5,800 students in the district remained the same, an unlikely scenario based on the predicted 2% annual growth pattern in Perrysburg, the drop in state funding would be an estimated $777,200 in 2o24, $1.9 million in 2025, $2.8 million in 2026 and $3.8 million in 2027. The combined drop in funding of the four year span would be $9.3 million. There 609 school districts and similar results could be happening across those districts as well.

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A Closer Look At:

Settlements: Milton, Iowa

By Jason Keller
The Budget

Seven Old Order Amish families found the community to be a good fit when they arrived in the spring of 1969. They soon called the area between Milton and Pulaski home. In 2015 the community was said to have three church districts made up of 68 families. Today, according to the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, there are five church districts in the area that are made up of about 600 individuals. It's physical make up is similar to Holmes County with rolling hills, woods, water, and rich, fertile soil

It is still mostly a farming area for the Amish and Mennonites who call it home. Many ship their milk to the Milton Creamery. This unique business is Mennonite-owned and makes cheese the artisan way. It has been in business since 2006 and was founded by the Musser family who hails from Pennsylvania. Rufus III, his wife Jane, and their son Rufus IV "Junior" keep the business running. Just three years after opening, the cheesemakers brought home their first award from the US Cheese Championship in Wisconsin.

"We are happy to be a part of this community," Rufus Musser III shared. "We researched this business and what was needed to make a go of it. This is where we set up shop after being farmers ourselves. Serving the community by employing people and purchasing our milk from local farmers is just as important today as it was when we opened our doors."

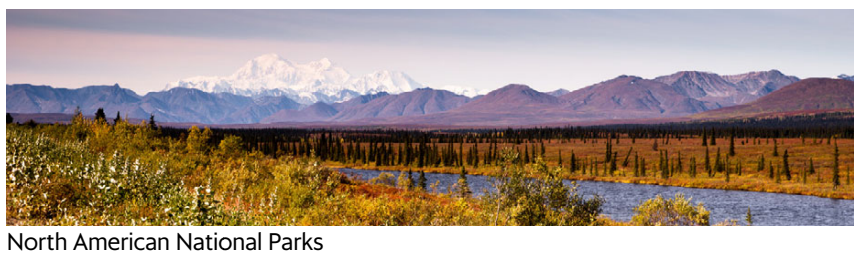
Milton Creamery is open to the public and a must-see when visiting the area. It is located prominently just off Highway 2. Look for the three large silos and you know you've got the right place.

Another business that will allow visitors to learn more about the community is Dutchman's Store. It is a place that sells a wide variety of products that are made by local Amish families. They also carry handmade Amish clothing. In addition, they are one of the most well-stocked fabric markets in the tri-state area with an expansive selection of 5,000 bolts of fabric! The locals say that the store is also known for its eclectic grocery selection.

For Mayor Ed Megrath, the community is like family. "We know one another and embrace the richness that the Amish and Mennonites bring to our community," he said. "We get along and know how to work together for the common good. The work ethic that these families have shines through in all they do and we are grateful to them for their contributions to Milton."

Travel: Explore these budget-friendly destinations

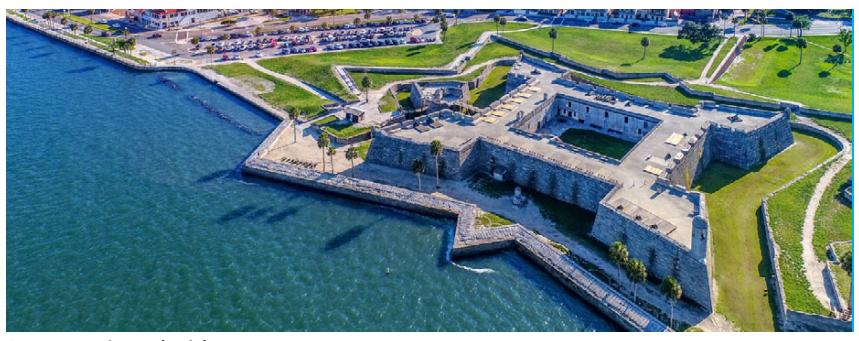
Budget Staff Report


North American National Parks

Many people equate travel with high prices and some overindulgence. After all, for a lot of people, vacations come but once or twice per year. While it's true the "go big or go home" mantra is never far from the mind while on vacation, ensuring a fun a trip does not require emptying one's wallet. The world has plenty of affordable destinations for those willing to do their research and think outside of the box. Plus, even locales billed as expensive can be made more affordable with some smart travel tips.

North American National Parks

National Parks across North America are budget-friendly destinations. These parks boast incredibly scenic vistas and plenty of activities for outdoors enthusiasts. Most feature modest entrance fees and affordable adjacent lodging. The trip can be even more frugal by camping on park lands.


St. Augustine, Florida

Chattanooga, Tennessee

The draw of Nashville may be strong, but nearby Chattanooga also can be an entertaining place to enjoy some southern hospitality. Chattanooga is centrally located to many areas in the United States. Chattanooga hosts the Tennessee Aquarium, which has a large freshwater aquarium and an opportunity to touch sturgeon, which is an ancient fish species.

South America

When seeking warmer climates and sandy beaches, many travelers immediately think of the Caribbean islands. But for the budget-conscious, countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Costa Rica may be more affordable. These countries are home to rich jungles and ancient ruins as well.

St. Augustine, Florida

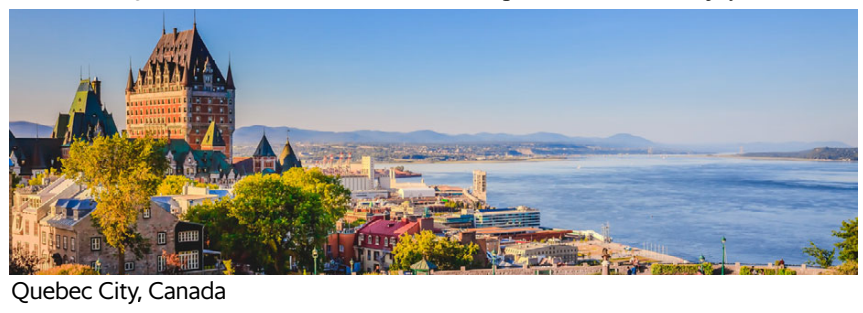
Theme parks may be a big part of Florida's tourist draw, but such parks can be expensive for families. Looking elsewhere in Florida for dream destinations that are easier on the pocketbook doesn't take a lot of work. St. Augustine in Northern Florida is America's oldest city and is packed with historical monuments, quaint shops and great dining. The city also sits a mere five miles northwest of St. Augustine Beach, which offers miles of shoreline to explore.

Portugal

Plenty of people flock to the relaxing shores of Spain or enjoy the culture and nightlife of France. Nestled nearby, Portugal has its own beautiful beaches, delicious food, historic cities, and locally produced wines without the inflated prices of nearby countries.

Quebec City, Canada

Quebec City's rich history makes it a must-see Canadian destination. It is particularly vibrant in winter, when the snowy landscape creates picture-perfect memories. Accommodations also are very affordable.


Quebec City, Canada

Traveling doesn't have to cost much when budget-friendly destinations are on the map. There are also opportunities to explore by using your local library to research destinations locally, around the country, and around the globe. There are also a host of options for travel. Some choose to do so by bus and others opt for train. There are others who use a driver and take a van load of family and friends. It all depends on your situation and the places you'd like to see.

A great place to start is to make a list of places you'd like to go and budget out the funds it will take to make that destination a reality. You should also look at peak travel times. For some areas it makes sense to go at different times of the year than most. Enjoying the colors of the world sometimes takes a little planning but can be worth the memories created. Even planning small trips to local lakes for fishing and picnics can be enjoyable when you make a stay out of it. That means fishing at dawn and fireside chats at night. Use your imagination and find places that offer overnight stays or camping options. Locally, in this region of Ohio, you can find parks run by the Muskingum Lakes Conservancy District as well as the State of Ohio that offer a plethora of options.

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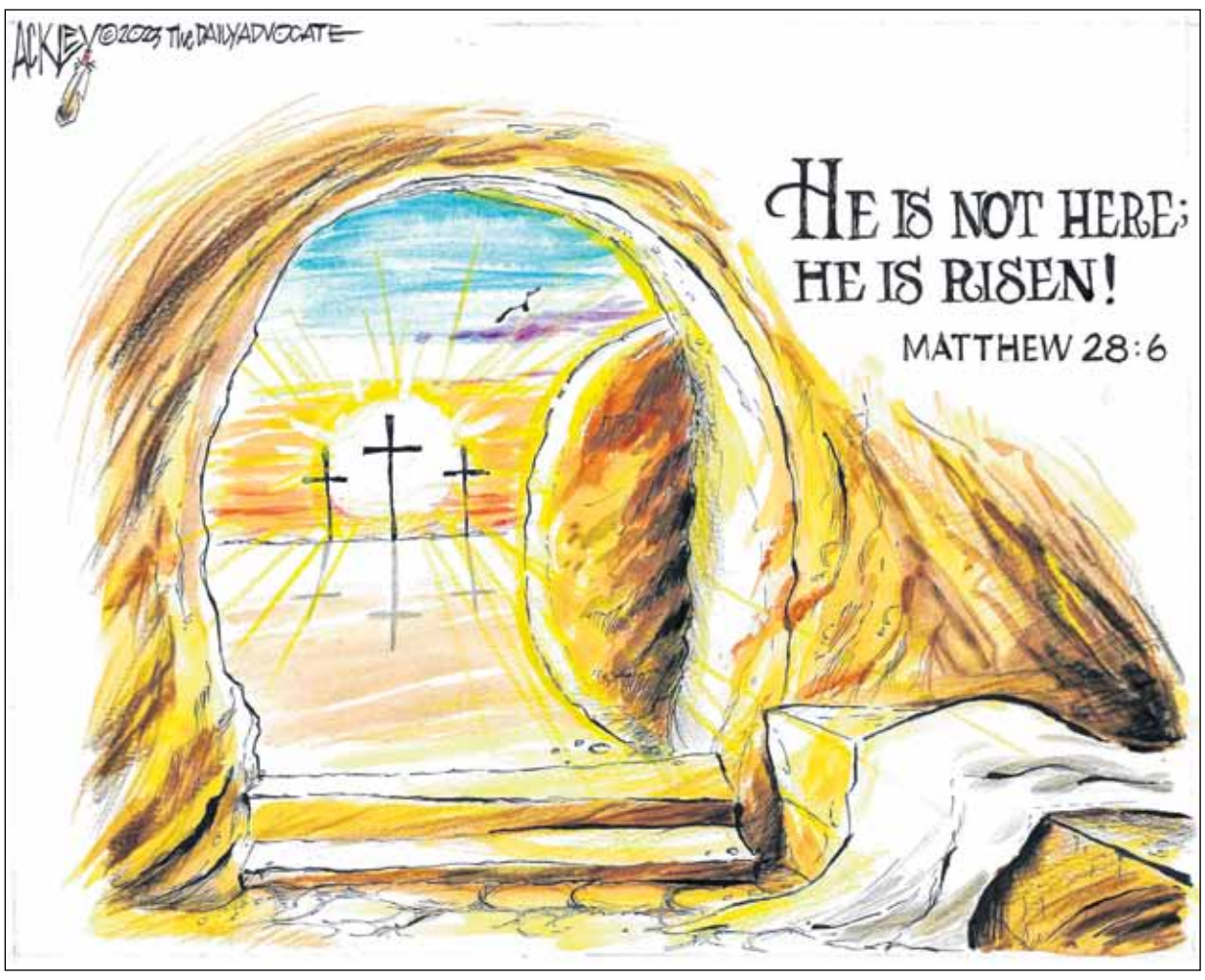

YOUR VIEW

Supporting Baumgardner

Dear Editor,

This letter is written to urge your support for Mr. John Baumgardner for Mayor of Greenville in the upcoming Republican Primary on May 2, 2023.

I have known John since he was a child growing up in Greenville. His father and I were classmates at GHS, and, together with his mother, they taught John the values of hard work, honesty and integrity, to be successful in life.

From teenager to now, John Baumgardner has worked very hard and became a business leader in our fair city. He has served on the City Council and currently is the President of the Council. Now John wants to lead us as Mayor and utilize his talents to grow Greenville.

One way to move us positively is that John Baumgardner is going to put together a coalition of Greenville school officials, Downtown Greenville representatives, Partners for Progress members, Chamber of Commerce members, other business leaders, and local government officials to forge a concerted economic growth plan to increase business and provide more jobs for our citizens. John knows that a strong economy is the tide that will lift all boats.

The bottom line is that John Baumgardner want the most vibrant city so that the kids in our schools will follow what he did as a Greenville native: grow up here, live, work and rear our families here. That vision and leadership will make Greenville the most successful yet in our long history.

Please join me in voting for John Baumgardner for Mayor of Greenville on May 2, 2023.

Sincerely,

Jim Buchy
Greenville

Confident in Whitaker

To the citizens of Greenville, Ohio,

I would like to share with you why I am confident that Jeff Whitaker is the best candidate for the Mayor of Greenville.

I first met Jeff and his wife Robyn several years ago. At the time, he was so excited to be purchasing a home in our beautiful city park. Jeff shared with me how passionate he is about the City of Greenville and our history. He educated me on the history of Anthony Wayne, the signing of the Treaty of Greenville, Annie Oakley, and many other wonderful things about our city.

As someone who was born and raised in Greenville, I certainly had learned many of these things at some point. But in the 40+ years since I attended Woodland Heights Elementary School, well, let's just say my memory of Greenville history had gotten a little foggy! Jeff truly made me fall in love with Greenville all over again through his enthusiasm about our city and our history.

Since that first meeting with Jeff, I've had the pleasure of joining the Main Street Greenville Board of Directors. Once Jeff was elected to City Council, we began to see increasing support from the city. While this is due to many factors, some of it can certainly be attributed to Jeff and his passion and energy for our downtown.

Jeff and his family have been active supporters of Main Street Greenville. Him and Robyn volunteer to work our First Friday events, they help plant flowers and keep our downtown beautiful, and I frequently see him strolling downtown when he's not actively working or volunteering for Main Street Greenville. Jeff voluntarily attends our board meetings and keeps City Council in the loop of what is going on downtown.

Jeff Whitaker has a heart for Greenville. I don't think you will meet too many people who share his passion and enthusiasm for our city. If you don't know Jeff, I encourage you to call and ask him about our Treaty City. He'll share some great history and tidbits and will make you fall in love with Greenville.

There is a quote about needing to know where you come from in order to know where you're going. Not only does Jeff know where the city of Greenville has come from, he has a great vision for the future of our city. He's not looking for power or prestige, rather, he wants to see the city of Greenville be the best it can be.

I encourage you to vote for Jeff Whitaker for Mayor in the May 2nd primary election.

Sincerely,

Kristina Heath
Greenville

King supports transportation budget bill

COLUMBUS – After passing the biennium transportation budget through the Ohio House of Representatives earlier in the month, State Representative Angie King (R-Celina) has supported the updated version of the budget after the House and Senate conferenced this week to work out the final details.

The transportation budget is committing $13.6 billion dollars towards the state's highway infrastructure and also includes several changes to spending law to make it easier to local governments.

One of the changes to the budget is to raise the statutory limits on force accounts, which currently pose significant financial challenges for maintaining local roads and bridges.

This change will allow for local governments to take care of their own transportation infrastructure needs without the need to open-up the construction projects to private companies. This will be possible by increasing the account limits counties are allowed to repair to reflect current inflation rates after nearly no change to force accounts over the past 20 years.

"Adjustments to how force accounts can be applied will in the end help save taxpayer dollars and speed up the time of construction projects," King said. "Now counties will be able to provide more efficiently for their residents."

The general assembly has also added railroad and public safety additions to the legislation to address the recent train derailment in East Palestine, including a two-person crew to operate a train on Ohio's rail lines, wayside side detectors positioned every 10 miles and train conductors informed of any wayside detector defects on their route. Ohio railroad tracks must also be outfitted with hot boxes and hot bearing detectors, acoustic bearing detectors and cameras installed on or alongside railroad tracks.

The budget will now head to the governor's office for a final consideration before being signed into law.

THEIR VIEW

Expanding overtime pay for Ohio workers

Too many Ohioans work hundreds of extra hours each year and don't get paid overtime for them.

It's simple: if you work extra hours, you should earn extra pay.

Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senate

That is why for years I've led the fight to make more Ohioans eligible for overtime pay.

Right now, companies don't have to pay overtime to salaried workers who earn more than just $36,000 a year. That salary threshold is so low and so out-of-date that it leaves 85 percent of salaried workers behind.

Through multiple presidents, I have pushed the Department of Labor to update this rule that determines who gets overtime pay. In 2016, we thought we had this fixed, but a court got in the way.

We will keep at it, until hard work pays off for all workers in Ohio and around the country. It's why this week I introduced legislation to expand overtime pay for millions of workers.

The Restoring Overtime Pay Act of 2023 will raise the current threshold immediately, and raise it each year for five years, so that eventually more than half of salaried workers will qualify. It would mean money in the pockets of Ohioans, at a time when they need it most to keep up with rising costs.

These aren't rich executives. Right now, workers like middle managers at banks and restaurants and grocery stores, who make as little as $38,000 or $40,000 a year, are considered too highly-paid to qualify. They are often required to work 50, 60, or 70 hours a week. These Ohioans are putting in the extra work – their paychecks should reflect that.

Overtime is fundamental to the dignity of work. It is about valuing work and the people who do it.

For generations, people earned their way to the middle class by picking up extra shifts and doing all they could to provide for their families. But we've let that erode like so many of the policies that reward work.

I will keep fighting for overtime pay for Ohio workers, because when work has dignity, people are paid the extra wages they've earned for the extra hours they work.

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MARCH COURT STATS

GREENVILLE — Judge Julie L. Monnin, Darke County Municipal Court, reported on the case statistics of the court for March 2023.

There were 255 new cases filed in the Darke County Municipal Court in March 2023. The cases are broken down as follows: 43 criminal, 6 OMVIs, 126 other traffic and 80 civil cases. There were 285 cases terminated/disposed of in March 2023.

For more information, contact Judge Julie L. Monnin, Darke County Municipal Court, Darke County Courthouse, 504 South Broadway, Suite 7, Greenville, OH 45331. Telephone 937.547.7340.

Autism

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Autism is a developmental condition that can affect a person's social skills, communication, language and self-regulation, according to the Autism Society of America.

There's no known cause of autism and the experience is different for everyone.

The Autism Society changed the name of Autism Awareness Month to Autism Acceptance Month in 2021, in hopes of creating change in the lives of those with autism.

"Autism Acceptance Month is a great reminder that we can and should see the individual, not a diagnosis, and work together to advocate for the unique services and supports that help each person live fully," said Christopher Banks, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America.

Awareness vs. Acceptance

The month was created in 1972 when there wasn't much awareness of autism, Machle said, but as time goes on, advocates have realized awareness is just the beginning.

"I can be aware that you have autism but still treat you like crap or still deprive you of access to opportunities," she said. "Acceptance implies a seat at the table."

To Machle, acceptance still isn't enough, she believes there needs to be action in the form of personal and societal changes to make life better for people on the spectrum.

Right now, she encourages inviting people with autism to participate in activities, befriending those with autism that you know, and trying to change negative attitudes about those with autism.

"Just because someone is different, it doesn't mean they're less," she said.

Why is the prevalence of autism increasing?

Machle, whose son has autism, was surprised by the increase in those diagnosed with the disorder.

She said 25 years ago the rate was one in hundreds.

"It makes me wonder what it is that has brought the rate to that, whether it's always been that much and we're just finally recognizing it, or (something else)."

The Autism Society of America said higher rates of autism are caused by many factors, including an increased rate of diagnosis, as diagnostic screening and identification improve. Though, the prevalence rate is also increasing.

Academic studies have also found that other factors can be genetic and environmental, related to the mother's health during pregnancy and due to a higher understanding and awareness of autism.

Though most people are diagnosed as children, more and more people are being diagnosed as adults.

"The cool thing about being diagnosed late is, for a lot of these people, it's like this big relief," Machle said. "It finally explains why I am the way I am. I'm not weird. I'm not sick. I'm not stupid. I'm not willfully misbehaving; I'm autistic."

It's critical to remember that every person with autism is unique, Machle said.

"(It's important to) celebrate that individual and their abilities and support the disabilities," she said.

Local autism resources

There are a number of local autism schools, therapeutic organizations and more, Machle said.

Including:

- Bridgeway Academy, a full-day private school program for children with autism and other developmental disabilities.
- Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers, which offers autism evaluations, personalized therapy for children and more.
- Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- We Rock Autism Foundation, a nonprofit community organization that works to help families with autism, advocates and more.
- We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym, an indoor sensory gym in Lewis Center with equipment designed specifically for children with sensory processing disorders such as autism.

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Cambridge City School Board notes

The Daily Jeffersonian

CAMBRIDGE –The Cambridge City School District Board of Education approved the 2023 graduating class and heard about other end-of-year activities from Superintendent Dan Coffman at a recent meeting.

Contingent upon completion of graduation requirements, 164 seniors will graduate at 6 p.m. on May 13 at McFarland Stadium.

Other end-of-year events include music concerts, the eighth-grade promotion ceremony, and other award ceremonies.

The board also approved a resolution proclaiming the week of May 8, as staff appreciation week.

"While we certainly appreciate everything our staff members do throughout the school year, we want to designate a week to draw additional attention to their dedication and devotion to the education of our students," Superintendent Dan Coffman said.

In other business, the board approved:

- A agreement between East Central Ohio Educational Service Center to provide alternative education opportunities for the 2023-2024 school year
- Bid from Surgent Construction for the construction of concrete steps
- An overnight trip for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization to attend the state leadership conference in Columbus.
- Dalton Flinn, Beth Meredith, Carol Shinn, Heather Martin, Michele Van Dyne, Rebekka Patterson, Brooke Yant, Deanna Mick, Lisa Ware, and Heather Mahley as volunteers; Jan Leeper, Cristal White, Neal Stillion, Annie Price and Marcia Rose as summer CATS Camp bus drivers; Melissa Wheeler as a bus aide for Summer CATS Camp; the transfer of Laura Carpenetti to executive secretary; Angela Ferrell, Arianne Stoner, Angie Hayhurst, Leslie Leppla, Aurora Miller, and Rod Gray as CATS Camp site coordinators; the retirement of Jennifer Lorenz and Kevin Gunn; maternity leave for Clairissa Hacker; extended service for CIS Dean of Students Lew Nicholas and Student Services secretary Tammy Province; Caitlyn Lashare as a substitute teacher; medical leave for Jill Clay; Alex Kridelbaugh as an eighth grade ELA teacher; Logan Mcort as an intervention specialist; unpaid leaves for Jennifer Ball and Virginia Fabian; the hiring of William Calvert as truancy officer; and three-year administration contracts for Jason Bunting, Laurie Goggin, Heath Hayes, Robert Mascolino, April Massey, Perry Waltz, Danielle Eubanks, Rose Marie Daymut, and Dan Daugherty.

The next board meeting will be at 5 p.m. on May 23, 2023, at the Garfield Administrative Center.

Provided by the Cambridge City Schools.

Wage

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ees, who currently receive a lower rate, would receive full minimum wage by Jan. 1, 2029.

The amendment would also repeal provisions that allow minors and people with mental or physical disabilities to be paid less than minimum wage.

Proponents of the measure say it's needed to help Ohio's lower-income employees. Opponents say it would cripple an already struggling labor market.

"The proposed minimum wage amendment to the Ohio Constitution is not only ill-advised and economically detrimental," Ohio Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Stivers said in a statement. "It would also be next to impossible to correct once the unintended consequences transpire."

By the end of 2023, six states will have minimum wages at or above $15. They include California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Washington, according to a report from the National Employment Law Project.

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

Partnership

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figure out where the pieces connected to the mural, and then he and Abner Furniture's Ernie Hershberger talked their way through why each piece fit where it did.

"Good art connects to our world in ways we never realize," Yoder said. "Art is God because he designed and created the world, so there is always a spiritual piece to art. And when we can tap into that, it allows us to connect into our world."

A Holmes County connection to The Met

Hershberger and his son, LaVern, of Abner Henry Furniture, part of Homestead Furniture based in Mount Hope, shared the inspiration and work that went into creating each piece. The collection took nearly three years to complete.

The Met conducted a global search to find a generational company that was building furniture featuring American craftsmanship, flexibility and customization, as well as good stewardship. Abner Henry met all that criteria, being a sixth-generation company that began in 1918.

"It was interesting to me that The Met in New York would come to a little Amish company in Holmes County to find us," Hershberger said. "We didn't go looking for this or asking for it. We didn't come up with this idea and bring it to them, this challenge of creating art that is inspiration of the painting itself. They gave us this challenge, and we dove in.

"They gave us access to all the artifacts in the whole museum," he continued. "We've been asked over and over how did we zero in on some of these iconic paintings. The Met wanted something special, so we decided on making a limited edition collection. We felt it was very special for us to make that happen."

Abner Henry furniture as art

Hershberger said in the 32 years he has been in business at Homestead Furniture, he has been fortunate to use his God-given talents in creating thousands of pieces. He admits when he first began building furniture in 1990, he never considered his work art.

Hershberger said a lead engineer, a small design team, a drafting team and the craftsmen in the shop worked together to make this happen. It's complexity stretched the team's capabilities to the limits.

"Every artisan that has been a part of this project knows what it means to stretch," he said.

And it has taken nearly three years to put the collection together.

"After untold hours of work and striving for perfection of what we really

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From the Front Page

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Hess explained that volunteers do not need any prior experience and receive training on courtroom procedures, dealing with trauma, training on getting children's records and other types of training that are useful for the organization's mission.

CASA has a meet and greet coming up at 5 p.m. on April 25, at the Tiffin CASA location, 21 Court St. Hess explained that the first meeting is for potential volunteers to meet each other and decide on a schedule for the following training.

She further said the organization is in dire need of volunteers. In 2021, the organization served 99 children in Seneca County, however, there were children who went unserved due to a lack of volunteers. Volunteers are able to take on as many cases or as few cases as they want.

"We welcome everyone," Hess said. "Our children come from all walks of life."

On average, CASA asks that volunteers commit to two years, as cases start with a one-year deadline but often are given two 6-month extensions. Hess said that volunteers can expect to volunteer 5 – 8 hours of their time a month.

To get more information about CASA and how to volunteer visit its website at: http://www.casaofssw.org/.

Kiwanis Club of Seneca County also joined the council meeting to announce that the organization is spearheading fundraising efforts for Tiffin Police Department to get its K-9 unit up and running. The campaign has a goal of $10,000.

Donations to the campaign can be made via check or Venmo. Checks can be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Seneca County and can be sent or dropped off at the organization, 23 S. Washington St., Tiffin. The organization's Venmo is @kiwanisclubofsenecacounty.

For more information contact the organization on Facebook by searching Kiwanis Club of Seneca County.

Kiwanis Club of Seneca County kicked off the campaign by donating $1,000 and is seeking a grant that would match its contribution.

As for resolutions and ordinances, council passed the following ordinances:

- 23-14: amending chapter 142 of Tiffin Codified Ordinances removing the alarm system permit and city monitoring provisions.
- 23-15: amending chapter 143 of Tiffin Codified Ordinances revising certification requirements, residency requirements for newly appointed firefighters and age limits for original appointment of employees in the fire/rescue division, adding gender-neutral language and declaring an emergency.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 17 in council chambers.

Cont from CHIEF, A1

- Re-implemented a chaplain.
- Training fire on Tiffin University campus.
- Paramedic refresher course.
- Launched YouTube channel for training.
- New Collective Bargaining Agreement established.

He also provided stats for emergency responses:

Total call volume by year:

- 2020 – 3,091
- 2021 – 3,521
- 2022 – 3,699

By district:

- Ward 1 – 873 calls, 24%
- Ward 2 – 668 calls, 18%
- Ward 3 – 1,120, 30%
- Ward 4 – 491, 13%
- Contractual areas – 521, 14%
- Mutual aid – 26, 1%

EMS:

- 2020 – 2,479
- 2021 – 2,831
- 2022 – 3,093

As for staffing, the department has staff with the following years of service:

- 10: Less than 5 years
- 8: 5 – 9 years
- 4: 10 – 14 years
- 5: 20 – 24 years
- 6: 25+ year

For 2023, Chappell would like to bring more training to the department, plan and prepare for the April 2024 eclipse, continue efforts on employee wellness and work on selecting an architect to work on a new fire station. The department has also applied for 2023 FEMA grants.

Cont from BODY, A1

Law enforcement officials, using a new technique called genetic genealogy, have finally identified her as Patricia Eleanor Greenwood. Born on June 2, 1948, she was 31 when she died.

Genetic genealogy is a process in which a DNA sample from an unknown person is compared against DNA profiles in genealogical databases such as 23andMe and Ancestry.com.

Law enforcement officials at the federal and local levels were involved in the investigation seeking to identify the woman's body four decades after its discovery.

"I feel pretty good," said Sandusky police Detective Eric Costante, one of the investigators involved. "It's easy to lose hope after 40-plus years.

"It's nice to bring a level of closure to the family," he said.

Sandusky police Chief Jared Oliver recognized the efforts of Costante, retired Detective Gary Wichman and city manager John Orzech — who's a retired Sandusky police chief — for their roles in the identification.

"I am very proud of our detectives' ongoing work in this investigation," Oliver said.

Identifying the body would not have been possible without the help of the Cleveland office of the United States Marshals Service, Oliver said.

"The United States Marshals initiated this investigation after finding an old teletype from 1980 in another missing person's cold case file," U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott said.

Backstory

According to a Sandusky police report, just after 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 30, 1980, first responders were called to the lakefront in the 1200 block of Cedar Point Road for a body floating in the water.

Sandusky firefighters retrieved the body, which was that of a white woman who was approximately 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighed about 120 pounds.

The body was badly decomposed and had no identifying features like hair, scars or jewelry. According to a 2021 news release from Sandusky police, the unidentified woman was clothed in a size 12 "disco style" party dress.

The body was sent to the Cuyahoga County coroner's office for an autopsy.

Sandusky police Lt. Scott Dahlgren said that, in 1980, detectives would have looked at any in-house missing persons reports as well as those from outside agencies. The detectives would have looked for initial similarities such as gender and physical build. Detectives would have also looked for scars and tattoos.

The process

In 2020, Elliott, from the Cleveland U.S. Marshals' office reached out to Sandusky police about the body. Elliott believed the Sandusky Jane Doe may be related to a missing person case the marshals were working on at that time.

Wichman began working on the Sandusky Jane Doe case with assistance from Elliott.

Wichman has since retired, and the case was taken on by Costante.

The marshals office connected Sandusky police with the Porchlight Project. The nonprofit provides funding to help solve cold cases. It was founded by investigative journalist James Renner.

Costante said the genetic genealogy process can cost $4,000 to $8,000 or more. Ohio's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification would not pay for the process, and Sandusky police did not have space for it in the budget.

Once Project Porchlight agreed to fund the testing, police drafted a letter in October 2022 to Erie County coroner Brian Baxter seeking authorization to exhume the body for the purpose of obtaining a DNA sample. Baxter authorized the exhumation.

The remains were sent to the Lucas County coroner's office, which successfully obtained a DNA profile for the woman. The woman's remains were then reinterred at Sandhill Cemetery in Castalia.

The genetic material was then delivered to Bode Technology in Lorton, Virginia. A technician there used the DNA profile to compare against profiles uploaded to GEDmatch.

Bode personnel used the pseudonym Sample Sandy for the DNA profile.

Using the DNA database a technician was able to identify Sample Sandy as, "most likely (being) a full sibling to volunteer test taker Raymond C. Greenwood, Jr.," according to an affidavit Bode sent to Sandusky police.

"The Bode Forensic Genealogy team is honored to have supported (the agencies) in this case and excited that it led to a successful identification of Patricia," said Teresa Vreeland of Bode Technology.

Costante contacted Raymond Greenwood, who purportedly did not know of any missing siblings. The detective then talked to Raymond's daughter, who put him in touch with her aunt, Judy.

Mom's favorite

Patricia Greenwood was one of 12 children. They were all put up for adoption in the Traverse City, Michigan, area.

Her aunt told Costante that Patty took it the worst because she had an especially close relationship with their mother.

Costante said Patty was known for disappearing for months on end, so the family was not surprised when she was seen for the last time in the late 1970s.

There is no record of Patricia Greenwood having been married. She did not have any children.

Red tape

The next step was to obtain a copy of Patricia Greenwood's birth certificate.

Costante said he drew up a subpoena and gave it to Marshal Bill Boldin who, in turn, sent it directly to Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services.

The request was rejected because the subpoena did not follow Michigan's uniform interstate depositions and discovery act.

After conferring with the Erie County Prosecutor's Office, Costante then sent the original subpoena along with an out-of-state subpoena request to that state's 30th Judicial Circuit Court. This request was also rejected because he hadn't sent enough copies of the request, according to a letter he received.

Another attempt was rejected because he had not included a self-addressed stamped envelope with the request.

Finally, on March 30, 43 years to the day the body washed up, Costante received a copy of Patricia Greenwood's birth certificate.

He said he knew for more than six months that she existed, with the birth certificate, he finally had tangible proof.

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FOR THE RECORD

Optimist Club essay contest winners honored

VAN WERT — The Optimist Club of Van Wert hosted the winners of its annual essay contest on March 30. Zoe Coleman and Kelby Blythe, juniors at Van Wert High School, earned first and second place, and Emma Hatcher, a senior from Lincolnview, was third.

Awards of $300, $200, and $100 were presented to the winners. In addition, Coleman's essay was entered in the district competition. The topic this year is "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"

Contest judges were Bitsi Clark, Kylee Moody, and Paul Cearns. Winners were chosen from 67 entries from Van Wert, Crestview, Lincolnview, Vantage, and home-schooled students.

The Optimist Club of Van Wert is a volunteer organization dedicated to youth and service to the community. Learn more at optimistvw.com.

Shown from the left are Emma Hatcher, Kelby Blythe, and Zoe Coleman with Essay Contest Chair Diana Cearns. (Photo submitted)

71st annual Spring Show Award winners announced

LIMA — ArtSpace/Lima has announced the award winners from the 71st Annual Spring Show. They include:

Best of Show – Meg Nickerson, Cable, Ohio

First Place Award – Annie King, Bellefontaine, Ohio

Second Place Award – Michael Huffman, Lima, Ohio

Third Place Award – Anita Lehman, Bluffton, Ohio

Bruce Chesser Award – T.R. Steiner, Bluffton, Ohio

Farmer Family Award – Joshua Briem, Columbus, Ohio

Martha Gustad Award – Rebecca Boutin, Lima, Ohio

Meg Dickason Award – Kelly Massillo, Ada, Ohio

Director's Award – Camden Courtney, Findlay, Ohio

Juror for the exhibit was artist Bryan Moss, from Columbus, Ohio.

The exhibit will be on display until May 19 during the ArtSpace business hours - Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All exhibits are free and open to the public. For special arrangements, please call ArtSpace at 419-222-1721.

For more information on this exhibition or information regarding other ArtSpace/Lima programs, please call Sally Windle at ArtSpace/Lima 419-222-1721.

Elks Club names March Students of Month

VAN WERT — Van Wert Lodge 1197, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have selected Morgan Anspach, senior at Lincolnview High School, and Mackenzie N. Jones, senior at Van Wert High School, as the recipients of the Student of the Month for March.

Students are nominated by their high schools to receive this award. Each Student of the Month receives a monetary donation along with a certificate from the Van Wert Elks Lodge 1197 with the possibility to be named the Student of the Year. Students are judged on the basis of multiple achievements – Volunteerism, Character, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Scholastic.

This program is designed to recognize outstanding young men and women for their achievements in school and community. The Elks wish to recognize and praise those students for their accomplishments, their activities, and their contributions to society through this program.

Pictured left to right are Morgan Anspach with Lodge Student of the Month Chair Linda J. Stanley. (Photos submitted)

Pictured left to right are Lodge Student of the Month Chair Linda J. Stanley with Mackenzie Jones.

Crestview Government class visits state capitol

CONVOY — The Crestview High School Government class, comprised of seniors, recently traveled to the state capitol for a two-day field trip which concluded by meeting up with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine at his residence. The group departed for Columbus on Tuesday, March 21 and enjoyed activities such as shopping, an Ohio State Stadium tour, and a tour of the Veterans Memorial & Museum. The next day included a viewing of court proceedings of an active trial and a tour of the Governor's Mansion before heading home. While on the tour of the Governor's Mansion, Governor DeWine arrived at the residence and greeted the students, talked with them, and posed for photos. (Photo submitted)

Ohio Challengers meet

BY EVELYN LAMB
Reporter

CONVOY — The Ohio Challengers 4-H Club met on Wednesday, March 29 in the Crestview High School study hall with three advisors and 58 members present. The club started their meeting with roll call with a theme of "favorite place to shop." Important business was discussed, and project books were passed out.

Addi Putman gave a health talk on how to stop the spread of contagious diseases. Demonstrations were given by Alison Owens on how to show a sheep, Kaylee Owens on Showman of showman fair contest, McKenna Owens on how to get a sheep ready for show, Missy Joseph on 4-H camp and camp scholarships, and Ella Ream on kinds of cows.

After the business meeting, members played a game for recreation, which was won by C.J. Speelman and Quintin Smart. At the end of the meeting everyone enjoyed refreshments.

McKenna Owens explains to Ohio Challengers 4-H Club members on how to get a sheep ready to show. (Photo submitted)

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Opening

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is still considered a rookie and he looks to put up numbers good enough to be in the race for a rookie of the year award.

• Alex Young, Derek Law and Ian Gibaut all threw scoreless frames and only gave up one total hit combined.

Negatives

• Greene managed to only go 3.1 innings with three earned runs to begin his 2023 campaign. He will have many better performances throughout the year and this shouldn't worry any Reds fan. When your starter only goes three innings though, it is hard to expect a good outcome come the end of the ninth.

• Jose Barrero, despite his good Spring Training, went 0-4 at the plate with two strikeouts. It is early, but I hope to see him rebuttal quick. Despite his batting struggles, he played quite well defensively and made some impressive plays.

• Will Benson made the Opening Day roster, but he had one of the worst performances of his young career. Benson struck out swinging four times.

• TJ Friedl in the "two-hole" went 0-4 with three strikeouts. Cincinnati is going to need Friedl to play a lot of innings this season and I expect him to improve greatly as the season continues.

• Fernando Cruz didn't make it through a full inning and had three walks and an earned run. His ERA will begin the season at "27," but we all know Cruz is much better than what he displayed on Thursday.

Brennaman joins Matt's Take

The one and only Marty Brennaman kindly joined Matt's Take this week to talk all things Reds with me. Marty doesn't need an introduction, but I will do one anyway. Marty was the play-by-play voice for the Reds from 1974-2019. Some of his notable calls alongside Nuxhall and others include Hank Aaron's 714th career home run, Tom Seaver's no-hitter, Pete Rose's 4,192nd hit, Griffey Jr.'s 500th career home run, Jay Bruce's walk off to clinch the Central, and many more historical moments throughout Reds history. He has won numerous awards and has been a staple within the Reds organization for years. Being able to talk baseball with a Reds legend was something I will cherish for a long time.

Q: What is your favorite Reds moment?

A: "That is a good question. I would probably say the 1990 World Championship. Unlike the Big Red Machine, the 90' club was my favorite team simply because when the season began nobody picked them to win anything... They were playing under a new manager under Lou Piniella and they went into first place on Opening Night and they never vacated...It was just a team that got along incredibly well."

Q: What is your honest prediction for the Reds record this season?

A: "Well, I think the Vegas over/under is 65.5 wins. That is for the gamblers, which I am not one of them. I think they will be better than that, but I don't really know how much better. I have not really given a whole lot of thought to wins, but last year they won 62. I don't think they will lose 100, but they'll have to battle to stay out of last place in the Central Division."

Q: What is the best new food item to try at Great American Ball Park?

A: "The 50 West Brew Burger. They have a special sauce that distinguishes it from all other hamburgers. It was tremendous... I was amazed at how good it was."

Q: If you could sit and watch a baseball game with any past or present player, who would you choose and why?

A: "I would probably choose Ted Williams. I think he was the greatest hitter in the history of baseball. When I was a kid growing up, my dad was a Williams fan and I inherited that from him. I remember as a kid growing up in Portsmouth, Virginia back in the '50s, and I remember vividly every morning waking up and making a beeline to the newspaper to see what Williams had done the night before... Check the numbers out, .345 lifetime batting average, on-base percentage at roughly 50 percent which is completely impossible. He had 521 home runs and did that with 4.5 years taken out of his career because of service in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a fighter pilot in Korea and was shot down, so he was a man who served his country and was the greatest hitter to ever live."

Q: During your career, who within the Reds organization would you say impacted you the most?

A: "Nobody has ever asked me that question before, that is a good question. I'd say Joe Nuxhall without any question. Working with him for 31 years and getting to know him as I did and watching the way he handled success in this town... he is the greatest sports figure in Cincinnati because of how loved he was in this town... He always had time for people."

Q: Many of us have seen you at the Adams County Fair. What brings you down to the Adams County Fair?

A: "Well, I think it is something I have never experienced before. When we had the opportunity to go, we jumped at it. I have only been there once. Amanda and I went, so it must have been in the last 11 years. I had never been to a true county fair, as I was born and raised in a city of over 150,000... County fairs were not something that we city people were accustomed to. Seeing guys in a rodeo atmosphere among all the other things we saw, such as animal judging, it was a experience I never had before. I remember driving home with Amanda that night and thinking what a great experience it was."

Q: Do you believe we will see Encarnacion-Stand, De La Cruz or McLain in the Big Leagues this season?

A: "I don't know that I have ever seen a player hit three balls as hard as Strand did... He is an incredibly mature kid offensively. He has some problems defensively and that is the biggest reason I think the Reds sent him down. He needs to work on his defense. Had he been better defensively, I think they may have given him a shot to begin the season here... I would not discount the possibility that you could see him sometime during the season. Quite honestly, I think you could see all three of them. But, I think the chances would have to hinge on need. If Steer doesn't cut it for whatever reason, and Encarnacion-Strand is having a good year in the minor leagues, I think they could possibly jump him. As far as De La Cruz, if Barrero's offensive short comings from last year show up again, I could see if De La Cruz is having a good year, that they could bring him up... And McLain was impressive in Spring Training. He can play a number of different positions. If I had to pick one of the three, I would probably lean on Encarnacion-Strand."

Matthew McAdow is a Peebles resident. He works in human resources in the nuclear industry and has been an avid Cincinnati fan his entire life. He is an Ohio Christian University graduate and has always enjoyed giving an honest opinion on multiple topics regarding Cincinnati sports.

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Browns WR Woods ruptures Achilles during workout

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Browns second-year wide receiver Michael Woods II likely will miss the entire 2023 season after rupturing his Achilles tendon while working out with quarterback Deshaun Watson in Texas.

A sixth-round draft pick last year, Woods got hurt Monday while catching passes from Watson. A team spokesperson said Tuesday the 23-year-old Woods will need surgery. Recovery time for the injury can take up to a year.

"Odds never define the kid!" Woods posted on Twitter.

Woods, who played at Oklahoma, had just five catches for 45 yards in 10 games as a rookie. But the Browns have been encouraged by his development and expected him to have a larger impact this season. Woods also played on special teams in 2022.

HILLSBORO 5-DAY FORECAST

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TODAY					THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Tonight					
67°	74°	69°	48°	An a.m. shower, then heavy t-storms. Winds SSW 15-25 mph. Showers, a heavier t-storm toight. High: 78° Low: 48°	Cooler with times of clouds and sun 55°/37°	Intervals of clouds and sunshine 60°/39°	Mostly sunny 64°/40°	Mostly sunny and nice 68°/47°

Almanac

Statistics through Monday

Temperature

High/low	69°/38°
Normal high/low	58°/35°
Last year high	53°
Last year low	37°

Precipitation

Monday	0.04"
Month to date	0.49"
Normal month to date	0.40"
Year to date	12.14"
Normal year to date	10.05"

Pollen Today

Absent | Low | Moderate | High | Very High

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index Today

Good | Moderate | Unhealthy (sensitive) | Unhealthy | Very Unhealthy | Hazardous

Source: Airnow.gov

Sun and Moon

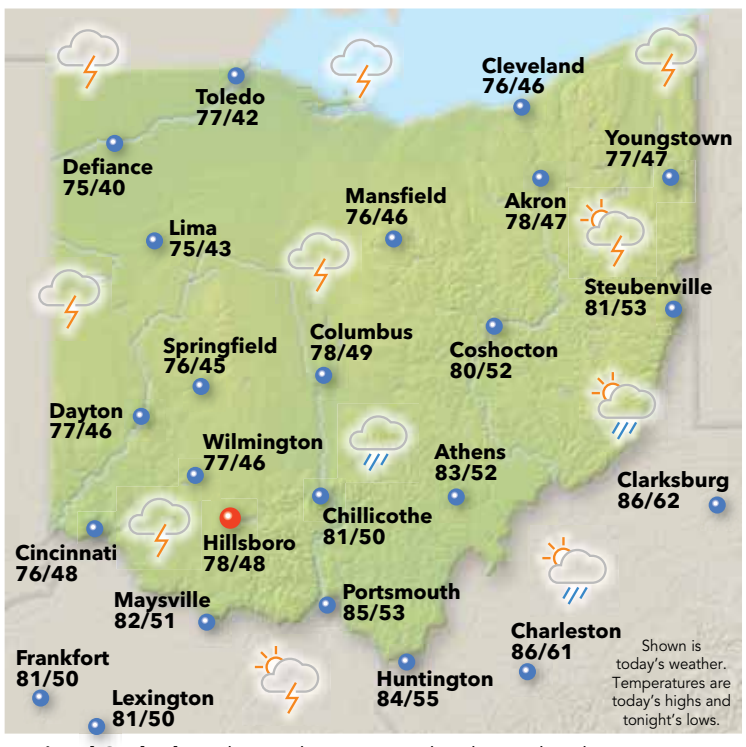
Sunrise today	7:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:45 p.m.
Moonset today	7:08 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 27

Weather History

Tambora, a volcano in Indonesia, erupted on April 5, 1815, sending 30 cubic miles of dust into the atmosphere and caused the "year without a summer" in 1816.

The Region



Regional Outlook: A shower this morning, then heavy thunderstorms; warm. Winds south-southwest 15-25 mph. Expect less than 2 hours of sunshine with a 95% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%. Drying conditions poor. A couple of showers and a heavy thunderstorm tonight. Winds west-southwest 8-16 mph.

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Thu. Hi	Lo	W
Batavia	79	49	t	59	36	pc
Greenfield	79	48	t	55	36	pc
Indianapolis	70	41	t	55	37	pc
Leesburg	78	47	t	55	37	pc
Louisville	79	50	t	61	42	pc
Lynchburg	77	48	t	55	38	pc
Mowrystown	78	48	t	55	37	pc
Washington C.H.	79	48	t	56	37	pc
Waverly	82	51	pc	56	36	sh
West Union	80	50	t	55	39	sh

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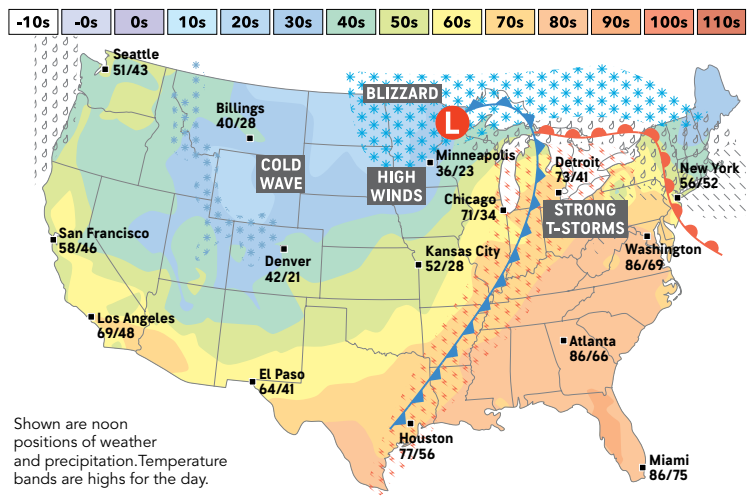

Severe thunderstorms will impact a large portion of the country today. Thunderstorms bringing the risk for damaging winds, hail and even tornadoes will range from Michigan down to eastern Texas. Heavy snow will still be falling in portions of northern Minnesota and North Dakota. Ice will create hazardous conditions in Maine.

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Thu. Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	86	66	pc	81	57	t
Baltimore	82	66	pc	82	50	t
Boston	43	39	r	68	48	sh
Buffalo	73	49	t	51	36	pc
Charleston, SC	85	66	pc	84	65	t
Chicago	71	34	t	54	34	s
Dallas	72	48	pc	67	48	pc
Denver	42	21	sn	55	29	pc
Detroit	73	41	t	54	34	pc
Houston	77	56	t	60	56	t
Kansas City	52	28	s	58	37	s
Las Vegas	58	44	s	67	51	s
Los Angeles	69	48	s	74	51	s
Miami	86	75	s	86	74	pc
Minneapolis	36	23	c	37	23	c
New Orleans	87	74	t	83	69	t
New York City	56	52	r	73	47	t
Philadelphia	76	63	c	80	50	t
Phoenix	69	49	s	79	54	s
Pittsburgh	80	53	pc	58	37	sh
Portland	52	44	r	52	47	r
St. Louis	71	39	t	59	41	s
San Francisco	58	46	s	60	51	pc
Washington, DC	86	69	pc	83	51	t

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Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, sh-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Ferry girls and Linsly boys win titles at Martins Ferry Relays; River baseball wins

MARTINS FERRY – For the first time in a couple of seasons, the Martins Ferry Relays returns to the Fred Thomas Track Complex at Martins Ferry High School.

The host Lady Riders accumulated 85 points to hold off Linsly by four.

The Cadets boys, however, claimed the top prize with 94 points. St. Clairsville was second.

GIRLS

The Purple Riders won only the 4x4 and 4x800 relays.

Ferry's 4x4 team was comprised of Lakyn Call, Karis Oliver, Madison Oberle and Alanna Williams, which posted a 4:34.05.

The 4x800 consisted of Oberle, Oliver, Madeline Clark and Taylor Tucker. They posted a 11:21.98.

Linsly sophomore Haylen Cook swept the hurdle events winning the highs in 17.78 and the lows in 51.79.

Buckeye Local had another strong outing.

The Panthers picked up a win in the 100 with a 13.65.

The quartet of Nyja Short, Ashley Soos, Glover and Brynn McKeever posted a 1:56.53.

The shuttles squad consisted of Brooke Kovalski, Kylie Watt, Short and Elizabeth Stock with a time of 1:19.91.

Junior Pam Kandrach won the shot put (36-9) and discus (103-5).

St. Clairsville's team of Rami Padilla, Kendal Sall, Alaina Thornburg and Luci Banks won the distance medley relay with a time of 15:47.06.

Union Local's Faith Moore prevailed in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:06.12.

Wheeling Central's Alexa Loy won the high jump with a 4-10 clearance.

Monroe Central's Bayleigh Burdette won the long jump with a mark of 15-0 1/2.

BOYS

The Cadets flexed their muscle in a bevy of areas en route to winning three events.

Senior Jy'Leik Johnson won the 100 in 11.07.

Micah Kramer was the 1600 champion in 5:03.30.

The Cadets sprinted to the 1600 meter relay title with a team of Atley Cowan, Luca DiLorenzo, Daniel Hernan Bayona and Malte Feil. They posted a time of 3:43.30.

St. Clairsville's team of Caleb Bryniarski, Luke Swan, Sawyer Bonnett and Ben Shields turned in an 11:45.19 en route to winning the 4x800.

In the field, Brayden Galloway won the discus with a solid toss of 147-10.

Shadyside's Nathan Booth was the high hurdle champion in 15.62.

Tigers Kaiden Baker won the intermediates in 47.86.

Booth and Baker were joined by Kooper Chimley and Dylan Booth en route to winning the shuttles.

In the field, senior Elijah Brock won the high jump at 5-8.

Bellaire's quartet of Andrew Ruopp, Stefan Palenicek, Manuel Garcia and Graham Campbell ran a 9:05.65 to win the 4x800.

Maurice Webb won the long jump with a mark of 20-2 1/4.

Union Local's Johnny Sabinski won the shot put with an impressive heave of 57-1.

Wheeling Central's Riley Watkins, Braden McWreath, Lorenzo Ferrera and J.J. White posted a 1:39.93 en route to winning the 800 sprint medley relay.

BASEBALL

Frontier 3, Shadyside 2, 10 innings

BEAVERTON – Shadyside dropped its second, one-run game in as many days, falling to Frontier in 10 innings on Tuesday.

The Tigers received strong pitching and flawless defense, but couldn't solve Noah West and Tice Curtis on the bump.

Junior Ben Wach had a double and two singles, while Cole Micker had a triple and single. Grant Miller had two singles and a RBI, while Anthony Forgacs had two singles.

Zeke Rinard had two singles and a RBI for Frontier.

River 5, Shenandoah 1

SARAHSVILLE – Invading River stayed hot Tuesday, taking down homestanding Shenandoah.

The Pilots received solid pitching from Colton Cisar, who earned the win. He also had two singles and an RBI.

Lucas Dennis added two singles and an RBI, while Peyton Blue drove in a run with a single. Carson Makris had a double and single.

Dierkis Vincent had a RBI double for the Zeps.

Wheeling Central 14, Barnesville 4

ELM GROVE – Wheeling Central scored 13 runs in its final three at-bats to pull away from invading Barnesville Tuesday evening at the Chambers I-470 Complex.

The Maroon Knights got solid coaching from Brayden Cover, who struck out five.

Gary Hatfield had a RBI double, while Seth Cover, Koy Lipinski and Landon Prager each had a single and drove in runs. Prager drove in three. Kade Koroneos had two singles and a RBI, while Luke Tiu had a single and two RBI.

Marshall Meade had a triple for the Shamrocks.

Brooke 11, Union Local 8

MORRISTOWN – Brooke built an early lead and then hung on for an 11-8 victory when the game was called in the sixth due to darkness Tuesday.

The Jets received a double from Alex Moore and Evan White. White also had a single and drove in four runs. Peyton Causby had two hits and Clay Akers and Logan Hess each drove in a run with a single.

SOFTBALL

Monroe Central 6, Wheeling Central 3

Wheeling Central 2, Monroe Central 0

WHEELING - The Maroon Knight and Seminoles split a doubleheader on Ben's Field at the I-470 J.B. Chambers Sports Complex.

In the opener, Kazziah Cecil held the Maroon Knights to four hits while striking out three and walking a like number.

Karlie Haslam singled twice and drove in a run for Monroe Central.

Kynzi Bishop and Jauna McElroy split four singles.

Brook Edge socked a solo homer for Wheeling Central. Ashley Baker had a triple and Payton Smith singled twice.

Harrison Central 4, Cambridge 3

CADIZ – Harrison Central was able to overcome seven errors to pull out a 4-3 victory against Cambridge on Tuesday.

Emma Skinner picked up another win in the circle with seven strikeouts.

Senior Maddy Butler had two singles, a triple and drove in a run, while Isabell Yeager had two singles and a like number of RBI.

Frontier 4, Shadyside 1

BEAVERTON – Frontier got solid pitching and timely hitting en route to handing Shadyside its first loss of the season on Tuesday.

The Cougars' Kaycee Berentz was the pitching winner. She struck out eight and walked just one.

Alex Allen had two doubles and a RBI.

Shadyside's offense came on one swing of the bat by senior Gentry Brown, who hit a home run. She also had a double. Rylee Fulton singled twice.

Martins Ferry 11, Buckeye Local 1

MARTINS FERRY – The host Purple Riders had no trouble getting past winless Buckeye Local Tuesday.

Ella McFarland was strong in the circle, scattering five singles and allowing just the one run. At the plate, she had two singles and two RBI.

Avery Hughes belted a home run, single and drove in two runs. Danielle Lude had two doubles, two singles and a RBI. Taylor Bell had three singles, a double and drove in two.

Kaylynn Zinn had a single and RBI.

Shenandoah 13, River 3

SARAHSVILLE – Mya Leach did it with her arm and bat to fuel the Zeps to a decisive victory against River Tuesday.

Leach was sharp in the circle, striking out 15 of the 18 Pilot outs she recorded. She also had a home run, two singles and three RBI.

Alyssa Crum had three singles and four RBI, while Heather Merry had three singles and a RBI.

River received a two-run home run from Addison Kovach and a solo homer from Rylee Knight.

Prep Sports Card

Wednesday, April 5

BASEBALL

Martins Ferry at Union Local
Cambridge at St. Clairsville
Shadyside at River
Bellaire at Linsly
Harrison Central at Beaver Local
Barnesville at Caldwell

SOFTBALL

Bridgeport at Shadyside
Martins Ferry at Union Local
Cambridge at St. Clairsville
Monroe Central at Barnesville
Toronto at Linsly
Harrison Central at Beaver Local
Wheeling Central at Bellaire
Caldwell at Beallsville

Prep Linescores

SOFTBALL

Monroe Central 6, Wheeling Central 3

Monroe Central 100 203 0 – 6 9 2
Wheeling Central 010 011 0 – 3 4 2
MC–Cecil wp (3K, 3BB) and Baker; Bishop 2S; Haslam 2S, rbi; McElroy 2S
WCp–Reynolds lp (4K, 4BB) and Hanson; Edge HR, rbi; Baker T; Smith 2S

Wheeling Central 2, Monroe Central 0

Monroe Central 000 000 0 – 0 5 0
Wheeling Central 000 110 x – 2 3 1
MC–Haslam lp (1K, 0BB) and Baker
WC–Frizzell wp (12K, 1BB) and McCardle; Edge 2S; Shaw D

Barnesville 7, St. Clairsville 6

St. Clairsville 104 010 0 – 6 7 5
Barnesville 100 102 3 – 7 9 1
StC – Price lp (3K, 3BB) and Finnical. Barrera S, rbi; Salisbury T, S, 2rbi; Benedict 2S, rbi; Habig S, rbi.
B – Johnson (1K, 1BB), Sexton wp (4) (6K, 2BB) and Welch. Powell 3S, 3rbi; Tyson T, S; Smolira D, rbi; Dudzik T, D, rbi.

Frontier 4, Shadyside 1

Shadyside 000 100 0 – 1 6 0
Frontier 001 021 x – 4 6 0
S – Saxton lp (10K, 2BB) and Greenwood. Brown HR, D, rbi; R. Fulton 2S.
F – Berentz wp (8K, 1BB) and Schmidt. Grayson 2S, rbi; Allen 2D, rbi; Schmidt rbi.

Harrison Central 4, Cambridge 3

Cambridge 000 101 1 – 3 5. 1
Harrison Central 000 021 1 – 4 7 7
C – Mann lp (9K, 2BB) and Ruiz. Mann S, D; Kenworthy S, rbi.
HC – Skinner wp (7K, 0BB) and Clelland. Butler 2S, T, rbi; Yeager 2S, 2rbi; Clelland D; Ledger rbi.

Martins Ferry 11, Buckeye Local 1

Buckeye Local 000 100 – 1 5 5
Martins Ferry 301 133 – 11 16 0
BL – Kovalski lp (0K, 3BB) and Smith. Muldrew S, rbi.
MF – McFarland wp (6K, 4BB) and Doyle. Lude 2S, 2D, rbi; Bell D, 3S, 2rbi; McFarland 2S, 2rbi; Zinn S, rbi; Hughes HR, S, 2rbi; Gillespie S, rbi.

Shenandoah 13, River 3

River 010 020 – 3 3 2
Shenandoah 000 463 – 13 14 0
R – Wohnhas lp (11K, 1BB) and Knight. Kovach HR, 2rbi; Knight HR, rbi.
S – Leach wp (15K, 3BB) and Frye. Leach HR, 2S, 3rbi; Merry 3S, rbi; Frye T, rbi; Crum 3S, 4rbi; Pakes S, 2rbi; Farmer 2S; Hitchens T, rbi.

BASEBALL

Frontier 3, Shadyside 2, 10 innings

Shadyside 100 000 100 0 – 2 9 0
Frontier 100 100 000 1 – 3 6 2
S – Grover (5K, 2BB), Collins lp (7) (5K, 3BB) and Wach. Wach D, 2S; Micker T, S; Miller 2S, rbi; Forgacs 2S.
F – West (10K, 1BB), Curtis wp (10) (0K, 0BB) and Weber. Childers D; Cox 2S; Rinard 2S, rbi.

River 5, Shenandoah 1

River 211 100 0 – 5 10 1
Shenandoah 000 010 0 – 1 5 3
R – C. Cisar wp (2K, 2BB), Dennis (5) (2K, 1BB) and Castro. Lollathin 2S; Blue S, rbi; Makris D, S; Dennis 2S, rbi; Cisar 2S, rbi.
S – Miley lp (4K, 1BB), Crum (6) (1K, 0BB) and Vincent. Vincent D, rbi.

Wheeling Central 14, Barnesville 4

Barnesville 021 10 – 4 6 2
Wheeling Central 104 72 – 14 10 2
B – Wiley lp (4K, 3BB), A. King (4) (0K, 3BB), Wise (4) (0K, 1BB), Blon (4) (0K, 0BB), Huntsman (5) (0K, 3BB) and Powell. Meade T, Robb rbi; Starr rbi.
WC – Cover wp (5K, 4BB), Prager (5) (0K, 0BB) and Lipinski. Hatfield D, 2rbi; S. Cover S, rbi; Lipinski S, rbi; Prager S, rbi; Kuhns S, 3rbi; Koroneos 2S, rbi, Tiu S, 2rbi.

St. Clairsville 9, Steubenville 8

Steubenville 301 200 2 - 8 8 3
St. Clairsville 134 010 x - 9 10 2
S–N. Blackburn lp (5K, 4BB) and Smith. C. Blackburn 2D, S, 3rbi; Sewell 2S, 2rbi; Pierce S, rbi
StC–Saunders wp (3K, 3BB), Myers (5), (1K, 1BB) and Fogle; Myers 3S, D, 3rbi; Blomquist S, rbi; Bush S, rbi; Balgo S, rbi; Hoffman D

Wisdom's 3 hits, 6-run seventh, power Cubs over Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) – Patrick Wisdom doubled twice and had three hits and three RBIs, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Cincinnati Reds 12-5 on Tuesday night to even their three-game series.

Wisdom's two-run single highlighted a six-run seventh inning that overcame a 3-2 deficit. Chicago had 16 hits, including four doubles.

"Our offense goes as the top goes," Cubs manager David Ross said. "Up and down the lineup. The middle stood out the most tonight. We hit some rockets."

Cody Bellinger went 3 for 5 with an RBI, a day after hitting a three-run homer that ended his 0-for-11 start with the Cubs.

"The first one is the hardest one to get," Bellinger said. "You just have to stick with the process. That's all there is to it."

Ian Happ went 3 for 4 with a tying double.

Jason Vosler, TJ Friedl and Stuart Fairchild homered for the Reds, who wasted a 3-1 lead. Vosler hit hit third homer in three games and Fairchild hit his first career pinch homer, a two-run drive in the eighth off Adbert Alzolay (1-0).

After going ahead in a first inning that included Jake Fraley's RBI single, the Cubs didn't get another hit off Luis Cessa until the sixth, when Wisdom doubled to chase the starter and scored on Eric Hosmer's single off Ian Gibaut to cut the deficit to 3-2.

"They had a good game plan against me," Cessa said. "They hit some balls hard but I had a good defense behind me."

Sports on TV

Wednesday, April 5
COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)
5 p.m.
ESPNU – Johns Hopkins at Maryland
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
5 p.m.
BTN – Michigan at Michigan St.
7 p.m.
ACCN – Furman at Clemson
BTN – Northwestern at Illinois
GOLF
3 p.m.
ESPN – 2023 Masters Par 3 Contest: Practice Round, Augusta National Golf Course, Augusta, Ga.
IIHF HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)
3 p.m.
NHLN – World Championship Group Stage: U.S. vs. Japan, Group A, Brampton, Ontario
7 p.m.
NHLN – World Championship Group Stage: Canada vs. Switzerland, Group A, Brampton, Ontario
MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
MLBN – Regional Coverage: Atlanta at St. Louis OR Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati (12:30 p.m.)
4 p.m.
MLBN – Regional Coverage: LA Angels at Seattle OR Cleveland at Oakland (3:30 p.m.)
7:30 p.m.
MLBN – Toronto at Kansas City
NBA BASKETBALL
7:45 p.m.
ESPN – Chicago at Milwaukee
10:05 p.m.
ESPN – LA Lakers at LA Clippers
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
TNT – Tampa Bay at NY Rangers
10 p.m.
TNT – Edmonton at Anaheim
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:30 p.m.
ESPNU – The German Cup: Borussia Dortmund at RB Leipzig, Quarterfinal
3 p.m.
FS2 – The French Cup: Lyon at Nantes, Semi-final
USA – Premier League: Newcastle United at West Ham United
5:15 p.m.
FS2 – CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage: Chile vs. Colombia, Group A, Guayaquil, Ecuador
7:45 p.m.
FS2 – CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage: Uruguay vs. Ecuador, Group A, Guayaquil, Ecuador
8 p.m.
FS1 – CONCACAF Champions League: Tigres UANL at Motogua, Quarterfinal, Leg 1
10 p.m.
FS1 – CONCACAF Champions League: LAFC at Vancouver, Quarterfinal, Leg 1
TENNIS
11 a.m.
TENNIS – Charleston-WTA Early Rounds

MLB Schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Miami 1, Minnesota 0
Pittsburgh 4, Boston 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay 10, Washington 6
Toronto 4, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 7, Texas 2
Detroit 6, Houston 3
Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia (Nola 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 1-0) at Washington (Corbin 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (L•pez 1-0) at Miami (Luzardo 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 0-0) at Boston (Kluber 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at Texas (deGrom 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Rodriguez 0-1) at Houston (Javier 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Gaddis 0-0) at Oakland (Muller 0-0), 3:37 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 0-0) at Seattle (Flexen 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 0-0) at Kansas City (Greinke 0-1), 7:40 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Boston at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, ppd.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Arizona 8, San Diego 6
Miami 1, Minnesota 0
Chicago Cubs 12, Cincinnati 5
Pittsburgh 4, Boston 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay 10, Washington 6
Milwaukee 9, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Stroman 1-0) at Cincinnati (Greene 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 1-0) at Washington (Corbin 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (L•pez 1-0) at Miami (Luzardo 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
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ARTS & LEISURE

Affleck holds court with fast-breaking 'Air'

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Ben Affleck stars as Nike co-founder Phil Knight in "Air." PHOTOS BY AMAZON STUDIOS

Ben Affleck's superbly crafted drama "Air" lands like a classic Michael Jordan dunk – you can even imagine Affleck's tongue wagging and legs splayed in mid-jump akin to his Airness.

Like "Moneyball" before it, "Air" is more concerned with the business of the sport than the actual game, though the central plot line is just about as thrilling as a close finish.

The film is a captivating tale boasting a deep bench of talent (most notably Matt Damon and Viola Davis) and a shoe at its center, a Cinderella tale for dads and dudes – and protective moms, too – that oozes 1980s style and finds something to say about the value of athletes still true to this day.

In 1984 following the NBA Draft, shoe companies are scrambling to sign rookies to endorsement deals and Nike's situation is more dire than most. Led by high-strung, philosophy-spouting Phil Knight (Affleck), the brand is famous for its running gear but its basketball division, on the cusp of being axed, is in desperate need of star power. With only $250,000 to spend on a few players, schlubby basketball scout Sonny Vaccaro (Damon) is the one tapped to find the court stars who can take Nike to the promised land, though most of the big guys have already signed elsewhere.

Sonny sees something magical in the third pick, a skinny kid out of North Carolina drafted by the Chicago Bulls, though Jordan – according to prickly agent David Falk (Chris Messina) – is set to be an Adidas man. Willing to risk his job and remembering what his co-worker Howard White (Chris Tucker) told him about the power of a Black mother, Sonny goes rogue and travels from Nike's Oregon headquarters to Jordan's home in Wilmington to meet with parents Deloris (Davis) and James (Davis' real-life husband Julius Tennon).

While Deloris suffers no fools, she doesn't discount Sonny's hard sell and ponders his perspective of the situation as the clock ticks down on Nike's chances to ink this culture-changing phenom.

Most sports fans or any sneakerheads who've bought a pair of Air Jordans in the past four decades know how the story ends, but Affleck and screenwriter Alex Convery are still able to ratchet up the right amount of tick-tock tension. The joy is in the journey, with dramatic scrambling within Nike as Knight weighs happy shareholders vs. being a shoe company maverick and Deloris maintaining her steely facade as the Jordans meet all the potential suitors. Even though we're talking about corporate brands here, the competition between Converse, Adidas and Nike is tantamount to a Lakers vs. Celtics playoff game and Affleck really leans into it in crowd-pleasing fashion.

On screen, Affleck's bare-footed honcho is one of several colorful supporting turns that lift "Air." Jason Bateman costars as a snarky Nike marketing man with real stakes in Jordan's potential signing, Matthew Maher is enjoyably eccentric as the shoe-designing mad scientist who hatches the legendary footwear, and Tucker brings a comedic side to the movie as White, who along with assistant Olympic coach George Raveling (Marlon Wayans) are key figures in Jordan's ultimate choice.

Damon and Davis together are phenomenal: Sonny doesn't take no for an answer when it comes to this once-in-a-lifetime player while Deloris is clear-eyed and honest about her boy's future and how valuable he truly is. Interestingly, Affleck presents Jordan as a mostly passive participant, a character whose face you never see, instead focusing on the wheels turning around him. (Jordan's hoop skills do get featured in one sequence that both gives an important moment weight while also in a way taking away from it. Your mileage may vary depending on your MJ fandom.)

"Live by Night" aside, Affleck's directorial record is pretty impressive and "Air" feels like his most inspired effort to date, an underdog story with the greatest basketball player of all time at its heart.

'Air'

Rated: R

Star rating: ★★★½ out of 4

Viola Davis stars as Michael Jordan's steely mother, Deloris, in "Air."

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Matt's Take: Cincinnati Holiday

BY MATT MCADOW
Sports Columnist

Nobody does Opening Day like Cincinnati and I was glad to be able to enjoy another trip down to Great American Ball Park to enjoy all of the pre-game events. Seeing the flood of red through the streets and listening to people talk Reds baseball again was a joy.

The parade, the crowd at "The Banks," the food, and the entertainment leading up to the first pitch makes such a great atmosphere. Cincinnati is a baseball town and it always will be. If you know me, you also know how much I enjoy Bengals football as well.

I attend every Bengals home game and I have to say that the crowd surrounding the city for Opening Day was much larger than any Bengals game I have attended. This isn't taking anything away from Bengals football, it just shows that even after a "less than stellar" year from the Reds, the city still floods with red at the end of March.

First Game of the Season

As I am writing this article, the Reds have played just one game and have 2 remaining against Pittsburgh over the weekend to round out the series. While it didn't end in a Reds win, I was quite pleased with many performances at the plate from our young ball club, but the team just ended up running out of time to make a comeback. Let's take a look at the positives and negatives from the March 30th matchup against the Pirates:

Positives

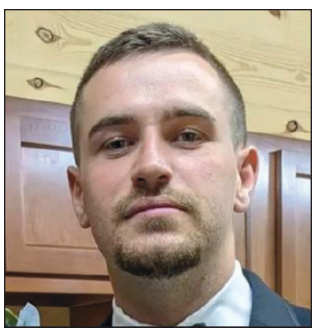
Hunter Greene recorded a 105.2 mph fastball. No that is not a typo either, you read it correctly. While I will also record some negatives from his first start of the 2023 season, he did manage to strikeout 8 batters in just 3.1 innings pitched. I truly believe he will have a great season and this was just an outing that went downhill after a few mental errors.

Jonathan India had a magnificent game and went 2-4 at the plate including a single, a walk, and a late double to left field.

Jake Fraley went 2-4 at the plate with 2 singles and a walk. I think Fraley is going to be a major part of the success of the team and I was glad to see him get off to a fast start.

Jason Vosler had a clutch triple to right to bring in 2 much needed RBIs. While Votto is injured, Vosler is going to need to continue to perform well for Cincinnati to be successful.

Spencer Steer smoked a homerun to left center (435 feet). Everyone in GABP knew that ball was out as soon as the ball came off the bat. Steer is still considered a rookie



Matt McAdow

and he looks to put up numbers good enough to be in the race for a rookie of the year award.

Alex Young, Derek Law, and Ian Gibaut all threw scoreless frames and only gave up 1 total hit combined.

Negatives

Hunter Greene managed to only go 3.1 innings with 3 earned runs to begin his 2023 campaign. He will have many better performances throughout the year and this shouldn't worry any Reds fan by any means. When your starter only goes 3 innings though, it is hard to expect a good outcome come the end of the 9th.

Jose Barrero, despite his good Spring Training, went 0-4 at the plate with 2 strikeouts. It is early, but I hope to see him rebuttal quick. Despite his batting struggles, he played quite well defensively and made some impressive plays.

Will Benson made the Opening Day roster, but he had one of the worst performances of his young career. Benson struckout swinging 4 times.

TJ Friedl in the "2-hole" went 0-4 with 3 strikeouts. Cincinnati is going to need Friedl to play a lot of innings this season and I expect him to improve greatly as the season continues.

Fernando Cruz didn't make it through a full inning and had 3 BB and an earned run. His ERA will begin the season at "27," but we all know Cruz is much better than what he displayed on Thursday.

Marty Brennaman joins Matt's Take

The one and only, Marty Brennaman kindly joined Matt's Take this week to talk "all things Reds" with me. Marty doesn't even need an introduction, as everyone in the Cincinnati area already knows who he is, but I will do one anyway! Marty was the play-by-play voice for the Reds from 1974-2019. Some of his notable calls alongside Nuxhall and others include Hank Aaron's 714th career home run, Tom Seaver's no hitter, Pete Rose's 4192nd hit, Griffey Jr.'s 500th career homerun, Jay Bruce's walk off to clinch the Central, and many more historical moments throughout Reds history. He has won numerous awards and has been a staple within the Reds organization for years. Being able to talk baseball with a Reds legend was something I will cherish for a long time.

Q: What is your favorite Reds moment?

A: "That is a good question. I would probably say the 1990 World Championship. Unlike the Big Red Machine, the 90' club was my favorite team, simply because when the season began nobody picked them to win anything…They were playing under a new manager under Lou Piniella and they went into first place on Opening Night and they never vacated…It was just a team that got along incredibly well."

Q: What is your honest prediction for the Reds record this season?

A: "Well, I think the Vegas over/under is 65.5 wins. That is for the gamblers, which I am not one of them. I think they will be better than that, but I don't really know how much better. I have not really given a whole lot of thought to wins, but last year they won 62. I don't think they will lose 100, but they'll have to battle to stay out of last place in the Central Division."

Q: What is the best new food item to try at Great American Ball Park?

A: "The 50 West Brew Burger. They have a special sauce that distinguishes it from all other hamburgers. It was tremendous…I was amazed at how good it was."

Q: If you could sit and watch a baseball game with any past or present player, who would you choose and why?

A: "I would probably choose Ted Williams. I think he was the greatest hitter in the history of baseball. When I was a kid growing up, my dad was a Williams fan and I inherited that from him. I remember as a kid growing up in Portsmouth, Virginia back in the 50's, and I remember vividly every morning waking up and making a beeline to the newspaper to see what Williams had done the night before…Check the numbers out, .345 lifetime batting average, On-Base percentage at roughly 50 percent which is completely impossible. He had 521 homeruns and did that with 4 and a half years taken out of his career because of service in World War 2 and the Korean conflict. He was a fighter pilot in Korea and was shot down, so he was a man who served his country and was the greatest hitter to ever live."

Q: During your career, who within the Reds organization would you say impacted you the most?

A: "Nobody has ever asked me that question before, that is a good question. I'd say Joe Nuxhall without any question. Working with him for 31 years and getting to know him as I did and watching the way he handled success in this town…he is the greatest sports figure in Cincinnati because of how loved he was in this town…He always had time for people."

Q: Many of us have seen you at the Adams County Fair. What brings you down to the Adams County Fair?

A: "Well, I think it is something I have never experienced before. When we had the opportunity to go, we jumped at it. I have only been there once. Amanda and I went, so it must have been in the last 11 years. I had never been to a true County Fair, as I was born and raised in a city of over 150,000… County Fairs were not something that we, city people, were accustomed to. Seeing guys in a rodeo atmosphere among all the other things we saw, such as animal judging, it was a experience I never had before. I remember driving home with Amanda that night and thinking what a great experience it was."

Q: Do you believe we will see Encarnacion-Stand, De La Cruz, or McLain in the big leagues this season?

A: "I don't know that I have ever seen a player hit 3 balls as hard as Strand did…He is an incredibly mature kid offensively, he has some problems defensively and that is the biggest reason I think the Reds sent him down. He needs to work on his defense. Had he been better defensively, I think they may have given him a shot to begin the season here…I would not discount the possibility that you could see him sometime during the season. Quite honestly, I think you could see all three of them. But, I think the chances would have to hinge on need. If Steer doesn't cut it for whatever reason, and Encarnacion-Strand is having a good year in the minor leagues, I think they could possibly jump him. As far as De La Cruz, if Barrero's offensive short comings from last year show up again, I could see if De La Cruz is having a good year, that they could bring him up…And McLain was impressive in Spring Training. He can play a number of different positions. If I had to pick one of the three, I would probably lean on Encarnacion-Strand…"

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The Redskins look to earn yet another WBL victory, as they travel to Defiance on Thursday at 5:30 pm. The Bulldogs look to recover from their loss, as they face off in the battle of the Grand Lake versus St. Mary's, on Thursday at 5:30, on their home turf.

Wapak second doubles duo of Gabriel Pepi and Gannon Casebolt won by forfeit.

Wapak plays at WBL rival Defiance (1-1) Thursday.

Alex Lewis, Jolly, and Moore. For the opposing Bulldogs, Nick Steinbrunner led with two hits, followed by hits from Zander Jones and Max Baumstark.

Wapakoneta looks to defeat yet another Western Buckeye League foe, Defiance. They will face off at MercyHealth Field on Thursday at 5:30 pm. For the dogs, they will travel to St. Marys on Thursday at 5:30 pm.

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Egg donation

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Harper Flores makes a presentation to 100 second graders at Gorrell Elementary.
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Rising egg prices make donation even nicer

Gorrell teachers have integrated the incubation process into the curriculum for years but this year they were having a hard time finding eggs.

Flores' mom, Amanda, said the cost of fertilized eggs has tripled in the past year.

Gorrell student teacher Whitney Wise connected Flores with the school. Her fiance works with Amanda Flores.

"It's Harper's business so we had to see if she would be willing to sell eggs to the school," her mother said.

Flores opted to donate the 73 eggs she collected over a 10-day period from 20 of her hens.

Harper Flores wanted to give other students the opportunity to not only experience the process of raising chickens but also to inspire the students. Even if they find school challenging, they can be good at anything they put their minds to and focus.

As a youngster, Flores struggled in the classroom, her mother said. Her father, Bob, decided to introduce her to chickens and the process of raising them.

"The chickens were her outlet," Amanda Flores said. "I've never seen anyone tame chickens like her. They are her best friends. They will just come sit in her lap."

Her connection to the animals has helped her grow in the classroom and as person, her mom said, adding that she is more confident.

Eggs become Gorrell student project

During the talk, Flores explained to students that by days 7 to 14 of the process, they would be able to shine a light through the egg to see the developing chick.

By day 21, they should be hatched. The chick would slowly begin to peck at the shell until it cracks and they can emerge.

"It takes a lot of energy and they will be very tired," Flores told the students.

Once hatched, the students will have to teach the chicks how to eat and drink by imitating a pecking motion with their hands at the food and water.

Students will have to wait five days before they can touch the chicks, Flores said, noting they can get sick very easily and can also transfer germs to humans. She cautioned to make sure to wash their hands before handling the chicks and again after.

The students had loads of questions, including what color the chicks would be when hatched, how long they live, and, most importantly, could they hold Bruno and Jessica?

Aurora Gehring and Brody Shane were lucky enough to get to hold Jessica. Their classmates were able to pet the hen.

"I wasn't scared," Brody said. "I asked if I could hold him because I wanted to hold a chicken. You could feel all the feathers."

Besides chickens, Flores also raises goats and bunnies. Over the years, she has also raised pigs and turkeys. She visits nursing homes throughout the Wooster area to share her animals with the elderly residents.

"The elderly can't always go to the fair so she brings the fair to them," her mother said.

Flores is a member of Northwestern's Future Farmers of America club and participates in cross country and track. She has plans to hand over the chicken business to her dad while she attends the University of Akron after graduation to become a vet tech.

Reach Amy at 330-775-1135 or amy.knapp@indeonline.com

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Gorrell second grader Aurora Gehring pets hen, Jessica, as Brody Shane waits his turn.

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American Legion makes donation to VAF

Zanesville American Legion Post Commander Eddie Grimes presents a $5,000 check to Wayne Clark of the Veterans Appreciation Foundation to fund the foundation's mission to support, honor and engage in awareness and appreciation through activities and programs aspiring to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families in Muskingum County and the surrounding area. PROVIDED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 29

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Littlest intruder: Toddler crawls through White House fence

WASHINGTON – A curious toddler on Tuesday earned the title of one of the tiniest White House intruders after he squeezed through the metal fencing on the north side of the executive mansion.

U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division officers, who are responsible for security at the White House, walked across the North Lawn to retrieve the tot and reunite him with his parents on Pennsylvania Avenue. Access to the complex was briefly restricted while officers conducted the reunification. Officers briefly questioned the parents before allowing them to continue on their way.

Secret Service spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said officers "encountered a curious young visitor along the White House north fence line who briefly entered White House grounds."

"The White House security systems instantly triggered Secret Service officers and the toddler and parents were quickly reunited," he said in a statement.

Late-season storm brings more snow to Sierra Nevada

TRUCKEE, Calif. – The winter that wouldn't quit showed up again in the Sierra Nevada region of California and Nevada on Tuesday.

The fast-moving, blustery storm wasn't expected to last long, but it was enough to require chain controls on some trans-Sierra highways and add to staggering snowfall totals left by an exceptional series of winter storms.

"A blast back to some wintry weather today with wind and snowfall," the Mammoth Mountain ski resort wrote on its web page. The early morning temperature was just 18 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the Lake Tahoe region, the Palisades Tahoe resort reported that early morning winds hit 100 mph before calming down.

Spring conditions are expected to return later in the week, the National Weather Service said.

President Joe Biden has called for more money for the care economy in his 2024 budget plan, drawing a sharp line with Republicans, who are seeking limits on spending. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP FILE

Biden signs order to boost child care access

Josh Boak
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden signed an executive order on Tuesday that contains more than 50 directives to increase access to child care and improve the work life of caregivers.

But the directives would be funded out of existing commitments, possibly including last year's laws financing infrastructure projects and building computer chip plants. That likely means their impact would be limited and possess more of a symbolic weight about what's possible.

"The executive order doesn't require any new spending," Biden said at the White House. "It's about making sure taxpayers get the best value for the investments they've already made."

Biden also has called for more money for the care economy in his 2024 budget plan, drawing a sharp line with Republicans, who are seeking limits on spending.

Susan Rice, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, said the order shows that Biden isn't waiting on Congress to act.

"Care workers, who are disproportionately women and women of color and immigrants, are among the lowest paid in the country."

Susan Rice
White House Domestic Policy Council director

"The child care, long-term care systems in this country just don't work well," Rice said. "High-quality care is costly to deliver. It's labor-intensive. It requires skilled workers. Yet care workers, who are disproportionately women and women of color and immigrants, are among the lowest paid in the country."

The order seeks to improve the child care provided to the offspring of federal workers, including military families. It plans to lower costs for families that are part of the Child Care & Development Block Grant program. Military veterans would get better home-based care. And the Department of Health and Human Services would raise pay and benefits for teachers and staff in the Head Start program.

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