

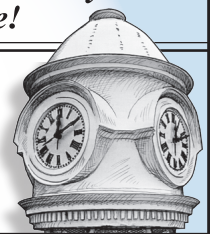


MHS girls soccer team tops Thomas Worthington

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UCHD waiting on directives for booster shots



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The Union County Health Department is waiting on information from federal and state authorities before it begins to administer booster doses of the COVID-19 shot.

ing to administer booster doses, but must receive clinical guidance from the CDC and Ohio Department of Health first, according to a statement from the agency. Once guidelines are in place, UCHD will give boosters to those who live or work in Union County, or received their first two doses through the local health department.

UCHD officials noted that the booster dose is only for certain groups of people who completed the two-dose Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago. People in the recommended groups for a booster dose who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine may need a booster shot in the future. The FDA and CDC are reviewing the effective-

ness and safety of these booster shots and are expected to make recommendations in the coming weeks. Several groups of people have been designated as at the highest risk for severe COVID-19 and will be eligible for a Pfizer booster dose. Those who should receive a booster shot include:

- Those 65 and older and residents in long term care;
- Those who are 50 to 64 with a certain underlying medical condition.
Those who may receive a booster dose include:
- Those who are 18 to 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions;
- Those who are 18 to 49 who are at increased risk

for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their occupational or institutional setting. UCHD plans to administer booster doses through increased capacity at its regular clinics and through additional drive-thru clinics in October. Officials said more information is forthcoming as clinical guidance is released for vaccine administrators.



Colin & Griffin's Gang, pictured at the Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon in 2019, raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital every year in honor of Grace and Derek Chapman's late sons, Colin and Griffin, who died shortly after birth in May 2017.

(Photo submitted)

Meeting attendees call \$400K homes subsidized housing

Pricey rentals draw ire of those at Jerome Twp. gathering



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A rezoning request Tuesday night became a debate over who has the right to live in Jerome Township. If the application is approved, approximately 51 acres would be rezoned from Rural Residential District (RU) to Planned Development District (PD) in order to develop 100 single-family homes. Though residents voiced little opposition to the design of the development itself, many opposed the potential occupants, as all 100 properties are rentals. Resident Marilyn Valois said individuals who rent, rather than own, their homes are not wanted by the current residents. "It's just not what we want in our area," she told the trustees.

ensure landscaping is always maintained. The development will have 1.97 units per acre with 46% open space. Medvedkov noted that there will be three types of open space: large open spaces, a clubhouse area and conservation areas. He noted that the developers made a conscious effort to preserve as many of the existing trees as possible. "I really appreciate the attention to preserving all the natural features," said Trustee Chair Megan Sloat. Resident Barry Adler also said he appreciates that the development will keep existing woodlands and add landscaping features. He added that he is concerned about the impact another residential development will have on local roadways. Attorney for the developer Laura Comek said the development did not warrant a full traffic study, but an access study has been completed and submitted to the Union County Engineer's Office and Ohio Department of Transportation. She noted that a southbound left-turn lane will be added to the neighborhood's entrance from U.S. 42. Additionally, developers will make a \$130,000 contribution toward traffic improvements. Those who spoke during public participation, though, zeroed in on who might be living in the homes at Curry Farm. In response to a question from Resident Bob Chapman, Comek clarified that the owners association will not have a board but will be managed by the company that owns the properties. Similar to other homeowners associations, it is



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Sons honored with fundraising block party



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In honor of their late sons, Grace and Derek Chapman are raising funds for Nationwide Children's Hospital with an invitation only, family friendly block party on Saturday from 4-8 p.m. on Linden Street.

"It was the middle of the night, so we weren't able to get down to downtown Columbus, so they were born at Memorial Hospital. And they lived for a couple of minutes, like on our chest, and then they died." The couple established Colin & Griffin's Gang as a "way to channel our grief" when Grace, relatives and friends felt compelled to run the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon. "Truly, I don't know where we'd be if we didn't have this as far as just remembering them and making it feel like your kids had a purpose even though they aren't here," Grace said. The first "Colin & Griffin's Gang's Fall Festival" block party on Saturday was organized as a fundraising event because donations through Facebook were slow to come in this year. Grace has run the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon in the past, but she usually runs the half marathon every year to raise funds for the hospital. "I'll run every year until the day that I die," she said. A friend has volunteered to make shirts for the runners and spectators in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021. "He gives us half the proceeds, so we then also get to donate toward our fundraising efforts," Grace said. On average, 15 to 20 runners compete as part of

Colin & Griffin's Gang. This year, 14 runners are registered with the team. "We always have a big crew that goes down to the Angel Mile, which is mile marker 11," Grace said. "They wear their shirts and come down and cheer, so I always stop there when we're running and see the kids." The Angel Mile commemorates all "angels" who are no longer here on earth. According to Nationwide Children's Hospital, families gather at mile 11 "to support one another, share memories, and celebrate the days they shared with their children" as they cheer on runners. Grace added that she is

made, said an administration official who requested anonymity to discuss the private talks. All eyes are on Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, who say the price tag for Biden's plan is too big but are publicly quiet about a number they can live with. The president met separately with the two centrist senators at the White House on Tuesday and Democrats are poised to trim the huge measure's tax proposals and spending goals to meet the overall size they are demanding. "Really good, honest, straightforward negotiations," Manchin told reporters back at the Capitol after his White House meeting with Biden. He said he did not give the president a new topline figure. Biden's problems with

Biden digs in to strike deal on \$3.5T plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressure mounting but with signs of progress, President Joe Biden will hunker down at the White House to try to strike a deal and win over two holdout Democratic senators whose support is needed for his potentially historic \$3.5 trillion government overhaul. With Republicans solidly opposed and no Democratic votes to spare, Biden canceled a Wednesday trip to Chicago that was to focus on COVID-19 vaccinations so he could dig in for another day of intense negotiations with lawmakers ahead of crucial votes. The stakes are as high as ever as Biden and his party try to accomplish a giant legislative lift, promising a vast rewrite of the nation's balance sheet with an oh-so-slim majority in Congress. His idea is to essentially

raise taxes on corporations and the wealthy and use that money to expand government health care, education and other programs — an impact that would be felt across countless American lives. As if that wasn't enough, Biden's focus is gaining traction at the same time Congress courts a crisis. Republicans refuse to approve routine legislation to keep the government funded past Thursday's fiscal yearend and raise the nation's debt limit to avoid a dangerous default on borrowing. More votes are expected Wednesday and are likely to at least temporarily head off a catastrophe. With Biden and his party reaching for what would be a signature policy accomplishment, there is a "strong sense" that progress is being

fellow Democrats aren't just in the Senate. A small number of centrist House Democrats are bristling at the far-reaching scope of his domestic agenda and demanding changes. But progressive lawmakers warn against cutting too much, saying they have already compromised enough. Applying pressure, progressives are threatening to withhold support for a companion bill, a \$1 trillion public works measure heading to a vote Thursday, that they say is too meager without Biden's bigger package assured. "We're obviously at a very sensitive time," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki. The president, she said, is "not going to tell anyone what to do. He's going to have a discussion, have an engagement."

development would be located on the southeasterly side of U.S. 42 between New California Drive and Currier Road. Michael Medvedkov, with AMH Development, said the three- and four-bedroom homes will range between approximately 1,900 and 2,500 square feet. He noted the developers prioritize longevity of the houses to ensure minimal maintenance is needed. The houses use no vinyl siding, only wood. They also have concrete driveways and the yards are "100% irrigated," Medvedkov said. The neighborhood will have "scheduled mowing crews" to

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