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From the Mayor's Desk

Smart camera project in Indy aims to reduce crime

By Independence Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz

The city of Independence has replaced an existing surveillance camera on the roof of the Crown Centre building on Rockside Rd. with a new, long-range security camera. It is not a speed camera. It is a sophisticated, remote-controlled technology that allows dispatchers



to monitor the entire Rockside Road/I-77/I-480 area and identify a vehicle's p.m. make, type, color and license plate with high-resolution precision.

During a Safety Committee hearing last week, Police Chief Michael Kilbane discussed a plan to blanket the Rockside Rd. and Granger Rd. areas with similar smartcameras. The software identifies license plates in a matter of seconds, saving officers' valuable time

The city works closely with neighboring departments and has mutual aid agreements with surrounding law enforcement agencies and the National Park Service. Working together, the city is able to coordinate responses to major incidents, share intelligence and investigative

Many communities, including Mentor, Willoughby, Eastlake and Hunting Valley, are installing these cameras. After Houston, Texas installed cameras last year, they reported a significant decrease in crime and increased arrest of car thieves, robbery suspects and parole

Legislation to fund the smart-camera project was introduced at the City Council meeting yesterday.

Canal Road section closed

Canal Rd. under the I-480/Valley View Bridge is being closed for overhead construction from Tuesday, Nov. 10, through Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m., as deck replacement work continues on the bridge above.

Maple Hts. could be out of fiscal emergency next week

By Judith Goldsworth

After almost six years, the city of Maple Heights is expected to be released from fiscal emergency next week, Tillman announced at council's teleconference meeting

In early 2015, then-State Auditor Dave Yost placed Maple Heights in a state of fiscal emergency after the city was found to have a deficit of more than \$2.7 million, and a five-year financial recovery initiative was implemented.

After former Mayor Jeffrey Lansky chose not to seek reelection, Blackwell was elected to her first term as mayor in November 2015. Since that time, Blackwell and other officials have worked under the supervision of the state auditor's office to bring the city out of its deficit through a variety of measures, including reducing expenses and generating revenue by bringing many new businesses to

 $State\,Auditor\,Keith\,Faber's\,office\,has\,recommended\,that$ the city be released from financial emergency during a virtual meeting, to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 1

"This just kind of culminates things that we've been working on for a very, very long time. This is exciting and excellent news we're receiving tonight," Blackwell said.

Land sale approved

An ordinance authorizing Blackwell, on behalf of the Maple Heights Land Reutilization Program (land bank), to sell almost seven acres of city-owned land in the Warrensville Center-Libby Rd. area to PIRHL Acquisi-

Veterans Day, Nov. 11th

tions, LLC, for a senior living facility to be known as "Hazelwood Court" was passed at last week's meeting.

As stated in the ordinance, PIRHL, a Cleveland-based Mayor Annette Blackwell and Finance Director Tinita full-service investor, developer, general contractor and owner of single-family and multifamily housing, has proposed "to develop and construct in the city a 50-unit senior living facility, including a 44-unit three-story building and six one-unit cottages that will provide a quality housing option for seniors ages 55 or older."

> According to a presentation given by PIRHL at a recent council committee meeting, the proposal is for 32 onebedroom apartment units, 12 two-bedroom apartment units and 6 one-bedroom cottage units in the complex.

> PIRHLwill purchase 39 separate but adjoining parcels of land, consisting of approximately 6.89 acres, located west of Thomas Street between Waterbury and Dalewood aves. in the Broadway-Lee neighborhood "at a fair market value of \$470,900... less the amount of public improvement costs, currently estimated to be \$201,605," the legislation states.

> PIRHL will buy the land from the city "with a contingency period to allow PIRHL to submit an application to the Óhio Housing Finance Agency for an allocation of Housing Tax Credits, so that it may attempt to secure the financing necessary to facilitate the new construction.

> Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers said PIRHL, a company behind numerous housing developments in the Greater Cleveland area and throughout Ohio and other states, had a "stellar reputation" for its work in redeveloping properties.

> "This partnership will bring affordable housing to the city, and ensure we can keep our senior residents in the community they know and love," he added.

> Council also passed an ordinance authorizing the Maple Heights land bank to accept the title to four vacant parcels of land in the city, owned by the Cuyahoga County land bank. The parcels are located at 5627 South Blvd., 18209 McCracken Ave., 5171 Cato St., and 15217 Rockside Rd.

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Maple Hts. could be out

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Also passed was a resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for a potential grant for the funding of a 2021 capital infrastructure improvement project, specifically the Dunham Road Resurfacing Project, from Turney to Libby rds.

The city was informed that it could receive \$500,000 in grant funding, in addition to \$250,000 in grant funding recently received, City Engineer Ed Hren stated. The goal was to supplement that total of \$750,000 with additional grant funding over the next two years to further reduce the city's costs, Hren said.

Updates

Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that the fire department had responded to a house fire in a basement on Oct. 24, and a fire at Clifton Steel on Rockside Rd. on Nov. 4 that caused "substantial damage" to a compressor room. No injuries were reported in either incident, he said.

The used squad purchased last month to replace a badly deteriorated vehicle was now in service and "much better suited to our operations," Kavaliunas said, adding that the department expected to take delivery of another, brand new vehicle in 2021.

Police Chief Todd Hansen stated that year-to-date the police department had responded to about 25,000 calls for service amounting to about 90 calls per day, averaging about six reports per day, and about three to four arrests per day. In October, the MHPD took 15 guns off the street, confiscated more than \$21,000 in drug money and 550 grams of drugs

He briefly touched on a chase and accident that started in the city and ended up in Bedford Heights on Oct. 28, stating that officers involved in the incident were "all doing well and will be back to work soon.'

Human Services Director Linda Vopat thanked the Bedford F.O.E. for a \$1,000 donation to the Maple Heights Food Pantry, and gave her thanks to the Giant replace the regular street names. The ordinance also lists Eagle Foundation for a \$3,000 donation to the same organization.



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FIRE AT BLVD. GARAGE



A car fire shortly before noon yesterday in the shop area at Boulevard Garage, 8409 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, sent Garfield Heights and Maple Heights fire departments responding to the blaze, which was quickly put out. Owner José Quiles said it may take a couple days to clean up but they'll be back in business soon. by Elena Psenicka

Garfield Hts. Council news

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met in regular session Monday night and passed two ordinances, one of which authorizes a collective bargaining agreement with Garfield Heights Firefighters Local 340 of the International Association of Firefighters.

The agreement which it replaces had expired in 2018, but all parties had consented to let it continue. The new agreement takes effect Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31,

The other ordinance passed titled "Honorary Street Names" allows for honorary street names but does not the rules and regulations under which honorary street names will be accepted.

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Mayor Vic Collova announced that because of the increasing number of COVID cases throughout the region, the Garfield Heights Civic Center has again been closed to the public. Residents with business with the Building Department can utilize the drop box outside.

Blood donations urged amid COVID pandemic, upcoming holiday season

The American Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to band together to give blood or platelets and help ensure a stable blood supply for patients this holiday

The traditional slump in blood donations between Thanksgiving and New Year's comes as the blood supply already faces challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic. Required medical treatments and emergencies don't pause for the holidays or a widespread coronavirus

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks for making time to donate around Thanksgiving, those who come to give blood Nov. 25-28 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved t-shirt, while supplies last, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

Blood donation opportunities

Independence

11/16/2020: 1 - 7 p.m., Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 W. Pete Wisnieski Parkway

11/30/2020: 12 - 6 p.m., Topgolf Independence, 5820 Rockside Woods Blvd N.

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Help Sokol Greater Cleveland - visit Czech Holiday Fair Nov. 14

By Laurie Hovater Meadows Sokol Greater Cleveland

During a time when so many small businesses and nonprofits are suffering as a result of a global pandemic, it's important to come together as a community and support longtime neighborhood staples, like Sokol Greater

On Saturday, Nov. 14, Sokol Greater Cleveland, 4939 Holiday Fair, which will give our members the opportunity to once again come together (following all recommended protocols) after so many months of distance. This year's event will be modified for safety, but it's more important than ever it be a successful event.

Our annual Holiday Fair features imported Czech and Slovak items, including garnets, ornaments, linens, crystals and more, allowing you to find unique gifts for loved Patrick Grogan-Myers said last week. ones, while supporting a local organization.



Traditional Czech holiday foods, homemade bakery, strudel, dumplings and other tasty treats will be for sale, including Czech beer. Takeout pork dinners will again be available. It's the perfect opportunity for our neighbors to witness our rich history, while supporting us in a way that allows us to continue providing social and fitness opportunities for our members for many years to come.

Built in 1896 as a community hall to accommodate the cultural, social and educational needs of Czech immigrants in their newly adopted country, Bohemian Na-

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tional Hall still continues to serve new generations and facility and expanded operations over the past five years. carry on the cultural history and traditions of the Czech and Slovak people today.

We are looking to our neighbors to help ensure it remains a staple in Slavic Village for future generations. So again, we invite you to our annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14, which typically helps us generate revenue for continued operations.

So please patronize our Holiday Fair and continue to shop local to help Sokol persevere despite this year's hardships. We are grateful for your support.

Maple Hts. continues On Saturday, Nov. 14, Sokol Greater Cleveland, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, will host its annual Czech its economic recovery

By Judith Goldsworth

GOJO Industries and Sherwood Food Distributors in Maple Heights are hiring, and other businesses have opened as the city continues its economic recovery, even in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Annette Blackwell and Economic Development Director

"As the United States works to contain COVID-19 and its impacts on the economy, the city of Maple Heights is seeing signs that the local economy is stable and positioning for growth in 2021," Blackwell stated.

GOJO and Sherwood Foods are both located in the Rockside-Dunham area of the city. GOJO, an Akronbased manufacturer of Purell sanitizing surface spray, came to the city in June 2020, and has invested \$25 million in the former Blue Coral facility at 5700 Lee Rd. South, north of Rockside Road.

GOJO plans to bring over 200 good paying jobs to Maple Heights in the next three years, Blackwell stated.

And Sherwood Foods, a food products supplier and a prominent figure in the Maple Heights business community for decades, is located at 16625 Granite Rd., just off Lee Rd. South, south of Rockside. It has invested in its





Blackwell stated that Maple Heights income tax collections indicate a stabilized local economy. According to information released by the city, in year-to-date September 2020, income tax collections in Maple Heights were up 3.3%, compared to the same period in year-to-date 2018, and 2.2% higher than other comparable municipalities.

"Maple Heights businesses employ Maple Heights residents, so the health and strength of our business community directly relates to the health and strength of our residents and the community as a whole," Grogan-Myers

The city of Maple Heights regularly posts economic updates and information about job fairs and job openings on its website, citymapleheights.com, and the social media sites of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, and encourages residents to check these sites for more infor-



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Community police reports

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Theft from Auto

On Oct. 24, an officer contacted complainant about a theft report. The victim told police that sometime between 8:15 p.m. on Oct. 23, and 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 24, someone entered her unlocked vehicle parked in the 4600 block of E. 86 St. and took \$30. There was no obvious damage to the vehicle. Complainant advised to identified in the incident. lock her vehicle.

Drug Abuse

police station parking lot, 5555 Turney Rd., for a report of a man and woman shooting up heroin live on Facebook while sitting in a black vehicle there. The male suspect told officers he was currently on Facebook but was only talking about drugs, not actively doing them. He said he and his girlfriend were recovering heroin addicts. Officers searched the vehicle and found a small pouch belonging to the female suspect containing 15 used needles, a glass pipe and a metal spoon with burnt residue on it. Both suspects had multiple outstanding warrants but the agencies advised police that they did not want them. The female suspect was given two summons for drug abuse instruments and drug paraphernalia.

Shots Fired

On Oct. 31, about 10:45 p.m., police were called to the 12300 block of Woodward Ave. for a report of shots fired. Officers arrived and found 11 9mm casings in the two and noticed the man was clutching a small appliance roadway and observed the home had been hit by the box and his trousers appeared to be stuffed with some

bullets. Police spoke to the residents of the home, a kind of padding. Officers spoke to the unidentified mother and her son. They had been in the home when they heard gunshots, but neither had been hit by the gunfire. The son said he looked out a front window and saw a dark-colored pickup truck going away from the home towards Turney Rd. Police checked the area with Police caught up with the male suspect and he held up a negative results. The son told police he knew of no reason why anyone would shoot into his home.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Nov. 5, about 8 p.m., police responded to A&H Trucking at 5325 Canal Rd., regarding a theft of a motor vehicle and criminal damaging. Complainant said his vehicle along with others in the lot were damaged. Five cars were found to have windows broken out and a Ford $\operatorname{F-}150\operatorname{with}$ keys was stolen. A person of interest has been

Theft

- On Nov. 6, police were called to the station to refer-On Oct. 27, at 9:25 a.m., officers responded to the ence a theft report. Complainant said that on Nov. 5, she had responded to an internet scam, having been advised to purchase \$800 in gift cards in order to clear up a fraudulent account. After she had denied making any of the purchases the person on the phone said were listed on her account as unpaid, she was told she could remain in good standing with the company by sending the \$800 through Google play cards. The complainant bought the play cards and called back the fraudulent representative and provided him with the gift card information. She attempted to call him back again but the number was out of service. Police instructed the victim to call the Attorney General's Office.
 - About 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, police were dispatched to Turney and McCracken rds. for a call about an intoxicated man. Upon arrival police observed a man and woman arguing as they walked across the Walgreens parking lot toward Speedway. Officers pulled up to the

female as the suspect continued to walk across Speedway toward Dunkin Donuts. The officer was then approached by an employee of Walgreens who said she thought the Police caught up with the male suspect and he held up a box of electric flat irons. He was found to have several packages of tube socks as well and was arrested without incident. He was issued a court summons for theft and released. The stolen items were returned to Walgreens.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Garfield Heights will have a virtual Public Hearing via Zoom at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential projects to be funded with the 2020 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant and Community Supplemental Grant programs. The competitive grant programs help strengthen cities, encourages regional collaboration, and improve the quality of life for county residents. All applications must meet a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community. Garfield Heights intends to seek CDBG funding for Phase II of the Antenucci Sidewalk project. Comments about this project or ideas for future projects can be sent to e-mail below. To access the link to the Zoom public hearing on Nov. 18, visit www.garfieldhts.org.

For additional information, contact the Department of Economic Development at 216-475-5484, or e-mail psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Redi Storage, 17101 Rockside Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137, 216-662-6610 is hosting the following auctions on http://www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, Friday November 27, 2020. CASH only and cleaning deposit as listed below.

Jeffrey Williams, 1613 Hibbard Dr. Stow, OH 44224, 5x10, ending at 10:55AM. Unit appears to contain: Snow Blower, Lamp, Furniture Dolly, Fishing Poles & Net, Table Saw, Luggage, Handled Case, Boxes, Bags, Misc. Items \$50 cleaning deposit.

Angela Sampson, 4199 E. 188th Street, Cleveland, OH 44122, 5x10, ending at 11:15AM Unit appears to contain: Dressers, Nail Board, Luggage, Window Air Conditioner, Blanket, Chair(s), Boxes, Bags, Misc. Items. \$50 cleaning deposit.

Redi Storage, 4620 Northfield Rd. North Randall, OH 44128, 2 16-714-5869 is hosting the following auctions on http://www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, Friday November 27, 2020. CASH only and cleaning deposit as listed below.

Arline Gant, 154 E. Aurora Rd. Northfield, OH 44067, 10x20, ending at 12:00PM Unit appears to contain: Various Office Chairs/Furniture, Wooden Desks & file cabinet, Shelving. Misc. Items. \$100 cleaning

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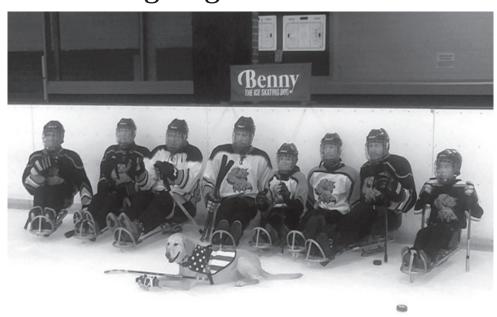
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Ice skating dog visits Garfield Hts.



Shown here at the Dan Kostel Rec Center Saturday is Benny the Ice Skating Dog with members of the sled hockey team associated with the Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio. A 7- and 10-year-old played with the adults and were "amazing," said Rec Center administrative assistant Mary Nichols. Benny "dropped the puck" for the start of their game.

Benny the Ice Skating Dog made his annual visit from Nevada to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights last Saturday, accompanied by handler Cheryl DelSangro.

Benny's annual trek here has always been open to the public in the past, but thanks to the pandemic, his 2020 visit was not.

Benny skated with the Learn-to-Skate participants and the Mite Bulldog hockey team and later was introduced to the sled hockey team associated with the Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio, a nonprofit organization offering competitive and recreational adaptive sports opportunities for those with physical and visual disabilities

Benny has been featured on television and has skated with professional hockey players

Advent Bible study being held at Garfield Hts. UMC

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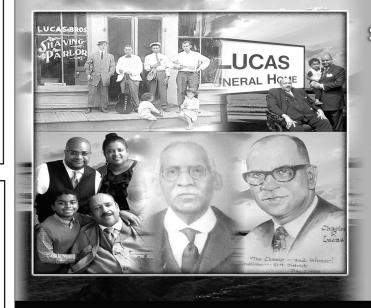
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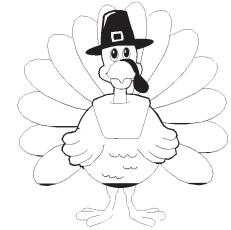
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The Village of Valley View Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Nov. 3, and authorized Fire Chief Kenneth Papesh to lease/purchase a new Pierce fire engine truck through state contract at a cost of \$742,000 for a five-year contract.

Chief Papesh noted that the current front line Engine 32 is 20-years-old, and the lead time for a new engine is 10-13 months. Mayor Jerry Piasecki said the life expectancy for an engine is 20 years.

Other items approved by council included:

- •Transferring funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Canal Road Fund and declaring an
 - Providing for animal control service;
- •Entering into an agreement with Precision Metal Products to provide for an incentive grant from the
- •Replacing existing physical servers with a virtual server thru TTX Teletronics at a cost of \$13,189.76, with Ohio, E. 93 St. and Amesbury the cost coming from COVID funds the village received
- Entering into a Disaster Recovery Program with TTX Teletronics for all departments except police for a period of three years at a cost of \$24,214.08;
- Authorizing Recreation Director Von Ville to produce the 2021 recreation brochure three times from Master Printing at a cost of \$5,103;
- Hiring Specialized Construction to do crack sealing on various streets at a cost not to exceed \$49,500. The project must be completed by Dec. 15, 2020 as part of the Cuyahoga County Preventative Maintenance Reimbursement Program.



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Cleveland police are seeking the public's help to locate Tahauna Garel, whowas reported missing on Nov. 6, 2020. The 17-year-old female was last seen on Oct. 11, 2020 and is missing with her 3-month-old son, Zaeonty Randall. The girl is known to frequent areas of Garfield. Ave., and E. 143 St. and Kinsman Rd. Anyone with information is asked to contactdetectivesat216-623-5318 or 216-621-1234.

Pair missing Financial relief available for residents impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

Cuyahoga County announced yesterday a new program to help eligible residents with utility payments. A grant agreement put forth by County Executive Armond Budish requesting approval to use \$2 million of CARES Act funding to provide utility assistance to residents who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic was approved by County Council. CHN Housing Partners, the organization administering the Cuyahoga County Rent Relief Fund, will also administer the utility assistance program funded by

"We are continuing to do everything we can to assist residents in need during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. "During this pandemic, the need for rent and utility aid has never been greater. CHN Housing Partners reported that 66% of applicants seeking rental assistance are also seeking utility assistance. This program will support eligible residents in need of assistance paying sewer, water, wastewater, electric and gas utilities.'

'Besides rent, paying utility bills is one of the biggest struggles for working families during this pandemic," said Kevin J. Nowak, executive director of CHN Housing Partners. "We are grateful to Executive Budish and County Council for allocating precious dollars to help county residents stay safely housed during this crisis."

Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria of being at or below 120% of Median Household Income (MHI) and have been impacted by COVID-19, such as through the loss of income, childcare needs or illness.

 $The program is expected to run from Nov.\,11,2020\,through\,Dec.\,31,2020, but could$ go longer if an extension for CARES funding is approved by Congress that would allow for the program to extend beyond December 2020.

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Indy schools return to remote learning this week as COVID cases force quarantines

 $Independence\,Schools\,Superintendent\,Ben\,Hege dish,\ ing\,staffing\,shortages\,specifically\,in\,the\,transportation$ in a CÔVID-19 update email to the district's parents, said Monday school officials were notified that a member of results of students and staff, I do not believe we can their maintenance team and a 10th-grade student tested positive for COVID-19.

The member of the maintenance team was not around students, he said, however, two other staff members must begin the quarantine process.

The 10th-grade student has been determined to have had close contact with 16 students and one staff member. These individuals have already left school and begun the quarantine period, Hegedish noted.

"When we opened on Sept. 2, we did so with confidence that we could provide the services and environment that made for a successful year amidst the pandemic," the superintendent said. "With our current amount of infections, staff members and classes in quarantine, correlat-

and custodial/cleaning departments, and pending test provide that environment for the short-term time be-

With all of these factors considered, he said, starting tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 10, and for the remainder of the week, Independence schools will be placed in a remote setting. This remote designation will very likely continue into next week, Hegedish said.

"By the end of this week, I will have more information and know the target date for returning to in-person learning," he continued.

"We are awaiting the return of a number of quarantined staff members along with staff members who have pending test results.'

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