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‘He’s been given chance after chance’

Man gets 23-year sentence following drug, guns, and sneaker seizure

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ZANESVILLE – When local police raided a Hardin Road home May 12 they seized around 90 pairs of sneakers, but it was the other stuff they found lead to a

Zanesville man’s eight felony charges. On Sept. 24, one day before a jury trial, Jason Allen Tate, 45, pleaded no contest to two first-degree counts of cocaine trafficking, one first-degree aggravated methamphetamine trafficking, and five counts of fifth-degree weapon possession while under disability.

He was given 23 years in prison during a Oct. 1 sentencing. Tate, noted as a “major offender with major assets” by Common Pleas Judge Kelly Cottrill, was also given a \$30,000 fine. Tate and his dealings were reportedly found out during an undercover operation in April 2025, when he was record-

ed selling 112 grams of cocaine to law enforcement, stated an announcement from the Muskingum County Prosecutor’s Office. During the May raid, investigators reportedly found more than a kilogram of cocaine, more than 150 grams of methamphetamine, four handguns, and a rifle at Tate’s residence, the

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NORTHPOINTE CENTER

Renovations underway for Wingstop



What used to be the GameStop at Taryn Trace is being renovated into a Wingstop. It’s still several weeks away from completion, noted the construction’s project superintendent, but the restaurant could be ready to go in late November. SHAWN DIGITY/ZANESVILLE TIMES RECORDER

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ZANESVILLE – What used to be the local stop for video games is being reenvisioned into a stop for chicken wings. Wingstop is coming to the North-

pointe Center. It’s taking over one of the units (M4) at the mini-strip located at 3934 Taryn Trace. It will be in the former location of GameStop, and is undergoing renovations. The work is well underway and plumbing was recently completed, said Tom Neider, project superintendent. He

estimated Wingstop could be open in mid- to late-November. “They’re excited to be here,” Neider said on Wingstop’s arrival in Zanesville. “They’re going to be happy to be in the area.”

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Could ‘Meet Baby Olivia’ be required viewing?

3-minute video depicts development of a fetus

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An Ohio Republican lawmaker wants to require public school students to watch a video depicting fetal development – a proposal pushed by abortion opponents in several other states. Rep. Melanie Miller, R-Ashland, introduced the Baby Olivia Act to make watching a video on fetal development mandatory for public school students each year starting in the third grade. Under House Bill 485, Ohio would audit whether schools show the video, starting in the 2026-2027 school year. Schools that don’t comply risk a lawsuit or other penalties, Miller said. “We’re hoping that we can change the culture to be celebrating life instead of destroying life,” said Miller, who also leads Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, which opposes abortion. Live Action, an anti-abortion organization, created a three-minute video called “Meet Baby Olivia,” which narrates that life begins at fertilization. Planned Parenthood, which performs abortions, describes the video as “created by the extreme national anti-abortion group Live Action explicitly to be used to indoctrinate young people in our schools.” Kate Makra, president of the Right to Life Action Coalition, said Ohio must follow the science on fetal development.

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