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WED., NOV. 2

2:21 A.M.

Eric J. Kniffen was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated within the 300 block of East Wooster Street.

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12:44 A.M.

Kaitlyn L. Nemeth, 25, was arrested for failure to maintain reasonable control, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia within the 300 block of Colony Lane. Nemeth was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center.

FRI., NOV. 4

1:20 A.M.

Jacob A. Corsi, 23, was arrested for burglary within the 700 block of East Napoleon Road. Corsi was lodged at the Wood County Justice Center.

8:23 A.M.

Joseph D. Dilbone, 49, was cited for receiving stolen property at the intersection of Conneaut Avenue and Meeker Street.

3:22 P.M.

Dustin Bumpus was cited for reckless operation on private property within the 100 block of Ada Avenue.

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A call for fashion designers to offer clothing for every size

In a study conducted by ModCloth of 1,500 American women ages 18 to 44, results showed that 74 percent of plus-sized women call their shopping experiences “frustrating.” The average size for a woman in the U.S. is a size 16, but the clothing industry has not accommodated their products to reflect this change. Instead, a woman who wears a size two and another who wears a size 12 are both expected to look good in the same style of clothes even though their body types are completely different. It is an unrealistic belief that the same piece of clothing will look good on every person that wears it.

Recently, I have tried to add more business clothes to my wardrobe since I am pursuing a profession that requires you to dress professionally. After trying on numerous skirts and suits that didn’t fit correctly in H&M, Macy’s and other stores, I started to get flustered. The suit jackets were too tight on my arms or they made me look boxy. The skirts fit me correctly on my waist, but couldn’t be zipped up over my butt. My thoughts immediately went to negative thoughts and body shaming. I went home empty handed and upset. I go between a size 10 and 12 for dress clothing and I have the hardest time finding clothes that will fit me. I can’t even imagine how women who wear a larger size than me feel about shopping. It confuses me that in a society which preaches we should all be confident with the size and shape of our bodies, the options available to those over a size 12 are ridiculous.

There is no such thing as “one size fits all.” There are girls who have curves and those who do not, tall, short and everything in between. I wish this vicious cycle of trying to conform and fit into a very limited cut of clothing would end because the stress of not being able to find clothes for your body type is ridiculous. In The Washington Post, an article by Tim Gunn explains in each season of “Project Runway,” there is a ‘real woman challenge.’ While he hated the name, the task is for contestants to design looks for non-models. Each year, Gunn noted, this challenge would receive, ‘audible groans.’ A designer named Ashley Nell Tipton won the competition with the show’s first collection for plus-sized women. Gunn criticized the clothes calling them, ‘hideous,’ not something that every woman would want to wear.

Designers need to step up and realize there is a high demand for flattering, age appropriate clothing, not only for women size 12 and over, but also for women who just have different body types. Everyone can’t fit into the same styles and shapes of clothing. There needs to be a variety to choose from. As we are slowly becoming a society that accepts a wider variety of people, hopefully the clothing industry can do the same.

Reply to Kaitlyn at thenews@bgnews.com

Kaitlyn Fillhart
Columnist

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Global climate change is real

Global climate change is scientific fact. It is happening because there has been an increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Those gases, including carbon dioxide and methane, trap the sun's rays within our atmosphere, which then affect our temperatures and weather patterns. There are a number of scientific studies that look at this change and relate it directly to humans.

A new study published in Science shows just how much each individual person contributes to the melting ice caps. According to the researchers, an American emits about 16 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year on average. For each metric ton emitted, three square meters of Arctic sea ice melts. This means that Americans are contributing about 50 square meters of sea ice melt annually. To say it another way, a family of four will melt ice the size of a football field in 30 years.

This is a huge deal. Not only does melting sea ice make life harder for the polar bears, but it also puts global coastlines at risk. Melting ice will turn into liquid water, which will cause a rise in sea levels. Coastlines have already started to disappear. Miami has been fighting sea level rise for a while now. In fact, Florida has already planned to spend between $400-$500 million to remove unwanted seawater. Yet, they continue to build on the coast.

The melting sea ice, and subsequent sea level rise, is only one example of the changes we're going to experience as global climate change progresses. Scientists make new discoveries every day about the ecological disasters we will be facing. The ecosystems of multiple biomes are already facing the pressures of climate change. For example, ocean acidification caused by an increase of carbon dioxide in the ocean kills coral reefs, known as coral bleaching.

The reoccurring theme here is carbon dioxide emissions, which come predominately from burning fossil fuels like oil. We use oil for everything: gasoline, plastics, asphalt, rubber, etc. Currently, the United States is spending over $20 billion annually on fossil fuels. That's an enormous amount of money, but it's nothing compared to what we will pay in damages if we do nothing to stop global climate change. In 2012, the federal government spent $96 billion to repair after climate change related disasters (e.g. tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, etc.). Not only will damaging storms increase, but we will also experience more droughts that will affect our agriculture. Due to the 2012 drought, the U.S. was estimated to pay $1.3 billion on food expenditures in 2013. These are only two examples; there are dozens of reports that show how much we are spending to fix climate change related disasters. Why are we spending so much to fix our mistake, when we can implement clean energy production now and reduce our impact on the earth? This will lead to saving money along with our children's futures.

This is scientific fact. Global climate change is happening. Most importantly, this is not an issue that should be as wrapped up in politics as it has been. Politicians are not scientists, and they should not have the ability to tell you, the people, what is or is not scientific fact. Remember this when you're voting this week.

Reply to Cari at theneews@bgnews.com

Another look at Lizzie McGuire

Back in the early 2000s, there was a little show on Disney Channel called “Lizzie McGuire.” Maybe you’ve heard of it. If you have heard of it, you might have also heard about the 2003 movie “The Lizzie McGuire Movie,” which was inspired by the TV show.

In the movie, Lizzie and her friends graduate from middle school and then go on a trip to Rome, where she gets mistaken for Italian pop sensation Isabella. From there, Lizzie goes on the adventure of a lifetime around Rome as her and Paolo, the other half of fictitious Paolo and Isabella, begin preparing for an Italian music award show.

If you’re stuck on the fact that Lizzie had just graduated from middle school and got to go to Rome, don’t you worry. I’m still hung up on that fact too.

As perfect as Lizzie McGuire is, the movie is completely flawed. In what world would a 14-year-old get to go on a school trip to Rome? I certainly wasn’t that lucky. When I was going from middle school to high school, I was still getting permission to go across the street to my friend’s house so we could watch “Gilmore Girls” and talk about which of Rory’s boyfriends were better for her - which, in case you were wondering, is Jess and it always will be Jess - or whether Luke and Lorelai should have been together - duh - or whether Lorelai and Christopher should be given another chance - which is one big load of nope. Getting their permission was totally unnecessary, of course. To me, it was always better to be safe than sorry.

Also, we need to talk about Paolo and how much of a bad influence he is. He encourages Lizzie to lie to her future high school principal, Miss Ungermeyer. Lying to a principal, or any school administrator for that matter, is wrong. I mean, this is the era where Disney Channel had amazing shows that actually taught kids a valuable lesson. Though the movie had a theatrical release, that shouldn’t mean the values of early 2000s Disney Channel should be thrown out the window.

In fact, the only redeeming quality about Paolo is ... well ... he doesn’t have any. To quote Paula Abdul, “he’s a cold hearted snake.” He was totally going to embarrass Lizzie in front of hundreds of adoring Paolo and Isabella fans at this music award show by making everyone think she couldn’t sing. That is so not what potential-Disney-boyfriends-who-are-actually-villains do. None of them were that cruel. Especially when you consider that Lizzie was trying to get over her fear of public speaking and was publically humiliated by her younger brother after a video of her tripping and ruining graduation was broadcast on “Good Morning America.”

Talk about a loser.

Reply to Lauren at theneews@bgnews.com
Diwali Mela celebration lights up BTSU

By Amber Jones
Reporter

Diwali Mela, or the “Festival of Lights,” is a time to recognize the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and a time for the Indian Student Association to host their annual event.

“The Diwali Mela, as you know, is a signature event from the Indian Student Association (ISA), and it is one of the best events on campus,” Emcee Dhiman Chattopadhyay said.

Going on 31 years, the Diwali Mela was bursting with entertaining classical dance and tasty Indian cuisine. The Diwali celebration generally lasts for five days. While there are many beliefs regarding the festival, the most popular one is that this day symbolizes the victory of good over evil.

“We promised you last year that we will be back and we are bigger, better and tastier than ever,” Chattopadhyay said.

The event was centered around Indian cinema and dances inspired by Bollywood and Tollywood movies and music. The performances are a way to bond with cultural roots and acquaint the community to Indian culture and heritage.

The event kicked off with the lighting of the Diwali Lamp, also known as the Diya. The lamps are often used in worship, but are recognized during the Diwali festival. It is used to invite Lakshmi, the goddess of Wealth, into homes during the Festival of Lights.

A classical dance was performed by alumna Srihimaja Nandamudi. She performed the dance Andhra Natyam, which is an Indian classical dance that originated in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It is a fusion of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi dance styles.

“This classical form of dance takes years to learn and perfect. And only then can you master the expressions and figures that you make with your hands. It took her 10 years to perfect,” Emcee Arpan Yagnik said.

The event flowed smoothly with many dances from popular music all around India such as Natumuka, Dance Basanthi, Kala Chashma, Kungfu Kumari and many more.

“When I was younger, we usually have fireworks, lighting of candles and giving friends and family sweets and gifts,” ISA President Himanshu Sethi said. “Having this event at the University allows us to celebrate that further with dance and music that we love and want to display.”

The dinner served was composed of many different cuisines like Chana Masala, Curry chicken, tzatziki sauce and Tiramisu for dessert.

“I would like to thank Dining and Catering services for the delicious meal. They did a perfect job with the menu and left my belly full,” Yagnik said.

As part of the annual celebration, ISA awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Award.

Public Relations Coordinator of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Karen Weber, was honored with the award.

“The Mahatma Gandhi award is given every year to the one person in the Bowling Green community who has gone beyond their call of duty to help students and things for the community at large,” Chattopadhyay said. “This year’s winner is a person who we have seldom seen without a smile, even when we go into her office at the eleventh hour demanding the most impossible things…. She has gotten things done without hesitation.”

“This group is so wonderful and we are very blessed to have them (ISA) here on campus and going from a small room to filling up the ballroom. They have done a wonderful job with this event and are so wonderful to work with,” Weber said.
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The Falcons hockey team took one of two wins from the Ferris State Bulldogs, defeating them 4-1 on Friday night before losing 3-1 on Saturday night. “(Ferris State) obviously didn’t play their best Friday night and they answered,” Falcons head coach Chris Bergeron said. “Our competitiveness, our engagement, both mental and physical, our intensity, was second tonight and you get what you get when you do those things and you’re not as engaged mentally and physically as you need to be.”

In Friday’s game, the Falcons struck first early on a goal from junior forward Tyler Spezia at the 4:51 mark of the first period. The team then added to their lead shortly afterwards on the power play with a goal from senior forward Matt Pohlkamp at 6:37. Ferris State responded with a power play goal of their own at 12:50, but the Falcons came back 22 seconds later as freshman defenseman Alec Rauhauser put the Falcons up 3-1 at the end of the first. Junior forward Mitch McLain scored the only goal outside of the first period late in the second, as the Falcons went on to win 4-1.

“I thought our second and third effort in the offensive zone was outstanding,” Bergeron said. “So I thought we had a bunch of O-zone time, when you’re doing that, you’re limiting the potential of them getting shots on net with us having puck possession playing in their zone.”

The team was also happy to be able to have their first home regular season victory, as they had the lead going into the third period in their two previous home games this season, but were unable to hang on.

“This is a team that’s been in this position before,” Bergeron said. “I think this group knows how to finish games and knows how to win games when they have leads. We haven’t shown it in a couple opportunities at home, but that’s not because we didn’t know how to do it, I think tonight is more like what we want to be.”

On Saturday, Ferris State scored the opening goal at 6:26 of the first period. However, the Falcons tied it up at 8:52 of the second period on freshman forward Lukas Craggs’ first collegiate goal. Ferris State retook the lead on a power play opportunity a little over three minutes later and scored shorthanded early in the third period to add an insurance goal. The Falcons would not be able to respond as Ferris State took the 3-1 victory.

The team feels that they need to compete harder to take better advantage of the opportunities they have to win.

“We had the opportunity to play a game today when you only have 36 guaranteed and I don’t think we gave ourselves much of a chance because of the way we competed,” Bergeron said. “From an execution standpoint, we were close, but on a night where you’re just close execution-wise, you really have to compete hard.”

The team also feels that they need to be better on the power play, where they were unable to cash in on eight chances.

“I didn’t think our effort was great on the power play,” Bergeron said. “I thought the only situation where we had some urgency and some desperation was on the penalty kill, especially in the five-on-three.”

The team will next play on the road Friday and Saturday night against the Northern Michigan Wildcats.
**Volleyball takes one of two games**

*By Brandon Luthman*  
Sports Reporter

The Falcons went on the road this weekend to finish their regular season away matches. The Falcons won on the road Friday against the Kent State Golden Flashes and lost on Saturday on the road to the Ohio Bobcats. The weekend altered the Falcons’ overall record to 18-9 and 8-6 in conference play.

In the matchup on Friday, the Falcons beat the Bobcats in four sets. With scores of 25-21, 25-11, 20-25 and 25-20, it was a tough and exciting matchup for Bowling Green. In a three minute span, BG got off three shots, but it sailed high over the crossbar and went into overtime.

In the early second period, the Falcons started to get the rebound and fired what looked like a right-side cross. The pass deflected off an UB defender and right in front of Brennan, who fired a low shot that would eventually be saved by Kuta. Neither teams scored and went into overtime.

In the first overtime, BG got two opportunities to score following a corner kick by Sullivan around the 94-minute mark. The ball landed on Mustafa’s head as he tried to make a shot attempt of his own, but it went right towards Flynn at the six-yard mark. Flynn fired a shot attempt, but it hit the left goalpost. There to get the rebound was freshman Robert Miller III, who attempted a shot attempt that got blocked. Neither team scored and the game resulted in double overtime.

In a three minute span, BG got off three shot attempts, but all of the attempts were unsuccessful. Finally, the final shot attempt came from Roth within the final seconds of the game. Roth got off a header shot, but it sailed high over the crossbar and the game resulted in a tie.

“IT doesn't matter who controlled it, all that matters is the goals,” said BGSU Head Coach Eric Nichols. “Both teams were definitely going for it and the last thing both teams wanted was a tie. Both teams had an opportunity to do something special tonight so we're both disappointed about that. But, we're excited to play in the MAC tournament and ready to make some noise.”

BG will look to get a victory as they once again play UB in the MAC semifinals on Friday at 4 p.m. in Akron, Ohio.

**Soccer ties Buffalo during home finale**

*By Elias Faneuff*  
Sports Reporter

The University men’s soccer team hosted their final home game of the regular season as they drew a scoreless tie against the University at Buffalo. This was the team’s fourth tie of the season and they finished number two in the Mid-American Conference standings.

In the first period, the team looked to set the tone very early following a corner kick by senior Joe Sullivan around the three-minute mark. Sullivan’s kick found the head of sophomore Moe Mustafa, whose header shot ricocheted off the far post.

Twelve minutes later, sophomore Tate Robertson found freshman Chris Brennan at the 12-yard mark, and Brennan fired a shot towards the far post. However, UB’s Joseph Kuta displayed great athleticism and made the diving save.

Another golden opportunity presented itself with nine minutes left in the first period as redshirt sophomore Bismark Agyeman got through defenders and fired a shot that got tipped by goalkeeper Kuta as he was able to reach high to save it. Then came senior Jacob Roth, who got the rebound and fired what looked like a shot that would go in, but Kuta got the save.

It was yet another scoreless first half for BG. Similarly, in past games they’ve struggled to get first period goals. BG out shot UB in the first period with 10 shot attempts while UB only managed to get four shot attempts.

In the second period, the Falcons were whistled for a foul and drew a yellow card. This would reward UB with a free kick attempted by UB’s Russell Cicerone. Cicerone’s kick hit the crossbar and BG avoided an early scare.

With 21 minutes left in the second period, Roth found senior Pat Flynn at midfield. Flynn then got the ball to Max Auden at the 18-yard mark. Auden looked to take it into UB territory, but it was knocked away by a UB defender.

As the final eight minutes ticked away, BG was able to get some late offense rolling as Sullivan found junior Keaton Reynolds towards the right side. Reynolds ran at the end line and set up a cross towards Flynn in the middle of the box. However, the ball was knocked away by a UB defender before Flynn could take control of it.

A few minutes later, Roth squeezed through defenders and tried to play a right-side cross. The pass deflected off an UB defender and right in front of Brennan, who fired a low shot that would eventually be saved by Kuta. Neither teams scored and went into overtime.

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Student athletes fight hunger

By Holly Shively
Editor-in-Chief

Student Athlete Advisory Committee adviser Meghan Horn inherited SAAC and its programs when she began work at the University as the assistant coordinator of the Student Athlete Services in September 2015. One of those programs was Falcons Fighting Hunger.

When Horn arrived, SAAC wasn’t “fully functional,” but with full-time employees she began putting 100 percent into getting students involved in the programs SAAC offers, including FFH.

Falcons Fighting Hunger is a SAAC-sponsored food drive at home hockey games, which used to collect not only perishable food items but cash as well. This year SAAC won’t be collecting cash to avoid so many hands touching the donations.

SAAC vice president Kohl Taberner hopes to get as much student involvement as possible in the food drive this year. “It’s good obviously to give non-perishable goods to people who don’t have them, and it’s good for the athletic department and student athletes to show that we care about people other than student athletes and we’re trying to help the world,” Taberner said. “The more we can do to help the community is always a great thing.”

To get more participation in the food drive, as well as help the organization as a whole, SAAC has split into committees this year. Taberner is on the seven-person committee working on the food drive.

Volleyball player Katie Scholten is also on the committee to plan Falcons Fighting Hunger. Her main responsibilities were helping to make and post fliers, contacting athletic supervisors and helping with social media.

“It’s completely our responsibility now to get it completely set up and executing it,” Scholten said.

Horn said regardless of its success, the food drive is truly now “a solid student athlete effort.”

Horn said it’s “very important” to get students involved in the programs SAAC offers, including FFH. “Last year it wasn’t run by student athletes. It was just run by advisors, and it wasn’t super successful, so this year we’re just hoping that we can make a big impact with it,” Scholten said. There will be three collections at home hockey games this year; the first one was last Friday. At Friday’s collection, SAAC collected four full boxes and a few bags full of food items. Students, community members and others can also take non-perishable food items to the home hockey game Dec. 9 and cans only on Feb. 4 for the Soup-er Bowl collection.

At the games, there will be SAAC representatives collecting the non-perishable items.

After the food is collected, it will be given to the United Methodist Church on Wooster Street near the Stroh Center. The church will then send the food out to local food banks.

“We’re just looking to get as much community support as possible to show what the BG community is made of,” Taberner said.

“SAAC as a whole serves as the voice of student athletes, Taberner said. There are two to three representatives from each of the 18 University teams.

In addition to Falcons Fighting Hunger, Horn said SAAC tries to do “something fun and creative each month.” Some of these include Trick-or-Treat at the Stroh and MLK Day.

“I’m really excited this year for SAAC because the student athlete involvement has been great,” Horn said.

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Consideration for new term schedule

By Keefe Watson
Reporter

Dean Jodi Webb spoke to USG about possible new term schedule that the University is considering that would be enacted in fall of 2018.

“There is a group that has been formed that is looking at the J-term,” Webb, who also serves as the USG Advisor, said. “This would be a short three week kind of mini semester that would happen.”

The J-term, or January term, would occur during the last three weeks of January.

Other schools, including the University of Toledo, is also considering this term structure.

“This would, if we went in this direction, it could provide students with the opportunity to do more internships over the semester break, it could be classes on campus, it could be online classes, it could even be opportunities for shortened study abroad experiences,” Webb said.

There would be a number of challenges associated with switching over to the proposed term structure, including finances and housing.

The new proposed term might also include 15-week semesters with 14 weeks of classes and one week of exams. The

“This is not a done deal...this is really about gathering information,” Webb said.

Implementation would occur in fall 2018 if the University decides to go this route.

President Amanda Dortch brought to the attention of USG that Hanna Hall, currently planned to receive renovation and be used as the new College of Business building, will also receive a new name.

“A couple of years ago the Board of Trustees passed some type of legislation that says without the monetary donation, you cannot have a building named after you,” Dortch said.

A sizable monetary donation has been given to renovate Hanna Hall, and the donor has requested the building name reflect his or her donation.

The Hanna family does not meet this monetary gift requirement.

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Winter Wheat refines writers’ techniques

By Kaitlyn Fillhart
Reporter

The sixteenth annual Winter Wheat: The Mid-American Review Festival of Writing brought faculty, current and past students and members from the community together to share, give tips and learn about writing.

The event held this past weekend featured just under 50 workshops. The workshop topics change every year and cover a wide variety of topics for writers, new and seasoned, to learn new tools to improve their story writing skills.

Since its start in 2001, Winter Wheat has grown from 40 members to 250 people coming each year to the event. It has become a place for current students to network with alumni who are publishing and may have job offers.

Lecturer and Mid-American Review Editor Abigail Cloud likes Winter Wheat because she gets to catch up with alumni that she hasn’t seen and because it’s a time to work on writing.

“I like Winter Wheat because as a working writer, I find it really hard to set aside time for writing,” Cloud said. “This is the ideal opportunity for experimentation.”

Each workshop has a small group of people, which is a good environment for a lot of ideas and experiences to be shared. Some of the workshops this year were about writing fiction and non-fiction, how to write about family, writing a death scene and book design. Guest speaker and one of Winter Wheat’s founders, Karen Craigo, spoke at the event discussing poetry and meditation.

Senior Marissa Medley attended Winter Wheat last year and is back this year to be on a panel as well as participate in the other workshops being offered.

“I attended a workshop last year about travel writing. It was interesting because these two girls took a month-long road trip and they shared how it influenced them in the characters they wrote about (and the setting of their stories),” Medley said. “This year, for my Honors project, I’m presenting a panel (at Winter Wheat) focusing on writing about family because it’s a popular topic.”

Freshman Kianarose Irving thought that her first Winter Wheat was helpful to her writing.

“This event helped me…by reaching out of my comfort zone,” Irving said. “The feedback was genuine and everyone wanted to see the other succeed in their work, and that made me feel confident in sharing (my work) during panels, which is something I don’t generally do.”

At the end of Winter Wheat, those who attended are encouraged to attend an open mic to share new pieces that were created over the weekend. Members from the community come to listen and relax after the eventful weekend.

“(The open mic) night is a great time to enjoy the social interaction and see alumni that I didn’t get a chance to see during the weekend,” Cloud said.

Winter Wheat is a great event for everyone to learn about new writing skills without any pressure from peers.

“It was awesome to be surrounded by people who loved writing and literature as much as I do. It didn’t matter the amount of experience you had. Everyone was super welcoming and encouraging.” Irving said.
Citizens voice opposition to Nexus pipeline

Hannah Finnerty  
City Editor

While Native Americans, environmentalists and social advocates are protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota, Bowling Green citizens are voicing their concerns about a similar pipeline that is planned to run through Bowling Green’s backyard.

Nexus Gas Transmission, LLC. is planning to construct a 225-mile interstate natural gas pipeline, running from Kensington, Ohio to Willow Run, Michigan.

A portion of the pipeline is planned to be constructed on city land. According to Utilities Director Brian O’Connell, the pipeline will run 3 miles east of the Water Treatment Plant and reservoirs that provide Bowling Green citizens with clean water.

O’Connell said Nexus will get the easement, or permission to build on land without owning the land, one way or another.

“If we wait for them to get federal approval for the project and involve the court system, obviously we have to pay attorneys and there will be a much longer legal battle, and at the end of it, they are still going to acquire the appeasement,” O’Connell said.

By granting appeasement, the city of Bowling Green would receive $151,000 as compensation from Nexus.

Lisa Kochheiser, Bowling Green resident, asked council members what could be done with $151,000. Could $151,000 fix the property value depreciation for the land where the pipeline runs? Could $151,000 pay to compensate the farmers who would lose property value due to the pipeline? Could $151,000 pay for the health concerns caused by toxins and carcinogens infecting the soil and air?

Where the pipeline would cross under the Maumee River, there is a hot bed of activity according to Kochheiser. The pipeline would pass directly above a fault line in an area where karst terrain, or ground pocked with cracks and caverns, is predominant. Karst terrain is unstable and is susceptible to sink holes.

University Environmental Science Student Matthew Cunningham also addressed council, citing the fragile temperament of the 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas that would surge through the pipeline every day. He said if an explosion were to occur, 30,000 people would be without water for an indefinite amount of time.

At the same time this pipeline is being proposed, the city is in the process of constructing the state’s largest solar field and recently constructed a solar field.

Vassiliki Leontis, another community member, passionately questioned the council. She asked how a city could build a beautiful, innovative and efficient solar field and then begin to discuss an easement of “such a filthy project.”

The council moved the ordinance to second and third readings and will continue to be discussed at the next city council meeting at the City Administrative Services Building at 304 North Church St. on Nov. 21 at 7 pm.