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Black Lives Matter movement comes to Marietta



Photo by Janelle Patterson

ABOVE: Sydra Burke, left and Sadie Cavitt, right, rush to comfort Marietta High School student Kyleah Schaffer as she speaks Sunday.

More than 1,000 gather in park to show solidarity

By Janelle Patterson
Staff Reporter

Fourteen individuals of color stepped up to a microphone and bared their souls to more than 1,000 people in Marietta's East Muskingum Park Sunday.

"You know, I just came as me, to spread that message of love, all love here," said Dennis Mwangbe, 24, of Marietta. "I wrote that speech this morning in about two hours, but it's something that's been on

my heart and in my head for weeks."

The goal of the peaceful protest, organized by Hayla Zyla-Dennis, and Kensley Lowther, both Marietta High School graduates, was to give persons of color a chance to be heard by a respectful, quiet audience.

The pair gained the support of many, offering to bring food, water, medical supplies, extra trash bins and even armed private militia to protect the rights

of assembly and free speech, as the crowd stood in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

"The girls had goodness in their heart and we wanted to help and had so much support in covering the cost of food to raise donations for the 'Movement Black Lives' fund," said Tim Turner as he, Chris Fennell and Ben Smith gave out sandwiches, pasta salad and chips purchased at cost from DaVinci's restaurant.

The group raised \$797 for the fund.

The Black Lives Matter movement is one seeing similar protests and demonstrations filling parks and streets across the United States, with individuals speaking out against the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and several other persons of color who died by the hands, knees or bul-

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A U-turn, an angry president and a fateful walk to a D.C. church

By Robert Burns

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Defense Secretary Mark

Esper was three blocks

from the FBI's Washington

field office. He had

planned to confer there at a

security command center, but

plans changed with an

unexpected call to divert

immediately.

Go the White House.

President Donald Trump

wanted a briefing from him

and Gen. Mark Milley, the

chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, on how the

military was handling the

security as protests grew

on the streets of the

nation's capital.

Esper's driver pulled a

U-turn in the middle of the

street and flipped on the

flashing lights, and they

rushed to 1600 Pennsylvania

Avenue.

It was late afternoon on

Monday, June 1 — one of

the more consequential

days of Donald Trump's

presidency, when he was

forced to reckon with rapidly

swelling demonstrations

after George Floyd's death

in the hands of Minneapolis

police officers.

Esper and Milley, how-

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out the active-duty forces,

fearful that it would milita-

rize a problem that should

be handled by civilian law

enforcement. Violent ele-

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crowds, the two men

measures while advisers at

the Pentagon tried to per-

suaide him to take a more moderate approach.

The officials asked that their names not be used to describe sensitive deliberations.

At an Oval Office meeting late Monday morning, tempers were flaring.

Trump and some of his senior aides wanted federal troops on the streets, and

fast.

Some Washington busi-

nesses had been vandalized

Sunday night and St. John's

Church, near the White

House, had sustained fire

damage. Trump was

unhappy. Some governors,

and local authorities in the

District of Columbia, were

not doing enough to stop

violence, Trump believed.

By Monday morning he

was considering a dramatic

move — invoking the

Insurrection Act so that he

could use federal troops to

enforce the law.

According to a senior

defense official, Trump

wanted 10,000 federal

troops immediately on the

streets to control a situa-

tion some aides believed

could escalate dangerously.

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Biden to meet with George Floyd's family before funeral

By Will Weissert

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Former Vice President Joe

Biden plans to travel to

Houston to meet with the

family of George Floyd and

will provide a video mes-

sage for Floyd's funeral

service.

A Biden aide on Sunday

described the plans of the

Democratic presidential

candidate. They did not

include attending the serv-

ice.

Biden expects to give the

family his condolences, said

the aide, who discussed

Biden's plans on condition

of anonymity.

Funeral services Monday

will follow a six-hour view-

ing for Floyd, who was

raised in Houston. Burial is

set for Tuesday in the Hous-

ton suburb of Pearland.

Floyd died after a police

officer in Minnesota pressed

a knee into his neck for sev-

eral minutes, even after

Floyd stopped moving and

was pleading for air. His

death has sparked days of

protest around the U.S. and

led to a national discussion

of police treatment of

African Americans and

institutional racism.



Photo by Janelle Patterson

Fourteen speakers received applause and cheers from a crowd of predominately caucasian individuals Sunday during a peaceful demonstration protesting racism in East Muskingum Park in Marietta.



Photo by Art Smith

More than 1,000 people attend a peaceful protest demonstrating support for marginalized individuals of color facing racism in the United States.

Nonagenarian hasn't missed a reunion

By Heather Ziegler

Special to The Times

LEWISVILLE, Ohio — Edward Ackerman never missed a high school class reunion.

Even today at age 97, the Monroe County resident had planned to attend his 80th alumni event for his alma mater — the former Lewisville High School.

The reunion was scheduled for May 16 but was canceled due to the coron-

avirus pandemic. Lewisville High School disappeared decades ago when consolidation became the norm. However, Ackerman remembers his school days like they were yesterday.

"In Monroe County, each little district had their own high school," he explained. "When I was in high school, we had three teachers. They taught math, science and English. That's all we needed."



Ackerman

Ackerman graduated from Lewisville High in 1940. His class had 18 students, but it's not known how many of them are still alive.

He attended each high school alumni banquet

thereafter, including the reunions that represented all the past and present high schools in Monroe County. Raised by his grandparents, Ackerman recalls that his grandfather had purchased a 1932 "deluxe model Chevrolet," paying less than \$1,000 for the car.

"It was the first car I ever drove. He paid \$930 and no sales tax. I drove it to my

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Daily COVID-19 Numbers					
County	Cases confirmed	CDC probable cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths confirmed	CDC probable deaths
Athens	18	0	1	1	0
Meigs	6	0	1	0	0
Monroe	80	0	15	15	0
Morgan	6	0	0	0	0
Noble	6	0	2	0	0
Washington	117	1	15	18	1
OHIO	35,731	2,745	6,497	2,155	222
Pleasants	3	1	N/A	0	N/A
Wood	50	3	N/A	2	N/A
W.Va.	2,054	65	N/A	84	N/A

Sources: coronavirus.ohio.gov; dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

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