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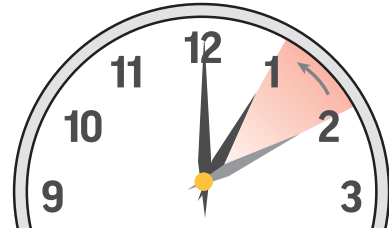
NEW LOOK

Elyria police cruisers get new wraps, **LOCAL, B1**



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Latta, Kaptur have districts redone

From staff and wire reports

The bipartisan Ohio Redistricting Commission adopted new U.S. House districts on Friday that could boost the GOP's chances of winning two additional seats in next year's elections and aid President Donald Trump's efforts to hold on to a slim congressional majority.

U.S. Rep. Bob Latta, R-Bowling Green, who represents Lorain County in Congress, will see his district shrink geographically, while U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Toledo, will see her district

become more competitive — and possibly more likely to elect a Republican to replace her.

Ohio's 5th District, which Latta represents, currently includes all of Lorain, Huron, Seneca, Crawford, Hancock, Wood, Henry, Putnam, Paulding, Van Wert and Mercer counties and a majority of Wyandot County.

The new map has him representing all of Lorain, Huron, Seneca, Sandusky, Hancock, Wyandot, Crawford, most of Wood County and about half of Richland County.

Kaptur represents Ohio's 9th District, which currently is all of Erie, Sandusky, Ottawa, Lucas, Fulton, Williams and Defiance counties and a small portion of Wood County.

The new map gives her all of Erie, Ottawa, Lucas, Fulton, Williams, takes away a small piece of Wood County and adds Henry, Paulding and Putnam counties from Latta's current district.

"I remain committed to serving Northwest Ohio and will seek reelection with a renewed focus on accountability and protecting the voice of the

people," Kaptur said Friday in a news release. "Our democracy works best when voters choose their leaders, not when politicians choose their voters. Let the Columbus politicians make their self-serving maps and play musical chairs, I will fight on for the people and ask the voters for their support next year."

A message seeking comment on the new map was left for Latta's office.

President Donald Trump has been urging Republican-led states to reshape their U.S. House districts in an attempt to win more seats. But

Ohio's redistricting was required by the state constitution because the current districts were adopted after the 2020 census without bipartisan support.

Ohio's new map won support from all five Republicans and both Democrats on the redistricting panel. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, or DCCC, praised the Ohio Democrats "for negotiating to prevent an even more egregious gerrymander" benefiting Republicans.

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TRICK OR TREATERS OUT IN FORCE



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Stacey Mahnke, a personal aide, and Scarlett Wallace, 10, dress as Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne during the Murray Ridge Halloween celebration Friday.



Brad Armstrong, part Ninja Turtle and part Elyria City Council member, attends the Elyria High School trunk-or-treat event outside the school Friday in Elyria.



CJ Ackley dresses as a very scary Chuckie during the Murray Ridge Halloween celebration Friday.

DeWine signs
stopgap food
aid measure

Owen MacMillan

The Chronicle-Telegram

With federal food subsidies set to disappear amid the ongoing government shutdown, Gov. Mike DeWine signed an executive order Thursday ordering \$25 million be used to provide emergency food assistance to Ohio families.

The federal government has been shut down since Oct. 1, and food purchasing assistance through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, is set to end today if a federal budget is not passed, potentially leaving thousands of Lorain County families without food assistance that they rely on.

On Friday afternoon, a federal judge in Rhode Island ordered the administration of President Donald Trump not to shut down the SNAP program,

and to instead use \$5 billion in federal emergency funds to continue the program through November. This would be short of the \$9 billion which the country was expected to spend on SNAP in November, and it is unclear if the Trump administration will appeal the decision.

According to a release sent by the governor's office on Thursday evening, DeWine's executive order directed the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, or ODJFS, to allocate \$7 million to food banks and \$18 million in "emergency relief benefits" to Ohioans.

That \$18 million will go to people already in the state's Ohio Works First program, which is reserved for those at or below 50 percent of the federal poverty level, according to the Ohio Capital Journal.

See **FOOD, A2**

Elyria man
charged in
teen's drowning

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The Chronicle-Telegram

An Elyria man has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the August drowning death of 16-year-old Vincent Pabon in the Black River

Jacob Rosado, 24, was indicted on two counts of felony involuntary manslaughter and one charge of failure to comply with underage alcohol laws, an unclassified misdemeanor, on Friday by a Lorain County Common Pleas grand jury.

The charges allege that Rosado provided alcohol to the underage Pabon, and that doing so contributed to Pabon's drowning death on the morning of Aug. 7 in the Black River beneath Elyria's East Falls.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family," Elyria Police Chief James Welsh said on



Rosado

Friday. "As law enforcement, we will continue to work diligently with the Prosecutor's Office to bring some closure to the family through a successful prosecution."

Pabon, of Sheffield Lake, was last seen alive entering the woods beneath the East Falls Riverwalk with Rosado on the evening of Aug. 6. Security camera footage shows Pabon exiting the woods alone around 5 a.m. Aug. 7.

Rosado went to the Elyria Police Department at 8 a.m. that day and reported to officers that he and the teenager had been "hanging out" in the woods along the river when Pabon fell in and disappeared.

See **DROWNING, A2**

Sheffield Lake man to remain in custody

Mentally ill, stabbed
father to death in '94

Dave O'Brien

The Chronicle-Telegram

A mentally ill man who stabbed and killed his father more than 30 years ago in their Sheffield Lake home will remain hospitalized in state custody for at least two more years, a Lorain County Common Pleas judge has ruled.

Judge Raymond Ewers denied Ricardo Punsalan's request for conditional release and reduced restrictions in an Oct. 21 ruling. The written ruling followed a hearing in April where Ewers considered argu-



Punsalan

ments and expert reports recommending his conditional release from custody at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare.

"While Northcoast believes that the least restrictive environment that can meet Punsalan's needs is a conditional release to the community, this court disagrees," Ewers wrote.

"By possessing a 'substantial' risk to others, release to the community, at this time, is not appropriate and this change in commitment conditions is hereby denied."

State law said Ewers had to consider a variety of factors, including whether Punsalan, 52, is a risk of harm to himself or others and consider his current condition, whether he will continue to seek treatment if released and his past history. This reconsideration happens every two years.

The Lorain County Prosecutor's Office had objected to a conditional release and reduced restrictions.

A message seeking comment on the ruling was left for Jenifer Berki, Punsalan's attorney.

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