

plows through a set of columns holding an interstate overpass Tuesday. There are tracks nearby. There is no one in the car. You have two minutes to solve the riddle.



The engine crashed into supports on Interstate Tuesday.

Or just continue reading. On Tuesday evening, an orange, 80-ton train engine that Joe Duke was hauling to Alabama ripped from his tractor and went crashing into a row of supports under the eastbound Interstate 74 bridge at

The damage will take at least \$500,000 two months to repair. In the meantime, expect detours – and watch out for flying trains.

TRUCK CRASH:

Franklin Township couple were on their way Thursday to get medical treatment for two of their three children who'd developed a severe allergic reaction. They never made it. At 1:24 a.m., as Josh and Rita Day

drove north on Interstate 75, a southbound car slammed into the sedan. The driver, Michael Delaney, was taken to a hospital. No one was to blame today.



The Englewood, Ohio, Landers Lindsay Gullet (left) and Michelle Welch, a friend and cousin of Krysta Delaney.

Investigators say Delaney, 18, may have fallen asleep on her way home to Felicity. None of the children was wearing a seat belt, but the three children – ages 2, 6 and 7 – were strapped in and survived, suffering non-life-threatening injuries.

HER'S LOVE:

Christina Standifer dedicated her life to her son. She was responsible for his death. The 56-year-old nurse killed her mentally ill son just after Christmas by injecting him with large doses of morphine. She later tried to kill herself. She was afraid her son, whose condition was worsening, would be institutionalized. On Wednesday, a judge gave Standifer the minimum sentence of three years in prison, saying the act was "absolutely out of character" and praising her for caring for 25-year-old Rasheed Michael Standifer. Standifer pleaded guilty in April to involuntary manslaughter. She faced 10 years, but Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge David Davis was lenient on her. "It's just as sad for Mrs. Standifer as for anyone else," Davis said.

— Lori Kurtzman

STATE FUNDING

\$85M headed this way

Universities, museums, parks get their 2-year wish-list funds

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COLUMBUS – State legislators from Southwest Ohio landed more than \$85 million in the latest state capital construction budget.

In line for funding are well-known facilities – Cincinnati Museum Center, Music Hall and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center – and smaller projects including a boat ramp for Addyston and a Veterans Memorial Park in Monroe.

Hamilton County ranked second only to Franklin County, home to most state agencies, in total money for bricks-and-mortar projects during the next two years.

Hamilton County's \$60 million share also is about four times the amount approved locally in the previous two capital budgets.

County officials sought more than \$100 million in state support for local projects this year.

Yet two Hamilton County commissioners, Democrats Todd Portune and David Pepper, both complained about the project selection process last week.

The county tried to prioritize projects through a public-hearing process. After a committee finalized its recommendations, however, local legislators and organizations still went ahead and pushed for their own pet projects – whether they were on the county's wish list or not.

"I think it's unfortunate," Portune said.

"The other approaches and backroom lobbying that had been a part of this process over the years in a bad way continued to play a role."

The capital budget finances building, roof and energy conservation projects at universities, parks, museums, stadiums and certain community programs.

Legislative leaders in the Republican-led General Assembly said they hope to send an approved capital budget to Gov. Ted Strickland for his signature this week.

Staff writer Jessica Brown contributed to this story.

Area projects

Cincinnati Museum Center	2,500,000	Madeira Historical Society/Miller House	60,000
Riverfront Park	2,000,000	Forest Park homeland security facility	50,000
Cincinnati Art Museum	1,500,000	Mohawk Veterans' Memorial	15,000
Cincinnati Zoo	1,500,000		
Music Hall	1,100,000		
American Red Cross facility – Cincinnati	1,000,000		

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Little Miami Trail Extension – Hamilton County Park District	1,000,000	Basic Renovations	10,720,600
Sharonville Convention Center	1,000,000	Medical Science Building Renovation and Expansion	26,412,500
Greentree Health Science Academy, Sinclair Community College	1,000,000	Barrett Cancer Center	1,500,000
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center	850,000	Raymond Walters Renovations	501,195,000
Voice of America Museum, Butler County	500,000	Raymond Walters New Building	1,582,230,000
Green Township Legacy Place Park	500,000	Renovations, Clermont County	1,077,240,000
Colerain Township Park	500,000	Consolidated Communication Project of Clermont County	400,000
Newtown Indian Artifact Museum	300,000		
New Richmond Park, Clermont County	300,000		
Clifton Cultural Arts Center	250,000		
Cincinnati Ballet	250,000		
Beckett Park Improvements, West Chester, Butler County	250,000		
Marionmont – Women's Cultural Arts Center	220,000		
First Step Home, (Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services)	200,000		
BalletTech	200,000		
Wyoming City Regional Park	200,000		
Hebrew Union College Archives	185,000		
Blue Ash City Conference Center (Cincinnati State)	150,000		
Forest Park Health Care Facility	150,000		
Health Care Connection – Lincoln Heights	150,000		
Beech Acres	125,000		
People Working Cooperatively	120,000		
Covedale Theatre	100,000		
Addyston Boat Ramp	100,000		
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	100,000		
Rivers Edge Amphitheater, Butler County	100,000		
Monroe Veterans Memorial Park, Butler County	100,000		
Rivers Edge Bikeway, Butler County	100,000		
Springboro Park Improvements, Warren County	100,000		
Ault Park improvements	75,000		

CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Basic Renovations	1,255,920,000
Classroom Upgrade Project	270,000
Lot C Parking Lot	250,000
Ceiling Replacement	75,000
Electrical Surge Protection	100,000
Campus Signage	75,000
Window and Garage Doors	175,659,000
Window Replacement	100,000

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Basic renovations, Oxford	5,615,288,000
Basic renovations, Hamilton	686,759,000
Basic renovations, Middletown	588,815,000
Upham Hall North Wing Rehabilitation	3,600,000,000
Academic and administrative projects	2,439,443,000
Laws Hall Rehabilitation	6,250,000,000
Western Steam Distribution Project	1,500,000,000

COUNTY TOTALS

Butler County total (includes Miami University)	22,510,305,000
Clermont County total (includes University of Cincinnati)	2,377,244,000
Hamilton County total (includes UC and Cincinnati State)	59,618,140,000
Warren County total	1,100,000,000

Source: House Bill 562