

E-poll question
Do you think the mood in the White House is calm or in chaos?
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Latest results
Do you think teachers should be allowed to carry guns in school?
Yes: 55%. No 45%.

Total votes: 291

AROUND TOWN

Family & Children First Council meets

The next Washington County Family & Children First Council meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Family & Children First office, 202 Davis Ave.

• For information: 740-376-7081.

Free jazz concert April 19 at MC

Marietta College's Jazz Combo and Floodstage will team up for a spring Jazz and A Capella concert "Can't Stop that Feeling" at 7:30 p.m. April 19. The performance, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Alma McDough Auditorium.

April 19 Talk features Marietta's role in WWI

The Castle's Third Thursday Talk — Marietta's Home Front in World War I — will be held at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Washington County Courthouse. Jane Young will talk about the role of Marietta's Red Cross volunteers and other ways Washington Countians supported the war effort during World War I. The cost is \$5 for non-members, \$4 for member and free to docents. Reservations are suggested.

Fort Frye board to meet April 23

The date and time of the April regular meeting of the Fort Frye Local Schools Board of Education has been changed to 5 p.m. April 23 at Beverly-Center Elementary School.

Fort Frye finance committee meeting will be at 4 p.m. April 23 in the superintendent's office located at Beverly Center Elementary School.

Free meal today at Tunnel church

A free community meal (chicken) will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. today at Tunnel United Methodist Church, located at Ohio 550 and Coffman Road. Handicapped parking is available in the upper parking lot by the church entrance. To request to have a meal delivered within a five-mile radius, leave a message at 740-374-5634.

Bull's-eye 4-H hosts pancake breakfast

The Bull's-eye 4-H Club will host a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Marietta Applebee's. There is a \$5 charge. Proceeds go to the Bull's-eye 4-H club.

FROM LOCAL REPORTS

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Council committee discusses slip

Channel Lane repair project estimated to cost \$81,000

By Janelle Patterson
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Marietta City Council's Streets Committee discussed the Channel Lane slip Wednesday.

City Engineer Joe Tucker explained to those present that he was seeking their blessing to apply for the Ohio Public Works Commission's Emergency Program to fund the repair of the slip.

OPWC reserves funding for emergency projects that arise directly out of catastrophic situations that involve an immediate threat to public health and safety, and for which there is no

alternative way of addressing the project through local funding or other resources. These emergency funds are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with funding requests accepted year-round, according to the OPWC website. The current annual allocation is \$3.5 million.

The Channel Lane slip was first recorded in the final week of February following the unusual distribution of rains that caused several landslips along roads both in the city and county.

The estimated project cost is \$81,540, which would cover not only repairing and stabilizing the hill-

side slope but also securing the beams and guardrails to the hillside and repaving the road.

The slip sits next to the intersection of Becker Lane, Channel Lane and Sunset Lane.

Councilman Steve Thomas asked what would be done with the utility poles that currently sit on the hillside where the slip is actively dropping.

"We were out yesterday with several different utility companies including AEP and Suddenlink showing them the slip and they see this as a priority to get their poles moved quickly," answered Tucker. "I expect

to see them out there moving as early as next week so they will be done well ahead of when we would start work if we're awarded this from OPWC."

Tucker clarified that both for the movement of poles for utilities and for the slip repair work Channel Lane would be closed on the hill like Veto Road was for slip repair work out in Warren Township.

This is the second application the city will place with OPWC for landslip emergency funds. The first was for Hillcrest Lane which council discussed on March 28. That project is estimated to cost

\$189,263.11.

Other business

Tucker also briefed Council's Water and Sewer Committee on a deduct from Scope 4 of Phase III renovations to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The deduct removed \$30,665.44 from the overall budget of the project bringing the new total to \$8,410,434.56.

Tucker explained that more efficient use of current buildings was found and will bring electric gate actuators up above the 100-year floodplain.

Gilman house demolished



A backhoe loads broken bricks onto a tractor trailer at the site of a demolition Wednesday on Marietta's west side. The large 19th century home at 312 Gilman Ave. was leveled in slightly more than an hour in the morning, and 11 truckloads of debris removed from the site before the end of the day, Ken Strahler said at the site. Strahler said the house, which had been divided into three apartments, had been vacant for several months after lead contamination was discovered and the owners decided not to undertake remediation.

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Communities share info with Buckeye Hills office

By Janelle Patterson
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The Buckeye Hills Regional Council juggles many responsibilities.

In eight counties it provides community and economic development support, resources for the aging and those with disabilities, transportation planning, population health documentation and the senior farmers market nutrition program.

Under all those directives, programming and grant writing take place to further the prosperity of Southeast Ohio while working hand-in-hand with the state and the Appalachian Regional Commission to bring the area to economic parity with the rest of the nation.

Last week representatives from each of the counties attended the general policy semi-annual meeting for the council and heard from Appalachian Regional Commission Executive Director Scott Hamilton, USDA Ohio Rural Development State Director David Hall and Growth Advisor Dorinda Byers with The Ohio State University Center for

At a glance

- Complete the needs survey:**
- The infrastructure needs survey is in anticipation of potential legislation regarding President Trump's infrastructure outline.
 - The survey can be found at <http://buckeyehills.org/infrastructureneeds/>
 - Buckeye Hills is seeking information on specific projects that may be candidates for potential programming.
 - This effort is focused on gathering information to build a regional case for investment; completing the form does not constitute an application for funding.
 - For more information, contact Bret Allphin at ballphin@buckeyehills.org.
- Source: Buckeye Hills Regional Council.**

Design and Manufacturing Excellence Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

"I think part of the take-away from the speakers is for local leaders to get face time with them, become more aware of what's available and form relationships," said Gwynn Stewart, communications director for the council. "There are many different programs with different timelines and cycles for applications so by being a member of these committees and coming to these meetings officials from townships, villages, cities and county commissions learn more about the resources available. What's nice about having multiple programs under one roof is our folks, say

over in aging, can talk with the grant funding people or development people quickly."

Belpre Mayor Mike Lorentz said he enjoys being a member of such meetings because of the contacts he keeps with state agencies and utility companies.

"When I go I'm looking for resources to help Belpre and I'm keeping in touch with people from (Ohio Department of Transportation) and AEP and the governor's office," Lorentz explained. "I keep a thumb on the infrastructure needs of the region they're addressing and make sure Belpre isn't forgotten. We have big projects coming and they're going to take a lot of

money. I think the projects Buckeye Hills does for us has always been good. Without them leading us through these grant processes I wouldn't be able to navigate them."

Muskingum Township Trustee Gary Doan said he was excited to meet with Donna Kirkbride of the Ohio Public Works Commission at the meeting.

"We've filed for aid through the OPWC for our landslips and I did feel a lot better after talking with her that we're in the top percentage for getting funding," Doan said. "There was also good information on what the senior citizens' benefits are that Buckeye Hills provides. (In future discussions) I'm looking to see if they have information for funding for small township projects."

Part of the meeting was to address what Buckeye Hills has accomplished in the last year. Specifically in Washington County Stewart reported that funding for four projects was awarded, totaling just over \$1.6 million in OPWC grants and loans. The program supported two county roadway projects, a roadway project for the City of

Marietta, and the Village of Beverly collection system improvement.

The council also provided funding for the O'Neill Center in Marietta's new roof to replace the 40-year-old roof that was original to the building on Fourth Street.

Buckeye Hills and Washington County also worked together to secure a \$703,875 Clean Ohio Greenspace grant for the Little Hocking River Park project in Belpre Township. Buckeye Hills also administers the Washington County CDBG Allocation program. In 2017, staff administered three projects with a total cost of \$97,100, including the City of Belpre sidewalk improvements and fire protection equipment and parking projects in Lawrence Township.

"Now we're looking for people to fill out the regional infrastructure needs survey," said Stewart. "Like in past stimulus packages from previous administrations, there may be funding that comes available for this region."

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Wood BOE to hold Saturday morning budget session

By Michael Erb
Special to the Times

PARKERSBURG -- The Wood County Board of Education will hold a special session Saturday to receive presentations on department budgets.

The board will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Wood County Schools Central Office at 13th and Plum streets in

At a glance

- Wood County Board of Education:**
- What: Special budget session.
 - When: 9 a.m. Saturday.
 - Where: 1210 13th St., Parkersburg.

Parkersburg. The meeting is open to the public, though people wishing to

speak must fill out and submit a comment card prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting will include an overall budget presentation as well as information on the budgets of each department. The presentations will include information from Director of Health Services Julie Bertram, Direc-

tor of Elementary Schools Keith Palmer, Director of Special Education Yvonne Santin and Director of Human Resources Sean Francisco.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Fling will present information on maintenance, transportation, technology services and child nutrition departments.

Director of Curriculum Christie Willis will present information on counseling and academic services as well as staff development.

The session will end with a presentation on Finance and Purchasing by Director of Finance Whitney Kines.

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REPORTERS AND THEIR BEATS

3 accusers confront Cosby; one calls him a 'serial rapist'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Decades after they say Bill Cosby knocked them out with intoxicants and sexually assaulted them, three of his accusers confronted the 80-year-old comedian in court Wednesday, with one woman pointedly calling him a "serial rapist" and another asking him through her tears, "You remember, don't you, Mr. Cosby?"

The women's charged rhetoric prompted several mistrial requests from Cosby's lawyers — which were denied — as prosecutors built their case that Cosby was one of Hollywood's biggest predators long before he met Andrea Constand, the chief accuser in his sexual assault retrial.

Now well into middle age, the accusers spoke of entering Cosby's orbit as starstruck young women seeking career help or, in the case of a casino bartender from Reno, Nevada, simply looking for a fun time. All of them testified they wound up unconscious from the pills or alcohol he gave them, unable to say no or resist as he had his way with them.

"I was raped," declared the former bartender, Janice Baker-Kinney, who was 24 when she says Cosby gave her pills she suspected to be quaaludes and had sex with her in 1982.

Cosby's lawyers say Baker-Kinney, who now works as a stage manager on pro sports broadcasts in the

San Francisco area, took the drug willingly.

Another accuser, sobbing uncontrollably as she testified, told jurors she got to know Cosby through a family connection as a 17-year-old aspiring model and actress. Chelan Lasha said Cosby gave her a little blue pill he described as an anti-histamine to help her get over a cold, along with two shots of amaretto "to help break up the cough." The combination immobilized her and rendered her unable to speak.

Cosby then assaulted her, touching her breast and rubbing himself against her leg, Lasha said.

"I could barely move. He guided me there, and he laid me in the bed. I couldn't

move any more after that. He laid next to me, and he kept touching my breast and humping my leg. I remember something warm hitting my leg," she said.

Asked what was going through her mind, Lasha testified: "Dr. Huxtable wouldn't do this. Why are you doing this to me? You're supposed to help me be successful."

Turning to Cosby, she made the remark that suggested he remembered the encounter.

Cosby, who portrayed kindly Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his hit TV comedy "The Cosby Show," turned away and smiled slightly.

Lasha, Baker-Kinney and a third woman who also testified, Heidi Thomas, are

among five additional accusers whom prosecutors plan to call to make the case that Cosby, once revered as "America's Dad," was a Hollywood predator who is only now facing a reckoning after allegedly assaulting Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

The additional accusers could also help prosecutors insulate Constand from the defense's contention that she is a "con artist" who preyed on Cosby's vulnerability after the 1997 killing of his son, Ennis, and then framed him to score a big payday via a \$3.4 million civil settlement.

The defense has urged jurors to ignore the other accusers, calling their allegations irrelevant to the

charges involving Constand, who turned 45 on Wednesday.

Outside court, Cosby spokeswoman Ebonee Benson called the testimony from prior accusers a "prosecution by distraction."

"When you don't have a case, you'll fill the case with something else," she said. "Once the jury hears the evidence of the case we are here for, they will render a verdict of not guilty."

Constand, a former Temple University women's basketball administrator, alleges Cosby gave her pills and then molested her. He says the encounter was consensual.

His first trial last year ended in a hung jury.

POLICE

Reports/Marietta

- During a traffic stop Saturday in the 100 block of Knox Street, it was learned that driver Marcus G. Boothby, of 144 Washington St., Waterford, had a suspended license and possibly a warrant. A search of the vehicle revealed a syringe. Boothby was charged with possession of drug abuse instruments.
- Officers responded to the 100 block of Front Street on Sunday in reference to a large fight in progress. A male was found on the ground regaining consciousness and bleeding from the nose and mouth. After statements were taken from multiple people involved and witnesses, Patrick R. Bouey, of 44635 Farm Credit Road, Caldwell, and Austin A. Griffin, of 308 Fairground St. A, Caldwell, were arrested for assault.
- McDonald's, 729 Glendale Road, reported Sunday that a man was attempting to pass a \$100 counterfeit bill. He was later identified as Derek Oldfield, of 713 Ninth St., and charged with criminal simu-

- Officers responded to 309 Scammel St. on Sunday for a report of two missing/runaway juvenile girls. The sisters returned home shortly after.
- An officer was dispatched to Marietta Memorial Hospital on Sunday in reference to an assault. The victim's ex-girlfriend reportedly punched her hands, which had recently had surgery, then stole her cell phone and fled. The case remains under investigation.
- Tasha N. Glidden, of 207 Aurora St., reported Sunday damage to her car's driver's side door. The investigation is ongoing.
- Walter R. McBride, of 1317 Lancaster St., reported Monday that his vehicle had been stolen from 213 Ingleside Ave.
- An officer was dispatched to the intersection of Pike and Wayne streets on Monday for a report of a fight inside a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of North Seventh Street. Michael Wallace, of 105 Leland Ave., and Natasha Dunn, of 705 Sec-

- David A. Decker, of 522 1/2 Third St., reported a burglary on Monday. The front door was forced open and multiple personal belongings were taken by an acquaintance. Later in the evening, the Washington County Sheriff's Office located suspect Blake Keel in possession of the stolen belongings. He was charged with burglary.

Reports/Washington County

- On Friday, a deputy began an investigation into an unruly juvenile. Charges of unruly juvenile will be filed in Washington County Juvenile Court.
- A deputy began an investigation Saturday in reference to domestic violence. After speaking with all parties it was determined to be unfounded.
- During a traffic stop Saturday, driver Madison LaRue admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the day and advised the deputy he could search the car. A bag-

- Ashley Gens, another occupant, reported a small marijuana blunt belonged to her. A summons for possession of a controlled substance will be requested for Ashley N. Gens, 20, of 71 Anvill Road, Waverly, W.Va., and Madison LaRue, 20, of 147 Saddle Lane, Waverly, W.Va., through Marietta Municipal Court.

Arrests/Washington County

The following people were recently processed into the Washington County Jail:

- Jeffrey Dwayne Wear, 47, of 10595 State Route 555, Cutler, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.
- Brenda Lee Mitchem, 53, of 815 Fifth St., Marietta, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.
- Matthew Ronald Foraker, 34, of 1003 Campus Drive, Belpre, was arrested for theft, a misdemeanor.
- Scott Everett Collins, 33, homeless, was arrested

- Alex Thomas Klintworth, 25, of 300 Starlite Drive, Marietta, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.
- Ryan Andrew Davis, 35, of 207 Virginia St., Marietta, was arrested for three counts of burglary, carrying a concealed weapon, aggravated burglary, assault, intimidation, all felonies, and voyeurism, a misdemeanor.
- David Alexander Webb, 21, of 415 Edgelawn Ave., Williamstown, was

- Dana Michelle Steele, 34, of 20661 State Route 93, Welston, was arrested on a warrant for contempt of court, a felony.
- John David Bigler, 42, of 710 Front St., Apt. 5, Marietta, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.
- Braden Douglas Lowe, 22, of 364 Indian Run Road, Marietta, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.

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But this time we'd like to be prepared with a needs list if that happens." Those interested can complete the survey at <http://buckeyehills.org/infrastructureneeds/>

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