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## Orange BOE voices support for staff vaccinations

By **JULIE HULLETT**

Superintendent Lynn Campbell said the Orange City School District may be interested in adopting a vaccination policy that would require staff members to be vaccinated or get tested for COVID-19. He asked for input from the Board of Education

members during a Monday meeting and they unanimously stated their support.

Dr. Campbell said that several other school districts have discussed or implemented a similar policy, including the Shaker Heights City Schools and Cincinnati Public

Schools, respectively. He said that he already approached each union in the district, including the Orange Teachers Association, to advise them that this discussion was underway.

Beachwood City Schools also recently discussed a vaccination policy, Dr. Campbell said, and he

referred to advice that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health shared with the Beachwood schools. The board of health gave “kudos” to Beachwood, Dr. Campbell said, because vaccinations are another strategy to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

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## Safe routes to school



Photo by Michael Steinberg

Seventh graders from left, Robbie Quin, Henry Stukus, Ethan Melsei and Jake Vasko, managed to rise before dawn to walk to school together last week. Their team, known as Pellopensu, was among the nearly 400 students who turned out for the annual Chagrin Falls Walk to School Day on Oct. 6. The Intermediate School student council also designated it Rainbow Day as part of their spirit week with children donning rainbow colors. Middle School children dressed up as their favorite characters keeping in tune with their student council’s theme of “Movies and TV Shows.”

## Resident asks village to fly thin blue line flag

By **MEGHAN WALSH**

SOUTH RUSSELL — A resident on Monday asked council members if the blue line flag could be flown on the village police station to honor veterans and first responders.

During the regular council session, Newell Howard broached the idea of flying the flag to show support for service people in the village.

“I don’t think we give enough credit to these people who make our lives so safe,” Mr. Howard said. “We don’t have fires, we don’t have people breaking into our homes and we live in a very quiet, nice community and we’d like to keep it that way.”

“As a result, I think Geauga

County and South Russell Village should recognize the first responders by putting the new flag up, which is the red flag and the blue flag, and fly it at the police station.” Mr. Howard said he wants all people who drive by to know that South Russell residents support the people who protect them.

The flag also referred to as the “thin blue line” flag resembles the red-and-white American flag but has a blue stripe. It initially was a sign of support for law enforcement nationwide, but has also come to signal opposition to the racial justice movement.

Village officials said safety forces here do get support from

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## Man with gun shot by Orange police officer

By **JULIE HULLETT**

WOODMERE — A man brandishing a weapon was shot by an Orange police officer last week near Eton Chagrin Boulevard.

The man was given immediate medical assistance and was transported to a hospital. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was still hospitalized and had not been charged, according to press secretary Steve Irwin of the Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. Orange police did not share the name of the officer or the man involved in the shooting. Woodmere police did not release the report due to the pending investigation but shared a press release.

“The officer who first encountered

the gentleman did everything he could to mitigate what happened. The guy ran away from him,” Woodmere Mayor Ben Holbert said. “Hopefully the individual makes a full recovery and we’ll let the legal system take its next steps.”

Around 12:45 p.m. on Oct. 7, a caller advised Chagrin Valley Dispatch of a man with a gun outside Eton mall on Chagrin Boulevard. The caller said the man was sitting on the curb along the south-facing side of the mall, according to the release. He was also seen inside the mall with the gun, the caller advised dispatch.

A Woodmere police officer located the man and told him to

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