

Off the Hook

by Melanie Behrens



Your facts of the day
Following my tradition of wanting to learn something new every day, I came across these facts. You just never know when all this knowledge will come in handy, especially in a trivia quiz.

Here's the first fact for consideration - Experts say a baby's head gives off pheromones. When we inhale them, we fall in love and begin to feel protective. That explains a lot, doesn't it? Also, the more an older child smells his little sibling, the better the bond will be. It seems pheromones are actually exchanged in the womb, even before a child is born, thus the deep bond between mother and child. After birth, breast-feeding also plays a major part in the passing of pheromones from mother to child. Scientists say a mother can identify her infant, not only by his smell, but also by his pheromones, even though she doesn't realize it. Infants can identify their mother's scent when only a few days old.

Both humans and other animals use pheromones as a means of nonverbal communication and maternal ties. For example, fawns use pheromones to identify their mothers among the female deer in the herd by sniffing the tarsal glands, located on the inside of the knees of the rear legs. Eventually finding the correct one. Here's the second fact, a crazy thing. Scientists lit a cave on fire in 1971 expecting it to burn for only a few days. It burned to this day and has been nicknamed the "Door to Hell." It is located near a town of 350 people in the Karakum Desert located in the country of Turkmenistan, which was at that time part of the Soviet Union. It's in central Asia and bordered

by Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Iran and the Caspian Sea, to give you an idea of the location.

Russian scientists thought this would be a substantial oil field site. They set up a rig to assess the quality of the oil and instead found gas. The ground beneath the drilling rig and camp collapsed into a wide crater and disappeared. I don't know if anyone died in that incident. Because it was part of the Soviet Union, details of the event are sketchy.

Potentially dangerous methane gas was exposed and began leaking. It seems such a waste that the gas has just been burning off for more than 40 years. The experts thought the best thing to do was burn the gas off, but the danger of estimating it would take only a few weeks. Turkmenistan has the world's fourth largest reserves of natural gas resources. Since 1993, citizens of that country have received government-provided electricity, water and their natural gas, free of charge due to the income from these reserves, what a nice perk!

Fact number three - Now, all pandas are owned by China and they rent them out to zoos for \$1 million a year and a minimum of 10 years. From 1958 to 1982, China gave 23 pandas to nine different countries. Involved in that was the gift of Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing to the United States in 1972. This was a diplomatic move and it was clear China was trying to be a friend of the United States. By the 1980s, generosity and diplomacy were finished and they started charging for the animals. During the 10-year period of the loan of the pandas, any cubs born are also the property of the People's Republic of China. Now, the fourth fact, one

that I think is really sad - In Moscow, stray dogs have learned to commute from the suburbs to the city, to scavenge for food and then catch the train home in the evening. It has been said that in Moscow there are all sorts of stray dogs, but there are no stupid dogs. As many as 35,000 strays live in Russia's capital city. They can be found all over, in markets, construction sites and underground passageways, scrounging for food and trying to survive.

The smartest of these dogs have actually learned to use the subway. As commuters travel in the crowded subways, there is almost always a stray dog on its own traveling, too. It is said they treat the crowd for treats and emotional contact. They actually get on and off at regular stops. Often they recognize stations from the announcers voices.

During the time when the country was known as the Soviet Union, the government had no patience with these dogs and most of them were killed. They were used for fur and some for research experiments. As the country changed and became Russia, there was more oil money and more food around and that meant garbage for the dogs who live in the streets. Their population grew and the smart ones took shelter in the metro systems and then really learned how to work the system, so to speak.

Now, the new metro director has no patience for huge number of dogs, and there are vigilante dog hunters whose tactics even include using poison in parks. Still, those animals who survive are loved by many of those in Moscow. So you see this is a sad story with a somewhat good outcome. (Melanie Behrens - melb@marysvillejlt.com)

Editor's note: The Journal-Tribune is publishing the most recent information available for regularly scheduled events, but attendees are encouraged to contact the event organizer to confirm information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers who would like to update event information or add new events may email society@marysvillejlt.com or call (937) 642-6397.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 22
--AA Friday 12&12 Street, London
Group - noon, Zoom: 849-3470-5000, Password: marysville
--Friday Night AA Closed Discussion Group - 8 p.m., Vineyard Church, 913 W. Fifth Street
--AA London Surrender Group - 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 10 E. Fourth Street, London
Saturday, January 23
--Social Skills Group - 9-10 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street
--AA Rise and Shine Group - 9-30 a.m., Zoom: 752-425-981, Password: marysville
--Union County Personal Needs Pantry - 10 a.m.-noon, Hope Center, 212 Chestnut Street
--Richwood AA Closed Discussion - noon, First United Methodist Church, 13 S. Fulton Street
--AA Saturday Night Good to See You Group - 8 p.m., United Methodist

NEWS FROM OUR FILES

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100 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 22, 1921
The H. W. Morey Co., which has been doing a large furniture and undertaking business in Marysville, no longer exists. The old firm has dissolved, and Mr. William F. Morey has taken over the furniture business. Messrs. Charles D. Morey and Elba H. Crevison, who were associated with The H. W. Morey Co., have taken over the undertaking business.

75 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 22, 1946
A free show sponsored by the Ohio Oil Company will be given in the school auditorium. The show, known as the Marathon Farm Show, will feature

comedians Uncle Ezra and Elton and one of the acts will be by the Indian Magician, Chief Little Fox. A sound film, "This Is Our Land," will also be shown. The show is for all members of families.

50 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 22, 1971
Thieves did a repeat performance at the Davison Jewelry Store over the weekend. Three years ago thieves entered the store and made off with between \$35,000 and \$45,000 in jewels and money. This morning when the store was opened, clerks found thieves had used the same method of entering the store. Thieves also paid a visit this weekend to the Unco Bowl,

located on Industrial Parkway.

25 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 22, 1996
If you did not want Interstate 73 running through your back yard, maybe now you can breathe a little easier. At a meeting Tuesday night, the groups studying the routes for the proposed new freeway eliminated all four possible tracts which would have affected Union County. I-73, which has been in the planning stages for years, has upset many area residents. Those particularly worried about the possibility of an interstate on their property were the Jerome Township residents and environmentalists.



Dear Annie: My daughter, "Emily," has been dating "Ben" for almost two years. Ben is a great guy, aside from one issue that's been bugging me: He refuses to drive anywhere and instead has my daughter drive him. He says it's because a few years ago he was in a car accident and has been scared to drive since. (He was not hurt in the accident.) He has Emily drive him to and from work every day. Emily never complains about it, but it drives me insane because Emily and her kids were also in a car accident a few years back and suffer PTSD from that accident. Ben is aware of this, but doesn't seem to get it. He thinks it's no big deal for Emily to get over her fear while avoiding getting over his fear. I want to say something to him so badly, but I haven't. And every time I say something to my daughter, she gets upset with me. How can I approach the situation without making it worse? --

Miffed Mom

Dear Miffed: Your intentions are good, and your irritation is understandable. But Emily is the one behind the wheel, figuratively and literally. When advice: she's tired of driving him, she can stop. Meanwhile,

you can earn interest by keeping your two cents in the bank: If you avoid offering advice when your daughter hasn't asked, she'll be more likely to ask you for advice.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



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Marysville swimmers win triangular meet against Alder, FHS

By: Tim Miller
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The Marysville High School girls and boys swimming teams notched victories over neighboring Jonathan Alder and Fairbanks on Thursday.

The Lady Monarchs splashed their way to 102 points.

JA finished with 21 and Fairbanks tallied 10. MHS' boys notched 93 points, while JA tallied 20 and FHS finished with 10.

Top results for each event were as follows:

Girls
-200 medley relay: Marysville, first, 2:05.31 (Remini Roush, Olivia Elliott, Morgan Grawe, Reese Cordonnier); JA, second, 2:12.06 (Allie Piccolantonio, Avery Wynk, Claire Dygert, Maggie Matassa); -200 freestyle: Cordonnier (M), first, 2:09.94; Emma Menge (M), second, 2:26.36;

-200 IM: Elliott (M), first, 2:31.93; Dygert (JA), second, 2:32.91;

-50 freestyle: Grawe (M), first, 26.82; Janie Clayton (F), second, 26.93;

-100 butterfly: Grawe

(M), first, 1:05.83; Menge (M), second, 1:22.08;

-100 freestyle: Roush (M), 1:02.57; Riley Sherick (M), second, 1:03.99;

-500 yard freestyle: Kathryn Mage (M), first, 6:46.59; Carly Amrine (M), second, 6:50.49;

-200 freestyle relay: Marysville A, first, 1:53.55 (Grawe, Elliott, Stella Moser, Cordonnier); Marysville B, second, 2:04.92 (Sherick, Mager, Mya Potridge, Mallory Seman); Jonathan Alder, third, 2:08.16 (Piccolantonio, Alexis Ahner, Lauren Murphy, Matassa);

-100 backstroke: Roush (M), 1:10.52; Elliott (M), second, 1:13.00; Dygert (JA), 1:13.12;

-100 breaststroke: Clayton (F), first, 1:16.21; Wynk (JA), second, 1:21.33;

-400 freestyle relay: Marysville, first, 4:25.69 (Roush, Menge, Amrine, Moser); Jonathan Alder, second, 4:48.03 (Dygert, Ahner, Murphy, Wynk).

Boys

-200 medley relay: Marysville, first, 1:54.44 (Joey Hazelbaker, Jacob Markert, Gabriel Filbert, Cannon Moser);

-200 freestyle: Markert

(M), first, 2:10.17; Danny Dougherty (M), 2:27.15;

-200 IM: Hazelbaker (M), first, 2:20.24; Nathan Moleador (M), second, 2:20.70;

-50 freestyle: Eli Stoll (JA), first, 22.35; Matt Kehlbeck (F), second, 24.63; Doug Nussbaum (JA), third, 26.16;

-100 butterfly: Filbert (M), first, 1:00.37; Phillip Baker (M), second, 1:29.65;

-100 freestyle: Kehlbeck (F), first, 56.52; Nussbaum (JA), second, 1:03.66; Adam Platt (M), third, 1:04.62;

-500 freestyle: Hazelbaker (M), first, 5:37.93; Markert (M), second, 5:52.42;

-200 yard freestyle relay: Marysville A, first, 1:44.54 (Markert, Moleador, Moser, Hazelbaker); Marysville B, second, 2:03.87 (Platt, Baker, Rowan Kinney, Dougherty);

-100 backstroke: Moleador (M), first, 1:09.15; Moser (M), second, 1:14.56;

-100 yard breaststroke: Stoll (JA), first, 1:01.37; Filbert (M), second, 1:17.29;

-400 freestyle relay: Marysville, first, 4:16.23 (Moleador, Dougherty, Platt, Filbert).



Local swimmers, from top to bottom, Joey Hazelbaker of Marysville; Janie Clayton of Fairbanks; and Claire Dygert of Jonathan Alder are pictured competing during a triangular meet at the Union County YMCA. Marysville won the girls and boys meets on Thursday.

(Journal-Tribune photos by Sam Dillon)

Monarch grapplers score victories over O. Berlin

By: Tim Miller
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Marysville's boys varsity and JV wrestling teams rolled to victories over Orlentangy Berlin on Thursday.

The varsity claimed a 38-9 triumph, while the reserves scored a 60-9 verdict.

Match results were as follows:

Varsity

-106: Ethan Skiles (M) pinned Peter Emery (OB), 1:50;

-113: Zach Pfarr (M) scored an 18-5 major decision over Luke Martin (OB);

-120: Daniel Baracca (OB) edged Joe Eley (M), 9-7;

-126: Nathan Thompson (M) put Tyler Voinovich (OB) to the mat in 2:06;

-132: Lincoln Witt (M) pinned Tyson Scharnschmidt (OB), 3:36;

-138: Matt Baracca (OB) took Erick Nelson (M) to the mat in 2:57;

-145: Lincoln Heard (M) turned in a 26-11 technical fall over Dylan Helmers

(OB);

-152: Erryl Will (M) notched a 24-9 technical fall over Kody Goffin (OB);

-160: Jack Golla (M) defeated Caiden Hooks (OB), 5-1;

-170: Colton Powers (M) downed Hugh Peterson (OB), 8-3;

-182: Christian McCartney (M) beat Missoua Evariste (OB), 9-4;

-195: Ben Bickerstaff (M) scored a 28-12 technical fall over Austin Lambert (OB);

-220: JJ Tompkins (OB) pinned Stephen Garcia (M), 1:40;

-Hwt.: Zach McMinn won by forfeit.

Junior varsity

-106: Justin Valdez (M) pinned Parker McColeman (OB), 1:36;

-113: Riley Gage (M) pinned Ahmed Amawi (OB), 1:29;

-120: Jacy Kennedy (M) took down Casen Ward (OB), 2:06;

-120: Noah Lewis (OB) pinned Matt Eley (M), 1:31;

-132: Isabella Deahl (M) pinned Jaiden Hooks (OB), 15 seconds;

-132: Logan McIntire

(OB) edged Nathan DeLauter (M), 7-6;

-138: Cole Clarridge (M) pinned Aiden Sherman (OB), 1:28;

-145: Zayne Leiter (M) pinned Christian Caffey (OB), 2:03;

-160: Alton Dobyns (M) scored a 1:17 pinfall over Braverick Thompson (OB);

-170: Olana Chapman (M) pinned Gagan Adabala (OB), 1:30;

-170: Brady Seger (M) turned in a 1:40 pin over Caleb Herr (OB);

-182: Max Shroyer (M) pinned Garrett Farver (OB), 1:32;

"The theme of gratitude continues throughout the season as we were grateful to have a chance to compete on Thursday," said Monarch head coach Shawn Andrews. "We challenged our wrestlers to score points and they answered the call."

The Monarchs' tournament at Austintown Finch for this weekend has been canceled.

The Lady Monarchs will host Mason at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Triad girls edged by WL-S

By: Tim Miller
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Triad's girls hoopssters were edged by state-ranked No. 3 in Division III West Liberty-Salem, 47-44, on Thursday.

Cati LeVan tallied 11 points, four steals and five assists for the Lady Cardinals (5-12 overall and 2-10 in the Ohio Heritage Conference).

Frani LeVan added 11 points and four assists.

Abby Walls notched nine points and grabbed five rebounds.

The Tigers held a 12-9 edge after the first eight minutes of action.

West Liberty's upper hand extended to 30-17 by half-time and 36-27 at the conclusion of the third period.

Walls scored six points during the fourth quarter, but Triad's rally just fell short.

West Liberty-Salem
Estes 4-7-18, Seaver 4-4-1.

12, Smith 2-2-8, Weaver 2-0-4, Wade 1-1-3, Williams 1-0-2, Cole 0-0-0, Hutton 0-0-0, Totals 14-47.

Three-point goals: Estes 3, Smith 2.

Triad
C. LeVan 3-2-11, F. LeVan 3-4-11, Walls 4-0-9, Ferguson 2-3-7, Cox 1-0-2, Eaton 1-0-2, Snider 1-0-2, Fauber 0-0-0, Nott 0-0-0, Totals 15-9-44.

Three-point goals: C. LeVan 3, F. LeVan 1, Walls 1.

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Dianne L. Giltz-Walker

age 77, of Massillon passed away on January 19, 2021. She was born on January 13, 1944, to the late Lester Shaffer and Stella (Beal) Hykes. She graduated from Washington High School class of 1961. Dianne was a nurse for Doctor's Hospital for 25 years where her pride and joy was delivering babies. She enjoyed gardening, animals, feeding birds, flowers, hanging baskets and playing dominos. She especially loved spoiling her grandchildren and Christmas.

Dianne was preceded in death by her parents and son Timothy Giltz. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her children, Michael Giltz, Matthew (Rachael) Giltz, grandchildren: Christian Giltz, Gabriella Giltz, Brittney Giltz, Kayla Giltz, and Taylor Giltz; brothers, Brian Shaffer and David Shaffer; a host of great-grandchildren; her best friends, Marilee Okey and Julie Border; and her beloved husband, Jay Walker who will miss her immensely, the love of his life.

Funeral Service will be held at 11 am on Monday, January 25, 2021, at the Paquelet Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2-4 pm on Sunday and again from 10-11 am on Monday prior to the service. Her final resting place will be at East Union Lawn Cemetery in Navarre. Messages of support and sympathy can be made at: www.paquelet.com

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Evelyn A. Hay

of Navarre, following a long and purposeful life, was received into the arms of her Savior on Wednesday afternoon, January 13, 2021 – just five days prior to marking her 100th birthday! Born on the family farm near Canton, a daughter to the late Dwight A. and Mary A. (Smith) Whitmer, in 1937, her junior year of high school, Evelyn was a delegate to the 4-H Congress in Columbus. Later in her adulthood, besides being a busy, full-time wife and mother, she returned to school and completed her nursing certificate and worked as an LPN at the former Massillon Psychiatric Hospital. A devoted wife and a loving and supportive mom, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma, Evelyn was an active and faithful member of Fohl Memorial United Methodist Church in Navarre where she taught Sunday school, bible school and attended the Women's Bible Study. Her family and her faith community meant everything to her. A lifetime of treasured memories and much love is the legacy she leaves.

Predeceased by her parents; her husband, Miles T. Hay, Jr., daughter, Nada Hay McAfee; and brothers, Ray, Lloyd and Stanley Whitmer; Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (Jon) Goudy, of Millersburg, and son, Michael Thomas "Tom" Hay, of North Canton. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Kelly (Andy) Hebert, Ryan (Heidi) McAfee, Kimberly (John) Bookmeyer, Michael (Kimberly) Hay, Jessica (Joe) Puperi, Steven (Lydia) Goudy, Laura Taliesin and Eric (Suzanne) Goudy; there are 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; son-in-law, Bob McAfee; and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Betty Whitmer and Mrs. Joyce Whitmer.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be conducted following a truly fitting celebration of her life once the current Covid conditions have abated. The family has suggested memorial contributions to advance the mission and ministries of Fohl Memorial UMC, 121 Basin Street, NW, Navarre, Ohio 44069. Your memories and condolences are always welcome and may be added to our online guestbook at www.atkinsonfeucht.com.

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William D. Morehead

age 82 of Massillon, passed away on Jan. 20, 2021. William was born on May 9, 1938 in Uhrichsville, Ohio to Chester and Lillian (Echard) Morehead. He served in the U.S. Airforce and worked as a Machinist at Republic Steel. William enjoyed going bowling and traveled all of the 50 United States. He loved riding his motorcycle. He was dedicated to his family and would do anything he could to take care of them. He loved the Lord and was an active member of Anchor Baptist Church.

William is preceded in death by his parents; children, Billie L. Morehead and William Morehead, Jr.; sister, Arlene Wardell; and brother, James Morehead. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Norma; children, Sheri (David) Grunwald, Judy (James) Greek, Stephanie (Danny) Manwaring, Fabian Ferrell, Deborah (Rodger Stewart) Ferrell, Mike Ferrell, and Pam (Evan) Smith; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may come to call on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. at Paquelet and Arnold-Lynch Funeral Home. A service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. with visitation an hour prior. Burial to follow at Brookfield Cemetery. Continuing with COVID-19 precautions, all attending will be asked to follow proper social distancing protocol and masks are required. Messages of comfort and sympathy may be made to www.paquelet.com

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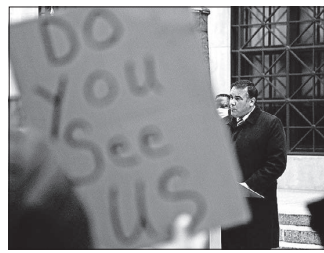
COLUMBUS Officials in Ohio's largest city said Thursday that they plan to invest \$4.5 million in body-worn cameras for police and introduce a law that would ensure officers use the cameras correctly after the fatal shooting of Andre Hill last month by a white officer.

"While many of us woke up this morning with a renewed sense of purpose and optimism, a new year and a new president does not erase the past or the pain felt by those who loved Casey Goodson Jr. or Andre Hill," Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther said in a briefing Thursday.

Ginther and other city officials announced the plans to address policing issues reawakened by the fatal shooting of Goodson and Hill, both Black men, at the hand of law enforcement in Columbus in a matter of weeks.

Goodson, 23, was killed Dec. 3 by a Franklin County sheriff's deputy, Jason Meade, as he walked into his grandmother's house in Columbus. The case remains under state and federal criminal investigation.

Three weeks later, Hill was fatally shot Dec. 23 by city Police Officer Adam Coy, who was



■ A demonstrator holds up a sign as Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther speaks during a press conference following a fatal police shooting on Dec. 22 at City Hall in Columbus. A police officer who shot and killed a Black man holding a cellphone in Ohio's capital city early Tuesday did not activate his body camera beforehand, and dash cameras on the officers' cruiser also were not activated, city officials said.

responding to a non-emergency call about someone turning their car on and off in a northwest Columbus neighborhood. Coy has since been fired.

When Coy arrived, he did not turn his camera on until after he had shot Hill several times, officials said. It was only a lookback feature of the camera that allowed the public to view a 60-second glimpse of the shooting – but without audio.

Additional bodycam footage released in ensuing days showed that no responding officers rendered aid to Hill as he lay on a garage floor, moaning.

As a result, Ginther said, the city will spend

millions to update the body-worn cameras of Columbus city police first bought in 2016 to ensure the city has the footage when it needs it the most. The new cameras, set to be released this year, will record without needing officers to activate them.

The cameras will also produce better resolution and clarity through wireless technology that will sync with the new dashboard cameras, which are being installed right now, Ginther said.

The improved bodycams will automatically activate when an officer exits a cruiser on a priority call, as well as be available if a use-of-force case occurs during a nonemergency call, like

the one that led to Hill's death.

The bodycam changes will not be instituted in the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, which does not currently require bodycams for its officers. But the department will be covered by the City Council's plans for a law that would ensure officers use body cameras accurately and help victims after they use force on them.

Officers who violate the law could be subject to disciplinary action and even criminal charges, said Shannon Hardin, City Council president.

"This law will not solve all police violence, but it's one more step in the right direction to ensure we know what is happening on the scene based on bodycam footage and ensure that if residents are hurt, police officers are there to render aid and for those who don't comply, that there can be greater accountability," Hardin said.

The legislation, named Andre's Law, is to be introduced during a council meeting Monday.

Farnoush Amiri is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a non-profit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on under-covered issues.

Child advocates: Ohio state foster plan illegal, inadequate

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS Ohio's plan for addressing disparities in payments made to adults caring for related children but who aren't licensed foster parents is illegal and inadequate, according to a new filing in a federal lawsuit.

At issue are relatives who aren't licensed caregivers but are approved to care for children taken from their parents. The arrangement is often referred to as kinship care.

Child advocates argue the state must follow a 2017 federal appeals court decision ordering equality in payments to kinship caregivers, and in November sued to force adherence to that ruling. Gov. Mike DeWine

signed a bill into law late last year providing a partial fix. The plan authorizes a \$10.20 per child per day payment for kinship caregivers for up to nine months.

Advocates say that money falls far short of what licensed foster care parents receive, citing as an example the \$1,500 to

\$6,667 monthly payments per foster child in Hamilton County.

The state has asked a federal judge to dismiss the 2020 lawsuit, arguing the new plan fixes the problem. Lawyers representing children in kinship care disagree, saying the plan doesn't come close to bridging

the financial gap.

"On its face, the new program continues to harmfully and unlawfully treat approved relative foster homes differently, because they involve relative caregivers," attorneys argued in a Wednesday court filing.

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State lawmakers pushing to curb governors' virus powers

By David A. Lieb
The Associated Press

Irritated by the sweeping use of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions such as mask rules and business shutdowns.

The push is underway in such states as Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania, where legislators are seeking a constitutional amendment to strip the governor of many of his emergency powers.

Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Wayne Langerhose said the amendment would "make it unequivocally clear that our General Assembly is a co-equal branch ... that we are not a monarchy and that our voices matter."

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and some of his counterparts around the country have argued that they need authority to act quickly and decisively against the fast-changing threat.

The coronavirus has killed an estimated 430,000 Americans and is going through its most

lethal phase yet, despite the rollout of vaccines, with new and more contagious variants from abroad turning up in the U.S. State legislators generally took on lesser roles after the pandemic hit, with many suspending work or adjourning. It has been governors or their top health officials who have set many of the policies — imposing mask mandates, limiting public gatherings and shutting down dine-in restaurants, gyms, hair salons and other businesses.

Lawmakers in more than half the states have filed bills this year to limit gubernatorial powers during the pandemic and other emergencies, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most legislatures began their sessions this month.

Kentucky's Republican-led Legislature could consider as soon as next week whether to override Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear's vetoes of several bills that would rein in his emergency powers.

Wisconsin's GOP-controlled Senate voted earlier this week to repeal Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' emergency health order, which would end the state's mask mandate.



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■ Ainsley O'Donnell, 15, of Moscow, Pa., works out at NEPA Fit Club in Blakely, Pa., on Dec. 10, 2020. Irritated by the sweeping use of executive orders during the COVID-19 crisis, state lawmakers around the U.S. are moving to curb the authority of governors and top health officials to impose emergency restrictions.

The Republican-controlled Assembly called off a similar vote Thursday in the face of criticism from health, school and business leaders and concern that it could jeopardize more than \$49 million in federal aid.

Wisconsin Republicans have argued that Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple emergency declarations during the pandemic, which enabled him to extend the mask mandate beyond the 60 days allowed under the law without getting the Legislature's approval.

Evers contends that the changing nature of the pandemic warranted new emergency declarations. The amendment Pennsylvania Republicans are

seeking to place on the May ballot also would put a cap on the governor's disaster declarations — 21 days, unless lawmakers vote to extend them. The Legislature also could halt them at any time with a two-thirds vote.

Wolf has said that prematurely ending his disaster declaration would itself be "disastrous" for the state and that requiring repeated legislative approval "could slow down or halt emergency response when aid is most needed."

In Michigan, House Republicans have threatened to withhold billions of dollars for schools unless Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer cedes her administration's power

to prohibit in-person instruction and sports to local health departments. Whitmer called the move "cruel and reckless."

Whitmer was the target of an alleged kidnapping plot last fall by anti-government extremists upset over her coronavirus restrictions.

Though legislative resistance to executive coronavirus orders has fallen largely along partisan lines in some states, lawmakers elsewhere are pushing back against governors of their own parties.

Republicans in the Arizona Senate want to end the broad emergency powers that GOP Gov. Doug Ducey has used to limit large gatherings and business capacities.

Ohio Sen. Rob McColley introduced a bill this week that could rescind emergency health orders issued by Gov. Mike DeWine, a fellow Republican. It would create a committee to retroactively review them. DeWine vetoed a similar bill last year.

McColley said the Legislature needs to take action "when the relatively untested power of the executive branch during a time of emergency has lasted as long as it has."

In Indiana, Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb's

executive orders have also stirred opposition from his own party. GOP-sponsored legislation would require lawmakers to be called into session to extend a governor's emergency order beyond 60 days.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is supporting legislation that would give lawmakers greater opportunity to pass judgment on his emergency declarations.

Under current law, McMaster can issue a declaration for just 15 days before the General Assembly has to weigh in. The Republican governor has skirted that by issuing 22 different declarations, with incremental changes, every two weeks or so.

McMaster has said his goal wasn't to avoid legislative oversight; he said he couldn't wait for lawmakers to meet when they were trying to stay apart during the pandemic.

Democrats who control the Maryland General Assembly are pressing for more transparency from Republican Gov. Larry Hogan's administration. One idea would require him to go through a state board or alert a legislative panel before making emergency coronavirus purchases.

IN BRIEF

NASA marks 35 years since Challenger launch disaster

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. NASA leaders, retired launch directors, families of fallen astronauts and space fans marked the 35th anniversary of the Challenger disaster on Thursday, vowing never to forget the seven who died during liftoff.

The pandemic kept this year's remembrance more muted than usual.

Barely 100 people — all masked and seated or standing far apart — gathered in front of Kennedy Space Center's Space Mirror Memorial. The late morning ceremony was held almost exactly the same time as the accident shortly after liftoff on Jan. 28, 1986.

Among the attendees:

Donna Smith, visiting from Florida's Gulf Coast to "make sure they're never forgotten." She was a high school student when the crew was lost; the sky was so clear that night morning that she could see the doomed launch all the way across the state.

The widow of Challenger commander Dick Scobee quietly observed the anniversary from her home in Chattanooga, Tenn. In a recent interview, June Scobee Rodgers said the presence of teacher Christa McAuliffe on the flight added to the crew's lasting legacy.

Scobee Rodgers, herself a longtime educator, said her husband was assigned the teacher-in-space flight because of her own career. NASA figured "he would have compassion for a teacher," she told The Associated Press.

A social studies teacher in Concord, N.H., McAuliffe was going to perform experiments and offer lessons from space.

Cicely Tyson, groundbreaking award-winning actor, dies at 96

NEW YORK Cicely Tyson, the pioneering Black actor who gained an Oscar nomination for her role as the sharecropper's wife in "Sounder," a Tony Award in 2013 at age 88 and



TV viewers' hearts in "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," died

Thursday at age 96.

Tyson's death was announced by her family, via her manager Larry Thompson, who did not immediately provide additional details.

"With heavy heart, the family of Miss Cicely Tyson announces her peaceful transition this afternoon. At this time, please allow the family their privacy," according to a statement issued through Thompson. A onetime model, Tyson began her screen career with

bit parts but gained fame in the early 1970s when Black women were finally starting to get starring roles. Besides her Oscar nomination, she won two Emmys for playing the 110-year-old former slave in the 1974 television drama "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman."

Tyson's memoir, "Just As I Am," was published this week.

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television drama "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman." A new generation of moviegoers saw her in the 2011 hit "The Help." In 2018, she was given an honorary Oscar statuette at the annual Governors Awards. "This is a culmination of all those years of haves and have nots," Tyson said.

She was one of the recipients for the 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

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Two dead in fatal crash on State Route 145

Two Monroe County men are dead and another was seriously injured in a single-vehicle crash Wednesday, Jan. 13 near Beallsville.

According to a press release from the Ohio State Highway Patrol at approximately 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Dustin Shriver, 25, of Beallsville was traveling south on State Route 145 near Milepost 2 in Belmont County, just north of Beallsville, in a 2009 Ford Escape.

Shriver traveled off the

right side of the roadway and struck two trees. Shriver sustained serious injuries and was transported by Med Flight to Morgantown, West Virginia.

Two passengers, Joshua Stewart, 23, of Clarington, and Cody Mundy,

25, of Beallsville, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Alcohol may be a factor in the crash. The Beallsville Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

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COUNTY COURT

Melissa A. Tanley, Marietta, driving under suspension, no contest, 1 year supervised probation, credit for time served, \$235; fictitious plates, no contest, \$50.

Suzan Dennis, Lewisville, failure to control, guilty, \$125.

Lee A. Blair, Clarington, failure to control, guilty, \$125.

COMMON PLEAS

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Matthew M. Huntsman, Defendant, Case No. 2020-251

On Jan. 11, 2021, Matthew Huntsman, 39, of Beallsville, appeared to withdraw a former plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty to one count of aggravated possession of drugs (bulk amount), a third-degree felony. With his plea, the State will recommend Huntsman be sentenced to serve two years in prison. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office will release a Yamaha Big

Bear ATV seized at Huntsman's residence on March 11, 2020, during the execution of a search warrant. All other property seized during the execution of the warrant will be forfeited.

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Edward W. Stewart II, Defendant, Case No. 2020-325

On Jan. 11, 2021, Edward Stewart II, 55, of Sandis, appeared to withdraw a former not guilty plea, and enter a plea of guilty to one count of aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony. With this plea the State will recommend that Stewart be placed on community control sanctions for a period of three years. In addition, Stewart was ordered to serve 90 days local incarceration. The Court accepted the plea and ordered the preparation of a pre-sentence investigation report. A sentencing hearing is to be scheduled upon completion of the report. Stewart was remanded.

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Kitt A. Crooks, Defendant, Case No. 2020-010

On Jan. 11, 2021, Kitt Crooks, 37, of Bridgeport, appeared to enter a plea of guilty for one count of vandalism, a fifth-degree felony and one count of assault, a fourth-degree felony. With his plea the State will recommend Crooks be placed on community control sanctions for a period of three years. Crooks shall complete a drug/alcohol program at Eastern Ohio Correction Center.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Adams Township
Regina A. Hill to Jessica A. Skelton, Steven E. Kemp, Sherry L. Kemp, 4.407 acres, warranty deed.

Benton Township
Ronald M. Krisher, AKA Ronald Krisher, Karen A. Krisher to Krisher Investments LLC, 105 acres, warranty deed.

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Jackson Township
Tamara R. Ellis, Franklin M. Ellis to Chelsea M. Bone, 1.315 acres, warranty deed.

Perry Township
Mineral Inheritance Protection LLC to Clarence Russell Rigali, Kenneth Allan Rigali, Ashton Lynn Ann Woskolojnik, 144.08 acres, mineral rights, royalties and leases, quit claim deed.

Village of Beallsville
Dustin Dyer, Louise Dyer to Abby D. Gibbons, Lot 7 Stoehr's Addition, warranty deed.

CIVIL CASES
Kristen R. Shepherd vs. American Energy Corporation, worker's compensation.

MEETING DATES

Sunsbury Township
will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the township building.

in on the call, please feel free to call the park office for the instructions to do so at 740-472-1328.

Park Board of Monroe County will meet at 4 p.m. via telephone conference call Tuesday, Feb. 2. If you would like to join

Wayne Township
Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the community building. A Records Commission meeting will follow.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

The Monroe County Senior Center is providing delivered meals to area seniors by home delivery. The following is the senior menu for the week of Jan. 25-29:

Monday: Egg salad sandwich, vegetable soup, potato salad, pears
Tuesday: Smoked sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, apricots, cake
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, fruit cocktail, cookie

NOTICE

County Road 11
(BARNES RUN ROAD)

will have **DAYTIME CLOSURE** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for slip repair, approximately 0.75 mile from SR 7 intersection, for core borings, on January 22, weather depending.

Thank You for Your Patience

NOTICE

County Road 53
(SKIN CREEK ROAD)

will have **FULL CLOSURE**, between CR 18 and TR 17, for slip repair, starting January 25, for approximately 3 weeks, weather depending.

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SCHOOL MENU for Breakfast & Lunch

The following are the school menus for the week of Jan. 25-29. All meals are served with a choice of milk. Breakfast is served with fruit or juice.

Breakfast
Monday: Cinnamon Pop Tart, graham cracker, apple
Tuesday: Mozzarella cheese stick, apple bar, banana
Wednesday: Wildberry bread, orange wedges

Lunch
Thursday: Mozzarella cheese stick, banana ch. chunk benefit bar, apple slices
Friday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch bar, peaches

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, broccoli, peaches
Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun, 9-12: Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich, baby carrots, orange, chef salad
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, mixed green salad, banana, K-8: Chicken sticks, 9-12: Philly steak sandwich, applesauce, taco salad

Wednesday: Hamburg-er on a bun, baked beans, parslies cauliflower, apple, K-8: Chicken drumstick, 9-12: Chicken filet sandwich, fruit cocktail, chef salad
Thursday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla, cheese pizza, salsa, corn, oranges, 9-12: Pineapples tidbits, taco salad

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Peak shaving saves Woodsfield thousands

Woodsfield can look forward to saving more than \$300,000 in energy transmission costs in 2021, Village Administrator Kevin Brooks said Monday, Jan. 18 at the regular council meeting.

With changes in how the electrical department uses its diesel generators to peak shave, those savings could increase in the following years.

Brooks reported the cost savings from his end-of-the-year power supply recap with American Municipal Power (AMP).

AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier from which the village buys its electricity.

The village's electrical plant has three diesel generators permitted for peak shaving for up to 600 hours each year. Peak shaving reduces the village's energy demand from external suppliers, saving money on higher-cost electricity.

In 2020, using the generators one at a time, the

village reduced peak energy usage during high demand periods such as very hot or cold weather. Those reductions in peak energy usage will translate into savings in transmission costs in 2021.

Moreover, if the village uses all three diesel generators together, Brooks said, the peak energy demand would be reduced, or shaved, even more. That should result in even more savings in the following years.

The village has three other diesel generators, but those are permitted for emergency use only.

Brooks also recommended that the village complete a new buy order with AMP. It would lock in a not-to-exceed price of \$29.25 per megawatt-hour for baseload electricity. Baseload is the amount of power needed on a regular, everyday basis.

"We signed a not-to-exceed price of \$26.85 per megawatt-hour with AMP about four or five



Woodsfield Village Administrator Kevin Brooks, front, and council members Carol Hehr and Ray Hughes look over information during council's regular meeting Monday, Jan. 18.

months ago," Brooks explained. "But options are trading six to seven cents above that, and we have not been able to secure that deal."

The new price was based on what the village

is currently paying and will pay for baseload electricity through 2022. With the new buy order, Brooks hoped to secure the village's power needs and stabilize rates through 2027.

Baker Fund joins Monroe Co. Community Foundation

The John and Lois Baker Education and Economic Development Fund was originally established in 2007 to support Monroe County. Recently, the Fund advanced its work to meet needs and create opportunities for the community by awarding a grant to support the Monroe Theater and by joining forces with the Monroe County Community Foundation.

As part of the recent dollar-for-dollar match program through the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), a substantial grant from the John and Lois Baker Education and Economic Development Fund was doubled to create a Baker Fund with the Monroe County Community Foundation. FAO contributed \$199,850 to grow the fund.

The Fund's recent \$4,000 grant to the Monroe Arts Council will help purchase a new furnace

for the Monroe Theater. The furnace will support the theater in continuing to serve as a hub of arts and culture for the Monroe County community. This grant support is all the more important due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Arts and culture organizations have faced particular challenges this year limiting the in-person programming and fundraising events on which arts organizations rely.

This grant award was the Fund's first since it joined the Monroe County Community Foundation.

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Foundation to support opportunities throughout the community.

"The Monroe County Community Foundation is pleased to have the support of the Baker Fund to create opportunities for Monroe County, and we look forward to many years of partnership," said Rusty Atkinson, chairman of the Baker Fund committee. "It was a great honor to assist with the project to double the grant from the Baker Fund to the local Monroe County Foundation with FAO's support."

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The Monroe County Community Foundation was established in 2009 to ensure permanent support for the citizens and communities of Monroe County. A local community fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, MCCF works to inspire philanthropy.

To learn more about the Monroe County Community Foundation and its Family of Funds, visit www.AppalachianOhio.org.

To support the Baker Education and Economic Development Fund with a gift, visit www.AppalachianOhio.org or call 740-753-1111.

COUNTY COURT

May 24.

Angela D. Bowen, Clarington, domestic violence, no contest, 2 years supervised probation, no contest, \$125.

Christopher J. Shrewsbury, Beallsville, driving under suspension, no contest, 180 days in jail. Nathaniel G. Schaber, Lewisville, prohibit animal, no contest, 2 years supervised probation, anger management, 80 hours community service, weapon forfeited, pay to Monroe County Prosecutor \$ 1,050, no social media discussion of this matter, \$135.

Gavin R. Morton, Woodsfield, open container, no contest, \$40; failure to control, no contest, \$125.

Emma Frontz, Woodsfield, driving without license, no contest, \$125.

Richard D. Haslam, Clarington, failure to yield right of way, guilty, \$125.

Larry W. Johnson, Lewisville, hunting without a tag, guilty, \$135.

COMMON PLEAS

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Shaun M. Haslam, Case No. 2020-124

On Jan. 19, Shaun M. Haslam, 37, of Clarington, appeared for an arraignment and entered a plea of guilty to one count of aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth degree felony and one count of possession of fentanyl-related compound, a fifth degree felony. Haslam posted his own bond and was released on his own recognizance. A jury trial date was scheduled for

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Matthew M. Huntsman, Defendant, Case No. 2020-251

On Jan. 11, Matthew Huntsman, 39, of Beallsville, appeared via video to withdraw a former plea and enter a plea of guilty on one count of aggravated possession of drugs, a third degree felony. A pre-sentence investigation was waived and the Court proceeded immediately to sentencing. Huntsman was ordered to serve two years in prison, with credit for 87 days served. It was ordered that the Monroe County Sheriff's Office shall release to Pat Bowers the Yamaha Big Bear ATV seized at Huntsman's residence on March 11, during the execution of a search warrant. He was remanded to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for transport to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

State of Ohio, Plaintiff, vs. Aaron R. Stalder, Defendant, Case No. 2020-324

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SENIOR LUNCH MENU

The Monroe County Senior Center is providing delivered meals to area seniors by home delivery.

The following is the senior menu for the week of Feb. 1-5:

Monday: Soup beans

with ham, coleslaw, carrot raisin salad, fruit salad, corn muffin

Wednesday: Chicken patty, au gratin potatoes, capri blend, pineapple

Friday: Ravioli, tossed salad, peas, baked apples

Monroe County Library STORYTIME

Story time began at the library on January 19. Due to the pandemic, things will work a little different this year. The staff at the library will be putting packets of materials together containing stories, crafts, and lots of other fun things. A new packet will be available every other week and must be picked up at the library. Participating children must be 2-5 years old. Prizes will be awarded each month when children return their coloring page from the previous month.

Packets will teach a different color each time and may contain special activities. The packets will be available as follows: **January 19, February 1, February 16, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26, May 10, and May 24.**

Please contact the library to sign up your child at: **740-472-1954** or message us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/patty.turner.94064176>.

We Hope to See You Soon



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FAMILY

Community Calendar

The Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) will conduct its organizational and regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be conducted virtually. For more information, please call Amy Kissinger at 740-962-4200.

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Development Advisory Committee will meet via virtual format at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29.

The Morgan County Suicide Prevention Coalition will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please call Lisa King at 740-962-6933 to receive the meeting link.

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Executive Committee will hold its regular meeting by remote videoconference at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5.

Buckeye Hills Regional Council serves as the Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging, and Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting via Facebook Live. Visit the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Facebook page to watch the livestream: www.facebook.com/BuckeyeHills.

The meeting agenda will be posted to buckeyehills.org. Public comment may be submitted until February 3 by emailing info@buckeyehills.org.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Jenny Simmons at jsimmons@buckeyehills.org.

Birthday Calendar

Mary Wanda Little, 8962 N. Shore Dr. NE, Mineral City, OH 44656, 96, January 27.

Donna Fischer, 3555 Leisure Road, McConneville, OH 43766, 84, January 28. Wayne Lauer, 28 Ballard Drive, Beverly, OH 45715, 87, January 28.

Shirley A. Rush, 9177 Rush Lane, Chesterhill, OH 43728, 81, February 4.

Juanita B. Adkins, 2771 South River Road, Stockport, OH 43787, 98, February 5.

Christine Gross, 5588 Johnson Ridge Road, Waterford, OH 45786-7009, 83, February 9.

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Patterson named to Dean's List

Cara Patterson, of McConneville, was named to the Dean's List at Capital University for the fall 2020 semester.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Located in the Columbus, Ohio, neighborhood of Beesley, Capital University is a private, four-year undergraduate institution and graduate school. Capital prepares students for meaningful lives and

purposeful careers through a relevant liberal arts core curriculum and deep professional programs. Influenced by its Lutheran heritage, Capital places great emphasis on the free and open exchange of ideas, seeking out diverse perspectives, active participation in society, leadership and service. With a focus on rigor and experiential learning, the University capitalizes on its size, location, and heritage to develop the whole person, both inside and outside the classroom.

Pennsville Locals

By DAVID MARTIN

740-557-3757 or davidmartin129@embarqmail.com

Greetings from High on a Hill. Sympathy and empathy to the friends and families of Pennsville daughter Beverly Bartlett Sealock, Barbara Roberts of Stockport, and Pennsville son Frankie Roberts. Beverly took over writing this column many years ago when Wanda Abel Mizer and husband Bob took their retirement to the east coast.

Barbara's late husband Doug and my Dad Rex lived and worked together during several power house rebuilds in the three years prior to Rex's retirement.

I have been a friend to Frankie Roberts as long as I can remember, and I am shocked by all three of these fine folks passing.

Wife Becky got home from the Arbors in Marietta on the 7th and has been getting stronger and more sassy as the in-home therapy progresses. She gets four 45 minute sessions a week with the professionals, and the rest of the therapy is either forced or at least encouraged by yours truly.

Just being home is half of the therapy. She wants to thank everyone that kept her on prayer lists for the last two years and have sent her cards and letters of encouragement.

Larry and I attended the Morgan girls basketball games on Saturday. We didn't

Some folks have questioned why the gates to the Embree Park are locked. The gates had been left open to allow a neighbor access to the back side of his property and to allow a dear lady access to the road for her daily exercise walk. The person that drove in through exit gate and into the yard when the ground was soft from rain and a bit of snow and in turn left ruts where no vehicle should ever be driven or parked is the reason the gates are locked until May. If the gates are locked, this type of moron is in turn prevented from vandalizing the park. If you need the park for a get-together when the weather improves, my numbers are at the top of this column.

Belated birthday wishes to the Scott twins, Jan and Dan. I'm sure the grandkids gave both of them a proper party.

Famous birthday: January 27, 1832, Lewis Carroll (Charles Lutwidge Dodgson), author of *Alice in Wonderland*, born in Daresbury, England.

Historic passings: January 27, 1967, a fire in the Apollo 1 command module claims astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger B. Chaffee during a training exercise. Lesson learned: 100 percent oxygen in a spacecraft is a very poor choice.

Please call or email me your items of interest. See you in the paper.

Meigsville Locals

By MARY ELLEN CHIPPES

740-962-5934

Sympathy is extended to the families of Jack Horner, Roger Schaad, Tracey Van Horn, and Walter Van Horn. It is so unusual that there are so many deaths that we can hardly keep up with them.

As we enter a new year with a new president and many other "new" things, we must take time to pray. If you are not a praying person, try it; it can't make things worse. It helps to get things out of your head to God who will listen no matter what you are talking about. He is the best listener around.

Larry and I attended the Morgan girls basketball games on Saturday. We didn't

stay until the end, but the result was not pretty. I am so proud of all the girls who have practiced this season, have been available to play games when called upon, etc. Most of them still have a good outlook, but it is as hard for students as it is for older folks. How can they understand that they cannot go to school, but it is OK to play sports? There seem to be a lot of unanswered questions in today's world.

Heartfelt sympathy to Dewey Van Horn who lost his brother, Walter, in the last week.

As a reminder, you can pull into McKendree UMC's parking lot at 11 a.m. on Sunday and listen to the sermon on FM radio 105.1. We welcome you.

Fort Frye High School announces first nine weeks honor rolls for 2020-2021

Merit Roll:

SEVENTH GRADE: Garrett Ayers, Tyce Beardsley, Jaden Cox, Sienna Griffin, Casey Heslop, Madalynn Hinton, Luke Johns, Logan Lipscomb, Silas Makris, Dayne Miller, Macy Moore, Peyton Hefberger, McKenzie Schaad, Kate Schultze, Cheyenne Smith, Kieran Tice, Lawrence West, EIGHTH GRADE: Cyson Binegar, Regan Bradford, Alexis Broomfield, Ryelyn McKinney, Aryln Morrow, Makenzie Rhodes, Alyssa Shook, Dakota Snodgrass, Christopher Stegner, Layton Stewart, Makayla Stoffel, Jacqueline Tornes, Ethan Wells, Summer Wells; NINTH GRADE: Dash Barnes, Sydney Barnes, Brayden Becker, Tyvin Brooks, Connor Campbell, Raven Clark, Alyssa Duskey, Destiny Everson, Natalie Greathouse, Gabriel Jett, Kasey Lang, Zoe McKown, Braden Morgenstern, Katlynn Ross, James Shuster, Morgan Smith, Alaina Snodgrass, Sofia Villarrueta, Brenna Weidner, Jenna White, Cortlyn Wittekind, Madison Wright, Collyn Zimmer; TENTH GRADE: Kaleb Bailey, Lydia Barber, Hadden Burton, Brayden Booth, Heidi Bricker, Braxton Brown, Shianne Carpenter, Stone Dixon, Bishop Dowler, Sydnee Duskey, Trevor Fields, Baileigh Hoskinson, Lane Johns, Elijah Johnson, Jocelyn Kesselring, Jackson Lowe, Anah Mahoney, Kylie Matheny, Levi McConnell, Caleb McCurdy, Kelson McCurdy, Riley Medley, Shawn Miller, Bryce Moncrief, Meadow Rauch, Avery Schallier, Kara Shaffer, Amaya Slagle, Joseph Stevens, Ethan Thompson, Emma Tornes; ELEVENTH GRADE: Mackenzie Dalton, Joseph Duskey, Ian Ellis, Carys Erb, Madalyn Kemp, Alayna Kern, Garrett Lipot, Hunter Rauch, Julia Zalmanek, Ethyn Zimmer; TWELFTH GRADE: Brian Adkins, Emma Bradley, Justin Carpenter, Ivy Dowler, Jayden Greenleaf, Dylan Hart, Nicholas Hart, Michael Lenhart, Connor Logan, Bryce Schilling, Connor Shook, Derek West.

Distinguished List:

SEVENTH GRADE: Parker Burris, Selise Curry, Riley Fleeman, Christian Friese, Brody Garvin, Mary Gilerist, Jackson Harlow, Julia Harper, Coen Holman, Jack Rauch, Caleb Schaad, Weston Schaad, Bradley Snodgrass, Carter Strahler, Cody Stumbo, Christy Willis; EIGHTH GRADE: Chubee Barton, Kealey Beeher, Alexis Bishman, Kyndal Buchanan, Kaitlyn Caseday, Katelyn Coleman, Coen Fouss, Holtyn Hall, Carmen Henniger, Ayden Holman, Ally Holt, Madysen Long, Aryln Morrow, Mackenzie Rhodes, Layton Stewart, Koren Taylor-Myers, Austin Wittenbrook, Jaxson Yoho; NINTH GRADE: Malyn

Beardsley, Brooklyn Camp, Tony Carpenter, Sawyer Curry, Emmitt Duskey, Olivia Lang, Caylee Porter, Bryndan Riddle, Ross Schultheis, John Scoggan, Elijah Slaughter, Alaina Snodgrass, Keegan Strode, Isaiah Tullius, Matthew Wayne, Collyn Zimmer, Ethan Zwick; TENTH GRADE: Brayden Booth, Carter Brooker, Samuel Casto, Emma Duskey, Ethan Duskey, Nava McKown, Hannah Pomroy, Gwyneth Rauch, Mattie Schneider, Santiago Vallejo, Maggie White; ELEVENTH GRADE: Samuel Garvin, Cayden Snodgrass, Colin Welsh; TWELFTH GRADE: Jaymison Baker, Megan Becker, Maxwell Brister, Ambrosia Chidester, Nicholas Hart, Morgan Lawrence, Alexia Thomas.

Principal's List:

SEVENTH GRADE: Carter Brown, Cain Campbell, Faith Duskey, Wyatt Duskey, Karissa Hale, Lucas Kirkpatrick, Alexander Lowe, Lacy Ludwig, Caden McCurdy, Reiley Miller, Paige Morgenstern, Annalise Shalosky, Faith Treadway, Natalie Wakefield, Blake Wheeler, Emily Wright; EIGHTH GRADE: Rebecca Boyd, Jayden Brown, Ivy Campbell, Emmie Duskey, Marguerite Fulton, Camryn Huck, Maddox Huck, Gianna Kasun, Elaine Lang, Denay Layton, Alexandra Long, Treven Nicholson, Deakin Offenberger, Natalie Rauch, Emma Richards, Braxton Ross, Meredith Schaad, Hayley Shaffer, Julia Silvus, Laine Spindler, Owen Wagner; NINTH GRADE: Graham Baker, Dominic Brooker, Russell Brooker, Jaslynn Casto, Parker Crum, Kaden Dowler, Brandon Dye, Wyatt Fulton, Alexander Henke, Sophie Huck, Zachary Huffman, Mackenna Long, Aubrey McIntire, Kianna O'Brien, Heather Shilling, Emma Snyder, Phinnigan Spindler; TENTH GRADE: Chyanna Berrill, Owen Brown, Danielle Campbell, Zaiden Huck, Keira Knox, Dawson Layton, Kaitlyn Lipscomb, Austin Powell, Tanner Rauch, Kaitlyn Schaad, Angeline Sierra, Megan Stone; ELEVENTH GRADE: Hannah Archer, Megan Bohl, Casey Brooker, Taylor Haines, Katelynn Horner, Ella Keffer, Anna McIntire, Carlee Nelson, Gage O'Brien, Hannah Offenberger, Kibbee Ross, Isabella Schilling, Lilliana Schilling, Catherine Sleek, Jillian White, Eden Woodford; TWELFTH GRADE: Chloe Bidwell, Suzanna Brightbill, Cade Campbell, Colleen Campbell, Sophia Curry, Hope Douglas, Kelton Fogle, Alexandra Huck, Lucas Huffman, Lydia Klinger, Rhiannon Loane, Braden Medley, Seth Miller, Karlee Ross, Olivia Schneider, and Skylar Skinner.

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Health Department News

This week, we would like to answer more commonly-asked questions concerning the COVID-19 vaccine:

Q. Do I have to get the vaccine?

A. No, it is your choice to get the COVID-19 vaccine or not. Everyone plays an important role in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by getting a vaccine. Vaccines boost your immune system, so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Talk to your doctor about the benefits of getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Q. Do I need to get the vaccine if I already had COVID-19?

A. If you tested positive for COVID-19, that means you got the virus. We do not know enough about how long the protection lasts for those who have recovered from COVID-19. Talk with your doctor about getting the vaccine.

Q. When will I be able to receive the vaccine?

A. While we know that many people in our community are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we must be patient while demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply. As vaccine supply increases, we will be able to vaccinate more of those in Phase 1B, and eventually all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated will be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines.

Q. What steps can I take to protect myself and my community while I wait for my turn to receive the vaccine?

A. Using all the tools available to help prevent the spread of the virus continues to be critical until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear masks and social distance will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Proper prevention measures – like wearing a mask, washing your hands and practicing social distancing – coupled with the vaccine, will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

Q. Where in Morgan County can I currently receive a vaccine, if I qualify?

A. Current Morgan County providers are as follows:

MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – 4275 N. St. Rt. 376, McConnelsville, OH 43756. Qualifying Phase 1B recipients are asked to call the health department at 740-962-4572 to be placed on our COVID-19 vaccine list.

SHRIVER'S PHARMACY – Registration, scheduling and clinic locations are available online at www.shriverpharmacy.com.

MUSKINGUM VALLEY HEALTH CENTER – 859 N. Main Street, Malta, OH 43758. Schedule your vaccine by contacting the MVHC call center team at 888-454-5157. Visit www.myvalleyhealthcenter.org for up-to-date information.

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WSSC hires new Dean of Transfer and Public Services

Dr. Jona Hall joins the leadership team of Washington State Community College as its new Dean of Transfer and Public Services.

Dr. Hall has invested her career in education, working for more than 20 years in the public school sector where she served in many capacities from teacher, principal, and ultimately the Director of Curriculum and Technology for Marietta City Schools. In that role she led teachers, interacted with the community, and improved teaching and learning through curriculum development. She credits this experience as providing her a seamless transition to higher education. "I have enjoyed the past six years of my career working with adults, specifically professional development and working with teachers," said Dr. Hall. "That has led me into wanting to continue working with adults and adult students."

In her new role as Dean of Transfer and Public Services, Hall said, "I hope to be able to support students to be able to live out a dream for themselves and better themselves professionally. If I can help someone recognize their potential, it benefits not only that person but their entire family."



DR. JONA HALL

Vicky Wood.

Hall earned her Doctorate in Comparative and International Studies in Educational Leadership from Ohio University. She received her Master in Education from Marygrove College as well as her bachelor's degree from Ohio University. Additionally, she earned her Administrative Licensure in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton.

Morrison named to Dean's Honor List for Fall 2020

Malachi Morrison, of McConnelsville, has recently been named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Cedarville University. He is the son of Mike and Donna Morrison.

This recognition required Morrison to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate,

and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

Deerfield Locals

By JOYCE CLEMENS
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Since I wrote the news last week, I found out more people besides my granddaughter, Vada, were born on Groundhog Day. Happy birthday again to Vada, and to Debbie Hivnor and the late Merrill Gladden. Thanks to Mary Work for the phone call about her daughter's birthday.

Triadelphia United Methodist Church old people split wood on the coldest day of last week, with one young helper. Thank you Andrew. No one froze, but we had to

work hard to not get too cold.

Last Thursday when there was no school, I kept my three great-grandkids and we played Carrom, a board game with wooden rings to flip with your finger. We had lots of fun, even without their cell phones.

All this snow we've been getting makes the state, county and township workers really busy. They have done a good job keeping our road open.

Call me with your stories and happenings.

Beverly-Waterford Locals

By KAY WORSTELL
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Bible Study will be at Waterford United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Recycle trailer will be at Lowell Fire Department on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4 and 5.

Fort Frye will be on a two-hour delay on Monday, Feb. 8.

Lifeguard job classes will be in February. You must be 15 years old. For more information, call Stephanie at 740-336-8110.

Beverly Lions Club and Muskingum Valley Leo Club is collecting plastic grocery bags, bread wrappers, wrappers from cases of water, newspapers, and mail envelopes from ordering online. No plastic bottles. These can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, at the Beverly United Methodist Church (office door) or at 511 Fairview Ave. in Beverly.

Fort Frye Sports

Boys basketball will play at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Meadowbrook (9th grade only).

Girls basketball will play at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at home with Marietta.

Wrestling will have a match on Thursday, Feb. 4, at home with Caldwell and Shenandoah; and on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Caldwell for the high school team and Athens for the junior high team.

Junior high girls basketball will play at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Pleasant County.

Waterford Sports

Girls basketball will play at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at Belpre; and at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Newark.

Boys basketball will play at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Eastern; and at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at home with Federal Hooking.

Happy Birthday to our niece, Taylor Haines.

Call or email with your news.

FRANCE surrendered Canada to Great Britain by the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763. THADDEUS Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, was born February 12, 1746. ABRAHAM Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, was born near present-day Hodgenville, KY, February 12, 1809.

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The long arm of the law

It happened in 1990 in Iowa. Fifteen-year-old Amy Rush was running away from home and hitched a ride. The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) says the driver who picked her up was stopped for speeding and the officer gave the runaway teen a \$35 ticket of her own for not wearing her seat belt. Ms. Rush ignored the ticket to

these many years, but the law has a long reach and caught up with her, demanding she pay up. But she is offering resistance, declaring that she has no intention of paying the fine. She says the officer should have been more concerned with the fact that she was only 15 years old and running away from home.

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MG swimmers travel to Kenton

The Mount Gilead swimmers competed in a tri-meet with Kenton and Benjamin Logan on Thursday, Jan. 21, at Kenton. This was the first "away" meet they had the opportunity to be in!

According to coach Dina Snow, "The swimmers did an amazing job, especially at this point in our training and after an hour bus ride! I think the athletes were excited to be able to face some new teams and a few swimmers tackled some new events."

The boys came in first and the girls were second.

First place finishes: Michael Snopik, 50 free; Emily Hanft, 100 free and the 200 IM. She earned a place in the MG top five with her IM time. Mason Kidwell, 100 fly. This was a PR and earned him a place in the MG top five; Joel Conrad, 100 back and 100 free. Joel reset his own school record in the 100 free. Adriana

Tinch, 100 back. She earned a PR and a place in the MG top five. The boys 200 free relay (Joel Conrad, Mason Kidwell, Tyler Knight and Michael Snopik) also earned first place.

Second place finishes: Taylor Robinson, 100 freestyle; Eric Mowery, 200 free and 500 free, with PRs in both events; Luke Fraizer, 200 IM; Tyler Knight, 50 free; Michael Snopik, 100 free with a PR; Kamry Grandstaff, 50 free and 100 breast; Adriana Tinch, 100 fly; the girls 200 medley relay (Emily Hanft, Kamry Grandstaff, Adriana Tinch and Michaela McGill), the boys medley relay (Eric Mowery, Michael Snopik, Joel Conrad and Tyler Knight) and the boys 400 free relay of Eric Mowery, Mason Kidwell, Cole Hershner and Seamus Walsh.

Several other swimmers earned personal bests at the meet, includ-

ing Seamus Walsh, 50 free; Ella Fraizer, 50 free; Cole Hershner, 100 free and 100 breast; and Taylor Robinson, 100 back.

The swimmers will compete in a home meet on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Marion Y, where they will also recognize their seniors. They will wrap up the season with the sectional tournament at Columbus Academy on Feb. 13 and the district tournament held at Bowling Green University on Feb. 18.

"We are thankful that we had any kind of season at all," said Snow. "Our tournaments will be different due to the loss of OSU as a venue for districts. While fewer swimmers will be able to advance, at least we will have a chance to finish up our season, and we plan to finish strong."

Information received from Dina Snow.

Indian bowlers have busy week

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The Mount Gilead boys' bowling team was defeated by Elgin on Monday by a 2042-1691 count.

MG was led by Dylan Farrell, who had a 186-205-391 series. He had both the top game and series on the night. Austin Layer added a 355 series over his two games.

Both Indian bowling teams competed against Centerburg Tuesday, with the girls winning and the boys being edged.

The Lady Indians claimed a 1421-1340 win over the Trojans. Ashleigh Levings led all

bowlers with a 285 series. Mikayla Meyer added a 277 series.

In the boys' match, Centerburg claimed a 1902-1868 decision. Farrell had the match's best series, rolling 413 over two games. Graham Sherbourne had the best game of the match with a 231 effort. He had a 389 series.

The Mount Gilead boys' bowling team beat East Knox 1717-1462 on Wednesday.

The team was led by Sherbourne, who shot 304 for his two games. Farrell (299), Wyatt Irwin (284) and William West (281) also all rolled both games.

The Mount Gilead bowling teams split with

Centerburg on Friday, with the girls' team earning a 1469-1413 win. MG was paced by Meyer rolling 283 over her two games.

The boys' were topped by a 2084-1900 margin. Sherbourne rolled a 382 series, while Farrell added 373 pins over his two games.

Highland Scots

Highland split a bowling match with visiting Mount Vernon on Wednesday.

The girls' team won by a 1798-1790 score. Paige Hicks had the overall high game of 189 and best series of 371. Other top Scot scores were from Camryn Taylor (178) and Ellyssa Reigles (177).

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After losing a lopsided game on Saturday to River Valley, Strasser was happy with the way his team responded a mere three nights later.

"Obviously, that was a rough night last Saturday," he said. "We all had to own it, starting with me at the top. We watched the film and told the guys we're flushing it away. I told the

guys that was a huge test of character. Some teams could have folded their tail up. This was a huge character win for us."

Bland scored 22 points and recorded six of his team's nine three-pointers. Huffer added 19 points and Chafin scored 10. For Northmor, Bentley hit three three-pointers in tallying 16 points. Cass, Lower and Kooper Keen all finished with nine points.

Tackett said that he thinks his team has a lot of ability, but just needs

to show it more consistently.

"The kids played hard, but we have to control the tempo for 32 minutes," he said. "We did that for a quarter and a half. Our guys are emotional players and I don't mind that emotion, but we have to control what we can control. When we play our game, I think we can compete with anyone. We just have to play our game for four quarters."

by eight and they could only trim one point off that deficit in the fourth quarter.

Isabela Schroeter's 12 points led MG, while Madilyn Elson finished with 10.

Northmor Golden Knights

Danville was able to outlast visiting Northmor on Wednesday night in a KMAC girls' basketball game by a 69-60 score.

The teams played evenly in the first quarter, with the Blue Devils holding a 16-15 lead. They extended their lead to a 36-30 score by the half, but Northmor was able to get back within a 46-43 margin going into the fourth.

Brooke Dennison connected four times from long range in leading the team with 16 points. Lexi Wenger added 13 and Emilee Jordan contributed 11.

Highland Scots

Offensive struggles plagued Highland

Wednesday night when they hosted Ontario and suffered a 49-31 loss.

The Lady Scots were only down by a 17-11 score after eight minutes, but were unable to score in the second quarter and found themselves down by a 30-11 margin at the half. While they were able to outscore their opponents 20-19 in the second half, they weren't able to make up that deficit.

Highland was edged at home by Ontario due to a big fourth-quarter comeback by the Warriors.

The Scots were up 16-6 after eight minutes of play and increased that lead to a 28-15 score by halftime. The home team led 42-27 going into the fourth quarter, but Ontario took a 23-8 edge over those eight minutes to pick up the decision.

Savannah Fitzpatrick tallied 15 points to lead the Scot effort.

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Pirate boys win pair of games

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On Tuesday, the Cardington boys' basketball team traveled to Highland and held off the Scots to pick up a 59-54 win.

The Pirates held a slim lead after the first two quarters. It was 17-16 after the opening period and 29-27 at the half. Cardington got a bit of breathing room in the third, as they extended their lead to a 39-33 margin. Highland took a 21-20 advantage over the final eight minutes, but were unable to erase that deficit.

For Cardington, Trey Bringer led all scorers with 27 points, while both Zach Lester and Mason White contributed nine. Highland got 27 points from Jordan Bellamy, who hit eight three-pointers in the contest. Garrett Fitzpatrick added 11.

Cardington picked up another boys' bas-

kethall win on Friday when they came back to beat Danville 58-48.

The Blue Devils led 13-10 after the first quarter and 27-24 at the half, but Cardington battled back in the third period to surge in front by a 44-37 margin. The Pirates then held a 14-11 edge in the fourth period to preserve the win.

Bringer led Cardington with 20 points, while White had 12 and both Lester and Nate Hickman added 10.

Northmor Golden Knights

Northmor couldn't hold onto an early lead at home against East Knox on Friday, eventually falling 54-53 in overtime.

The Golden Knights held a 16-8 lead after the first quarter, but were outscored 13-11 in the second period and 13-7 in the third as East Knox rallied to tie the score at 34. Both teams scored eight in the fourth quarter,

but Northmor was outscored 12-11 in the fourth.

Kooper Keen, Max Lower and Grant Bentley all finished with 14 points in the game, with Bentley hitting four times from three-point range in the contest.

Mount Gilead Indians

Mount Gilead couldn't get untracked offensively against host Centerburg on Saturday in suffering a 65-29 loss.

The Trojans led by a 16-2 margin after the first quarter and continued to add to their lead throughout the game. It was 37-14 at halftime and 49-21 after three periods of play, as Centerburg went on to claim the win.

Matthew Bland's eight points paced the Indians.

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within a 31-30 count. Two free throws by Ty Hatfield put the Fredies up by three with 4:35 left. Nearly 50 seconds later, Highland got two free throws, but could not convert.

After that, Sheriff made the home team pay, scoring seven straight points over a two-minute stretch to put Fredericktown in front by a 40-30 score. Bellamy hit a pair of free throws with 1:20 left in regulation, but his team would not be able to overcome that late Fredericktown run. Bellamy scored 15

points to lead Highland in the game. One game after hitting eight three-pointers in a close loss against Cardington, the Scot junior did most of his work inside on this night. Toombs noted that he was pleased with Bellamy's efforts.

"We've asked Jordan to do a lot this year," he said. "We moved him to point guard, two-three-four games into the season. We ask him to run the offense, score for the offense and also play defense. I couldn't be more proud of him as a player and young man. He took the ball hard to the hole and created contact and he made his free throws."

After a week in which his Scots had two close losses to two of the top team in the KMAC, Toombs feels his players just need to continue working to improve in many facets of the game — from the weight room to continuing to progress both on and off the court. However, he did approve of the overall effort his players showed against the Fredies.

"I thought we did a good job playing tough offense," he said. "We ran time off the clock and got the shots we wanted."

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the third quarter on fire, scoring 16 points in the opening 4:30 of the period. Kambry Edwards connected on two more threes,

while Hardwick tallied five points to boost the Cardington lead to a 42-23 margin. Centerburg would battle back. They finished the third on an 8-3 run and then scored six straight to open the fourth to cut the Cardington lead to a 45-37

score. However, they would only score one point down the stretch, as the Pirates were able to preserve the win. Hardwick hit three three-pointers in leading the team with 15 points. Kambry Edwards scored 12 on four threes and Karsyn

Edwards added eight. With the postseason coming up soon, Edwards felt his team's league games will have them ready to try for another long playoff run. "We had three teams that were in the top five Division III seeds in

us, Fredericktown and Mount Gilead, and Danville will be top five in Division IV," he said. "I think it helps us, playing good teams in the league."

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Girls' teams getting close to tournament

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The Cardington girls' basketball team dominated Ridgmont at home on Wednesday, picking up a 73-30 win over the Golden Gophers.

The score was 20-6 after the first quarter and the Pirates widened their lead throughout the rest of the game. They were up 32-14 at the half and 51-20 after three periods of play. They would then finish off the contest by outscoring their opponents 22-10 over the final eight minutes.

Beth Hardwick connected on five three-pointers on her way to a 20-2 point night. Mikayla Linkous hit for 16 and

Dana Bertke finished with eight.

Mount Gilead Indians

River Valley pulled away from Mount Gilead's girls' basketball team in the second half to hand the Indians a 51-32 defeat Monday night.

Both teams finished the first quarter with 10 points, but the Vikings were able to jump in front by a 20-15 margin at the half. However, they were able to outscore MG 18-7 in the third quarter to open up a commanding lead and then finished the game by taking the fourth quarter 13-10 to finish on top by 19.

On Wednesday, Mount Gilead got back into the win column in a big way,

as they beat host Crestline by a 59-18 count.

MG jumped out to an 17-6 lead after eight minutes of play and then held a 34-13 lead going into the break. The Indiana defense dominated in the second half, as they outscored their opponents 14-5 in the third quarter and shut them out 10-0 in the fourth.

Holly Gompf's 16 points led the team, while Candace Millisor finished with 15.

Highland Scots

Pleasant was able to defeat visiting Highland by a 42-29 margin on Wednesday.

The Scots struggled offensively in the first half, trailing 9-4 after the first quarter and 21-11

going into the half. While they played the Spartans more closely in the second half, only getting outscored 9-7 in the third and 12-11 in the fourth, they were unable to catch up to them.

Emma West scored 13 points to lead the way for Highland. Savannah Fitzpatrick finished with nine.

Northmor Golden Knights

Northmor struggled in the early going at home against Bloom-Carroll in a Wednesday night girls' basketball game and wound up falling by a 40-31 score.

The Bulldogs led 23-6 after eight minutes of action, but Northmor was able to battle back to within a 27-17 mar-

gin going into the half. Bloom-Carroll maintained a double-digit lead through the third quarter at 33-20, though and held on to win by nine.

Northmor's girls' basketball team couldn't keep up with Fredericktown on Saturday in dropping a 72-53 home decision.

The score was 16-7 in favor of the Freddie's after the opening period and 29-21 at the half. They increased their lead to a 50-36 margin going into the fourth and were able to add a bit to their lead in earning the win.

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MG boys rains 3s in win over Galion

By Andrew Carter
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MOUNT GILEAD — Ten made 3-point field goals paced Mount Gilead to a 63-47 win over Galion in non-league boys basketball action on Saturday evening.

Matthew Bland led the way for the Indians, hitting seven 3-pointers and finishing with a game-high 27 points. He scored 14 points in the second period alone as

the Indians built a 33-23 lead at halftime.

"He's starting to heat up; hit five (3-point field goals on Friday night) at Highland," said Indians head coach Dan Strasser in regard to Bland's recent performances.

Galion's Rece Payne also put on a good shooting display. He connected on three triples and finished with a triple-high 21 points for the Tigers.

The Indians made the

most of their chances at the free throw line, connecting on 18-of-20 foul shots. They hit 11-of-13 free throws in the second half.

Mount Gilead's Elijah Chafin scored 18 points, connecting on 11-of-12 foul shots. Jackson Huffer added 10 points for the Indians. Carter Kennon scored five points. Darren Mounts chipped in with two points and Paul Buttermann had one point.

Hanif Donaldson tallied 12 points for

Galion. Kyle Foust added seven points. Cooper Kent chipped in with three points, which came on a buzzer-beater to end the second quarter. Carter Keenath and Brayden Eckels each scored two points. Galion (0-13) jumped out to an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter — thanks to baskets by Eckels, Payne, Keenath, and Donaldson — forcing the Indians to call timeout at the 4:59 mark. The Tigers held a 10-3 lead when Kennon

hit the first of Mount Gilead's bevy of triples. That fueled a 10-0 run which saw the Indians grab a 13-10 lead by the end of the first period.

Mount Gilead (7-10) knocked down six 3-pointers and outscored the Tigers 20-13 in the second quarter to forge the double-digit advantage heading into the halftime break. The Indians outscored Galion 30-24 in the second half to preserve their lead and earn the win.

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Girls' basketball tournament draw announced

Cardington and Mount Gilead both earned top-five seeds in Division III when the Central District girls' basketball tournament draw was announced.

The Lady Pirates picked up the second seed and will play at home on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. against either Columbus Academy or Centerburg. MG, the fifth seed, will open play at home on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. against Bishop Ready.

In Division II, Highland will open tournament play on the road against River Valley on Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Northmor, competing in Division IV, will travel to East Knox for a Saturday, Feb. 20, game taking place at 1 p.m.

Information received from Central District Athletic Board.

Boys

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26-24 score at the half. It was still a two-point lead for Crestline after three periods at 42-40. MG tied the score at 54 by the end of regulation to send the game to an extra period, but they were outscored 13-4 over that time to suffer the loss.

Northmor Golden Knights

Northmor was topped by visiting Lucas on Tuesday by a 48-32 score.

The middle two quarters hurt the Golden Knights. They only trailed 9-7 after eight minutes of play, but were outscored 15-7 in the second quarter and 14-8 in the third to find themselves in a 38-22 hole. Both teams then scored 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Grant Bentley's 14 points paced the Northmor effort.

Highland Scots

Highland hosted East Knox Tuesday night, but wound up on the short end of a 58-42 score against the Bulldogs.

Highland trailed 14-7 after the opening period, but scored 17 in the second to get within a 30-24 score. However, they were outscored 15-2 in the third quarter and, despite outscoring their opponents 16-13 down the stretch, they could not overcome that deficit.

Brock Church led Highland with 13 points and Rider Minnick tallied 10.

On Saturday, Highland couldn't overcome a slow start in dropping a 76-63 decision to host Licking Valley.

The Scots found themselves in a 26-11 hole after the first quarter. They would outscore their opponents 15-13 in the second quarter and 21-17 in the third to climb within a 56-47 margin, but wouldn't be able to get any closer in losing by 13.

Both Rider Minnick and Brock Church tallied 18 for Highland, while Jordan Bellamy finished with 11.

Rob Hamilton can be reached at 419-946-3010, ext. 1807. Connect with him on Twitter at @SportsMCS

BUSINESS NEWS
RELEASES**Monroe Township
Fire Association
Drive-thru Spaghetti
Dinner**

MOUNT VERNON - The Monroe Township Fire Association Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Sunday, March 14, from noon until 3 p.m. or until sold out.

The event will be held at the Monroe Township Fire Department, 13980 Wooster Road in Mount Vernon.

We are a volunteer fire department and depend on funds from the community to help run our department. We are working toward the goal of keeping our squad and engines equipped to help those in the community and surrounding communities during an emergency.

The dinner will consist of homemade spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, a bread stick, salad and a cookie. The meal will be \$10 per dinner. We can take credit, if needed.

We will be having the dinner drive-thru style in order to stay COVID-19 compliant. All those helping will be wearing gloves and masks.



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**Feilon welcomed
as new attorney at
local firm**

MOUNT VERNON - Kidwell & Cunningham Ltd. is pleased to welcome Mrs. Nicole M. Feilon as an associate attorney at our firm. She has been employed by the law firm since the fall of 2019.

Feilon is a lifelong resident growing up on her family farm in Fredericktown. She attended Fredericktown High School and graduated magna cum laude from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She attended Capital University Law School where she graduated magna cum laude in May 2020 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar on Dec. 14, 2020.

Feilon has a passion for agriculture. She and her husband, Jared, raise a small herd of cattle on their farm in Richland County.

Kidwell & Cunningham Ltd. is a law firm with offices in Mount Vernon and Marengo. The firm handles real estate matters and closings, estate planning including wills and trusts, small-business establishment and other matters, probate matters including adoptions and guardianships, and personal injury claims.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Vrable Healthcare signs educational
partnership with MVNU**

MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY (MVNU)/FACEBOOK

PRESS RELEASE

MOUNT VERNON - Vrable Healthcare Companies, a collection of Ohio-based senior care facilities, has begun a new educational partnership with Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU).

The health care company's 500 associates are now eligible for a tuition discount toward MVNU's online programs. Vrable Healthcare also offers a tuition reimbursement program in support of its associates furthering their education.

"Vrable Healthcare is very excited to partner with MVNU and provide our staff with opportunity for advanced learning," Vrable Vice President of Operations Jim

Muckle said. "Vrable Healthcare believes that our staff is our most valuable asset. Providing them the ability to grow and advance their career is invaluable."

The health-care company consists of four senior nursing, rehabilitation and living centers in Ohio: Abysshire Place in Bidwell, Arlington Court in Columbus, Southern Hills in Cleveland and The GRAND of Dublin.

"Vrable Healthcare Companies has engaged with MVNU to provide a solid pathway for its associates to take full advantage of the tuition assistance dollars available to them," MVNU Director of Outreach and Strategic Partnerships Ryan Staggs said. "We are thrilled to be their

educational partner and look forward to working closely with them."

If you would like to partner with MVNU and receive a tuition discount for your associates, email ryan.staggs@mvnu.edu for more information.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University is a private, four-year, intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional-age students, graduate students and working adults. With a 327-acre main campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio; MVNU emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual growth and service to community and church. MVNU offers an affordable education both in-seat and online to more than 2,100 students from 42 states and nine foreign countries.

BUSINESS NEWS RELEASES

**Statewide
Developmental
Disabilities Council
seeks input on 5-year
State plan draft**

COLUMBUS - The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) is seeking public comment on its Five-Year State Plan that will take effect from 2022-26.

Based on survey results collected about the problems or needs of Ohioans with developmental disabilities, the Ohio DD Council drafted the 2022-2026 Five-Year State Plan. The State Plan lists the projects that the Council plans to fund to address the needs identified by people with disabilities, families and stakeholders across the state.

The DD Council is seeking public comment on proposed projects in the following areas:

- Children and Health
- Community Living
- Employment
- Leadership Development
- Outreach
- Public Awareness
- Public Policy

The Council is seeking input from individuals with developmental disabilities,



OHIO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

family members and community stakeholders. Below are instructions on submitting comments.

Review the draft Five-Year Plan by reading the Executive Summary of the projects or the entire 2022-2026 State Plan, or reviewing specific project(s) that are of interest.

Individuals can submit their comments on all projects or the ones that are of interest.

The State Plan, agreed upon by its governor-appointed council members, will help in developing specific grant proposals toward relevant projects across Ohio that will positively impact people with developmental disabilities, family members and guardians, and other stakeholders.

The comment period will end on Feb. 28, 2021.

GARDENING WITH JO ANN GRAHAM

Year of the sunflower

JO ANN GRAHAM

Each year, the National Garden Bureau selects an annual as "Annual of the Year." Winners are chosen because they are popular, easy to grow, widely adaptable, genetically diverse and versatile.

For 2021, they have chosen the sunflower. Sunflowers are among the most popular annual flowers to grow in your garden. They are one of my all-time favorites!

Sunflowers, *Helianthus*, originated in the Americas. Except for three South American species, *Helianthus* is native to North and Central America. Native Americans grew sunflowers as a food crop for humans and animals. Oil was used for curing skin ailments. Yellow dye was made from flower petals, and black or blue dye from the seeds was used in making clothes.

Sunflowers, *Helianthus* annuus, are an annual plant with a large daisy-like flower face. Its scientific name comes from the Greek words "helios," meaning sun; and "anthos," meaning flower. There are many colors of sunflower petals; including yellow, red, orange, maroon, cream and brown — with many color variations on the petals. Typically, centers are brown, purple or rusty red.

No longer are sunflowers just yellow. Look in catalogs and on websites to see how varied the flowers are. Choose your favorite color — a color to match your flower garden or colors that draw your attention in floral designs to grow.

During growth, sunflowers tilt during the day to face the sun. This is called heliotropism. The movement of sunflowers through heliotropism happens as the sunflower head follows the sun. The opposite side of the sunflower stem begins to accumulate growth hormones. This causes growth which redirects the flower. By the time the plant matures the head generally faces east. I love to see a field of sunflowers all facing east!

Sunflowers vary in height. Smaller, ornamental-type sunflowers are only a few feet tall. The larger-headed



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sunflowers can grow to be 15-plus feet. Depending on height, the size of the flower will change, with some being grown with several small or medium flowers on branching stems to the large-flower types on a single stem. Branching varieties produce flowers on short stems, making them more ideal for cut flowers. Large heads produce more seeds, if you are growing them to eat or use as bird feed. Popular now are the short in height, small-headed flowers — one to a stem for containers or one to a single pot.

Sunflowers that produce pollen are the ones you want to grow to attract pollinators, especially butterflies. Many modern sunflower varieties are bred to be male-sterile or pollen-free. Pollen-free varieties have an extended cut-flower life and have a clean appearance. They are also desirable to keep your house free from pollen. Seed packets will tell you if they are pollen-free or not.

Pluses for sunflowers are that they are heat tolerant and resistant to most insect pests and diseases. Butterflies and bees are attracted to the pollen, and birds — especially yellow finches — love the seeds.

My largest problem is the deer. They love sunflowers!!! They like the little plants as they germinate, love the young tender plants and have been known to eat the developing buds. Just be aware and use any method to keep them out that works for you.

Look for my next article on growing and caring for sunflowers, how to use them as cut flowers, and how to exhibit them in shows.

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**Congratulations,
Cheri, and thank you!**

Cheri Butcher is retiring after serving clients, communities and colleagues for 40+ years.

Cheri has spent four decades helping clients reach their retirement goals and protect their legacies. She has made an extraordinary impact on the Mount Vernon and Knox County community through her involvement with many local organizations.

Please join us in celebrating Cheri's well-earned retirement.

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Frederick Allen Albrecht Sr.

CENTERBURG – Frederick Allen Albrecht Sr., 86, of Centerburg, went on to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. He was born on July 8, 1934, in Columbus to Leota Mae and Walter Christian Albrecht.

Fred graduated from Zanesville High School in 1952 and continued on to Kentucky Christian College, graduating in 1959. He served as a minister of the Church of Christ for the past 60 years, including the congregations at Frazeyburg, Coal Run; Beverly; New Marshfield; Airline; McConnellsville; Meigs; the First Christian Church in Covington, Virginia; and for the past 40 years at the Centerburg Church of Christ. He retired from full time ministry in 2000,



but continued to serve his church and community, rising early every morning and spending time in his "upper room" office at the church. Fred also delivered mail and was retired from the Centerburg Post Office. Those on his route knew him well and would often surprise him by leaving a Mountain Dew for him in their mailbox.

Fred was a true patriot with a deep love and respect for his country. He enjoyed his eagle collection and flew the American flag with pride. He loved singing and

preaching at church and community festivals, spending his winters in Florida, rhubarb pie and good cup of coffee. He was a loyal, loving husband; an excellent father; a proud grandfather/great-grandfather and a true friend. Fred's fervent love for Jesus Christ was evident in every aspect of his life. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who have been touched by his kindness and compassion.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Sally (Paynter) Albrecht; his brother, Walter (Rose) Albrecht; his children, Frederick Jr. (Sandy) Albrecht, Daniel (Cammie) Albrecht, Denise (Dave) Melvin and Dean (Jemifer) Albrecht; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. His greatest joy on earth was being surrounded by his family.

Fred was preceded in

death by his brother, Raymond Albrecht; his sister, Thelma (Albrecht) Gockenbach; and his parents.

Friends may call at the Centerburg Church of Christ, 3830 Columbus Road in Centerburg, on Friday, Jan. 29, from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the church on Saturday at 11 a.m. with Roger Crego, Daryn Dawes and Matt McManaway presiding. Services will be livestreamed at CenterburgChurchOfChrist.com.

The family would like to express our deep thanks for all of the love, support and well wishes in our time of loss. And in the words of Fred, "He served the Lord with gladness and loved his country til death." Shalom.

Condolences at www.morelandfuneralhome.com.

Mary Moffat Finkbeiner

GAMBIER – Mary Moffat Finkbeiner, 98, died on Jan. 28, 2021, and will be remembered as an inspirational mentor and loyal friend by the many people she met during her active and purposeful life. She was born on May 14, 1922, to Edith A. and James D. Moffat Jr. in Washington, PA, the fifth of six children: James, Clara, Elizabeth, Charles, Mary and Jane.

She is preceded in death by her husband Daniel T. Finkbeiner II, her five siblings and son-in-law Harvey Rubinstein.

She is greatly missed by her children Susan (Donald) Myers, Heidi Rubinstein, Ann Moffat, Kate Baxter, grandchildren Emily (Dylan) Johnson, Caleb Baxter and great granddaughter Ella



Johnson. She was quite fond of her many nieces and nephews as well as her aunts and great aunt who lived in her childhood home and helped run a busy household of 11. Learning, teaching and active engagement were life-long pursuits and her greatest enjoyment. She guided family, friends and many others in math, science, literature, languages, architecture, arts and culture.

Mary's childhood homes were in Washington, PA, Dayton, OH and Fort Wayne, IN. She attended Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL and in 1943 earned a Bachelor of Arts in French and Spanish from Western College for Women in Oxford, OH. After graduating, Mary found her first job at the Great Southern Hotel in Hollywood, FL as a reception clerk. This was soon followed by a wartime job in Illinois at Alcoa Manufacturing while her fiancé served as a radar specialist in the U.S. Navy.

They married in 1945 and after a few years at The California Institute of Technology and Yale University, they settled in Gambier, Ohio in 1951 where Dan became Professor of Mathematics at Kenyon College. His teaching sabbaticals took them to Princeton University in NJ

and twice to The University of Western Australia in Perth. They traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and the world.

For many years, Mary served enthusiastically as Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Gambier and as copy editor of The Psychological Review at Kenyon College. She volunteered her time to the PTA of Gambier, League of Women Voters, Knox County Democratic Women, New Directions crisis hotline, Knox County Hospice, American Red Cross, A Hand at Home and Western College Alumnae Association. Throughout her life, she was a strong advocate for women and children.

Mary was an avid bridge player, knitter, quilter, and reader, and she enjoyed theater, classical music, contemporary architecture, gardens, wildflowers, birds, fine dining, and entertaining

at home. She and Dan shared a special fondness for collecting owls, singing songs from Camelot and reciting Elizabeth Barrett Browning's sonnet How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways. She found irony to be a relaxing pursuit but didn't care much for crocheting or the color green.

She was an invaluable mentor to her children, teaching them to accept life as it comes, with optimism and determination. She would often advise "Know what you're doing and do it." She wants all her friends to continue reading, thinking, laughing and making this world a brighter place.

The family extends a depth of gratitude to Brookdale Senior Living for their many

years of excellent care.

In celebration of Mary's life, please consider a donation in her name to: The Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, to be used for the Large Print Collection of Books at the Gambier Public Library.

The Lasater Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the Finkbeiner family. Please visit www.lasaterfuneralhomes.com.



Neil R. Overly

FREDERICKTOWN – Neil R. Overly, 102, passed away on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at the Ohio Eastern Star Home in Mount Vernon. He was born on Nov. 8, 1918, in Fredericktown, the son of Edwin and Eva Darel (Gleason) Overly.

Neil was a 1936 graduate of Fredericktown High School and proudly served in the United States Army during World War II while stationed in France and Germany.

Upon returning home from the war, Neil started farming and continued to farm for many years while also working as an adjuster for Federal Crop Insurance and the State of Ohio. He was a member of the Batemantown United Methodist Church, Joe



Cocanour Post #500 of the American Legion, a charter member of the Fredericktown Tomato Festival Board and past president of the Wally Bryan Airstream Club in Marion.

He is survived by his three sons, Larry (Lynn) Overly of Fredericktown, Cless (Linda) Overly of Cumming, Georgia, and James (Darlene) Overly of Utica; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, Neil was preceded in death by his wife, Vyvyan (Bell) Overly; a grandson, Rob

Overly; and a sister, Betty Robinson.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, Feb. 1, beginning at 2 p.m. in Forest Cemetery in Fredericktown. Pastor David Spaulding will be officiating.

Memorial contributions in Neil's name may be made to your local Honor Flight.

To share a memory or leave a condolence for the family, visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

The Snyder Funeral Home of Fredericktown is honored to serve the family of Neil R. Overly.



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Local

Pool

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will be framed and the walls put up.

On the pool itself, Cotter clarified why a climbing wall feature discussed during early meetings of the pool commission was recently pulled from a list of items to be purchased as part of the bond for the project.

He said there is the potential a donor will help with that purchase, and possibly a second.

"If we exhaust all of our potential donors, then at the end of the project if we feel we have some money left over then hopefully we'll have the money we can just purchase it," Cotter said, adding the estimated cost is around \$20,000.

He also said the foundation will be built so the feature can be added at a later date if that decision is made.

"It's definitely something we want to do and we definitely don't want to cut it out of the project," Cotter said. "We think it's pretty important."

He said there are other items, such as some furniture, that will need to be decided what will be purchased and from what budget. That includes potential sponsorships of large shade umbrellas that will be located around the facility.

Another big feature added recently was to increase the amount of parking in the area.

"I made it a pretty big point a couple of months ago that once the old clubhouse came down we really needed to look at that area and see how we could reconfigure that parking lot, because we really need to add to it," Cotter said.

He said squaring off the parking lot area near the basketball court should add some parking and a reworked layout should add 10-15 more spots.

In addition, the parking lot would be resurfaced.

"We had that in the original bid but pulled that out to get better bids," Cotter said.

Originally, the bids came in higher than ex-

pected, so the project was broken apart some and rebuilt. However, council recently made the decision, due to interest rates being low, that the bond ceiling could be raised a bit.

"That's really the only thing we added back in that we took out from the initial bid," Cotter said.

Even while not much work seems visible to the public at times, Cotter said there is a daily grind of decisions needed for the project.

"There's just so many things you have to go over," Cotter said. "Like right now (late last week) we're trying to figure out what the surface of the shower floors are going to be. It's just things like that."

There are a lot of little details involved, especially considering the construction plans are about 200 pages, according to Cotter, but he also knows they are important because there's only one shot at the project.

Email comments to brank@northwestsignal.net

Clinic

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news about whether that could impact the scheduled vaccine clinics.

"At this point, we're not foreseeing that," she said. "But if the weather influences our clinics next week, we will be sure to have something on our website, on our phone message, we'll get it out to the community."

Ernie added she is touring the school districts in the county this week and next week and has been impressed with what she's seeing.

"The students and the teachers are complying very well, and it's so nice to see kids in school," she said. "Thanks to the students and the parents and the staff and the teachers for everything that they've done because we're doing a great job keeping our kids in school." Overall, Ernie said



Photo by JEN LAZENBY

Ruth Eickhoff of Napoleon receives a COVID-19 vaccination from Allyson Smith, public health nurse, at a clinic hosted Thursday by the Henry County Health Department.

The vaccine is the best way to move forward out of the pandemic. The clinics this week are, by appointment only, for individuals who are 80 years and older, the first tier in Phase 1B of the state's vaccination plan.

"To see them come out in droves to get this vaccine, I think it's a good message for the rest of us," Ernie said. "They miss life as it was and want to get life back to normal."

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Four join county CIC board

By JEN LAZENBY
NWS Asst. Editor

Four new members joined the Henry County Community Improvement Corp. Board of Directors this week.

Brent Damman is an at-large member, and he filled Kelli Burkhardt's seat on the board. Dan Keetler of Pleasant Township replaced Kevin Gerken as a township trustee representative. Malinta Mayor Curtis Badgely joined the board, replacing Neal Carter's seat. Those are each three-year terms.

Bob Hastedt replaced Glenn Miller for the county commissioner's seat. The commissioners determine who sits on the board on an annual basis.

In other organizational matters, the board approved Steve Seedorf and Jeff Brubaker to serve as at-large executive committee members for 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board approved postponing its annual meeting until later in 2021.

In other matters, CIC Executive Director April Welch gave an update on several potential projects or projects that are in progress.

Welch reported that one potential project which visited a Henry County site in November is no longer considering Ohio as a location.

"We didn't get very much detail or feedback from the company because it was very confidential, we didn't know what the company actually was, but they did let us know that the real estate we had to offer didn't meet as many of the specs as some of the other properties they were looking at, as well as the proximity to their other locations," Welch said.

One project that has multiple components and is still in the works includes an ex-

pansion, with construction for one project tentatively expected to start in the spring.

"That is going very well, and that will be a couple of really good expansion projects for the company," Welch said.

Welch reported the CIC is also working with a downtown business to locate funding assistance for renovations and improvements, as well as working with the city on a different project that is currently has engineering drawing done.

"They're looking, so far, at a 360,000 square foot new building that's going to bring around 72 new jobs to the area," Welch said.

Another project with the city is also in early vision/concept stages is continuing to be developed.

The CIC board will meet next on March 16.

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County

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date is months away rather than several weeks.

The company representative said it takes several weeks to pull the data from the current pages to be put on

the new pages, designing the new pages, making changes and training county employees to run the pages.

The contract for the work was signed in October.

Once completed, the new website should

feature a design that is easier to read, as well as electronic forms that can be filled out making communication with county offices easier for the public.

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Napoleon Municipal Court

Kyle A. McCabe, 29, of Napoleon appeared Thursday for a full preliminary hearing on one count of possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony.

He waived his right to the hearing, and the case was bound over to Henry County Common Pleas Court for further proceedings.

Bond continued as previously set.

Holgate Council meeting canceled

HOLGATE — Village council's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday has been canceled.

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Family

GENE'S SCENE

Paul walked into the lobby of his apartment building recently and was greeted by this notice: "To whoever is watering these plants, please stop. They are the property of the building, and our maintenance staff will take care of them. They may already have been watered; in which case you will be overwatering them. Besides, these plants are fake."

What does a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog.

Perhaps one of the most famous soldiers of all time was U.S. Army Private #53310761. If that doesn't help, perhaps the soldier's name might — Elvis Presley.

March 24, 1958, called Black Monday by the media, was a tragic day for rock 'n' roll fans. At the zenith of his career, 23-year-old Elvis Aron Presley became an ordinary buck private beginning a two-year commitment to his country's defense.

Elvis was finishing his fourth movie, "King Creole," when his manager Tom Parker procured a draft for Presley from the Memphis Draft Board until filming was complete.

Elvis could have agreed to playing for the troops and serving as a recruiting model, but he declined special treatment.

He underwent his physical, took aptitude tests and endured his G.I. haircut. After his basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, he was shipped to serve his term of duty in Germany.

A Rabbi, a Hindu, and a lawyer are in a car. They run out of gas and are forced to stop at a farmer's house. The farmer says that there are only two extra beds, so one person will have to sleep in the barn. The Hindu says, "I'm humble, I will sleep in the barn." So, he goes out to the barn. In a few minutes, the farmer hears a knock on the door. It's the Hindu and he says, "There is a cow in the barn. It's against my beliefs to sleep with a cow."

So, the Rabbi says, "I'm humble, I'll sleep in the barn." A few minutes later, the farmer hears another knock on the door and it's the Rabbi. He says that it is against his beliefs to sleep where there is a pig and there is a pig in the barn. So, the lawyer is forced to sleep in the barn.

A few minutes later, there is a knock on the door. It's the pig and the cow.



Gene Grime

Overwhelmed new parents struggle to eat healthy food

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend who recently had a baby with serious health problems. Unfortunately, we live on opposite sides of the country, and I can't afford to fly out there. I want to help, but short of calls and texts to let her know I'm thinking of her, I'm out of ideas.

She's mentioned several times that with all the work of being a new parent plus the extra work involved with a child with special needs, she often doesn't have time to prepare healthy meals and reverts to junk food that she can grab easily. Ordinarily, I'd bring over a few meals to help out, but that's impossible to do when she's so far away.

Restaurant gift cards would be an option, but unfortunately she and her husband don't have the time to go to one. I'm hoping you might have other ideas on how I can help out from afar. — PUZZLED ABOUT HELPING

DEAR PUZZLED: Go online and research food delivery services in the city or town where your friend lives. Some businesses deliver prepared meals on a weekly basis. Other companies ship boxes of wonderful fruits every month. But before doing anything, ASK your overwhelmed friend what she and her husband think might be helpful rather than try to second-guess.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know if there is a nice way of asking my niece and her boyfriend, who are in their mid- to late-20s, not to bring their phones to the dinner table? I have spent days preparing for and cooking holiday meals. The evening was less than enjoyable for me because they were only partly there, and spent most of their time texting and presumably on Facebook.

It's awkward to ask an adult to practice good man-



Dear Abby
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ners. Any words of wisdom will be much appreciated. — WELL-MANNERED LADY IN THE WEST

DEAR LADY: Explain to your niece that you spend a lot of time, money and effort on presenting these meals, and that you were hurt and offended at their apparent lack of appreciation. It's the truth. Do not preoccupy yourself with trying to be nice or you will weaken the message. Some families solve this problem by insisting their guests place their cellphones in a basket before dinner and reclaim them as they depart. (Just a thought!)

Will my mother-in-law be okay?

Dear Dave,
My mother-in-law is 60. She works hard and has no debt, but she also has no savings or retirement accounts. However, she owns a couple of paid-for rental properties that are worth about \$350,000 each, and her home is worth \$700,000. What can I do to help her plan for the future?

Paul
Dear Paul,
The best plan would be to first see if she's already got a plan. I understand you're worried about her not having any savings or retirement. That makes you a good son-in-law. But it sounds to me like she's got the makings of a pretty good retirement situation lined up, even if she didn't go the traditional route to get there. You just told me she's sitting on nearly \$1.5 million in paid-for real estate. Dude, she's a millionaire!

If the time comes where she decides she doesn't like landlording anymore or just wants to retire, she can always sell the rental properties, invest that big pile of cash in mutual funds, and live off the income. I've got a feeling this lady isn't going to be starving or depending on Social Security.

If you're concerned about things, just sit down with her and let her know. Ask her if she needs any help with her money situation and plans for retirement. If she doesn't want to talk about it right now, that's fine, but making the offer shows you care.

And, having a good, strong game plan means fewer worries!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have two kids and one on the way. We're debt-free except for our home, and we have our emergency fund in place. We've also been saving for retirement, with me putting 15% into a 401(k) and her putting 10% into her retirement account. On top of all this, we're putting a little money toward college funds for the kids. We talked the other night, and after that we started thinking about pulling back from retirement saving and getting the house paid off. What do you think about that?

Callen

Dear Callen,
I teach people to start investing 15% of their household income for retirement after they've completed Baby Step 3, which is saving three to six months of expenses for an emergency fund. Baby Step 4 would be both of you putting 15% of your income into retirement, and you're not quite doing that yet. Saving for college comes next in Baby Step 5.

I don't teach people to put less than 15% of their income into retirement in order to pay off the house a little earlier. It's tempting when you've got the debt-free bug, but it's not the shortest distance between where you are right now and wealth. The average person who follows my plan — the Baby Steps — can pay off their home in



Dave Ramsey
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about seven years.

You've got offense and defense to think about, Callen. Defense is getting rid of debt, and the offense is building wealth. You don't want to let your guard down on offense in order to just play defense and get the house paid off. What you're talking about is a normal reaction for lots of folks in your position, but it's not what I would recommend right now.

I love your fire, but follow the Baby Steps as they're laid out. My goal isn't just helping people get out of debt. It's to teach people how to become wealthy as a result of being out of debt and encouraging them to be outrageously generous along the way!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for *Ramsey Solutions*.

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Family news welcome

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Three face conspiracy charges in Capitol siege

FBI says Oath Keepers targeted legislators Jan. 6

Dinah Voyles Pulver
USA TODAY

Chilling details emerged this week as federal authorities continued to round up and arrest some of the hundreds who joined the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol two weeks ago.

A criminal complaint filed Tuesday alleges conspiracy and other crimes against three members of an extremist group, the Oath Keepers. The three have been arrested. The complaint traces how they planned the attack weeks in advance, then coordinated by radio as they moved into the Capitol with precision, wearing helmets, reinforced vests and military-style insignia.

The group communicated via Facebook with someone who might have had inside knowledge, egging them on and directing them where to find legislators who were shielded and protected, the FBI alleges in the complaint.

"All members are in the tunnels under capital seal them in. Turn on gas," one such message read.

The charges – against Thomas Caldwell of Virginia and Jessica Watkins and Donovan Crowl of Ohio – are among a number of more serious crimes alleged as the riot investigation begins its third week. Those three are among seven charged with conspiracy by the FBI and the Department of Justice.

A list of nearly 100 people arrested includes a diverse group: President Donald Trump supporters, members of far-right and anti-government groups, and



Three members of extremist group the Oath Keepers face federal conspiracy charges in connection with the Capitol assault. OATH KEEPERS TWITTER PAGE

others whose paths to the Capitol converged in the riot that left five people dead and dozens injured.

It was "a toxic brew of conspiracy theorists," said Aitan Goelman, an attorney who helped prosecute Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and is a partner with the Washington-based law firm Zuckerman Spaeder.

Among those facing charges in the riot are current and former police officers, a fashion student, grandparents, former athletes, and elected officials.

- Residents of 32 states and the District of Columbia have been arrested.
- Texas lead the way, with 10 arrests. Nine New Yorkers have been arrested and six Florida residents.
- Their ages range from 20 to 70, with an average age of 41.8 years.
- As of noon Tuesday, the list included

85 men and 11 women.

At least six have been charged with assaulting an officer and three with possession of firearms.

USA TODAY's list does not include a few dozen who were arrested for curfew violations on the Capitol grounds overnight Jan. 6 and focuses on those accused of entering the Capitol or crimes related to violence or weapons.

Identifying and finding all those who participated is a monumental task. FBI officials are reviewing more than 100,000 pieces of digital evidence. That helped them arrest an average of nine people a day over the past week. The agency is seeking tips on others who have yet to be identified or arrested, including those responsible for the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick.

US to offer extension of nuclear bargain

Matthew Lee and Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Biden administration is proposing to Russia a five-year extension of the New START treaty limiting the number of U.S. and Russian strategic nuclear weapons, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser, planned to convey the extension proposal to Anatoly Antonov, Russia's ambassador to the U.S., on Thursday, said one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. A second U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the proposal but offered no details.

The move was almost certain to be welcomed by Russia and key American allies. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg on Thursday called on the U.S. and Russia to extend the treaty and to later broaden it.

"We should not end up in a situation with no limitation on nuclear warheads, and New START will expire within days," Stoltenberg said.

The treaty is set to expire Feb. 5 and is the last remaining agreement that constrains U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons.

Signed in 2010 by President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, the agreement limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads.

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Dunkin' eyes Heath location

New restaurant opening in Coshocton

Leonard L. Hayhurst Coshocton Tribune
USA TODAY NETWORK

COSHOCKTON - Dunkin' corporate has confirmed that a new restaurant will be opening in Coshocton sometime this summer and is eyeing a new store in Heath.

In an email to the Tribune, the company's media relations department said the store will feature the brand's next generation design with a modern atmosphere and innovative technologies. This includes the tap system that serves cold beverages such as coffees, teas, cold brew coffees and nitro infused cold brew coffees.

Work is underway by Paramount Construction, which has a sign on the window, at the intended location at 233 S. Second St. The building formerly housed a Wendy's, which closed August 2020.

The store will be ran by S&L Fast Foods Inc. of Mt. Vernon, which has the Dunkin' franchise that opened June 2019 in Mt. Vernon. They're also looking to open a Dunkin' in Heath. No details on the Heath location were shared.

The company previously owned the Hardee's restaurant in town and Scott Tallman of S&L said this was a primary reason they wanted to come to Coshocton - because they knew it had a good base of customers and employees. Tall-



A new Dunkin' Donuts outlet is set to open this summer in the former Wendy's building on South Second Street. LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

man said they look to employ between 35 and 40 people with a store manager being trained at the Mt. Vernon location. "That was one of our best stores. We

were able to get good help and we had a good customer following there," Tallman said of the Hardee's. "We had an opportunity to open this Dunkin' in what we consider to be a prime area."

Tallman said the Coshocton outlet will be very similar to the Mt. Vernon store in look and feel, which has performed well. It will offer the types of drinks and food Dunkin' is known for with seating capacity for about 30.

Dunkin', also known as Dunkin' Donuts, was founded in 1950 in the Boston, Massachusetts, area. It has about 12,900 locations in 42 countries, making it one of the largest coffee and doughnut shop based chains in the world. Their slogan is "American runs on Dunkin'."

Dunkin' is associated with Baskin-Robbins and many outlets feature both stores. Tallman said they have the option of opening Baskin-Robbins with their Dunkin' outlets, but have chosen not to do so because of how cold Ohio can be during the winter, possibly limiting ice cream sales.

Tallman said S&L sold their Hardee's restaurants about four years ago and the success of the Mt. Vernon Dunkin' has shown them they've gone in the right direction.

"We've been in the burger business almost out entire lives, now we've gotten into this and we really like it. It's a really different type of setup. It's not nearly as greasy and noisy. It's really fun," Tallman said. "We're excited about it. The city has been good to us. We've had no issues. Everything's been very smooth and really easy for us to get going on."

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Vaccinations

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Vaccine appointments are scheduled through Licking County's COVID-19 hotline, which is open between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 740-670-0949. In addition to scheduling appointments when available, the call center also answers vaccine questions.

According to LCHD, vaccine appointments are scheduled a week in advance and only as their vaccine supply allows. Their vaccine shipments vary from week to week.

Because of limited supply and high demand, vaccines are only provided to those with appointments. Appointments are scheduled during drive-thru clinics held at the Newark campus of Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College.

Currently, those who are 75 years and older are eligible to receive the vaccine. Those 70 and older become eligible on Monday and Ohioans 65 and older become eligible the week of Feb. 8.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and when appointment registration resumes, follow Licking County Health Department's social media accounts.



Licking County Health Department health educator Kate White helps check patients in while they wait in their cars during a drive-in vaccine clinic on Thursday. SARA C. TOBIAS/THE ADVOCATE

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GOP

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"He struck a chord with a lot of people in this part of the country that had been disaffected, that had seen the loss of jobs," said Columbiana County Republican Party Chairman Dave Johnson.

But they also say they want to ditch the early-morning tweets, personal attacks and vitriol that embodied Trump's presidency and forced fellow Republicans to either defend or disavow their leader.

Alliance to Trump, or lack thereof, became a defining characteristic for Republicans from City Hall to the U.S. Capitol, said former state Sen. Peggy Lehner, R-Kettering.

"Somehow, it happened that the identity became surrounded around one person," Lehner said. "The quicker that we can try to figure out what that identity is, what do we stand for outside of the person of Donald Trump, the quicker the party will heal. As long as it remains divided over loyalty to him, the party will suffer."

Going forward, the GOP must become more than one person, several Republicans agreed. Even Ohio Republican Party leader Jane Timken, who won her job with help from Trump and his allies, has hinted that the party must move beyond Trump.

"It is critical to remember that whether it comes to our country or our party, our shared progress and prosperity is never about one person, one candidate or one government official," Timken wrote in a Jan. 10 email to fellow Republicans. Republicans will keep the policies and principles that made Trump like any other GOP president; trade deals that benefit American workers, conservative U.S. Supreme Court picks, pro-gun policies and fewer regulations on everything from the environment to businesses.

"I strongly believe the Trump administration policies are better for Ohio and better for the country, but now is the time to look forward," Portman told Republican leaders last week. Even as DeWine rebuked Trump for his role in firing up a violent crowd at the U.S. Capitol, the Republican governor praised other aspects of Trump's presidency from trade agreements to conservative court appointees.

"I didn't always agree

with everything he did, but I thought he did a good job," DeWine said.

Who the GOP wants to keep

Trump's changes to Ohio's electorate likely will be enduring, in part because some of them already were in motion before his run for president, said Kyle Kondik, managing editor for Sabato's Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

For example, Kondik pointed out that eastern Ohio already had been growing redder in the 2000s and early 2010s, but Trump accelerated the change and even picked up support in the traditionally blue Mahoning Valley.

"Democrats have to hope that some of them don't stay in the electorate," Kondik said. "As it stands right now, the state's electoral math is definitely tilted to Republicans."

That electorate includes people from eastern Ohio's Salem. They watched Deming Pump and the Electric Furnace Co. leave their once-thriving city, crippled by what they saw as unfair trade policies, Johnson said. In 2020, voters in that county formed a 25-mile line of trucks, motorcycles and cars waving Trump flags. "I don't see that movement, frankly, changing," Johnson said. "I see it intensifying, actually."

The key question remains: Will they stay if Trump isn't on the ticket? That's up to the next slate of Republican candidates. "Where does the party come down on the issues that are important to the working class?" Lehner asked. "If we could figure out what it is that's important to them, that they need to be successful, that's a message that should resonate with that voting bloc."

One challenge of moving forward is Republicans haven't formed a consensus on what Trump meant to the party and to the country. For some, he was a political savior, ushering in a wave of new voters. For others, he was a wrecking ball, demolishing the party's moral high ground and abandoning long-held principles of civility and statesmanship.

"We cannot afford to be loyal at all costs to a single political figure to the detriment of core principles that have always defined the party and America," said Clarence Mingo, a former Franklin County auditor who disavowed Trump in 2016.

Mingo called this loyalty a "historical danger" and challenged Republicans to soften their rhetoric, even if Democrats do not.

Even former Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell, a Republican and Trump ally, acknowledged that the "verbiage of personal destruction and wild allegations has to stop" even while the party projects strength.

While Trump's policies attracted middle-class voters to the GOP, Mingo said they did not do enough for people in poverty, who are disproportionately people of color.

Mingo said the GOP has to expand its defining issues to speak to race relations, poverty and an economic agenda that addresses the middle class.

"I believe that the last four years have set the GOP back at least a decade in terms of acquiring a greater measure of credibility and public commitment to improving race relations," he said, while also chiding Democrats for using race as a "political tool."

Ohio Sen. Matt Dolan, R-Chagrin Falls, said the Trump administration was helpful in some ways, such as giving states flexibility on how to operate some programs. But Dolan was critical of Trump's rhetoric about the election, linking it to an attack on the U.S. Capitol, and a "vacuum of leadership" on the international stage over the last four years.

"We also have to end our personality-driven politics. We have to end our personality-driven policy," Dolan said, noting that those were "amplified" under Trump. It's not yet clear how large Trump himself will loom over the Republican party in Ohio or in the rest of the country. Will he campaign for — or against — GOP candidates moving forward?

"He's so unpredictable," Republican strategist Mark Weaver said. "Donald Trump will try to be relevant, but given the social media bans, it's going to be hard."

Democrats will continue to focus on Trump as a polarizing figure, but Republicans likely will shift their focus to newly installed President Joe Biden's overreaching policies and inevitable mistakes, he said. "Republicans are about to go on offense and Democrats are going to go on defense," Weaver said.

As for everyone else, Weaver said, "most Americans will turn the page."

CURFEW

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People cannot wear masks while eating and drinking, making indoor dining riskier than other behaviors.

DeWine said he would consider changing the hours, including delaying the curfew to 11 p.m., in the future.

Ohio's map detailing COVID-19 spread showed nearly every county remained in the red, indicating very high exposure and spread.

Hamilton County is the only county that is purple, the state's most serious designation for severe exposure. Four counties are designated orange; all are in southeastern Ohio.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced Thursday that the state is purchasing 2 million at-home COVID-19 tests from Abbott and eMed.

Ohio spent \$50 million in federal stimulus money to purchase the tests, which will be available to local health departments and cost about \$25 a piece, DeWine said. Local health departments could use the tests to detect hot spots or potential outbreaks.

"The testing will be more accessible than ever," DeWine said. "This is fulfilling a need."

DeWine said rapid tests have a role even though he had a false positive from an antigen test last year. False negatives are actually more common than false positives on rapid tests.

"My false positive was an oddity," DeWine said.

Ohio reported 7,271 new COVID-19 cases and 109 deaths over the past 24 hours, state health department data showed.

The number is an uptick from recent case figures, DeWine said. "It actually had been moving down for a few days."

During that time, Ohio added 306 new COVID-19 patients to hospitals, including 35 in intensive care units. Statewide, 3,406 people were hospitalized for COVID-19, which amounts to 1 in 6 patients. Of those, 845 were in intensive care units, according to Ohio Hospital Association figures.

As Ohio works to vaccinate residents against COVID-19, some positive signs are emerging, including a dip in new cases and patients hospitalized.

Ohio reported 6,378 new COVID-19 cases between Tuesday and Wednesday, which is below the 21-day average of 7,233 cases and significantly down from a peak of more than

10,251 new cases earlier this month.

In the final weeks of 2020, hospital leaders warned that Ohioans had to change their behavior or risk overwhelming healthcare workers.

But in recent weeks, the number of COVID-19 patients in Ohio's hospitals has declined, dropping from 1 in 4 patients to 1 in 6, according to Ohio Hospital Association data.

"We have seen a bit of a decrease happening statewide," said Ohio Hospital Association spokesman John Palmer, adding that intensive-care unit capacity is still a problem in southeastern Ohio.

Another good sign: The flu hasn't hit Ohio's hospitals as hard as it has in past years, Palmer said. Preventive measures, such as hand washing and cleaning surfaces, are likely factors in fewer flu patients.

Testing also has declined, but Ohio Department of Health spokeswoman Melanie Amato said health officials are optimistic that a decrease in cases is driving the drop.

"That doesn't mean that we're out of the woods, though," Amato said. "We are still at very high case levels compared to where we were at any time prior to mid-November."

DeWine has said the curfew has reduced COVID-19 spread, but that's a difficult claim to prove. During the first weeks of the curfew, new cases continued to spike. If the curfew were lifted or its hours were reduced, Ohio's bars and restaurants could remain open later for in-person dining. DeWine did not lift the curfew for late-night events such as the Ohio State University's national championship game.

So far, Ohio's rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines has been slow and littered with problems.

On Wednesday, the Ohio Department of Health reported a Columbus COVID-19 vaccine provider wasted 890 doses of the vaccine — a costly error as the state struggles to access enough doses to inoculate those most at-risk.

To date, 482,039 people have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Ohio, which amounts to 4.12% of the state's population. The state hasn't yet shared how many people have completed both doses of the two-shot regimen, but an Ohio Department of Health spokeswoman said that data would be available online soon.

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Indictment: Ex-youth soccer club official stole nearly \$200K

MIAMISBURG A former youth soccer club treasurer accused of stealing nearly \$200,000 from the organization is now facing charges, authorities said.

Richard Campbell, 59, of Miamisburg, faces three counts of aggravated theft in an indictment recently handed up by a Montgomery County grand jury. It was made public Thursday.

Miamisburg Soccer Association board members contacted authorities in November 2018 after noticing discrepancies between bank statement balances and the balances reported to them by Campbell. When the board members contacted Campbell, prosecutors said he admitted misappropriating some of the funds.

Further investigation, including a forensic audit of the accounts, showed Campbell stole nearly \$200,000 between 2012 and 2018, prosecutors said.

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Bonnie Jean Cunningham

94, of Newark, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Flint Ridge Care Center. She was born to Otmer G. Hannahs and Elsie (Kendle) Hannahs on June 16, 1926 in Quaker City, OH. Bonnie's family moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio when she was a child. Bonnie was a 1945 graduate of Newcomerstown High School. She married Alfred A. Cunningham in 1952 in Clarksville, TN, where he was serving out his last months of service in the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell Kentucky. They moved to Newark, OH to settle and raise their family. Bonnie was a homemaker and lived out her life in Newark.

She was loved and will be dearly missed by her sons, Gary (Donna) Lovelady and Rob (Vicky) Cunningham; Granddaughter, Amy Cunningham; grandson, Scott Cunningham; and great grandchildren, Taylor, Jordan, Layton, Jase, Xander, and Dean. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Cunningham; son, Ric Cunningham; siblings, Eva May Hannahs, Melvin Hannahs, William Hannahs, and Otmer Hannahs, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, P.O. Box 430, Newark, OH 43058 and/or American Cancer Society, 5555 Frantz Rd., Dublin, OH 43017. A private memorial service will be held. To sign an online guestbook, please visit:

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United Way helps with book campaign

Times-Reporter staff report

NEW PHILADELPHIA The United Way of Tuscarawas County is a local affiliate for the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library in partnership with the nationally recognized Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

In July 2019, the Ohio legislature included \$5 million over the course of the next two years to jump start the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library by providing matching funds to local initiatives. The Ohio Governor's office asked the United Way of Tuscarawas County to be the affiliate partner for the county, which the board enthusiastically agreed to.

"Few investments make a greater impact than those that support literacy and early childhood education, both of which can have tremendous implications for lifelong wellbeing," explained United Way of Tuscarawas County President Robin Walk. "Our decision to invest in the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library is a direct reflection of our

belief in the importance of education and literacy. In many ways, this sort of investment can be considered a long-term strategy for helping to build our workforce of the future."

Developing literacy begins at birth. By the age of three, a child's brain is already 80% developed, and, by the time a child enters kindergarten, they must already know thousands of words to succeed in the classroom. Research has shown that a child with 25 books in their home completes an average of two additional years of schooling compared to their peers without books.

The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library works to send every child in Ohio from birth to age five a new book each month at no cost to the family. As of December 2020, there were 2,017 children enrolled in the program in Tuscarawas County doubling the county's first year goal and bringing the current enrollment to 409%.

"We enrolled Eliza in the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library as soon as it was available

to Tuscarawas County residents," said Kait Gallagher-Wilsterman, a county resident and mother. "Having this program available to local families is such a blessing and the United Way is such a huge part of bringing this program to us. It's always an exciting day when our new book arrives each month, and it's nice for mom and dad to have some different reading material to add to the rotation."

The United Way is partnering with the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition in promoting this program. All donor dollars and the Governor's match go directly to purchasing books for the program. The cost of the program is \$25 per child per year. The United Way covers administration costs.

To sustain and support this program, donations can be made by mail to the United Way of Tuscarawas County, PO Box 525, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. To enroll in the program, visit tuscutmit-edway.org.



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■ Andrew and Eliza Wilsterman read a book provided by United Way of Tuscarawas County.



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■ Whiskey Zulu members are Zac Pirillo, Daniel Stenz and Wil Handrich.

Whiskey Zulu to offer free concert through library

Times-Reporter staff report

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JUNE 2, 1935 - JAN. 19, 2021

HURON

Rosemary Francis Smith, 85, residing in Huron, passed away Tuesday morning, Jan. 19, 2021, at Firelands Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

Rosemary was born on June 2, 1935, in Sandusky, Ohio, to the late Ralph and Loreta (Fisher) Smith.

Rosemary graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1953 and was a life-long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. After 30 years of service at the former Providence Hospital, she retired as the head of the patient accounting department, which allowed her extra time to enjoy the company of her cherished family and friends.

She was a kind, loving and generous person, who will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, Rosemary is preceded in death by her sister, Margaret Keller; brother, Ralph Smith Jr.; and life-long friend, Mary Ward.

Rosemary is survived by her nephews, Dr. Richard (Michael) Keller, Michael Keller (Cynthia) Keller, and William (Lisa) Keller; niece, Amelia (Keith) Shepard;

nephews, Larry Smith, Tad Smith and Charlie Smith;



nieces, Mary Jo Storm and Barb Smith; many great nieces and nephews, their spouses and children; children and grandchildren of Mary Ward, including Dawn Werner, Heather Pletcher and Jesse Pletcher.

A private family service will be hosted at Groff Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1607 E Perkins Ave., Sandusky. Father Phil Feltman will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Sandusky.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to contribute to Rosemary's memory may do so to Victory Kitchen, 1613 Hayes Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870 or back to the Wild, P.O. Box 423, Castalia, OH 44824.

Condolences may be shared online at grofffuneralhomes.com.

JANE LERUE RENNERT

dec. JAN. 20, 2021

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Jane Lerue Rennert, age 80, of Knoxville, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021.

Jane loved spending time with her family and going to church. She was preceded in death by husband, Albert James Rennert; son, David Rennert; grandson, James Mitchell; parents, James Martin and Sarah Mulbarger Stover; and siblings, Mary (Edward) Rumerapp, Anna Stover, James Stover, Jr. and Martin (Lois) Stover. She is survived by children, Louise (Devin) Holland, Myrtle (Art) Thompson and Jim (Shelly) Rennert; grandchildren, Robert Mitchell, Edward E. Harley, Edler, Matt (Amanda) Holland, Missi Holland, Stephanie Thompson, Katie (Nate) Andersen,



Matt (Lyndsey) Rennert, Jeff (Sara) Rennert and Kara (Jacob) Otto; brother, William (Lois) Stover; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family ceremony will be hosted at graveside. Arrangements by Bridges Funeral Home, 5430 Rutledge Pike, 865-523-4999, bridgesfuneralhome.com.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hollyn and Allen Hipp, of Berlin Heights, welcomed a baby girl at Firelands Regional Medical Center. On Jan. 19, Carissa Damron and Matt Surber, of New London, welcomed a baby girl at Firelands Regional Medical Center.

LOTTERY

Thursday's daytime Ohio Lottery numbers:
Pick 3 (12:30 p.m.): 4-7-3
Pick 4 (12:30 p.m.): 1-1-2-8
Pick 5 (12:30 p.m.): 4-8-4-0-3
Wednesday's Ohio Lottery numbers:
Pick 3 (12:30 p.m.): 6-2-1
Pick 3 (7:30 p.m.): 8-7-5
Pick 4 (12:30 p.m.): 6-5-6-7
Pick 4 (7:30 p.m.): 6-7-7-0
Pick 5 (12:30 p.m.): 5-4-4-2-3
Pick 5 (7:30 p.m.): 9-3-0-8-8
Rolling Cash 5: 3-10-11-28-38

Powerball: 40-53-60-68-69-22 x3
Classic Lotto: 3-8-10-16-46-47 Kicker: 738757

WEATHER

Temperatures/Precipitation:
Today: High: 29; Low: 16
Jan. 22 records: High: 69 (1906) Low: -17 (1984)
Saturday: High: 26; Low: 19
Sunrise/sunset
Today: Sunrise: 7:50 a.m.; Sunset: 5:34 p.m.
Saturday: 7:50 a.m.; Sunset: 5:36 p.m.

MARKET PRICES

Sunrise Cooperative closing market prices Thursday:
Clarksville: corn — \$4.97; soybeans — \$13.50; wheat — \$6.41.
Monroeville: corn — \$4.87; soybeans — \$13.55; wheat — N/A.

BURNICE R. BRUMMITT

NOV. 24, 1934 - JAN. 20, 2021

NEW LONDON

Burnice R. Brummitt, 86, New London, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. He was born on Nov. 24, 1934, to the late Nancy "Della" and George Brummitt.

In 1953, Burnice graduated from Irvington High School in Virginia. He worked for Ford Motor Company for just over 30 years until his retirement in 1995. He was a member on the Norwalk Moose Club and the Norwalk Eagles where he served as a past president. In his retirement, he enjoyed gardening, NASCAR watching, Attica Speedway, and tinkering with his Corvette and anything he could find. Burnice was very caring and had a passion for helping others. He loved life, his wife, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Brummitt; children, Dennis (Nikki) Brummitt, Tony Brummitt, and Tim (Missy) Stewart; grandchildren, Amy Brummitt, Elizabeth (Brad) Brummitt, Sam Anderson, and Dustin (Ashley) Brummitt; great-grandchildren, Heavyn, Milo and another on the way; siblings, Bobby (Shirley) Brummitt, Eldon "Pete" (Janice) Brummitt, Willard (Linda) Brummitt,



and Janice (Maury) Redford; many nieces and nephews; and several sisters-in-law.

In addition to his parents, Burnice is preceded in death by his son, Mark Brummitt; grandchild, Stanley Brummitt; and siblings, Ange Ritchie and Retta Souza.

His family will receive guests at Walker-Eastman-Heydinger Funeral Home, 98 West Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio 44857, 4-6 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2021. Visitors are required to bring and wear a mask or face covering while in the funeral home. The funeral home has a limited capacity, so visitors should be prepared to wait outside. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Huron County Humane Society, 246 Woodlawn Avenue, Norwalk, Ohio 44857. Condolences may be made by visiting WalkerEastmanHeydingerFH.com.

ANNABELLE M. TEA

dec. JAN. 20, 2021

Annabelle M. Tea, 97, of Clyde, died in Green Springs, Ohio, on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021.

A walk-through visitation, coming in the front door and exiting the back door, with masks and social distancing, will be on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, from 3-5 p.m. at Mitchell-Auxter Funeral Home, 218 South Main St., Clyde, Ohio. The funeral will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Clyde on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at 10 a.m. with limited seating and distancing and masks. Burial will be in McPherson Cemetery.

CLYDE

ROSEMARY WEIRICH

dec. JAN. 28, 2021

RoseMary Weirich, 78, of Woodville and formerly of Oak Harbor, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Flower Hospital, Toledo.

Visitation for RoseMary will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, Oak Harbor. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor with burial to follow in Salem Township Union Cemetery, Oak Harbor.

WOODVILLE

Sudoku answer is on Page A2.

MEETING LOG

NORWALK — The Huron County Board of Elections will meet at 8 a.m., Monday, Feb. 8, for a regular meeting. This meeting is being held to discuss any business to come before the board. The meeting will be held at the office of the board, located at the County Administration Building, 180 Milan Ave., Norwalk, OH.

NOTICE

NORWALK — Due to a water main break, the Huron County Board of Elections will be closed until further notice. If you need to reach the Board of Elections, please call 419-668-8238 extension 1921 or email huron@ohiosos.gov. Citizens can utilize the drop box at 180 Milan Avenue in Norwalk to submit documents.

CODY M. URBINE

OCT. 5, 1994 - JAN. 15, 2021

UPPER SANDUSKY

Cody M. Urbine, 26, of Upper Sandusky and formerly of Norwalk, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, in Mansfield, Ohio.

He was born Oct. 5, 1994, in Norwalk and had attended Willard City Schools. Cody's hobbies included karaoke, working outside, and helping others.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Angela (Miller) Urbine of Upper Sandusky; his stepmother, Heather Brewster of Mansfield; his son, Kamryn Peterson; siblings, Ashley (Eric) Shepherd of New Washington, Ohio, Amanda (Nathan) McElfresh of Norwalk, Mark (Mindy) Urbine, Jr. of North Fairfield, Seth Urbine and Cory (Madi Lewis) Urbine both of Mansfield. Dylan Jones of Norwalk, Marissa Urbine and Mikayla (Shylae Hartman) Urbine both of Upper Sandusky, Timothy Urbine and Ryan Urbine both of Willard, Christian Urbine and Kaylianna Urbine, both of Lorain, and Heavenly Urbine of Green Springs; grandfathers, David (Grace) Urbine of Clyde, and



Gary Miller, Sr. of Collins; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Arianna Urbine; one niece, Isabella Urbine; grandmother, Marcia Rickley; grandmother and step grandfather, Regina and Ernest Johnson.

Friends may call from noon until time of service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, in the Pfeil Funeral Home, Monroeville Chapel, 109 Monroe Street, Monroeville, Ohio 44847.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help the family with funeral expenses. Condolences may be shared with the family at pfeilfuneralhome.com.

KENNETH GEORGE OBLENDER

SEPT. 26, 1966 - JAN. 18, 2021

MILAN

Kenneth George Oblender, 54, of Milan, died on Jan. 18, 2021, at the Cleveland Clinic after many health struggles, and ultimately a battle with COVID-19. He was born on Sept. 26, 1966, in Sandusky, Ohio to Steve and Betty H. (Sanchez) Oblender.

Ken was an incredibly loving husband and son who despite his failing health, remained unshakably determined. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, motorcycle rides and going on trips to Canada and other places. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Social Member of the VFW and Norwalk Eagles. He had worked in retail and men's clothing for many years, including JC Penney's, Kaufmann's and most recently Macy's. Survivors include his wife, Shanan (Cox) Oblender; parents, Steve (Betty) Oblender; brothers, Charles and John Oblender and best friend, Don Leonard.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, George and Ruth Oblender.

A visitation will be



hosted on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at Walker-Eastman-Heydinger Funeral Home, 98 W. Main St., Norwalk, from 1 p.m. until the time of the 3 p.m. service. Visitors to the funeral home are reminded to bring and wear a mask and be prepared for the possibility of waiting outside once current reduced capacity limits are reached until other visitors exit allowing for more room for social distancing. An inurnment is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be expressed by visiting walkerastmanheydingerfh.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

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A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. via Webex.

Interested persons who are not a party to these cases and wish to provide testimony must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, at <https://puc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-etl-iph> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Commission's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, must be provided to the Commission by February 5, 2021, if possible, but no later than February 16, 2021, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interested individuals who merely wish to attend the hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 179 414 7650. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOOhio. Additional information is available by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

An evidentiary hearing, where counsel for the parties to the cases may present evidence and cross examine witnesses, will commence on March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., by Webex. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Commission's website at <https://puc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case numbers for this matter.

Crimes/accidents

NORWALK FIRE

Thursday
7:43 a.m.: Responded to Greenwich Milan Town Line for a motor vehicle accident.

NORWALK PD

Wednesday
9:51 a.m.: Criminal damaging.
3:42 p.m.: John T. Wilson, 38, of Norwalk, was arrested on Norwalk Municipal Court warrant for domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Wilson was transported to the Huron County Jail, issued his copy of the warrant, and advised of his mandatory court date.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Wednesday
7:10 a.m.: Dispatched to Richland County to issue Blair Owens a OR bond.
4:43 p.m.: Hit skip crash on U.S. 250.
5:53 p.m.: Fraud.
9:12 p.m.: Responded on court to serve two warrants out of Norwalk Municipal Court on a Sean Goble in the Huron County Jail.

WILLARD PD

Wednesday
2:43 p.m.: Disturbing the peace.
3:19 p.m.: Private property crash.
4:16 p.m.: Assisted another agency.
9:04 p.m.: Assisted another agency.
Thursday
3:22 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle.

BELLEVEUE PD

Wednesday
9:37 a.m.: Fire call.

NEW LONDON PD

Tuesday
6:45 p.m.: A Birch Park Drive resident requested an officer contact the water department to have her water shut off due to a leak in her home.
6:49 p.m.: Complainant reported someone had driven through his son's front yard on West Hooker Street. He asked what options were available.
8:36 p.m.: Officers initiated a traffic stop along North Main and Bigelow

Parkway for an equipment violation. The operator was released with a warning.

9:07 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a Park Avenue residence for a welfare check. Upon arrival, it was determined to be a misunderstanding and everything checked okay.
9:55 p.m.: A non-resident called to report his ex-wife had called him while she was intoxicated. He explained she was threatening him and upset over the custody arrangement of their child. He requested the incident be documented.

10:02 p.m.: Officers reported receiving unwarranted phone calls from an intoxicated village resident. The resident was advised to cease calling unless police assistance was needed.

11:45 p.m.: A North Main Street resident reported her ex-boyfriend had disseminated nude photos of her to other people. Incident is under investigation.

Obituary

WILMA FERN NAPPER

NOV. 18, 1937 - JAN. 27, 2021

NEW LONDON

Wilma Fern Napper, 83, of New London and formerly of Wakeman, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at the Laurels of New London.

Born on Nov. 18, 1937, in Oak Hill, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Luella (nee Staten) Carter. Wilma spent her youth in Oak Hill and moved to Clarksfield in 1958.

Wilma worked at Fannie Farmer in Norwalk for 34 years and then at Green Circle Growers for 13 years. She had been a member of the North Fairfield House of Prayer and the New London Golden Agers.

Wilma is survived by granddaughters, Luana (John) Holub, of Toledo, and Sarah Rager, of Plymouth; great-grandchildren Raymond, Katalaya and Andrew Holub; and a brother, Marlin (Jeanie) Carter. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clovis Napper; second husband, Richard Gray; daughter, Diane Lovelace; and siblings, Harold Carter, Wanda Dillinger, Margaret Harden and Marilyn Shope.



Friends and family will be received from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Shiloh Pentecostal Church of God, 117 Baseline Rd, Greenwich, 44837, where services will begin at noon with Pastor Mark Wireman officiating. Social distancing guidelines will be observed and face masks will be required. Burial will take place at Curry Cemetery, Wilkesville, Ohio.

The family would like to thank Stein Hospice and the staff at The Laurels of New London, along with long-time caregiver Cheryl Fannin for the care they provided. Expressions of sympathy may be shared at eastmanfuneralhome.com.

LOTTERY

Wednesday's daytime

Ohio Lottery numbers:

Pick 4 (12:30 p.m.): 0-5-3
Pick 4 (12:30 p.m.): 8-3-5-4
Pick 5 (12:30 p.m.): 9-4-2-9-0

Tuesday's Ohio

Lottery numbers:

Pick 3 (12:30 p.m.): 6-7-8
Pick 3 (7:30 p.m.): 3-4-0
Pick 4 (12:30 p.m.): 9-1-0-5
Pick 4 (7:30 p.m.): 4-3-6-1
Pick 5 (12:30 p.m.): 2-4-2-5-5

Pick 5 (7:30 p.m.): 9-0-8-0-6
Rolling Cash 5: 9-16-17-22-28
Powerball: 17-33-35-42-52-9 x 3
Classic Lotto: 16-20-21-34-36-41 Kicker: 520135

WEATHER

Temperatures/Precipitation:

Today: High: 25; Low: 17
Jan. 29 records: High: 66 (1914) Low: -14 (1915)

Saturday: High: 31; Low: 27

Sunrise/sunset

Today: Sunrise: 7:45 a.m.;

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.

Saturday: 7:44 a.m.;

Sunset: 5:44 p.m.

MARKET PRICES

Sunrise Cooperative

closing market prices

Thursday:
Clarksfield: corn — \$5.11;
soybeans — \$13.38; wheat — \$6.27.

Monroeville: corn — \$5.01;
soybeans — \$13.43; wheat — N/A.

MEETING LOG

COLLINS — The Western Reserve Local Schools Board of Education will meet in special session beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1; Wednesday, Feb. 3; and Thursday, Feb. 11, in the high school library. These special meetings are for the purpose of an executive session to discuss the employment of personnel with no action anticipated. An alternate date of Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. will only be needed if there is inclement weather.

The regular board meeting for February 2021 is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the auditoria.

NORWALK — From the Huron County Common Pleas Court:

Jan. 27, 2021

• Tobias C. Marin, 28, admitted to violations of probation and was

sanctioned to 90 days in Huron County Jail. Defendant was remanded to custody of the sheriff.

Jan. 28, 2021

• Sean Anthony Goble, 37, pleaded guilty to one

count of F-5 obstruction of official business. Defendant was remanded to custody of the sheriff, with bond to be reinstated upon Defendant's completion of pre-sentencing investigation.

Crimes/accidents

NORWALK FIRE

Thursday

7:18 a.m.: Responded for a motor vehicle accident and remained on scene until the vehicle was towed.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Wednesday

5:01 a.m.: The vehicle was south on Laylin Road and attempted to slow down for the approaching stop sign and lost control of the unit. The vehicle went off the west side of the roadway and struck a fire hydrant causing functional damage to the unit.

1:09 p.m.: Responded to Western Reserve Middle School for a juvenile unruly report. The school is handling the matter in house.

3:08 p.m.: Responded to an Ohio 99 address for a harassment complaint.

5:14 p.m.: Responded to a Palmer Road address for a fraud complaint.

7:39 p.m.: Chad Stefaniak was arrested on a warrant out of Huron County Common Pleas Court, for a violation of probation. The original charge was possession of dangerous drugs. Stefaniak was taken into custody without

8:22 p.m.: Took a trespassing complaint at 2033 Peru Center North Road. Female suspect entered the pole barn without permission to retrieve her items.

Thursday

8:43 a.m.: Fraud.

WILLARD PD

Wednesday

11:00 a.m.: Petty theft.

12:02 p.m.: Suspicious person.

12:14 p.m.: Civil standby.

1:46 p.m.: Telephone harassment.

6:21 p.m.: Private property crash.

NEW LONDON PD

Tuesday

2:35 p.m.: Caller reported while he and another pedestrian were walking their dogs along Third Street, they were approached by a black and white pit bull that attempted to attack his dog. He was able to control the pit bull until its owner retrieved it. Officer made contact with the owner and advised them of the leash law regulation and that they could be cited should it happen again.

3:27 p.m.: Officer received a report of a disabled vehicle on Wildcat Drive. Contact

was made with the vehicle owner, who was not on scene. She stated she had contacted a family member, who was enroute to change the tire for her.

5:07 p.m.: A New Kirk Street resident reported her neighbor's two beagles were tied outside in the cold, wet weather. Officer reported checking on the canines and found them to be in good health. The complainant was advised to call back if the owner did not return by evening to tend to the dogs.

7:02 p.m.: Officer initiated a traffic stop on Energy Place and Prospect Street for an equipment violation. The operator was released with a warning.

Wednesday

2:50 p.m.: Complainant arrived on station to report his two chocolate labs had ran off. He requested to be contacted if they are turned in.

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Lt. Gov. Jon Husted won't run for Portman's U.S. Senate seat

By RICK ROUAN

The Columbus Dispatch (TNS)

COLUMBUS

Cross Lt. Gov. Jon Husted off the lengthy list of Ohio figures considering a run at the seat U.S. Sen. Rob Portman will vacate early in 2023.

In a Wednesday afternoon statement, Husted confirmed that he would not be pursuing the open seat in 2022. Instead, he is focused on a re-election campaign alongside Gov. Mike DeWine and someday running for the state's top job.

"The primary reason to run for public office is to have the opportunity to use the authority of

that office to improve the lives of the people you represent," he said in the statement released on Twitter.

"Being Lt. Governor provides me that fulfilling opportunity and I intend to keep doing this job, run for re-election, and one day in the future, I intend to run for governor."

Portman announced on Monday that he would not be pursuing another Senate term in 2022, citing partisan gridlock in Congress. Husted, a Republican, is one of only a few public figures and politicians



Husted

in Ohio who have taken themselves out of the race.

Former U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi, now president of the Ohio Business Roundtable, also said on Wednesday that he wasn't interested in the job.

Republicans have speculated that U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan of Urbana, an ally of President Donald Trump in Congress, might make a play for the seat, and former Treasurer Josh Mandel, a one-time Senate candidate, is sitting on \$4.3 million in a federal campaign account.

Former U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci also has alluded to another statewide run after losing in 2018 to U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat.

Senators grill Ohio's Rep. Marcia Fudge at her confirmation hearing

By SABRINA EATON

Cleveland.com (TNS)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Thursday grilled Warrensville Heights Democratic Rep. Marcia Fudge on her ideas for expanding affordable housing, and used a confirmation hearing on her nomination to be President Joe Biden's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to repeatedly question Fudge about harsh remarks she's directed toward Republicans during her career.

Testifying from a room at Georgetown Community College with family members including her 89-year-old mother in the background, Fudge told the committee that she worked on economic development and expanding affordable housing opportunities since her days as mayor of Warrensville Heights. She said the nation needs housing policies and programs that can meet each area's unique challenges in assisting "the most vulnerable people in America."

"It's estimated that, on any given night in 2019, more than 500,000 people experienced homelessness in America," said Fudge. "That's a devastating statistic — even before you consider the reality of what COVID-19 has done to exacerbate the crisis. According to one study, 21 million Americans currently pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Because of lost income and unemployment due to COVID, 1 in 5 renters and 1 in 10 homeowners with a mortgage are behind on their housing payments."

Native housing is also in a crisis, with far too many families living in substandard and crowded housing conditions on reservations."

She said the \$25 billion in rental assistance provided during the coronavirus crisis and the extended eviction moratorium aren't enough "at a time when tens of millions of Americans are behind on rent; almost 3 million homeowners are currently in forbearance; and another 800,000 borrowers are delinquent."

She said her first priority as HUD Secretary "would be to alleviate that crisis and get people the support they need to come back from the edge."

"We need to expand resources for HUD's programs to people who are eligible," she continued. "Today, according to a 2017 study, only 1 out of 5 eligible households receive housing assistance. We need to deliver on the Administration's commitments on improving the quality, safety, and accessibility of affordable housing and building 1.5 million new affordable homes."

She also said HUD needs to help make the dream of homeownership a reality for more Americans by ending discriminatory practices in the housing market, and ensuring that fair housing rules open the door for families, "especially families of color who have been systematically kept out in the cold across generations, to buy homes and punch their ticket to the middle class."

Republicans on the committee

questioned Fudge's ability to work with Republicans, with Pennsylvania's Pat Toomey and Arkansas' Tom Cotton noting that she slammed GOP efforts to fill the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat on the U.S. Supreme Court by saying they "have no decency, they have no honor, they have no integrity" and "are a disgrace to this nation."

"There's a long history of incoherent comments," said Cotton. "Yes, obviously, all of us in public life sometimes say things that we hope we can take back. But you're going to be serving the needs of many many Republicans as well as Democrats and nonpartisan people, as well, and I hope that in the future you can serve them in a way that reflects your best moments in the Congress and not some of these comments."

Toomey and Louisiana's John Kennedy asked Fudge not claim that Republicans don't care about people of color.

"Do you think Republicans care about people of color?" Kennedy asked.

"I do, some, yes," Fudge replied. "Do you think most Republicans care about people of color?" Kennedy continued.

"I do," said Fudge. Fudge said she's "always been able to work across the aisle," and has a reputation for bipartisanship.

"Sometimes I am a little passionate about things," Fudge told Toomey. "Is my tone pitch perfect all the time? I'm not sure. But I do know this, that I have the ability and the capacity to work with Republicans and I intend to do just that and that is my commitment to you."

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FOR THE RECORD

COUNTY COURT

Administrative Docket

Promedica Physician Group, Toledo, Promedica Defiance Regional, Defiance and Promedica Toledo Hospital, Toledo vs. Anne A. Pauley, Oakwood. Small claims. Satisfied.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, Norfolk, Va. vs. Sandi Bradbury, Antwerp, Other. Satisfied.

Center Concrete, Edgerton and Stafford Gravel, Inc., Edgerton vs. John Schmucker Construction LLC, Harlan, Ind., John D. Schmucker, Harlan, Ind. and Abbigayle L. Schmucker, Harlan, Ind. Other. Satisfied.

Bluffton Hospital, Bluffton vs. Kyle Richard Lindeman, Paulding. Other. Default in the amount of \$931.49.

Traffic Docket

Benjamin Hasbrouck, Maumee, having physical control of a vehicle while under the influence, \$750 fine, \$100 costs. ALS vacated immediately; CDL disqualification vacated; may attend three day Driving Improvement Program in lieu of three days in jail. Three days of jail time with 87 suspended.

Benjamin Hasbrouck, Maumee, 100/65 speed, \$100 fine, \$100 costs. ALS vacated immediately; CDL disqualification vacated; may attend three day Driving Improvement Program in lieu of three days in jail. Three days of jail time with 87 suspended.

Amberly N. Badillo, Paulding, no operator's license, \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Amberly N. Badillo, Paulding, fictitious registration.

Jerome A. Woods, Fort Wayne, Ind., 77/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$100 costs.

Colin P. Denihan, Roanoke, Ind., 78/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$100 costs.

Tajane L. Murphy-Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., 82/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Alejandro G. Migoya, Millburn, N.J., 93/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Tristen E. Moore, Payne, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Veronica M. Yturralde, Fishers, Ind., 86/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Dagon C. Johnson, East Lansing, Mich., 86/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

James C. Dix, Spencerville, Ind., left of center line; \$55 fine, \$100 costs.

Joseph B. Barker, Antwerp,

seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Brianna R. Barker, Defiance, 84/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Joseph R. Paonessa, Saint Petersburg, Fla., 82/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Robin L. Kershner, McComb, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$100 costs.

Aruna Ravipati, Bloomington, Ind., 81/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Travis A. DeLong, Cecil, 83/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Brandon Woodruff, Oakwood, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

John O. Moyer, Pinehurst, N.C., 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Robert A. Pauley, Fort Wayne, Ind., \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Isaiah N. Tipping, Berkeley, 76/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Jakob J. Salisbury, Paulding, failure to stop at stop sign; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Pamela A. Kessie, South Whitley, Ind., 87/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Gary L. Friemuth, Van Wert, failure to yield/left turn; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Heather Y. Tharbs, South Bend, Ind., 93/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Alfred D. Heilman, Jr., Columbus, Ind., failure to control vehicle; \$70 fine, \$100 costs.

Jose Flores, Indianapolis, Ind., failure to use turning signals; \$55 fine, \$100 costs.

Keith R. Albrecht, Carmel, Ind., 100/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Jamal Al-Samhoury, Dearborn Heights, Mich. Case dismissed. Defendant took driving improvement course.

David C. Cole, Taylor, Mich., assured cleared distance; \$70 fine, \$100 costs.

George M. Szekely, Saginaw, Mich., 60/55 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Justin A. Roller, Antwerp, driving under suspended license (failure to reinstate). Case dismissed per State's request.

Justin A. Roller, Antwerp, 75/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$97 costs.

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Justin A. Roller, Antwerp, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Ammar Y. Saleh, Fort Wayne, Ind., 84/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Michael J. Savavia, Bloomington, Ind., 89/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Michaela C. Panther, Roseville, Mich., 78/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Keith P. Chandler, Van Wert, distracted driving; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Case dismissed. Defendant took the driving improvement program.

Steve Theis, Paulding, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Terry L. Hasch, Paulding, 75/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Stefani M. Nelson, Edwardsville, Ill., 77/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$100 costs.

Dennis C. Bruce, Lima, 67/35 speed; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Savvy J. Grimes, Oakwood, 65/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Lorel N. Davis, Fort Wayne, Ind., 88/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Dishea A. Jimenez, Indianapolis, Ind., 85/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Shane Alvarado, Defiance, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Austin C. Core, Harrod, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Billy R. Geckle, Paulding, failure to yield/left turn; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Brianna L. Goodman, Indianapolis, Ind., 84/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Aaron S. Fanaee, Shelby Township, Mich., 86/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Royce F. Funk, Franklin, Ind., 89/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Royce F. Funk, Franklin, Ind., 100/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Mahamat S. Ibrahim, Fort Wayne, Ind., 80/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Ons A. Al Bayati, Indianapolis, Ind., 80/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Jeffery E. Frost, Noblesville, Ind., 85/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

costs.

Kera S. Ping, Mooresville, Ind., 82/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Michael R. Sigafosse, Corunna, Mich., failure to stop at stop sign; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Jose G. Ventura Gutierrez, Oakwood; no operator's license. Case dismissed per State's request.

Jose Ventura Gutierrez, Oakwood; 83/55 speed; \$100 fine, \$97 costs.

Sergio Manriquez, Defiance, 83/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Run Linga, Greenwood, Ind., failure to stop at stop sign; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Keith P. Chandler, Van Wert, 65/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Aaron M. Hattemer, Defiance, 90/55 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

Matthew R. Foldvary, Defiance, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Jeffrey T. Simms, Indianapolis, Ind., 83/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Dustin Jackson, Antwerp, 74/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Rae J. Bigham, Van Wert, 74/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Kyle C. Susalla, Madison Heights, Mich., 78/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Aaron D. Stout, Indianapolis, Ind., 78/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Jeanette Willingham, Paulding, failure to control vehicle; \$70 fine, \$95 costs.

Christopher A. Pulfer, Paulding 69/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Eric D. Zehr, Van Wert, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Andrew R. Stout, Indianapolis, Ind., 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Mark X. Felix, Myers Flat, Calif., 86/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Jesus Quintero, Jr., Oakwood, 69/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Criminal Docket

Tajane L. Murphy-Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., possession of marijuana; \$100 fine, \$102 costs.

Tajanne L. Murphy-Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., drug paraphernalia; \$100 fine, \$102 costs.

Brittany R. Peeler, Detroit, Mich., drug paraphernalia. Case dismissed per State's request.

Taneja L. Thomas-Hart, Indianapolis, Ind., possession of marijuana; \$100 fine, \$102 costs.

Zachary M. Martinez, Van Wert, complicity; aiding or abetting another in committing an offense - theft; \$715.65 fine.

Henry Brooks, III, Paulding, child endangerment. Case dismissed.

Christopher T. Church, Defiance, telephone harassment; \$250 fine, \$177 costs. Defendant placed on standard probation; no contact with victim.

Amelia Zolman, Defiance, drug paraphernalia; \$50 fine, \$105 costs.

Tekayla M. Dennis, Fort Wayne, Ind., possession of marijuana; \$100 fine, \$97 costs.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

ACCIDENT REPORT

NONE

INCIDENT REPORT

Sunday, Jan. 10

1:04 p.m. A keeping the peace complaint was reported on Road 187 in Oakwood.

9:39 p.m. An unwanted person complaint was reported on OH 114 in Grover Hill.

Monday, Jan. 11

8:04 a.m. A menacing/threats complaint was reported on Road 121 in Paulding.

9:13 a.m. A civil complaint was reported on Road 191 in Defiance.

11:43 a.m. A theft was reported on Road 169 in Oakwood.

11:48 a.m. A domestic complaint was reported on Road 110 in Oakwood.

12:35 p.m. A suspicious person/vehicle was reported on Road 180 in Paulding.

2:42 p.m. A subject was arrested on OH 637 in Defiance.

3:51 p.m. A fraud/scam complaint was reported on Road 123 in Haviland.

11:22 p.m. A suspicious person/vehicle was reported on East Townline Street in Paulding.

12:27 p.m. A subject was arrested on Road 179 in Oakwood.

5:17 p.m. A subject was arrested on East Townline Street in Paulding.

9:21 a.m. A subject was arrested on East Perry Street in Paulding.

12:27 p.m. A subject was arrested on Road 179 in Oakwood.

9:30 p.m. A telephone harassment complaint was reported on Road 151 in Oakwood.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

3:48 p.m. A fraud/scam complaint was reported on Road 187 in Oakwood.

4:00 p.m. A civil complaint was reported on Road 10 in Defiance.

4:34 p.m. A breaking and entering complaint was reported on West Perry Street in Paulding.

6:17 p.m. A shooting was reported on Road 169 in Defiance.

Thursday, Jan. 14

1:54 p.m. A theft was reported on Road 128 in Oakwood.

5:05 p.m. A fraud/scam complaint was reported on Road 171 in Oakwood.

10:06 p.m. A suspicious person/vehicle was reported on OH 49 in Antwerp.

11:41 p.m. A telephone harassment complaint was reported on Road 63 in Antwerp.

Friday, Jan. 15

7:41 a.m. A domestic complaint was reported on OH 66 in Oakwood.

9:54 p.m. A suspicious person/vehicle was reported on East Orchard Street in Payne.

Saturday, Jan. 16

2:47 p.m. A theft was reported on North Main Street in Payne.

5:16 p.m. A trespassing complaint was reported on Road 177 in Oakwood.

11:30 p.m. A K-9 unit was deployed on US 24/OH 49 in Antwerp.

9:30 p.m. A telephone harassment complaint was reported on Road 151 in Oakwood.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The term "et al." refers to and others; "et vir," and husband; "et ux," and wife.

Auglaize Township

Dorval W. Miller Jr. and Connie S. Miller to Elden Owensley; Sec. 13, 5.01 acres. Warranty deed.

Larry Mann and Jeffrey J. Proxmire and Barbara J. Proxmire; Sec. 21, 5.549 acres. Survivorship deed.

Benton Township

Ryan D. Bowman and Stephanie L. Bowman to Stephanie L. Poulson; Sec. 16, 5.004 acres. Exempt deed.

Blue Creek Township

George F. Keyser, Trustee and Sharon L. Keyser, Trustee to Lillia J. Greetingman; Sec. 36, 2 acres. Exempt deed.

Angela R. Lay to Angela R. Lay, Trustee; Sec. 36, 77 acres. Exempt deed.

Brown Township

Delena Starr to Delena Starr; Sec. 25, 1 acre. Warranty deed.

Mark A. Spangler and Laura M. Spangler to Mark A. Spangler and Laura M. Spangler; Sec. 1, 72.413 acres; Sec. 1, 16.02 acres; Sec. 12, 16.43 acres. Easement - exempt.

Crane Township

Floyd W. Lee to Jason Lee; Sec. 19, 0.663 acres; Sec. 19, 0.465 acres. Warranty deeds.

Harrison Township

Larry L. Elliott and Lucille M. Elliott to Larry L. Elliott; Sec. 11, 1 acre. Affidavit.

Jackson Township

Vaughn K. Schlegel, Trustee to Chaz J. Sweinhagen; Sec. 28, 3 acres. Warranty deed.

Latty Township

Angela R. Lay to Angela R. Lay, Trustee; Sec. 32, 40 acres; Sec. 33, 78.326 acres; Sec. 33, 1.174 acres. Exempt deeds.

Oakwood Village

Beara Investments, LLC to Cody J. McClure; Village of Oakwood Lot 100, 0.2 acres. Exempt deed.

Nothing appeared to be missing.

11:30 a.m. Cigarettes were stolen out of a vehicle on Nancy Street in Paulding.

11:30 a.m. \$10 was stolen from a vehicle on Meadowbrook Drive in Paulding.

12:30 p.m. Someone on Kay Street in Paulding reported their vehicles being gone through. Camera footage was caught and sent to the Paulding Police Department. Nothing appeared to be missing.

2:23 p.m. it was reported that someone went through a vehicle on a property on Kay Street in Paulding. Nothing appeared to be missing.

3:55 p.m. A person reported that their pain medication and a mask holder was stolen out of their vehicle at a residence on Rita Street in Paulding.

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NONE

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Monday, Jan. 18

8:05 a.m. Someone went through a vehicle at a residence on Emerald Road in Paulding and threw papers that were in their vehicle all over the ground.

8:15 a.m. On Emerald Road in Paulding, a white male was caught on camera going through three vehicles on a property. A small amount of money was stolen but the owners didn't notice anything else missing. A copy of the video was made and sent to the Paulding Police Department.

8:20 a.m. Several cars were gone through at a residence on Johnson Road in Paulding. Nothing appeared to be missing.

8:40 a.m. Cigarettes were stolen out of the vehicle on S. Williams St. in Paulding.

8:45 a.m. several vehicles were gone through at a residence on Helen Street in Paulding. Camera footage was sent into the Paulding Police Department. Nothing appeared to be missing.

9:30 a.m. Someone reported that \$70 was stolen out of their vehicle that was parked inside the garage on Springdale Drive in Paulding. It was noted that a side door to the garage was unlocked.

9:40 a.m. on West Baldwin Avenue in Paulding, a person reported a purse laying in their driveway. It was discovered to belong to a neighbor. It had been taken out of her vehicle the previous night.

Nothing appeared to be missing.

COUNTY

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70/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Cody M. Johnson, Fort Wayne, Ind., 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Michael P. Nicoletti, Indianapolis, Ind., 78/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

David J. Rider, Plain City, 68/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Kathryn E. Groff, Defiance, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Faith A. Payne, Ecorse, Mich., 95/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

Andrew T. Gray, Wauseon, 81/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Isaiah E. Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind., 83/65 speed; 83/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Wesley W. Bowman, Jr., Paulding, driving under suspended license; \$200 fine, \$97 costs.

Wesley W. Bowman, Jr., Paulding, failure to control vehicle; \$70 fine.

Gage L. Smith, Paulding, failure to control vehicle; \$70 fine, \$95 costs.

Lyle McKanna, Columbus Grove, driving left of center; \$45 fine, \$105 costs.

Lyle McKanna, Columbus Grove, 64/55 speed; \$150 fine.

Lyle McKanna, Columbus Grove, seat belt violation; \$30 fine.

Tamara J. Colbert, Fort Wayne, Ind., failure to use proper child restraint; \$170 fine.

Christina S. Burk, Defiance, seat belt violation; \$72 fine.

Christina S. Burk, Defiance, seat belt violation; \$92 fine.

Takayla M. Dennis, Fort Wayne, Ind., 91/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$100 costs.

Carolyn J. Moore, Paulding, 84/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Staci M. Manz, Paulding, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

James A. Shelton, Cincinnati, 76/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Donald R. Freiburger, Huntington, Ind., 82/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Simon A. Short, Fort Wayne, Ind., 79/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Predest D. Richardson, II, Payne, 87/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Tony M. Hanson, OVI/ high breathalyzer. Case dismissed per State's request.

Tylen J. Proxmire, deviating from traffic signs, Paulding, \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Jasper L. Scattery, Belle Center, 75/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Janel D. Davis, Fort Wayne, Ind., 70/55 speed; \$135 fine.

Joshua S. Voelker, Raleigh, N.C., 79/65 speed; \$135 fine.

Porshia Martinez, Toledo, OVI/under the influence; \$375 fine, \$105 costs.

Porshia Martinez, Toledo, fictitious registration. Case dismissed per State's request.

David A. Hogan, Shelby Township, Mich., 70/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$105 costs.

Kathryn L. Coykendall, Toledo, 71/55 speed; \$145 fine.

Jacob Cantrell, Anderson, Ind., driving under suspension; \$130 costs. Dismissed with costs to be paid in full on March 26.

Jordan L. Richerson, Ypsilanti, Mich., 91/65 speed; \$200 fine.

Boston J. Dunderman, Antwerp, OVI/under the influence; \$375 fine, \$97 costs. Dunderman may complete driving improvement course in lieu of three jail days; must complete 40 hours of community service. Three jail days with 87 days suspended; operator's license suspended for one year.

Boston J. Dunderman, Antwerp, failure to control vehicle; \$70 fine.

Ryan Margaret E. Sales, Fort Wayne, Ind., 89/55 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

Erica M. Gaston, Fairview Heights, Ill., 82/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Sajjad H. Al Bream, Houston, Texas, 77/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Elijah Moore, Payne, 76/55 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Cory D. Rager, Paulding, 68/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Marc A. Kimbrough, Detroit, Mich., 97/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

LaToya S. Sullivan, Toledo, driving under suspended license; \$200 fine, \$97 costs. \$100 suspended.

Daquane Sampler, Fort Wayne, Ind., 74/65 speed; \$35

fine, \$95 costs.

Brent R. Townley, Cecil, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Terica Brzozowski, Paulding, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Francis H. Lowden, Jr., Cincinnati, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Jenna E. Ploof, South Lyon, Mich., 88/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Porshia Martinez, Toledo, OVI/driving under the influence; \$375 fine, \$105 costs.

Kaycie R. Herrera, Fort Wayne, Ind., 81/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Annmarie Garcia, Defiance, 85/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Thomas N. Slone, Fort Wayne, Ind., no operator's license; \$200 fine, \$97 costs. \$100 suspended.

Laura A. Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind., 83/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Nicole H. Kim, Toledo, speeding; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Jessica L. Bannow, Madison Heights, Mich., 97/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

Donald G. Leckrone, Antwerp, failure to stop at stop sign; \$55 fine, \$95 costs.

Jeannette Lotzer, Lima, 66/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Michael J. Burtch, Rockford, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Ravikuma Karupana Thevar Sola, Greenwood, Ind., 92/65 speed; \$100 fine, \$95 costs.

Andrew A. Augsburger, Lima, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Mark R. Lucas, Antwerp, seat belt violation; \$30 fine, \$57 costs.

Rebecca Williams, Saint Marys, 67/55 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Larry W. Mullins, Jr., Paulding, driving under suspended license; \$150 fine, \$105 costs.

Felisha Hill, Indianapolis, Ind., 86/65 speed; \$50 fine, \$95 costs.

Kendra D. Lovelady, Indianapolis, Ind., 84/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$95 costs.

Byron C. Johnson, Toledo, OVI/under the influence; \$375 fine, \$105 costs. Johnson may attend driver improvement program in lieu of three jail days.

Three jail days with 87 days suspended. Operator's license suspended for one year.

Byron C. Johnson, Toledo, 78/65 speed. Case dismissed per State's request.

Byron C. Johnson, Toledo, distracted driving. Case dismissed per State's request.

Martin E. Quick, Easley, S.C., 84/65 speed; \$145 fine.

Thomas C. Lane, Fort Wayne, Ind., 85/65 speed; \$45 fine, \$100 costs.

Rosalinda Sanchez, Indianapolis, Ind., 85/65 speed; \$35 fine, \$95 costs.

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Mobile Home Taxes Are Due Monday, March 1, 2021

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, tax collection will be somewhat different for the first half collection this year. Our goal is to make collections as seamless and smooth as possible; and safe for you, the land owner as well as the staff in the Treasurer's Office. *There is a new drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse; we strongly encourage you to use this drop box.*

If you would like to bring your payment into the office, there will be restrictions that will be necessary to follow:

- Your temperature will be checked at the door by the Security Deputy Sheriff
- We are "strongly recommending" that you wear some type of facial covering
- Please respect the Social Distancing, maintaining 6' between customers
- No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time
- Please refrain from bringing children into the office
- If you need to visit another office while in the courthouse make sure you call ahead to set up an appointment
- Our office will close at 4:00 p.m.** to clean & sanitize (notice the time please)

You still have the option of mailing your payment. We accept check and/or money order. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we will not mail you a receipt.

I would also like to share a new option for you to pay your taxes online. I have partnered with Print & Pay, an online payment system, this option does include fees to the landowner, but if you are interested please visit pauldingcountytreasurer.com for more information, go to the direct website at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer>, or go directly to the web site at <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/PauldingCountyTreasurer>

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Lou Ann Wannemacher
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Monday thru Friday
8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

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Jessica R. VanValkenburg, 34, Paulding, was in court for sentencing. VanValkenburg was sentenced to four years of community control sanctions with the following special conditions set forth: serve 40 days in local jail facility with 29 days previously served; not consume any alcohol or controlled substances and not enter into any bars, tavern or places that serve alcohol by the single serving; submit to random blood, breath, urine and saliva screens as directed by the supervising officer with no refusals; complete the treatment plan as recommended from the diagnostic assessment completed through Westwood Behavioral Health

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Miranda L. Bussing, 40, Paulding, was in court on a hearing for intervention in lieu of conviction. The motion for intervention in lieu of conviction was granted. Bussing changed her plea from not guilty to guilty of one count of possession of methamphetamine (F5).

Dustin R. Thomas, 26, Oakwood, was in court for the disposition on the defendant's motion for intervention in lieu of conviction. Thomas was placed on two years of community control sanctions. The following conditions were set forth: follow the intervention plan as recommended by Westwood Behavioral Health

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Derrick M. Bennett, 31, Defiance, was in court for

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date of Notice: February 3, 2021

Name and address of facility: Willow Tree Swine, LLC Site 1 4126 Township Road 49 Payne, Ohio 45880

Willow Tree Swine, LLC Site 2 2888 State Route 49 Payne, Ohio 45880

Name and address of applicant: Willow Tree Swine, LLC 8451 Road 48 Haviland, Ohio 45851

Willow Tree Pork, LLC 4186 Road 71 Payne, Ohio 45880

In accordance with OAC rule 901:10-6-01, public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is accepting comments on a Draft Permit to Operate (PTO) renewal for the facility called "Willow Tree Swine, LLC Site 1" located at 4126 Township Road 49, Payne Ohio 45880 in Paulding County, Benton Township, in the Auglaize Watershed and "Willow Tree Swine, LLC Site 2" located at 2888 State Route 49, Payne, Ohio 45880 in Paulding County, Benton Township, and in the Auglaize Watershed. If the final permit is issued, the PTO would be valid for five years.

A copy of the draft permit can be obtained by completing a public records request using the following link: <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/legal-office/public-records-site-area>. Any person may submit written comments and/or request a public meeting on the draft permit. A request for a public meeting must be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues to be raised at the public meeting. Comments and/or public meeting requests must be received by the DLEP office no later than 5 p.m. March 5, 2021. Comments can either be mailed to Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio or emailed to lepp@agri.ohio.gov. Comments received after this date will not be considered. A public meeting will be held when required by OAC 901:10-6-04(C) and may be held where authorized by OAC 901:10-6-01(D). Persons have a right to provide a written or oral statement for the record at the public meeting, if a meeting is scheduled.The Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting maintains an "interested parties" list for each Ohio county as well as a statewide list for notification of all draft permits. If you would like to be added to either or both of these lists, please send a request to lepp@agri.ohio.gov or call 614-387-0470.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams counties, Ohio. There will be a meeting of the Policy Committee of the Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties. The date of the meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2021. The meeting will be held at the Defiance County Commissioner's Office, 500 Court St., Defiance, Ohio. The time of the meeting is scheduled to begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. o'clock EST.

Mick Pocratsky
Policy Committee Chairman

NOTICE TO BIDDERS STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Columbus, Ohio Division of Construction Management

Legal Copy Number: 201335
Sealed proposals will be accepted from pre-qualified bidders at the ODOT Office of Contracts until 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2021. Project 201335 is located in Paulding County, SR 49-00.00 and is a MINOR RECONSTRUCTION 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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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing on the Ohio Power Company's request for an increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. AEP Ohio seeks a rate increase, including miscellaneous charges, that would generate approximately \$36.2 million of additional revenue, or an increase of 2.96 percent over current total base distribution revenue. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month, AEP Ohio seeks an increase of 1.80 percent on the total bill for the Ohio Power Company rate zone and an increase of 1.81 percent on the total bill for the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zone. After its review of AEP Ohio's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends a decrease of 2.92 percent on the total bill for a 20-585-EL-AIR, et al. -5- residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month for the Ohio Power Company and the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zones.

A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. via Webex.

Interested persons who are not a party to these cases and wish to provide testimony must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/cases/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-et-al-ph> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Commission's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, must be provided to the Commission by February 5, 2021, if possible, but no later than February 16, 2021, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interested individuals who merely wish to attend the hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 179 414 7650. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOOhio. Additional information is available by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

An evidentiary hearing, where counsel for the parties to the cases may present evidence and cross examine witnesses, will commence on March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., by Webex. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Commission's website at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case numbers for this matter.

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Summary: Proof of Pub -Ohio Power Company Submits Its Proof of Publication for the referenced cases (Part 5 of 8) electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of Ohio Power Company