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Judge blocks election order

Ali Swenson
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge on Thursday blocked the Trump administration from immediately enacting certain changes to how federal elections are run, including adding a proof-of-citizenship requirement to the federal voter registration form.

The decision is a setback for President Donald Trump, who has argued the requirement is needed to restore public confidence in elections. But the judge allowed other parts of Trump's sweeping executive order on U.S. elections to go forward for now, including a directive to tighten mail ballot deadlines around the country.

Trump's March executive order overhauling how U.S. elections are run prompted swift lawsuits from the League of United Latin American Citizens, the League of Women Voters Education Fund, the Democratic National Committee and others, who called it unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Colleen Kol-

lar-Kotelly in Washington sided with voting rights groups and Democrats, saying that the Constitution gives the power to regulate federal elections to states and Congress — not the president. She noted federal lawmakers are currently working on their own legislation to require proof of citizenship to vote.

In a 120-page decision on Thursday, she said the plaintiffs had proven that the proof-of-citizenship requirement would cause their clients irreparable harm and go against the public interest, while the government had offered "almost no defense of the President's order on the merits."

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LAKE MEDINA

Crews complete mural



SARA CRAWFORD / GAZETTE

Two crew members work to install a mural on the side of Lake Medina's pump house on Thursday.

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — Lake Medina's former pump house has recently brightened up as crews finished installing a mural on one of its sides on Thursday. The mural is designed like a postcard,

welcoming people to Lake Medina. The design features several pictures, including the lake itself and the area's native species. "This is something that we've been discussing for a few years as a way to beautify that park," Medina County Park

District Executive Director Nate Eppink said. "The pump house is a remnant from the days when Lake Medina was constructed to provide drinking water to the city. Although it has to remain intact, it's an eyesore."

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BUCKEYE DAY

Community gathers for celebration

Madisyn Woodring
The Gazette

YORK TWP. — The Buckeye community came together to recognize students of all ages in the district during an end-of-year celebration on Wednesday.

Buckeye Day is a longtime tradition within the district. The event returned for the first time after the pandemic in 2023, and it has continued every year since.

"It is a lot of work, and (superintendent's secretary) Vicki Calvin pulls this all together every year," board of education member Seth Kujat said. "She works all year to get it organized."

Board of education President

Barb Gunkelman described the event as the time when the district showcases its students and their accomplishments in the visual and performing arts. For instance, student artwork was on display in the hallways of the junior high.

Community members also filled the bleachers of the gym to listen and watch musical performances from students ranging in age from elementary school to high school. There were different performances throughout the night from the district's choirs, bands, color guard and a capella groups.

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WADSWORTH OLDER ADULTS FOUNDATION

4 inducted in '24 Senior Advocate Hall of Fame

Patrick Rhonemus
The Gazette

WADSWORTH — Four Wadsworth community members were inducted into Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation's Senior Advocate Hall of Fame for their work with the seniors in the community.

The 2024 Senior Advocate Hall of Fame inductees include Bruce Lorincz, Bud N'Bloom Garden Club and Ann Kellish. Johanna Perrino was awarded the Leatherman Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lorincz, known for his Wadsworth Community Television series "Bruce on the Loose," was inducted into the hall of fame for his advocacy and promotion of senior center programs, events and staff through his series. His show allows community members to learn about what is happening in Wadsworth.

Bud N'Bloom Garden Club was inducted for their work on keeping Wadsworth beautiful through the many flower displays throughout the city.

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KIWANIS CLUB'S ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

3rd graders present tree projects

Sara Crawford
The Gazette

MEDINA — Hundreds of tree seedlings went home with third graders in Medina as part of the Medina Noon Kiwanis Club's annual Arbor Day celebration.

For 44 years, the Kiwanis Club has provided third grad-

ers in Medina with seedlings, choosing from a variety of tree species.

Ahead of today's Arbor Day celebration, volunteers worked to prepare more than 500 thornless honey locust tree seedlings for the students, from packing them up on Tuesday to

delivering them to the elementary school buildings.

Along with delivering the seedlings to all the third grade students, the Kiwanis Club invited a few students from each elementary school to attend an Arbor Day program, where each student presented

their project to the audience.

On Thursday, Medina Kiwanis Club member Dale Weygandt talked about trees' history in Medina, mentioning past Medina Kiwanis Club member Harold Thoburn.

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