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Jail rolls out new booking fees

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COSHOCTON – Capt. Chip Udischas has often written a check or issued a debit card refund for one penny when an inmate cashed out a commissary account upon release.

“It can cost more to write the check than the check is actually worth,” Udis-

chas said.

To offset the time and cost associated with this, the county is adding up to \$10 for booking and release fees to be assessed when an inmate is discharged upon conviction and sentencing to be taken from their commissary account. It's not for those arrested and released on bond.

Udischas, jail administrator for the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, said

anyone who has more than \$10 in their account will receive a refund. The average amount left in an account is usually under \$5, he added.

Commissioner Dane Shryock noted it's how many municipalities don't issue a city income tax, or collect income tax, if it's under \$10 as a way to save on administrative costs. A booking fee is authorized under the Ohio Revised Code and is collected by other jails in adjacent counties,

Udischas shared.

While the ORC allows jails to send individuals bills for owed fees upon release, or take them to collections, Udischas said they've never done that. Anything left on the books would still be owed when they return to jail. If they don't return, Udischas is happy to pay that cost to see someone become a productive member

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Children gather on the floor and eagerly listen as Rachel Hill, youth services coordinator for the Coshocton County District Library, reads a book during Lapsit storytime at the West Lafayette Branch Library. The program is for children up to 3 years old and averages five to 12 children per session. LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

Library storytime helps kids get ready for school

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WEST LAFAYETTE – A library program for children can do more than fos-

ter a love for reading at an early age. It can prepare them for school while working on listening and social skills.

Rachel Hill is the youth services coordinator and heads up the Lapsit storytime program for the Coshocton County

District Library.

Lapsit is for children from birth to age 3 and features songs, reading and a craft. It's complimented by a preschool

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Student guitar ensemble to headline series

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The Arts Center of Newcomerstown will present the opening concert of its 2026 free performance series at 1 p.m. March 14. The event features the New Philadelphia High School Advanced Guitar Ensemble and will be held at Newcomerstown Middle School, according to a community announcement.

Before the performance, the Newcomerstown Historical Society will host a community lunch in the school cafeteria. The meal is offered at no cost, with donations accepted.

About the ensemble

The New Philadelphia High School Guitar Program began in 2004 with two introductory guitar classes aimed at providing a hands-on musical experience for students not involved in band or choir. Initially starting with about 35 students, the program has expanded to serve approximately 125 students each semester, offering beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels at both the middle and high school, according to the announcement.

The program has received regional

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