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*****Correction – Spelling revised on pilot's name*****

Six people killed in Sandusky County single-engine plane crash

FREMONT – The Ohio State Highway Patrol has responded to a fatal plane crash that occurred at approximately 1:00 p.m. today that killed six people in Sandusky County. A single-engine 68 Cessna fixed-wing airplane departed to the east from the Fremont airport and for an unknown reason crashed shortly after take-off into a residential area on the west side of Fremont, south of Hayes Avenue, killing all on-board. There is no indication of any ground structures being impacted and no one on the ground was affected.

Killed in the crash were:

- Gene Damschroder Sr., 86, of Fremont (pilot)
- Bill Ansted, 62, of Lindsay
- Allison Ansted, 23, of Lindsay
- Danielle Gerwin, 31, of Gibsonburg
- Emily Gerwin, 4, of Gibsonburg
- Matt Clearman, 25, of Maumee

Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are en-route to the scene. The Fremont Police Department, Fremont Fire Department, Sandusky County Sheriff's Office, Balleville Fire Department, and Clyde Fire Department Communications Center are also on-scene.

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