



## Ohio State gets week of rest after road trip

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## Wine and ice sculptures featured at Shove Festival

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PORT CLINTON - Gedeon Owen Wine Company hosted a weekend festival from Feb. 6 to Feb. 8.

Visitors wandered through more than 20 ice sculptures at the 3845 E. Wine Cellar Road winery.

Jon Maggard, of Ashland, Kentucky, continued to work on ice sculptures during the weekend.

One of his featured sculptures was of the Marblehead Lighthouse. Over 20 ice sculptures were created by Ice Creations from Napoleon, at the Catawba Island Ice Shove event.



Alayna Mahler, with Gideon Owen Wine Co., serves up some hot chocolate at the Catawba Island Ice Shove event on Feb. 7. DOUG HISE/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS HERALD



A fire destroyed a house located at 1353 Tuttle St. in Vickery on Feb. 6. PHOTOS BY DOUG HISE/SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-MESSENGER

## 2 in hospital after Vickery house fire

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VICKERY - A late Feb. 6 house fire kept Townsend Township Volunteer Firefighters busy as they watched out for rekindling.

Fire Chief John Schwochow said two residents were injured and taken to Bellevue Hospital and Medical Center. The fire at 1353 Tuttle Street in Vickery was reported around 10 p.m.

It rekindled several times, but firefighters had the bulk of the blaze out around 3 a.m. Saturday morning. Firefighters stayed at the firehouse and checked on the scene hourly.

Though neighbors said there was an



A camper trailer was also destroyed in a fire that burnt down a house located at 1353 Tuttle St. in Vickery on Feb. 6.

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## DeWine warns on property taxes

Says abolition could spike state sales tax

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If voters decide to wipe out property taxes, Ohioans could end up seeing sales, income or other tax rates jacked up to cover the cost of schools, emergency services and other needs.

But by how much?

Ohio's income tax rates, now the second lowest in the nation among states with income taxes, could jump to "an astronomical figure" and the sales tax rate could reach 20%,

said Gov. Mike DeWine on Feb. 5.

"A 20% sales tax in the state of Ohio on products you buy. It would be absolutely devastating," he said.

If property taxes were replaced with higher income taxes, the rate would soar from the current 2.75% flat tax to between 11% and 15%, according to the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

In November, voters could be asked to weigh in on ballot issues that include marijuana laws, gay marriage rights and property taxes.

The issue getting the most attention this year is a push to eliminate local

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