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3 THINGS TO KNOW

1 Immunization Clinic. The Jackson County Health Department will be holding a shot clinic on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The health department will be giving the Covid Pfizer second doses to children 5-11 years old that are due for them, as well as flu shots and covid shots for anyone else that wants a booster or who has changed their mind and wants to begin the immunization series. This clinic will be open to the public on a walk-in basis; bring your health insurance card if you have one even though there won't be any out-of-pocket charge to you.

2 On this day in history, Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner, shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy. At the time, Oswald was in the custody of Dallas police.

3 COVID booster shots have been approved by the Center for Disease Control for use by all adults over 18.

OBITUARIES

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'No time to say hello!'



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JACKSON — The Jackson High School (JHS) Drama Club invited the community to Wonderland as they presented 'Alice in Wonderland' as this year's fall play. The play was held the weekend of Nov. 19-21. Drama Club Director Cathy Lord stated that the play was based on the original works of Lewis Carroll, with the Drama Club putting together their own unique version of the well loved story. This year, about 60 Jackson High School students participated as members of the cast and crew. Turn to page A6 to view more photos or visit vintonjacksoncourier.com.

Rowdy's Smokehouse offering free Thanksgiving meals

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JACKSON — Rowdy's Smokehouse, along with local donors, have teamed up to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner to the community on Thanksgiving Day. The meal will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 25. The meal can be picked up at Rowdy's Smokehouse, located at 495 Ralph St. in Jackson. "This meal is for everyone in the community; those in need, those not in need, those that are alone, and those that are with somebody, law enforcement, health-care workers, first responders, anyone,"



FILE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER

Rowdy's Smokehouse

stated Smokehouse co-owner Nathan Kitts. "We will have a line set up and all homemade meals will be packaged up in to-go boxes in a socially distanced manner." The meal, according to Kitts, will be totally staffed by volunteers and this is only pos-

sible by four major donors: Walmart of Jackson; Ted, Alice, Haley, and Taylor Frazier of Frazier Farms; Speyside Bourbon Cooperage of Jackson; and The Sons of the American Legion of Wellston.

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Vinton County Park District approved for creation by Judge Bob Grillo

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Vinton County Probate Judge Robert Grillo approved without opposition the creation of the Vinton County Park District during a hearing Nov. 12. Motions were officially filed on Nov. 15.

The park district was first proposed by Vinton County Marketing Director Caleb Appleman on behalf of the Vinton County Convention and Visitors Bureau at a county commissioners' meeting in September. The commissioners then passed Resolution 9-28-21, which served as application to the probate judge to consider a

hearing for its creation.

Appleman presented evidence to support that a park district would be to the benefit of the county, and provided plans, concept artwork and letters of support from local organizations. He is also developing a strategic plan that will identify areas of the county where parks would be ideally located to promote economic growth.

The park district will be used as a tool for economic development, capturing some of the more than four million visitors who visit Hocking Hills State Park every year.

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Stull indicted for murder of Edwards

Friend being sought for his role

FROM STAFF REPORTS

OAK HILL — Two individuals have been indicted for their alleged roles and actions following the death of an Oak Hill man.

A Jackson County Grand Jury has indicted 48-year-old Ronda Stull, of Oak Hill, for her alleged involvement in the death of her long-time boyfriend, Johnnie Edwards, also of Oak Hill, in September. The indictment was filed Friday, Nov. 19.

Stull has been indicted with one count of aggravated murder and one count of murder, both unclassified felonies. Stull is also facing indictments of corrupting another with drugs, a second-degree felony and tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony.

Also indicted was Kevin B. French, 30, of Oak Hill. French was indicted for a third-degree felony of tampering with evidence; grand theft of a firearm, a third-degree felony and a fifth-degree felony of abuse of a corpse.

On Sept. 13, 2021, at approximately 8:07 p.m. an officer from the Oak Hill Police Department received a report of an unresponsive male located in a vehicle on the parking lot of McDonald's, located at 197 North Jackson St. in Oak Hill. Authorities later identified the male as 39-year-old Johnnie Edwards of Oak Hill.

During the investigation, it was discovered that Edwards died of an overdose, after obtaining drugs with his long-time girlfriend, Ronda Stull, and their friend, Kevin B. French. Instead of seeking medical attention for Edwards, he was left unresponsive inside Stull's vehicle, in the passenger seat at the McDonald's parking lot.

Investigators claim that Stull and French knew Edwards was deceased before the vehicle was parked at McDonald's by French.

As of 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, Stull was in custody awaiting her arraignment. A warrant for French's arrest has been issued.

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