

## **Issue-Program List: 4th Quarter 2020 WBCO filed 1/1/21**

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- 4. Miscellaneous Issues**
- 5. Education**
- 6. Agriculture**
- 7. Elderly Concerns**

**Kim Jenney**  
**General Manager**

## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 31 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 31 NEWS.mp3

DEC 31 2020 NEWS

The felony case against a Galion woman that stemming from a case involving a former Crawford County corrections officer was dismissed in Crawford County Common Pleas Court recently. Brittany Miller, faced two felony charges, bribery, and one count of theft. According to the special prosecutor on the case, Margaret Tomaro of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Miller conspired with Megan Futchi to extort money from the Tupps family. Futchi admitted to the charges and took a plea in the case.

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Galion City Schools has been named a recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign.

The purpose of the grant is to support the department's critical work in ending childhood hunger. The Galion Food Service department plans to use the grant funding to help offset the costs of several programs, as well as additional requirements to keep feeding students during the pandemic. The schools are planning to use some of the funds to help offset expenses from expanding the department's use of technology and make improvements to the Summer Meal Bus.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 30 NEWS  
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DEC 30 2020 NEWS

After nearly a year of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, one of two vaccines that have been produced have made it to Crawford County. Kate Siefert, health commissioner for Crawford County Public Health, said that last Wednesday, a handful of public health nurses kicked off the morning by rolling up their sleeves to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. They were quickly followed by several members of the local fire & EMS departments. She said Crawford County Public Health received one box of the Moderna vaccine on Dec. 21 and quickly organized a clinic specifically for fire and EMS as outlined in Ohio's phased approach. Ohio has established a phased approach to distribute vaccines while supply is limited.

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On Saturday evening, Marion Police Officers responded to a report of two deceased individuals found by a family member in the garage of a home located in the 1200 block of East Center Street in Marion. The deceased persons were a married couple who were also residents of the home. Marion Police Department Investigators, working in conjunction with the Marion County Coroner's Office conducted an investigation at the scene and identified the dead as 42-year-old Amy Berry, and her husband, 44-year-old Max Berry. The bodies of Amy and Max Berry were transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office where autopsies were conducted.

More information will be available after autopsies.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 27, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 28 AND 29 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 28 NEWS.mp3; DEC 29 NEWS.mp3

I will be out of town tomorrow so just to be safe I went ahead a recorded Monday and Tuesday's news.

## **DEC 28 NEWS**

Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers charged a 64-year-old Mansfield man with operating a vehicle under the influence for the seventh time. The driver, Gary Papst, was pulled over last week, for a lanes violation in the Village of Lexington. Papst was attempting to pass another vehicle and drove partially on the sidewalk. During the traffic stop, troopers determined Papst to be under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and Papst was arrested and charged with OVI. It was determined that Papst had been charged with OVI six previous times in the last 43 years. Papst was released to a sober party following the arrest.

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State Fire Marshal Kevin S. Reardon is pleased to announce the first round of recipients of the 2021 MARCS grant which means Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems that includes 242 fire departments in 46 counties throughout Ohio. The MARCS radio system allows first responders to seamlessly communicate, not only with each other, but with other agencies responding to an incident. Crawford, Richland, Wyandot, and Morrow County fire departments were among the fire departments to receive money.

## **DEC 29 NEWS**

A former Bucyrus man appeared in Crawford County Common Pleas Court last week to seek judicial release from the Crawford County Jail. 45-year-old, Robert A. Skaggs, of Garrison, Kentucky appeared before Crawford County Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold. In July, Skaggs pleaded guilty to one count of possession of drugs. Skaggs was placed on five years of community control. In October, Skaggs failed a routine drug screen when he tested positive meth. Instead of sending Skaggs to prison, Judge Leuthold opted to put him in jail for the remainder of his sentence with 143 days of jail time credit. Skaggs was ordered released but must report to supervising probation officer Eric Bohach.

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Colonel Crawford Local Schools held their December board meeting. To begin the meeting, the board approved an MOU with the school's union, Colonel Crawford Education Association to get rid of blizzard bags and replace them with remote learning days for calamity days 6, 7, and 8. Students will be back in person on January 4, but the administration is going to keep an eye on January 4 and 5 to see what happens those two days from kids being on the break and being around family, to see if students can stay in person or if they need to go back to remote learning.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 23 AND 24 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 23 NEWS.mp3; DEC 24 NEWS.mp3

DEC 23 2020 NEWS

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is asking white-tailed deer hunters in portions of Wyandot, Marion, and Hardin counties to submit samples of harvested deer for Chronic Wasting Disease testing. Testing is voluntary but highly encouraged. CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer populations. A CWD-positive wild Ohio white-tailed deer was recently identified in Wyandot County. The Division of Wildlife will implement its CWD response plan, which includes enhanced surveillance in 15 townships in the surrounding area, to monitor for the disease. Additional testing will be available for those who take a deer during the muzzleloader season, Jan. 2-5, 2021,

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If you are looking for something to do, take a stroll at your convenience through Lowe-Volk Park looking for candy canes as you go. Each one will have a line of a poem for you to read. Once you finish your hike, stop at the front desk of the Nature Center to claim your prize! For more information contact the Crawford Park District office at 419-683-9000.

DEC 24 2020 NEWS

The Galion Middle School will serve as the host site for the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio's Crawford County Mobile Drive-Thru Pantry event on December 30. Second Harvest will be distributing FREE assorted boxes of shelf-stable food, fresh produce, frozen meat, milk, and more from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Dec. 30. Those wishing to participate are asked to pre-register prior to the event. Masks are required during registration and while your vehicle is being loaded and you have to remain in your vehicle.

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On Saturday, December 26 at 6 p.m. at Lowe-Volk Park, at 2401 State Route 598 in Crestline Join members of the Crawford Park Astronomy Club as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. Some of the targets for the winter are Jupiter & Saturn, Mars, m-31, 'Great Orion Nebula, m-44, m-45, and Double Stars. Call the Crawford Park District office at 419-683-9000 to register.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 8:46 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 22 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 22 NEWS.m3

DEC 22 2020 NEWS

AAA expects the vast majority of Americans to stay home this holiday season. Public health concerns and travel guidance are influencing their decisions not to travel over the year-end holidays, a period that typically sees high demand for vacations. After 11 years of year-end holiday travel growth, AAA predicts 1.4 million fewer Ohioans will travel between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3, a decline of at least 30% in Ohio from last year. The CDC urges Americans not to travel for the holidays this year, warning that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

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The Chad Durham family loves to light up their house for the holidays. It takes several days, but when the last electrical cord is finally plugged in, the home at 844 Rogers Street in Bucyrus glows with an array of new and vintage Christmas decorations. Inside and out, on the ground and on the roof where Rudolph guides Santa's sleigh up into the night sky. The showstopper of the two-story home is the waving rooftop Santa, sleigh and reindeer, which are supported by a 12-foot long wooden frame that Durham custom-built, secured with iron pipe to hoist the reindeer overhead. A leg lamp from the classic holiday movie "A Christmas Story" lights up the picture window.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:27 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 21 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 21 NEWS.mp3

### **DEC 21 2020 NEWS**

Nearly 74 percent of registered voters in Crawford County voted in the Presidential General Election on Nov. 3. Ruth Leuthold, director of the Crawford County Board of Elections, had predicted that 75 percent of the county's registered voters would vote in the general election and the final tally is 73.94 percent. Leuthold said a total of 20,860 out of the 28,213 registered voters in the county cast their ballots in the November election and more people voted absentee by mail or in the office ahead of the election than voted at the polls on Election Day. Only 7,677 people voted on Election Day while 13,183 voted in the office before Election Day or by mail.

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The Bucyrus board of education held their monthly meeting on Thursday. Treasurer Mr. Ryan Cook informed the board that a community member whose father was a 1940 Bucyrus grad, is in the process of donating one million dollars to the school to be put towards a scholarship for Bucyrus students only. Bucyrus City Schools is working with Ohio Improvement Process and State Support Team Region 7 to survey staff, students, and parents regarding culture and climate with the panorama instrument that was purchased. The board also accepted the resignation of Mr. Mark Fiske, the current band director.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 18 NEWS

DEC 18 2020 NEWS

Bucyrus Mayor Jeff Reser released an update this week on the progress of the Norton Bicentennial Park project. According to Mayor Reser, the city has an agreement to purchase and is raising funds to acquire the Home City Ice Plant and they are now doing the Phase One study. He went on to say that after months of trying to purchase the Freddie's Restaurant property, which is owned by City Council President Kurt Fankhauser, that the property had sold and the closing was on Wednesday of this week. The Mayor expressed that this was bad news because he feels the area would look better without this eyesore and the city would be better to have a more complete park on this site. The Mayor also says he welcomes a new business that will fix up the building, even with the severe floodway restrictions.

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A local diner has become a grilling sensation when it comes to hamburgers with another best burger award under its belt. Lu Lu's Kitchen, 1640 Marion Rd. in Bucyrus, has recently been named one of the top 11 burger restaurants in the state, according to the travel site "Only in Your State." It was ranked No. 5 on the list of "Small Town Burger Joints in Ohio That Beat Fast Food Chains Any Day." The American restaurant, which opened almost two years ago, is known for its signature half-pound steak burgers topped with grilled onions and mushrooms. Last year it was also voted as the top burger joint in central Ohio in a poll of viewers taken by WCMH-TV in Columbus.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 17 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 17 NEWS.mp3

### DEC 17 2020 NEWS

To help fight the COVID-19 virus, Avita Health System is expanding monoclonal antibody treatment by opening an infusion clinic at Galion Hospital on Monday for patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk of developing severe illness. Monoclonal antibodies are a type of medication produced in a laboratory that can mimic the human immune system response to infection or other diseases. Avita is offering monoclonal antibody therapy as an outpatient treatment for individuals with recent COVID-19 diagnoses who have mild to moderate disease but are at high risk for progressing to severe disease or hospitalization.

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The pandemic has caused many performing arts organizations to postpone or cancel shows in 2020. However, the Galion High School Performing Arts department took a different approach to their annual fall stage production by filming their rendition of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol." The Galion High School Performing Arts department's film of "A Christmas Carol" is available to rent online and is available to anyone who would like to watch the performance now through December 31, 2020. Each rental is for 48 hrs at a time, and cost \$15.00 plus admin fees per rental.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 16 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 16 NEWS.mp3

DEC 16 2020 NEWS

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Michael D. Smith has been selected as the 2020 Bucyrus Post Trooper of the Year. The selection of Trooper Smith is in recognition of his outstanding service during 2020 at the Bucyrus Post. Fellow troopers stationed at the Bucyrus Post chose Trooper Smith based on his leadership abilities, professional ethics, courteous, treatment of others, enthusiastic work attitude, and cooperation with supervisors, peers, and the public.

Trooper Smith joined the Patrol in 2011 and has served at the Bucyrus and Marion posts. He is a lifelong resident of Upper Sandusky and a graduate of Upper Sandusky High School.

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The Crestline School board met on Monday evening for their regular meeting at the Crestline High School gymnasium and via YouTube.com. The board voted to approve updated criteria for the Crestline High School Academic Letter program. Superintendent Matt Henderson said the changes needed to be made to be able to include students who are in the College Credit Plus program full-time. The board also approved a resignation from a teacher and a new phone system.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 12:26 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 15 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 15 NEWS.mp3

DEC 15 2020 NEWS

The first new ambulance for the Bucyrus Fire Department in a decade was delivered last week. The new ambulance was purchased through Ftund Superior Sales in Pennsylvania through an auto dealer in Akron at a price tag of \$292,000. Mayor Jeff Reser said that 2020 CARES Act funds were used to purchase the new ambulance. The mayor went on to say, This ambulance will enhance the city's ability to back up their current ambulance provider with an up-to-date ambulance. This purchase allows the city to be ready to take on more ambulance runs if needed in a safe, efficient, and effective manner. The new ambulance offers several features the older one does not contain, including a power lift.

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Some Crestline residents are counting on the magic of the night and the wonder of Christmas to bring hope and healing to area residents this holiday season. They have organized a night under the "Christmas Star" on Mon., Dec. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Village Gazebo. The event is being held on the winter solstice when, after nearly 800 years, a rare phenomenon will bring the planets Jupiter and Saturn so close that it will resemble the Star of Bethlehem. Although everyone in Crawford and surrounding counties is invited, those attending are asked to wear face masks and observe social distancing guidelines.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
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**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 14 NEWS  
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decDEC 14 2020 NEWS

Not even Saturday's rain could dampen the spirit behind this year's toy drive hosted by the Bucyrus Fire Department. Now in its eleventh year, the toy drive was as strong as ever with over 1,600 dollars in donations and multiple eight-foot tables stacked high with toys to be donated. With the current pandemic, the fire department felt it was especially important to host the toy drive year because there are so many people out of work.

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After a two-hour phone conference with Crawford County health officials regarding the increase of COVID-19 throughout Crawford County, Crestline Mayor Linda Horning Pitt has decided to reinstate the temporary closure of all village buildings, including Crestline Village Hall. Village offices and departments will remain open and will be staffed for phone and email inquiries only.

Any matter that requires additional services, or that cannot be completed by phone or email, will be scheduled by appointment. During this State of Emergency, the Village of Crestline administration urges citizens and customers to utilize the online payment option on the Crestline Village website or use the pay by telephone option at 419-688-5270. Village parks will remain open to the public, however, citizens are urged to follow the Governor's guidelines on large group meetings. Rentals for village-owned park spaces are suspended indefinitely.

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**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 11 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 11 NEWS.mp3

DEC 11 2020 NEWS

The Bucyrus Little Theatre is turning to social media to stage its first performance since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of its last show back in March. The Theatre will perform a Facebook Live show called "Bucyrus Little Theatre: Holiday Cheer" Tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. The variety show will feature classic Christmas carols performed by many veterans of the theatre stage. 13 singers will perform "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and other holiday favorites for the Facebook live event, there are also two duets and a quartet. The show will last approx 40 minutes.

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The Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce and the Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to provide CARES Act funds from the Crawford County Commissioners to local small businesses. The two Chambers are collaborating together to allocate funds in response to the urgent need for assistance to sustain Crawford County's small businesses as they fight for their survival amidst the COVID-19 crisis. The Crawford County Small Business Relief Grant has been created to quickly administer much-needed funding during these challenging times. Guideline and applications are available at either the Bucyrus Chamber office or the Galion-Crestline Chamber office. Applications can also be found online on the Bucyrus Chamber website or the Galion Chamber's website.

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**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 10 NEWS  
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DEC 10 2020 NEWS

A Crestline man was arrested after a tip was provided to law enforcement by Fed Ex regarding a package containing 75 suspected Oxycodone-Oxycontin pills and suspected marijuana. that was to be delivered to the man's residence. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office, assisted by METTRICH, Crestline and Galion Police Departments, delivered the package via an undercover officer, along with a narcotic search warrant, to the residence, located at 916 Park Road in Crestline, on Tuesday. 56-year-old David Fuson, was arrested. More pills and marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia and firearms, were located during a search of the residence.

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The official kick-off of the Bucyrus Bicentennial celebration has been postponed until next year.

The Bratwurst Drop – originally planned for New Year's Eve – will now be held in April, although an exact date has not yet been determined. A full slate of events, is still on tap for 2021, including a Johnny Appleseed dedication on Finley Hill in the spring, an expanded Memorial Day parade, and a big Fourth of July weekend featuring a Founders Day parade through town, the traditional fireworks show, home tours, and an architectural scavenger hunt.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 9 NEWS  
**Attachments:** DEC 9 NEWS.mp3

DEC 9 2020 NEWS

A motion to approve an interim village administrator to replace John Rostash who resigned from the position several weeks ago failed to be passed as an emergency during the Crestline Village Council meeting Monday evening. The resolution to approve Mayor Linda Horning Pitt's appointment of Michael Scott for the temporary position was held to a first reading after a motion to approve the resolution as an emergency was met by silence from council members.

The next council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Crestline Village Hall.

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A Bucyrus woman appeared in Crawford County Common Pleas Court on Monday and pleaded guilty to one count of possession of drugs, and one count of tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony punishable with up to three years in prison. 33-year-old, Tasia Myers, was sentenced to two years in prison on each count by Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold, meaning Myers will spend the next four years in prison. Myers will be considered for a judicial release in the future and will pay restitution in an amount to be determined, for vandalizing the Crawford County Jail.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 8 NEWS  
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### **DEC 8 2020 NEWS**

The Community Foundation for Crawford County has received \$400,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security act, also known as the CARES Act funding from the Crawford County Commissioners to distribute in the form of grants to local nonprofits negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. According to Foundation President director Lisa Workman, The Commissioners had some monies left over after paying for initial pandemic expenses and passed this funding to the Foundation. They also gave funds to the Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce and the Gallon-Crestline Chamber of Commerce for their distribution to affected area businesses. The full set of program guidelines can be found at the Foundation's website

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Hopley Avenue from Walnut Street to Whetstone Street is closed today for waterline repairs. Hopley will reopen this evening.

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As part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's ongoing effort to make Ohio roadways safe, troopers continue to focus on impaired driving this month and throughout the holiday season. Since 2015, there were 81,006 OVI-related crashes on Ohio roadways, killing 2,691 people and injuring 49,190 others. Last year, troopers from the Bucyrus Post removed 153 impaired drivers from our roadways.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
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**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 7 NEWS  
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### **DEC 7 2020 NEWS**

Richland County has moved to Level 4/Purple the highest level in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19. Richland County is one of eight counties that were either Purple last week or were on the watch list. The Purple level indicates severe exposure and spread of coronavirus and the recommendation to only leave home for supplies and services. It does not curtail businesses or the need to report to work. All Ohio Counties remain listed for High Incidence of COVID-19 spread. All counties had active cases of coronavirus at or over 100 cases per 100,000 population.

Crawford County remains orange this week.

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Bucyrus Mayor Jeff Reser has issued a new Proclamation of the Mayor Emergency Declaration, extending the previous Emergency Declaration released last week. The proclamation that went into effect on Friday, says all City-owned buildings are now closed to the general public through Thursday, December 31, 2020, City offices and departments will remain open and will be staffed for phone and email inquiries only. Any matter that requires additional services or that cannot be completed by phone or email, will be scheduled by appointment.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
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**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** DEC 4 NEWS  
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DEC 4 2020 NEWS

Members of the Rotary Club of Bucyrus and the Bucyrus Kiwanis Club have teamed up to provide an opportunity for children to see Santa this year. While Santa's house remains closed to protect him and Mrs. Claus, the groups hope this chance to see and wave at Santa warms the hearts of children who otherwise can't understand the limitations that Covid-19 has placed on events such as Santa's arrival.

The parade will kick off from Bucyrus High School at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, and end at approximately 10:45 a.m. at Family Farm & Home. This will be a very simple parade that consists of Santa on a Fire Truck, escorted by the police department.

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A statewide wastewater monitoring effort has indicated that COVID-19 cases may be increasing in the Bucyrus community. Crawford County Health is asking residents to be on alert and remain vigilant in their efforts to social distance, wear face coverings, frequent hand-washing and staying home when not feeling well.

Recently, levels in the Bucyrus community wastewater increased 2.5 times in just four days, from 430,000 Million Gene Copies on November 18 to 1,100,000 MGC on November 22nd. Research has shown that non-infectious RNA from the virus that causes COVID-19 can be detected in wastewater in a community as many as three to seven days before symptoms and infections begin.

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**Subject:** DEC 3 NEWS  
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### DEC 3 2020 NEWS

Bucyrus Mayor Jeff Reser has announced that there is help on the way for small businesses in Bucyrus through the CARES Act. The Crawford County Commissioners will be distributing \$400,000 in CARES Act funds to the Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce for distribution to local small businesses.

Mayor Reser stated that This funding, in addition to the recent \$10,000 grants from the State of Ohio, as well as the anticipated BWC refunds, shows how important the survival of our business community is to the City of Bucyrus, to Crawford County, and to our state.

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Ohio's Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season End this year with Ohio hunters checking in 1,063 wild turkeys during the 2020 fall hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife. The 2020 fall wild turkey season was open in 70 counties from Oct. 10-Nov. 29. The 2020 total represents a 1% decrease from the average harvest during the past three years, which is 1,078 wild turkeys.

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DEC 2 2020NEWS

Outside with temperatures around 30 degrees, the Bucyrus City Council met on the steps of City Hall Tuesday night, for their regular full council meeting. Councilman James Mee, made a motion to overturn the ruling Mayor Jeff Reser made to close City Hall. The motion died from a lack of a second. Councilman Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was then over in about 3 minutes. The emergency declaration by the Mayor, closing City Hall still stands.

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The railroad tracks on North Sandusky in Bucyrus are closed for repair for at least the next two days. Paving is expected to be done today.

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In addition to prison, He also received a lifetime driver's license suspension. He will forfeit all drug-related property including a knife, sheath, And a Samsung cell phone to the appropriate authorities.

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**Subject:** DEC 1NEWS  
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### **DEC 1 2020 NEWS**

With the winter driving season now in effect, Kimberly Schwind of AAA is offering the following tips to remind drivers how to be safe while traveling on the snowy roads.

#### **(AUDIO)**

Also make sure your tires have adequate pressure and tread depth, check your battery and replace old windshield wipers and solvent. If you break down or spin out during a winter storm, it may take longer for help to arrive. That's why it's important to be patient and pack an emergency roadside kit.

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NOV 30 2020 NEWS

The Crawford County Commissioners have issued the following Temporary order in response to COVID-19 Public Health Crisis:

The order that went into effect today states that until further notice, the Crawford County Courthouse will be closed to the general public.

This order does not include:

- a. Law Enforcement;
- b. Attorneys and their office staff;
- c. Media;
- d. Necessary parties to the proceeding;
- e. Persons previously scheduled for court;
- f. Victims' rights advocates;
- g. Any other category of persons this Court determines to be appropriate. If you have business to conduct in the Courthouse, you are permitted to enter. For example, if you need to pay your real estate taxes or pay for dog licenses, you may enter to conduct that business.

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Galion Mayor Tom O'Leary announced on Wednesday the appointment of Gail Baldinger as City Auditor. According to a press release, Baldinger will fill the unexpired term of Brian Treisch, who is resigning effective on November 27 due to health and personal reasons.



Baldinger's appointment begins at midnight on November 28. The term runs through December 31, 2021. Baldinger had been serving his ninth full year on City Council and was chairman of the Finance Committee. The vacated At-Large seat will now be filled by Council.

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**Subject:** NOV 25 NEWS  
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NOV 25 2020 NEWS

The Gallon-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce has made the decision to hold their "Annual Holiday Open House and Auction" as a virtual online auction only in 2020. This event was established in 2004 and is the largest non-dues income generator for the chamber each year.

The virtual auction will open on Wednesday, November 25th at 5 pm and run through 7 pm on Thursday, December 3rd. Winners of auction items will receive an email at the conclusion of the auction on the 3rd to let them know of items won from the auction. Items can then be picked up at the chamber office starting at 9 am on Friday, December 4th. Tickets for the chamber's annual raffle will also be available for \$20 through the online auction site, or from any chamber board member or ambassador.

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Carl Wiggins of Bucyrus appeared in Crawford County Common Pleas Court Monday to plead guilty to two counts. Wiggins pleaded guilty to one count of having weapons under disability, and one count of possession of drugs. In a plea negotiation, Wiggins was sentenced to four years in prison.

Wiggins will be considered for judicial release after he serves one year of his sentence. Wiggins was ordered to forfeit all drug-related property as well as a Beretta gun to the appropriate authorities.

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**Subject:** NOV 24 NEWS  
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NOV 24 2020 NEWS

Local law enforcement agencies have a plan in place to ensure continuity of services in the event that COVID affects their employees. According to Crawford County Sheriff Scott Kent, eight employees were off work due to COVID-19 as of Nov. 17. Kent said his staff is diligent about cleaning and disinfecting while on patrol as well as inside the Crawford County Justice Center.

Kent reached out to the Crestline Police Department to secure dispatch coverage if needed. The Crestline Police Department recently hired a part-time officer to replace one that is leaving and at full staff. The part time officer is in a position to help other departments, as needed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The Crawford Park District's new pre-kindergarten program, Forest Friends, is underway and is going well. Led by new naturalist Chelsea Gottfried, four and five-year-olds are immersing themselves in the outdoors. From exploring the creeks and woodlands to playing in leaves and learning about everything nature.

Forest Friends meets three days a week from September through April, with morning and afternoon sessions available. While this year's sessions are underway, there still is availability.

For more information about Forest Friends and how to register your four or five-year-old, contact the park office at 419-683-9000.

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NOV 23 2020 NEWS

All City-owned buildings are closed to the public effective today through Sunday, December 6.

City offices and departments will remain open and will be staffed for phone and email inquiries only. Any matter that requires additional services, or that cannot be completed by phone or email, will be scheduled by appointment. All utility bills can be made through the City's online portal or dropped off in the Utility Office drive-through window. There will also be a drop box at the northeast door on the City Hall porch. All-City of Bucyrus Income Tax returns should be mailed to PO Box 28 Bucyrus with a check or money order payable to Bucyrus Income Tax. Tax payments for existing balances can also be mailed or paid online at [govpaynow.com](http://govpaynow.com).

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The Crestline Santa Parade will travel through the Village on Saturday, December 5th at 4 pm. The parade will start and end at The Hub at Village Square and will travel through the Crestline High School Campus. The main roads that the parade will travel through include Seltzer Street, Thrush Avenue, Henry Street, Oldfield Road, Park Road, and Bucyrus Street.

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NOV 20 2020 NEWS

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Ohio continues to rise and Crawford County is no exception. According to Crawford County Health Commissioner Kate Siefert, last week, Nov. 8 through Nov. 14, Crawford County Public Health received a record number of cases within a seven-day time frame with 162 new cases being reported to her agency.

The Galion City Health Department reported that as of Nov. 13, there are 90 active cases in that jurisdiction. There is currently a total of 211 active cases in the Crawford County jurisdiction and as of last Friday, there are 90 active cases in the Galion City area.

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Governor DeWine announced this week that the Ohio Department of Health is issuing a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. statewide curfew that began last night. The curfew will be in effect for 21 days. The curfew will not apply to those going to or from work, those who have an emergency, or those who need medical care. The curfew is not intended to stop anyone from getting groceries or going to a pharmacy. Picking up carry-out or a drive-thru meal and ordering for delivery will be permitted, but serving food and drink in person must cease at 10 p.m.

The decision to impose a 21-day curfew was made with input from the medical and business communities with consideration to the economic and mental health impacts that another shutdown could cause.

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NOV 19 2020 NEWS

During the this week's regular Crestline Village Council meeting, Mayor Linda Horning Pitt said that an ad has been placed in the search for a new village administrator after John Rostash resigned unexpectedly two weeks ago. Council voted to approve the mayor's appointment of Jason Bush as a full-time police officer for the village

The next regular meeting of the village council will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 7th.

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Mitchell Hensley, of Bucyrus, appeared in Crawford County Common Pleas Court Tuesday to plead guilty to one count of possession of drugs, a second-degree felony punishable with up to eight years in prison. As part of a plea agreement, the state dropped two fourth-degree felony possession of drugs charges, Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold sentenced Hensley to five years in prison, with a possible judicial release after he serves four years of the sentence.

Hensley's crime falls under the provisions of the Reagan Tokes Act. In cases of the most serious felonies, the Ohio Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is permitted to add or deduct prison time from an offender depending on the inmate's conduct.

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NOV 18 2020 NEWS

Bucyrus City Schools are going to remote learning starting today. The school district is offering free Breakfast and lunches through December 11 at the following locations and times:

11:30-12:30

At the Bucyrus High School, front entrance

11:45-12:15

At the Lincoln Administrative Building

At Bucyrus Elementary School, north side bus pull-off on Woodlawn Ave.

And at Calvary Baptist Church, corner of Beal Ave. and Marion Rd.

Students do not need to be present to receive meals. Walk-up or drive-through service only. Social Distancing must be maintained. Meals will not be served during scheduled school days off or breaks.

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A Gallion man was injured in a one-vehicle crash after fleeing from Gallion Police at 9:20 p.m. on Saturday evening. Trevor A. Gantz was the driver of the vehicle involved in the chase that began on Harding Way East with speeds reaching around 70 miles per hour. The vehicle Gantz was driving went off the road on North East Street, possibly striking a train. Gantz was seriously injured and taken to the Gallion Community Hospital ER then by medical helicopter to a Columbus hospital. Gantz is facing one charge of failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer.

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Troopers from the Marion Post are investigating a fatal crash that occurred Sunday, at around 6:42 PM at the intersection of State Route 98 and State Route 309 in Marion County. The crash involved a Chevrolet Equinox, driven by Michael Lee Wright, of Bucyrus and a Chevrolet Trax, driven by John C. Galati Jr, of Caledonia. Mr. Galati was traveling eastbound on State Route 309. Mr. Wright was traveling southbound on State Route 98, failed to yield to the red light and struck the Chevrolet Trax. Mr. Galati's vehicle came to rest off the south edge of State Route 309.

Galati had two occupants at the time of the crash, Donna L. Galati, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and James Galati, both of Caledonia. Wright had three juvenile occupants at the time of the crash. Everyone in the accident except for Donna Galati suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

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Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Interim Director Lance Himes signed a health order to enforce mask-wearing in retail locations across the state in compliance with the statewide mandatory mask order signed on July 23, 2020. This order does not apply to restaurants, bars, banquet and catering centers, hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, tanning facilities, gyms, dance instruction studios, or personal fitness venues as these businesses fall under previously-issued, existing orders.

The order took effect yesterday.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
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**To:** Will Beard  
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NOV 16 2020 NEWS

Thanksgiving will be on the lighter side when it comes to the typical number of travelers on the roads and at airports. According to AAA, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including health concerns and high unemployment, are impacting Americans' decisions to travel for the Thanksgiving holiday. AAA anticipates at least a 10% drop in travel nationally and at least a 9% drop in Ohio travel this Thanksgiving. This marks the largest one-year decrease since the Great Recession in 2008.

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A groundbreaking ceremony was held by the Crawford Park District immediately following the district's latest monthly meeting for the Sandusky Headwaters Nutrient Reduction project. The project is funded through the H2Ohio project that was passed by the Ohio General Assembly in 2019.

One of the goals of H2Ohio is to reduce nutrient loads that enter Lake Erie, which contributes to harmful algal blooms that severely impact water quality for the lake and the surrounding communities.

The Crawford Park District's project will include the creation of three acres of wetlands and the installment of native pollinator-friendly plants. Located along the headwaters of the Sandusky River, this project will be part of the first line of defense in reducing nutrients before they enter our Great Lake.

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**Subject:** FRIDAY NOV 13 NEWS  
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NOV 13 2020 NEWS

The man that was found dead in Morrow County at the Johnsville trailer park has been identified. According to a press release from Sheriff John Hinton,

On November 9, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Morrow County Coroner's Office and the Montgomery County Coroner's Office identified the body found in the Johnsville Trailer Park on November 7.

The victim was identified as 57-year-old Mark R. Williams, of Marion. Williams last had contact with friends and family on October 24. This matter remains under investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

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The Community Foundation for Crawford County will join in a nationwide celebration, Now thru Nov. 18 to recognize the increasingly important role these philanthropic organizations play in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges. Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former President George H.W. Bush to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

Established in 1984 with the generous help of the Timken Foundation, The Community Foundation for Crawford County bridges philanthropy with causes that improve Crawford County's quality of life.

OhioHealth has made a \$1 million investment to expand health care services for Crawford County residents with a commitment to creating a new "model of care." The announcement was made during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for OhioHealth's new Physician Group practice in Gallon, located at 745 Carter Drive in the Discount Drug Mart Plaza. OhioHealth also plans to open an urgent care facility in Bucyrus later this year, adding a combined 20 new jobs to the workforce.

Winson Yates, president of OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital and Shelby Hospital, said that Columbus-based health system – the region's largest health care provider – is focusing not only on health and wellness services but is also striving to be "the provider of choice" for Crawford County residents.

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In years past, students and staff in the Gallon City Schools would welcome veterans into their buildings to deliver speeches, enjoy a student musical performance, create an American Flag, and many other experiences designed to show appreciation for their honored guests. This year because of Covid 19 restrictions they can no longer do that. So Gallon Middle School students and staff produced a "Thank You" video for veterans that will be shared with the many veteran groups and assisted living facilities in Gallon. Intermediate School students and staff observed a momentary pause in the school day to remember veterans and hear about the importance of Veterans Day. Students throughout the district proudly wore red, white, and blue during the school day on November 10.

NOV 11 2020 NEWS

A Marion man was seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash on Monday afternoon around 4:10 pm, near the intersection of Ohio 4, south of Bucyrus, and Ohio 294.

64 year-old Dean W. Stuckman was traveling southbound on Ohio 4 on his Harley Davidson motorcycle when he was struck by a Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 74-year-old William E. Creswell of Mount Gilead.

Stuckman was flown to Grant Hospital in Columbus for treatment of his injuries. Creswell reported that he had no injuries and was issued a traffic citation for failure to yield at an intersection.

36-year-old Robert Heefner of Crestline drew the ire of Crawford County Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold during a sentencing hearing on a community control violation.

Heefner was placed on community control in June after he pleaded guilty to felonious assault. As part of a plea negotiation, Heefner was sentenced to five years of community control.

According to probation officer Jeremy Clay, Heefner failed to report contact with law enforcement after he was found drunk and passed out on a lawn. He was also seen several times on security video at a bar consuming alcohol.

Leuthold imposed four years in prison on Heefner. However, he will be granted judicial release after six months.

The City of Gallon will be searching for a new auditor after November 27th. According to Matt Echelberry, communications director for the city, Gallon City Auditor Brian L. Treisch has announced his resignation to be effective on November 27th.. Treisch cited personal and health issues in the letter of resignation submitted to Gallon Mayor Thomas M. O'Leary. Treisch has served as auditor for the city since 2013 when residents of Gallon voted to change from a city manager form of government to mayor-council. While serving as auditor, the city exited fiscal emergency in 2018.

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Upper Sandusky's Winter Fantasy of Lights will light up the night sky for another season beginning Dec. 1, offering visitors a spectacular light show all month long. The 24th annual holiday extravaganza, which features millions of LED lights, is spread out over 33 acres in Harrison Smith Park, just east of downtown. This year's featured display is called "A Home for the Holidays," sponsored by All Species Adoption Program. Organizers have added two carriage rides to this year's lineup, which operate in any weather. Reservations are required. In addition, the Fantasy Walk has been expanded to two nights – Nov. 29 and 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. – since weather forced its cancellation last year. The drive-through show opens at 6 p.m. Dec. 1-30. Admission is \$5 Monday through Thursday and \$10 a car Friday through Sunday.

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NOV 9 2020 NEWS

A body of an unknown male was discovered in Morrow County at the Johnsville Trailer Park. Saturday evening around 5:06 pm, according to a press release from Sheriff John Hinton.

The victim who appears to be a white male, unknown age, was discovered near a wooded area in the southeast part of the trailer park.

At this time the victim has not been identified and the matter remains under investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department would like to reassure the public there is no threat to their safety in connection to this incident.

Updates will be given as more information becomes available.

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Upper Sandusky High School has reached the 20% mark for student absences. Due to this large number of absences, the High School is going to remote learning beginning, today for two full weeks. All Upper Sandusky High School practices, workouts, scrimmages, picture day, and football banquet will be canceled from today through November 22nd. They plan on resuming High School athletics beginning on Monday, November 23rd.

East, South, Union, and the Middle School will remain on schedule for onsite learning.

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**Subject:** NOV 6 NEWS  
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NOV 6 2020 NEWS

An FBI drug raid in Marion landed a Bucyrus woman in Crawford County Common Pleas Court on a community control violation. 26-year-old, Karly Griffin was in a house in Marion when the FBI served a search warrant and made 23 arrests, ending an intense investigation that began in 2015. Griffin was originally placed on community control in 2019 after she pleaded guilty to trafficking in drugs, a fourth-degree felony punishable with up to 18 months in prison.

Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold sentenced Griffin to a flat nine months in prison on the original trafficking charge. She will receive credit for jail time served and Leuthold said he would not oppose transitional control if the prison requested it.

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This week voters in the Galion City School District approved the district's renewal levy for the fourth time since 2001. The levy is not a new tax and will continue to provide \$1.2 million to the district annually, which represents 5.7% of its general fund operating budget, for the next five years starting in 2021. The renewal levy helps the district maintain its current level of operations.

With its passage, the district will be able to support current staffing levels, 1:1 technology, transportation that exceeds state minimums, smaller class sizes, and access to the latest curriculum.

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The Gallon Police Department is investigating a pedestrian-train accident that happened at around 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday.

Gallon Police, Fire and EMS responded to the area of the South Market Street railroad crossing for a report of a pedestrian struck by a northbound CSX train. When they arrived they found a male near the closed crossing at South Union Street.

Video obtained from CSX showed that the male was sitting very close to the railroad track on the south side of the track. The male did not move after warning horns were sounded and was struck by the train.

The victim, a 54-year old white male that resides in Gallon, was transported to Gallon Avita Hospital and later flown to an unknown hospital by MedFlight with life-threatening injuries.

On Tuesday, at 4:17 PM The Crawford County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call in regards to a vehicle striking a bicycle on SR 98 West of the intersection of Beechgrove Road. Seventy-five-year-old Robert T. Caldwell of Bucyrus was riding his bicycle southwest on SR 98 and was struck by a Ford Fiesta that was driven by twenty-six-year-old Megan K. Tate who resides in Sulphur Springs

Robert was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash and he was transported to the Bucyrus Community Hospital by the ambulance service for his injuries. Where he was treated and released.

NOV 4 2020 NEWS

Yesterday was Election day in the U.S.....

Locally in Crawford County all tax levies passed.

Jim Jordan won for State Representative 4th district

Sharon Kennedy and Jennifer Brunner won for Justice of the Supreme Court

Bill Reinke won for State Senator 26 district

Riordan (Reardin) McClain for State Representative 87th district

And Patric Murphy won for Judge of Probate/Juvenile Court

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In a surprising turn of events, Crestline Village Administrator John Rostash submitted a letter of resignation to the Village Council on Monday and it was read by law director Rob Ratliff during the council's regular meeting.  
Rostash's letter states that he is resigning due to personal reasons. On Tuesday morning, Rostash said that it was unexpected but necessary. Anyone with experience in government-related management or business should submit their resume to the village as soon as possible.

NOV 3 2020 NEWS

Today is Election day polls are open from 6:30 am-7:30pm. Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You must cast your ballot at your designated polling location. Remember to bring an acceptable form of identification to the polls on Election Day. Visit [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov) to find your designated Election Day voting Location. We will have results tonight as we get them at Crawford County Now dot com, and on Iconic Rock 92.7 WQEL, and Country Legends 1540 AM and 107.5 FM WBCO.

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Nearly half of the 28,213 registered voters in Crawford County have already cast their ballots as of Sunday afternoon with early in-person voting continuing on Monday until 2 p.m. for this year's Presidential General Election.

According to Ruth Leuthold, director of the Crawford County Board of Elections, 6,851 people had voted early in-person at the Board of Elections office by Sunday at 4 p.m.

When it comes to mail-in ballots, 6,507 have been requested and mailed out and 5,702 have been returned.

Leuthold said that 69 percent of all registered voters in Crawford County voted in the last presidential election and she predicts at least 75 percent will vote in this year's election.

## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 01, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** NOV 2 NEWS  
**Attachments:** NOV 2 NEWS.mp3

On Saturday, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 complaint of a possible structure fire in the area of S.R 598 and Leesville Rd. Jefferson Twp. Fire Department arrived on the scene at 6867 Leesville Rd with mutual aid from the Crestline Fire Department, Galion Fire Department, and Whetstone Twp. Fire Department. The fire had spread from the unoccupied structure to a neighboring Occupied Structure.

After an investigation by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office a 14-year-old juvenile whose name isn't being released was taken into custody on Arson charges and held at Richland County Juvenile Detention Center.

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What started out as a fundraiser for a local volunteer fire department, turned into something more for Colonel Crawford's elementary school. In October, the students of Hannah Crawford Elementary school participated in a "penny war" fundraiser for "fire prevention week" where the proceeds collected went to this year's chosen fire department, Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department.

For the penny war, there were containers placed in the cafeteria for each grade level, and students were to bring in spare change. The final amount raised by the elementary students was \$1560.

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## OCT 29NEWS

Governor Mike DeWine announced recently that additional CARES Act funding is available for small business owners, non-profit organizations and other Ohioans who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses with no more than 25 employees will be able to apply for a grant that will help businesses pay for a variety of expenses, including mortgage payments or rent, utility payments, salaries, and many other costs.

All applications will be available beginning Monday, Nov. 2 at [www.businesshelp.ohio.gov](http://www.businesshelp.ohio.gov).

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Multiple Crawford County businesses have teamed up to encourage shopping local in a fun way, "Crawford-Opoly".

Inspired by the popular board game, Monopoly, the two chambers of commerce in Crawford County, the Bucyrus Area Chamber and the Galion-Crestline Area Chamber, have teamed up with First Federal Community Bank to develop a way to safely drive more foot traffic to local businesses.

Prizes for each color category will include a \$10 gift card to each business in that color category, for a total value of \$50. There will be two winners per category, for a total of 20 – \$50 winners. Also, First Federal Community Bank donated \$1,000.00 for the grand prize drawing, which players are entered into if they collect 25 property cards by November 30th. This "\$1,000 Community Shopping Spree" will include 10 – \$100 gift cards to chamber members businesses.

## OCT 28 2020 NEWS

A Marion woman was killed in an accident that occurred on Ohio 598, south of Brandt Road near Galion on Monday.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office received a call in regards to a vehicle crashing into a tree, south of the Dairy Queen on Ohio 598, at 5:19 p.m. The Galion Police and Fire Departments were also dispatched to the scene where a blue GMC Sonoma had struck a tree.

The vehicle was driven by 61-year-old Brenda Stover, of Marion, who was alone in the pick-up truck. She was taken by the Galion Fire Department to Galion Community Hospital where she died from injuries sustained in the crash.

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The "bombing" of Bucyrus with bulbs is about to begin, and workers are needed on the front lines.

The fall project to plant 10,000 daffodil bulbs around the city in conjunction with the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration will officially kick off Sat., Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. at Schines Art Park downtown. The Earth, Wind and Flowers Garden Club is spearheading the community project.

Besides the city's Bicentennial, which kicks off Dec. 31, the daffodil project is also recognizing the 35th anniversary of Earth, Wind and Flowers, which is anticipating "an explosion of color in the spring" when the popular perennials finally bloom.

OCT 27 2020 NEWS

A Galion nursing home is being hit with a COVID-19 outbreak.

Mill Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19.

In a joint press release with the Galion Health Department, officials from Mill Creek said the outbreak includes positive results for both residents and staff. The nursing home staff is working in conjunction with the Galion City Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health to investigate and mitigate the presence of COVID-19 in the facility.

The Galion City Health Department is conducting interviews of positive staff in Galion and quarantining any close contacts they may have had in order to reduce the spread within the community.

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Avita Health System has purchased the former Sears property at the Richland Mall in Ontario, Ohio. The property consists of a vacant two-story building and a freestanding automotive center.

Avita Health System purchased the former Lazarus building in 2013 and began a three-phase project to convert the property into a full service hospital system that opened in February 2017.

According to Jerome Morasko, CEO/President of Avita Health System. "The purchase of the former Sears store will allow for convenient patient access and meet foreseeable future space needs.

The 102,149 square foot addition of the old Sears building will allow Avita to continue their expansion of services, clinic space and administrative needs.

## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:21 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 26 NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 26 NEWS.mp3

OCY 26 2020 NEWS

In an agreed plea negotiation, Karla Stander pleaded guilty in Crawford County Common Pleas Court to two counts of rape. She was sentenced to 10 years on each count for a total of 20 years in prison. She will also have to register as a tier III sex offender for life upon her release from prison. Stander is accused of knowing her husband Chad Stander, was providing drugs to two female victims who were then allegedly raped after they passed out or became incapacitated.

The sexual crimes spanned over a ten-year period. Stander was ordered to have no direct or indirect contact with the victims.

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Crawford County has transitioned to a Level 3 red county this week on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System.

The Governor has released that there are 9 new red counties for a total of 38 red counties this week. Counties that are listed as red on the Advisory System indicate there is high exposure and spread of the virus occurring. Residents of the red counties are encouraged to limit activities as much as possible.

For a county to be placed on an alert level: meeting none or one of the criteria is Level 1 yellow; two or three is Level 2 orange; four or five is Level 3 red, and six or seven is Level 4 purple.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 22 noon NEWS.mp3; OCT 23 NEWS.mp3

### OCT 23 2020 NEWS

The Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and AAA want to remind motorists of the increase in deer-related traffic crashes this time of year.

In 2019, statistics from the Ohio State Highway Patrol show there were 19,375 deer-related crashes on Ohio's roadways. Of those crashes, four resulted in fatal injuries to motorists, and 966 people were injured. Additionally, 46 percent of these crashes occurred in October, November, and December.

Some of the top counties for deer-related crashes include Stark, Richland, Lorain, Trumbull, and Hancock. Colliding with a deer is not only dangerous, it's also very costly. Recent data estimates the average insurance claim for a deer-vehicle collision in Ohio is nearly \$4,000.

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A report of a fight led to the arrest of one person on Tuesday. Bucyrus Police were called to the 500 block of Failor Avenue at 6:30 p.m. to investigate a report of a fight in the area. 30-year-old Erin Stillwell, was arrested on a Crawford County warrant taken to the Crawford County Justice Center.

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## OCT 22 2020 NEWS

The Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce and the Galion Safety Council are collaborating to host a "Galion Shred It Day" in Galion on Thursday, October 29th, and a "Crestline Shred It Day" in Crestline on Friday, October 30th.

This FREE community event will be held from 11 am to 2 pm on their respective dates.

In Galion, the event will be held in the parking lot behind the Chamber Office off North Union Street between Harding Way West and West Church Street.

In Crestline, the event will be held in the parking lot behind Park National Bank and the Gazebo.

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The Crestline Police Department has two new officers after the Crestline Village Council approved their appointments by Mayor Linda Horning Pitt during the regular council meeting at Village Hall this week.

The council also approved the purchase of a Gen-T 171 Ford F-550 Ambulance through Penncare, Inc. without a formal bidding process and the installation of an illuminated ground sign at 135 E. Main Street.

In his report to the council, Village Administrator John Rostash said the repair of the downtown clock is on hold until mid-November.

## OCT 21 2020 NEWS

A man was issued an array of citations after fleeing from Crestline Police at 6:42 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 in the East Thrush Avenue area.

Dale L. Sampsel Jr. was issued citations for reckless operation of a vehicle, failure to comply with the order of a police officer, driving under suspension, possession of drug paraphernalia, improper turn, failure to control, failure to stop at a stop sign and driving left of center.

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On October 29 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Galion Middle School leadership team will host its 3rd annual Spooktacular Trick-or-Treat event. This year, due to the pandemic, Spooktacular will be held outside in the parking lots across the Galion City School campus.

This event is open to Galion families with children in grade levels PK – 5. Participating families will have an opportunity to drive through Galion City School campus, stop along the way at numerous decorated tables and tents.

For the safety of all attendees, Galion City Schools asks that all family members and children ages 10 and above wear masks when interacting with Spooktacular event coordinators, Galion school staff, event sponsors, and volunteers.

## OCT 20 2020 NEWS

The Crestline Mayor's Court is offering a warrant amnesty day on Monday November 18 from 1-2 p.m. for any who have outstanding warrants or have fallen behind in court payments. This is a chance for those who have open warrants through the Crestline Mayor's Court to come in and resolve the matter. This is for anyone who has fallen behind on payments with the court or has failed to appear in the Mayor's Court for any matter.

This is an opportunity to set up new payment arrangements, talk with the magistrate or clear up any old business.

Persons interested in the amnesty opportunity can contact the court or stop by the Village Hall Contact Amanda at 419-683-3800 or e-mail [afruth@crestlineoh.com](mailto:afruth@crestlineoh.com)

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The Bucyrus Kiwanis Club held a special tree planting ceremony recently in Kiwanis Grove in honor of the late Dr. Don Wenner.

Dr. Wenner passed away recently at the age of 100 after a long battle with prostate cancer. Wenner served as a doctor for many years in town, and also at Long Beach Naval Hospital, and in the Korean War on the USS Windom Bay CVE 92.

Amongst many of the great things Dr. Wenner did, titles he held, and organizations he was a part of, being a member of the Kiwanis Club was something that he thoroughly enjoyed. Dr. Wenner joined the Kiwanis Club after retirement when he was 70 years old.

## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:16 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 19 NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 19 NEWS.mp3

OCT 19 2020 NEWS

The Crawford County Board of Elections is reminding local residents of the procedures, dates, times, and locations put in place for this year's Presidential general election. Absentee ballots have arrived at the Crawford County Board of Elections for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3. You may also apply by mail. Absentee balloting in person ends Monday, Nov. 2, at 2:00 p.m. The office will be open until 2:00 p.m. on that day for absentee voting.

For a complete list of voting hours go to [Crawford county now dot com](http://Crawfordcountynow.com)

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A longtime member of the Crawford County Board of Elections is stepping down after this year's presidential election. Jo Swain, a Republican and a familiar face in the county political arena, will work her final election Nov. 3, then finish the remainder of her four-year term, which will end Feb. 28, 2021.

Swain, who was first appointed to the position in 1998 under then-Secretary of State Bob Taft, is one of four members on the elections board – two Republicans and two Democrats – who work together to ensure fair, accurate, and timely elections as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:23 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 16 NEWS FRIDAY  
**Attachments:** OCT 16 NEWS.mp3

OCT 16 2020 NEWS

Michael Bloomfield, of Lorain, was charged this week in Crawford County Common Pleas Court with four separate counts regarding sexual conduct. Bloomfield is charged with one count of unlawful sexual contact with a minor who was 15 years old, a fourth-degree felony punishable with up to 18 months in prison, two counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor, each fourth-degree felonies and each punishable with up to 18 months in prison, and one count of dissemination matter harmful to a juvenile, a fifth-degree felony punishable with up to one year in prison. If convicted, Bloomfield would be a tiered sexual offender. Bloomfield's bond was set at \$150,000.

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The Crawford Parks District will offer a Nature Hike on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Heckert Nature Preserve. You can meet Crawford Park District Naturalist Warren Uxley and learn about the mature forest of Heckert. A hike through the forest of the Heckert Nature Preserve will reveal a great deal about this habitat in Crawford County. You will need to call the Crawford Park District at 419-683-9000 to reserve a spot. Heckert Nature Preserve is located at 1601 State Route 19 west of State Route 602.

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 15 NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 15 NEWS.mp3

IN THE NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NEWSROOM

I'M RANDY BIGLEY

The Galion Service Department will begin leaf collection on Monday, October 19. Crews will begin in neighborhoods in the north half of the city on Monday and Tuesday and move to the south half on Wednesday and Thursday.

Galion City residents are asked to rake leaves into the tree lawn in front of their homes to be picked up by the city. Do not include branches, wood chips, or other yard waste material. Yard waste not collected by the city may be taken to the Taylor Road Composting Facility on October 16 and 17, from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day.

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Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers have charged a Morral man with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, he has four prior OVI convictions. On September 3rd, Dana Bickle was driving a vehicle that was stopped for a speed violation on Neff Street in the Village of Morral. A Trooper noticed signs of impairment and he was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Bickle was arraigned in the Marion Municipal Court on September 8, where he entered a plea of not guilty. A pre-trial has been set for October 16.

YOU CAN GET MORE ON THIS STORY AND MORE NEWS AT CRAWFORD COUNTY NOW DOT COM.

IN THE NORTH CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NEWS ROOM

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## OCT 13 NEWS

Richland County will remain Level 3 red this week in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19. According to the Richland County Health Department's web site, the Level 3 Risk designation means that there is very high exposure and spread of COVID-19 in Richland County. Richland County residents are encouraged to limit activities as much as possible and to follow all current health orders. Marion County is red this week, Crawford and Wyandot are orange. Crawford county is counting 30 new cases as of Saturday.

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Arbor Day 2020 will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 13th at noon at Aumiller Park. The Tree Commission will be planting two birch trees near the pool house across from Michalek Woods. The Fire Department will be honored for their efforts in keeping the new tree plantings alive during a hot, dry summer. The public is encouraged to attend the ceremony.



## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 12 NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 12 NEWS.mp3

OCT 12 2020 NEWS

Organizers for Bucyrus' Bicentennial Celebration are kicking plans into full gear. The yearlong celebration will officially kick off New Year's Eve with a "Bratwurst Drop" on Washington Square.

A major change to the Bicentennial plans is that the black-tie gala originally scheduled for this New Year's Eve is being moved to Dec. 31, 2021, and will be held at the Loft at Pickwick Place.

For the spring of 2021, the Commission is organizing a Johnny Appleseed dedication on Finley Hill, complete with a glass apple being designed and crafted by Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works. There are also plans for events on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and at the Bratwurst Festival.

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The City of Galion's 2020 street paving program will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Shelly & Sands of Mansfield was awarded the contract with a bid of \$343,592.

A total of 2.2 miles of paving will be done in this year's program. Streets are selected based on several factors, primarily pavement condition, average daily traffic, and estimated cost.

"No Parking" signage will be posted this week. Residents are required to avoid parking within these areas during the project.

For a list of streets involved in the project check out Crawford County Now dot com

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## OCT 9 2020 NEWS

The Marion Police Department handled two individual scam calls Monday. According to the Marion Police Department's Facebook page, both of the calls were from a "spoofed" phone number showing a phone exchange out of Mexico (664).

In both instances, the scam caller told the victim over the phone that they had a family member in distress and that they needed personal identifying information. In one instance, the scammer claimed that family members had been kidnapped and were being held at gunpoint. In the other incident, the scammer claimed to be a medic and that the victim's daughter was involved in a crash and that they needed her personal information.

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The Crawford County Health Department had a record turn out on Wednesday for it's Drive-Thru Flu Shot clinic. In the first hour of the drive they exceeded the amount they provided at our last several drive-thru clinics that lasted 3-4 hours. If you would still like a flu shot you can call the Health Department to reschedule at 419-562-5871. You can also download a from ahead of time at the [Crawfordcountyhealth.org](http://Crawfordcountyhealth.org)

## OCT 8 2020 NEWS

After the recent termination of three Crestline firefighters for inappropriate behavior and several other infractions, the Crestline Village Council approved the hiring of several new firefighters.

The council approved Mayor Linda Horning Pitt's appointments of Donovan Ruckman as a part-time firefighter, Tristan Pasco as a part-time firefighter and EMT and Darren Stout and Jarrod Strouth as full-time firefighters and medics

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Robert W. Skaggs, currently incarcerated at the Crawford County Jail, pleaded guilty in Crawford County Common Pleas Court to violating the terms and conditions of his community control.

In July, Skaggs, was placed on five years of community control after he pleaded no contest to possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony punishable with up to one year in prison.

In September, during a routine drug screen, he tested positive for meth. His bond was revoked, and he was taken into custody where he has remained.

Common Pleas Court Judge Sean Leuthold sentenced Skaggs to 12 months in the Crawford County Jail. He will receive credit for all jail time served and will be permitted to apply for judicial release after six months served

## OCT 7 2020 NEWS

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Due to upgrades in the radio system and public alert notification procedures, Crawford County Emergency Management Agency and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office has taken complete control of Crestline's tornado siren activation responsibilities.

The Tornado Sirens will be activated for a short period of time at noon every Friday.

If there is inclement weather in the area, then the test will not be performed to distinguish the difference between a test and an actual emergency situation.

## OCT 6 2020 NEWS

Early voting begins today with voters being required to wear a mask and come to the Board of Elections office in the lower level of the Crawford County Courthouse.

Voters will cast their ballot on a voting machine, the same ones used on Election Day, during regular business hours of the Board of Elections which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You will need to have a state ID or driver's license to vote. If you don't have either of those, you need to bring a government document or current utility bill that shows your correct name and address.

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Bucyrus might be getting bombed in the next few weeks. With bulbs, that is. The Earth, Wind and Flowers Garden Club is spearheading a fall project to plant 10,000 daffodil bulbs around town. The idea is to celebrate the city's Bicentennial, which kicks off New Year's Eve, as well as recognize the 35th anniversary of the garden club.

The shipment of bulbs is due to arrive in mid-October, with planting scheduled in stages. An "approach planting" is tentatively set for the week of Oct. 22

## Will Beard

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**From:** Randy Bigley  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 04, 2020 6:19 PM  
**To:** Will Beard  
**Subject:** OCT 5 NEWS  
**Attachments:** OCT 5 NEWS.mp3

OCT 5 2020 NEWS

Aaron J. Patterson of Galion was arrested during a search of his residence by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at 1:52 p.m. on Thursday. Suspected Psilocybin Mushrooms also known as Shrooms were located during the search along with sexually-related material.

Patterson is accused of having sex with a 14-year-old juvenile on at least two occasions, and is facing two counts of rape, and two counts of sexual battery. If convicted, Patterson faces up to 22 years in prison on the two rape charges and a total of six years on the two sexual battery charges.

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Officers from the Marion Police Department responded to the 200 block of Clinton Street in Marion at 6:46 a.m. Sunday morning for a shooting call. Melinda Holsinger had been shot in the leg while inside her residence.

She was taken to Marion General Hospital by Marion City Fire Department Squad and later taken to Grant Hospital via MedFlight. Her injuries appeared to be non-life-threatening.

Jason Armbruster of Marion was arrested at a residence in the 900 block of Bennett Street in Marion at 9:11 a.m. without incident.

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OCT 2 2020 NEWS

Chad Stander of Bucyrus pleaded guilty in Crawford County Common Pleas Court Wednesday to two counts of rape, each a first-degree felony punishable with up to 11 years in prison. 47-year-old Stander, admitted to the abuse which began when the victims were 10-and-15 years old and spanned a 10-year period. The girls were related to Stander by both blood and marriage.

Leuthold sentenced Stander to a flat 10 years in prison on each count for a total of 20 years. Once in prison, the Ohio Department of Corrections could add another 10 years to his sentence. When Stander is released from prison, he will be a Tier III Sex Offender and will be required to report in person every 90 days to the sheriff of his county of residence.

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An accident between a vehicle and a deer led to the arrest of a Bucyrus man early Thursday morning.

Bucyrus Police were called to the 1800 block of East Mansfield Street at 6:04 a.m. to investigate the crash. The driver of the vehicle, Todd Frazier, was found to have a warrant through Richland County.

After the report was taken, Frazier was taken to the Crawford County Justice Center to await transport to Richland County.

## OCT 1 2020 NEWS

Bucyrus lost a legend Tuesday morning when Dr. Don Wenner died at his home under hospice care. A little over a month ago Dr. Wenner celebrated his 100th birthday. Services for Dr. Wenner are pending and will be private due to many family members arriving from other states and today's health concerns.

A tree will be planted by The Kiwanis Club in his honor on October 15th along the new bike trail.

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With more than 6,500 work zone crashes in Ohio last year and increasing numbers this year, the Ohio Department of Transportation is collaborating with the Ohio State Highway Patrol to make work zones safer. ODOT and the OSHP Aviation Section have identified nearly a dozen locations where troopers will target crash-causing violations like speed, following too close, and failure to move over.

These locations were selected due to a history of crashes, higher speeds and the type of barrier used to separate traffic from workers. Signs posted along the highway will alert drivers about the increased enforcement efforts.



SEPT 29 2020

The Galion Intermediate School fifth grade teachers and students will conduct their seventh annual "Socktober" fundraiser Oct. 1 through Oct. 31.

Students who donate one pair of socks each week can wear jeans each Friday, and students who donate two or more pairs of socks each week can "dress down" based on the total pairs of socks they donate each week.

The goal this year is to exceed their 2019 collection total and collect over 1,600 pairs of new socks to donate to a local homeless shelter.

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Governor Mike Dewine announced during Thursday's press conference that Crawford County is now under a Level 2 for the week of September 28-October 2. This means the Galion City Schools will be operating at Level 2 the 4 of 5 plan.

Students will be in the classroom Monday Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday, students will be engaged in educational activities at home.

Primary and Intermediate School students will receive paperwork assignments, while Middle and High School students will be working from their iPads.

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**FRIENDS OF THE BUCYRUS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PRE-CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE TO BE HELD  
IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY**

**The BAG OF BOOKS FOR A DONATION SALE.**  
will include a large collection of gently-used books,  
both fiction and non-fiction. Large print, paperbacks,  
softcover and hardcover will be on sale for a donation.  
The sale opens to the public at 10:00 a.m. the  
following three days.

**Thursday, December 3, closing at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 4, closing at 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 5, closing at 1:00 p.m.**

**All proceeds benefit library programming throughout  
the year.**

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**(Thank you for your assistance in getting  
this message to the public.)**

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| On Tuesday the Library Board gave us the go-ahead for the December Book Sale.  
On Friday Mayor Reser issued a shut-down for all city buildings.

SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION. NO DECEMBER 2020 BOOK SALE.

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**Would you please announce?**

**Claridon United Methodist Church**

**The Claridon United Methodist Church (State Route 95 in Claridon) is holding its 43<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

**There will be all kinds of homemade gifts, baked goods, sweets, homemade noodles, crafts and much more.**



**All current COVID recommendations will be followed.**

**Thank you.**