

STYKEMAIN CHEVROLET EARNS GM MARK OF EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD



Pictured here is the staff of Stykemain Chevrolet in Paulding, OH with owner, Jim Stykemain in the middle holding the prestigious General Motors Mark of Excellence Leadership Trophy.

Executives from General Motors held a ceremony on June 13, 2018 at Stykemain Chevrolet in Paulding and awarded Jim Stykemain and his staff with the General Motors Mark of Excellence Leadership Trophy for dealership excellence in 2017.

According to District Manager Alex Nowicki and Zone Manager Manny Sosa, only a handful of dealerships across the entire country achieve the Mark of

Excellence award, and the leadership trophy is fewer still. Stykemain Chevrolet is the only dealership in the region to win the Mark of Excellence Leadership Trophy.

The Mark of Excellence is General Motors recognition of those dealerships with the highest standards of excellence and customer satisfaction across sales, and service.

Jim Stykemain received the award with his entire staff in attendance and thanked

his staff for keeping the customers at the center of all they do, each day.

From all of us at Stykemain Chevrolet - Thank you to our customers - our family, friends and neighbors. Without all of you, this award would never have been possible. It's our privilege to serve and take care of you today and tomorrow.

NEW HAVEN CHAMBER: MEET A MEMBER

Rebecca Jackson, Director of Sales and Marketing at the Holiday Inn Express East New Haven has been enamored with hotels since she was little. She said, "I wanted to get a management position job because hotels always fascinated me. It looked glamorous; high society; worldly and so I always thought it was fascinating."

After high school Rebecca attended Ivy Tech Community College and received a degree in business management with a specialty in marketing. At the age of twenty three she applied for her first hotel job. Seeking more knowledge of hotel management she applied for a front desk job. However, the manager that

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2018 PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR



The 2018 Paulding County 4-H Fair kicks off fair season for Ohio. This year's fair has been an exciting time for 4-H members and their sponsors. This year's King and Queen were crowned on Monday, June 11. 2018 King, Austin Howell is a 2018 graduate of Paulding High School. He plans to attend OSU Lima and major in Early Childhood Education. Named Queen was Haleigh Stoller. In one of the various animal competitions, Hannah Griffiths competed in the swine division. She raised three pigs for this year's 4-H fair. Her pig, Smokey, won Beginners Skillathon in class H on Thursday, June 14. Hannah is a student at Divine Mercy School along with her twin brother.

The following are the results of all the judging that took place this past week.

PAULDING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOOTH JUDGING:

Best Use of Booth Theme - Brown Bettys and Buster Browns 4-H Club
Most Creative Award - Livewires 4-H Club

Most Educational Award - Countryside Kids 4-H Club
Best Use of Color Award - Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

FOOD & NUTRITION JUDGING:

Beginning:

Let's Start Cooking - Jalyne Klopfenstein, Best, Rosette

Everyday Food and Fitness - Eliana Hormann, Best, Rosette
Fast Break For Breakfast - Konnor Wannemacher, Best Rosette

First Place Beginning Food Project - Jalyne Klopfenstein, Trophy (donated by Tim and Vicky Steel)

Second Place Beginning Food Project - Octavia Stoller, plaque (donated by Livewires 4-H Club)

State Fair Qualifiers:
Let's Start Cooking - Jalyne Klopfenstein (junior qualifier, alternate - Octavia Stoller)

Everyday Food and Fitness - Eliana Hormann (junior qualifier)
Fast Break For Breakfast - Konnor Wannemacher (junior qualifier)

Intermediate:
Let's Bake Quick Breads - Lynelle Schneider, Best, Rosette

Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go - Addyson Hormann, Best, Rosette
Grill Master - Madison Coyne, Best, Rosette

Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity - Joy Moran, Best, Rosette
First Place Intermediate Food Project

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Community Calendar

- June 21**
- "The Fairy Tale Network" @ The Huber, 7pm
- June 21-22**
- Paulding UMC VBS, 9am-12pm
- June 22**
- Woodburn Summerfest
 - Cook out in the Park, Herb Monroe Comm. Park, Paulding, 11a-2p
 - Kiwanis Lunch in the Park, Paulding's Herb Monroe Park, 11a-2p
- June 22-24**
- Special Olympics @ OSU
- June 23**
- Woodburn Summerfest
 - Movie Night at the Huber "I Can Only Imagine" 7pm
- June 24**
- Praise in the Park @ Harlan Park Pavilion, 6:30pm
- June 29**
- Movie Night @ Paulding Pool, doors open @ 8pm, movie @ 8:30pm
- June 30**
- Summer Patio Concert @ The Huber, 7pm
- July 9**
- Grab Your Neighbor, Downtwon Antwerp, 5-7pm, All American Town
- July 11-19**
- D.A.R.E. summer camp @ Paulding MS
- July 13-14**
- John Paulding Days, Paulding
- July 14**
- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ FW Masonic Temple, 7-11am
- July 13-15**
- Lion King Jr. the musical @ The Huber, 7:00 (Fri & Sat), 2:30pm (Sun)
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YES, YOUR HUSBAND NEEDS A PICK UP

By: Stan Jordan

Yes, your husband needs a pick up truck, for a number of reasons, not just because Sam Jackson got one, but because he needs one.

He needs one of the bigger variety like an 8ft X 4ft bed in case he has to haul some plywood or a mattress or something big like that.

The wife can use the family car and wear her good clothes in it, old dad can drive the pick up and park in the back row.

Now, I'm figuring on a used vehicle, a new truck would be nice, but we can't even afford a used one.

Some of the new variety of trucks are beautiful and take a second chair to nobody, but the cost is outlandish. You can even get the same extras on a truck that you can get on an automobile.

He doesn't need a new one, just something to haul stuff in, take the kids to little league or to gymnastics or to the neighborhood cook out! A pickup is a good vehicle to move a grill.

Yes, a man needs a pick up truck. A place to call his own and he is the total boss there. The uses for a good pick up is endless.

BASEBALL AND I

By: Stan Jordan

You are right, I am not a sports writer, but I have been around baseball and softball all my life. A couple of my lady readers have asked if I follow the Cleveland Indians; Yes I do in the American League and I'm a fan of the Big Red Machine in the National League and I'm a big booster of the Ohio State Buckeyes.

At home I have Direct TV and I have four sport outlets for Fox Ohio and I don't miss much. For instance, I slept through the Indian's game Sunday, but I caught it at 7:00 a.m. over on Fox Ohio. Yes, it is not cheap, but I don't miss much sports.

The Indians are playing a

little better than 500 baseball, but they will have to do better. They have the best pitcher in baseball with Corey Cluger and this Lindor, the short stop, is the best all around ball player in the American League.

It's the bull pen that is questionable. First, the Indians will have to win their division, they are the leaders and they should win that, but winning the pennant in that American League will be a contest from the first of September on. There are some good teams in the American League.

The Indians are playing good ball, but the bull pen will have to do better, at the present they are showing a little improvement.

It is a long time yet till October, anything can happen. See Ya!

WILDLIFE IN THE TRI-STATE AREA

By: Stan Jordan

When I talk about the tri-state area, I mean at least these four counties in Ohio, all the way west to I69 and from Michigan south to the Saint Mary's River watershed. That covers a lot of area and I guess basically it is the Maumee watershed and all of that water ends up in Lake Erie and then to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence River.

All of the small towns have active conservation clubs and gun clubs and other forms of people that want to keep our fine supply of wildlife up in top shape by conservation and restocking.

On any given day a person can take his wife and family and take a drive in the country and see eagles, owls, wild turkeys, coyotes, fox, beaver, mink...the list goes on and the bird life and squirrels are even more so. And now the DNR admits we have cougars and bob cats in the area.

I am glad to report that here in Antwerp there is a pretty good marina to put a vessel in or take it out.

The people west of Antwerp can put in a raft, boat, canoe, kayak or a rubber floatable piece and drift all the way to the marina at our Veterans Memorial Park.

I had a nice talk the other day with Dan Bowers and he said the ACDC is thinking about making some more parking space at the marina. That is seriously needed.

We are very lucky to have this many miles of water way

for recreation and I would like to see it used more and fishing for the big gar, carps and catfish.

See ya!

OHIO 4-H OFFERS SUMMER CAMPS THAT MEET MANY NEEDS, INTERESTS

Have a child who might enjoy snorkeling Lake Erie shipwrecks? Maybe your kid is fascinated by space and aerodynamics? Does your youngster want to spend time honing leadership skills?

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University (CFAES) has got a camp for all of that -- and much more.

Thousands of youths across the state will participate in Ohio 4-H camps that are now or will soon be in session. Ohio 4-H, the youth development program of Ohio State University Extension, which is the outreach arm of CFAES, offers or sponsors the camps in all 88 of Ohio's counties, said Hannah Epley, an OSU Extension 4-H camping specialist.

Last year, 17,213 youth participated in 4-H youth camping programs, Epley said. That includes 2,798 teen counselors, she said. Of those campers, 12,612 youths participated in overnight camps, while 4,601 participated in day camps.

"The Ohio 4-H program offers camp options for youths to assist developing their self esteem and to provide an opportunity for individuals to develop responsibility away from home and parents or guardians," Epley said. "The camps also assist in developing leadership and other skills."

In addition to the camps offered in each county, Ohio 4-H offers several statewide specialty camps, including:

- 4-H Space Adventure Camp: a three-day camp that introduces 5th-7th graders to the world of flight and science through building and testing flying machines, conducting computer flight simulations, learning about the principles of aerodynamics and gaining an overview of the development of the space flight program.

- Ohio Military Kids Camps: A multi-day camp that is designed to help Ohio's military kids become more resilient and prepared to manage the stresses of growing up in a military family. Interacting and making friends with others who are going through the same experience helps build confidence, leadership skills and a sense of community.

- Sea Camp: a five-day camp held on Kelley's Island on Lake Erie for teens ages 13-18. The camp is designed to teach kids about the science of the lake, marine-related skills and the history and recreational uses of Lake Erie.

- Leadership Camp: a five-day camp for teens ages 15-18 that focuses on the development of peer leadership skills designed to enable participants to have an impact in their home 4-H club, county, community or school.

- Special Needs Camp: a three-day camp that features adapted activities including environmental science, crafts, music therapy, aquatic skills and horseback riding.
- 4-H Camp Tech: a three-

JAILOR BRIDGE



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is of the Jailor Bridge which spans the Zuber cut off about 4 miles east of Antwerp on the Canal Road or Rd176. The bridge had been replaced and it was a different bridge that fell back in 1983 but it shows how deep that ditch was.

This cut off took care of any water from the 6 mile reservoir. The water in the first place came from the southwest in the two drainage ditches. Well the north and south branch of Six Mile Creek. The reservoir was a big affair, probably 4 thousand acres of water to operate the canal boats in the Wabash and Erie Canal. That was just inside Crane Twp and it took the water to the Maumee River.

Peter Jailor, the owner, was born in New Jersey in 1814. His parents were mostly French. He came to Carryall Twp in 1817, he was a farmer and carpenter.

The bridge over the Zuber cut off tumbled in back in January or 1983 and here is a story from one of the local papers at the time.

BRIDGE COLLAPSE KILLS 5

PAULDING, Ohio -- Four cars plunged one-by-one off a collapsed stone bridge and into the dry creek bed 10 feet

below, killing five people and injuring four others, state police said today.

"The bridge collapsed and the cars drove into it, apparently on top of each other," a trooper at the Van Wert patrol post said. "The cars apparently didn't see that the bridge and the road were partially caved in."

Authorities today were trying to determine the cause of the collapse at about 9 p.m. Sunday that crumpled both lanes of the 30-foot bridge 3 miles east of Antwerp and about 50 miles southwest of Toledo.

There were reports that the 8-year-old stone and asphalt structure had settled considerably since it was built, but a police dispatcher said no danger signs had been posted at the bridge.

"We didn't know it was dangerous until it caved in," she said.

The dead were identified as Samuel E. Smith, 75, Paulding; Glendale Glass, 56, and Rosemary Glass, 52, both of Antwerp; Louise Underwood, Antwerp, and Janice Goshia, Defiance.

Cassandra Miles, 6 weeks old, of Antwerp was in stable condition at Paulding Hospital with a broken leg.

Her mother, Janet R. Miles, 21, and Betty Under-

wood, 21, of Antwerp, were in fair condition at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. Robert L. Goshia II, 10, of Defiance -- Janice Goshia's son -- was in serious condition at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The patrol said authorities, including the National Transportation Safety Board, would continue investigating the cause of the collapse today.

Gertrude Rister, who lives near the bridge, said she told county officials several years ago that the bridge was settling.

County Highway Foreman John Colley confirmed the settling problem and said his office had built up the pavement on the bridge, installed about eight years ago.

Ms. Rister said she heard 'explosions' several minutes apart about the time of the accident, but did not know what they were until a man came to her door and said a bad wreck had occurred at the bridge. The two contacted authorities.

"It appears the bridge collapsed and then the vehicles one-by-one drove into the creek," a trooper said.

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See ya!

McClaskey said. "Summer and 4-H camp really just go together.

"It's a nice spectrum of opportunities for kids to engage in during the summer, and it's something that kids really look forward to."

The cost for each camp varies and there may be opportunities for scholarships depending on the camp. More information on Ohio 4-H camps can be found at ohio4h.org/search/node/camps.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 1 - Emergency Financial Assistance - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - Claims Assistance - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

We also provide reimbursement for the cost of transportation to VA medical facilities in our area, or in the case where the veteran cannot drive himself, we will provide a driver.

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STATE REP. RIEDEL'S LEGISLATION NAMING MAY 'DRIVE OHIO BYWAYS MONTH' HEADS TO GOVERNOR



State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) announced the Ohio House concurred on Senate changes to House Bill 159, legislation that designates the month of May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

Members of the Ohio House favorably passed a slate of 28 bills that impact residents across the state, demonstrating that the House is committed to getting back to work and focused on meaningful legislation.

Ohio has 27 byways, which are scenic routes upon which cultural, historic, and natural attractions can be seen and are some of the best ways to explore Ohio. May was chosen as the designated month because it marks the start of tourism in Ohio.

"Designating the month of May as 'Drive Ohio Byways Month' was an idea that was brought to me by Donna Gru-

be with the Greater Grand Lake Region Visitors Center," said Riedel. "This is a good tourism bill that will help promote Ohio's 27 byways with the hope that people will travel these scenic routes and patronize local businesses along the way."

Donna Grube added that Ohio Byway Links, the organization made up of Ohio's Byway Committees, is very appreciative of Representative Riedel's efforts and thanks the legislature for shining a spotlight on the beautiful, interesting, historic and scenic routes that we have throughout Ohio. This measure will give the local byway committees the opportunity to promote their routes to travelers each year and to encourage exploration of the small towns, rural landscapes and scenic vistas along the way.

House Bill 159 now awaits the Governor's consideration.

ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following is highway construction scheduled to occur within Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties. Work is dependent upon weather conditions, and unless otherwise noted, it will take place during daytime hours.

Defiance:
U.S. 24 both eastbound and westbound, between the Maumee River bridge and the Henry County line, will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for pavement repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

U.S. 24 between state Route 15/state Route 18 and Baltimore Road in city of Defiance will be reduced to one lane through the work zones for bridge repairs which began early June. Work will begin in the westbound direction, then continue in the eastbound direction. Work is

being performed by Uretak, Tomball, Texas.

The project will also have the following impact to traffic:

U.S. 24 eastbound entrance ramp at Baltimore Street will close June 18 for two days for bridge repair. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 24 westbound and U.S. 127 back onto U.S. 24 eastbound.

State Route 15, east of Buckskin Road, will be restricted in the northbound direction during pavement repair. Traffic will be maintained with flaggers. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

State Route 15 between the city of Defiance and the Putnam County line will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing. Work is expected to continue through early June. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Inc., Napoleon.

State Route 2 between Hicksville and the Williams

County line, except its overlap with state Route 249, will be reduced to one lane through the work zones for pavement resurfacing. Work is expected to continue through late July. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Inc., Napoleon.

Paulding:
U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and state Route 49 north is restricted to one lane in both directions through the work zone for a rehabilitation project that includes resurfacing and concrete joint repair. Work will continue through the summer. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

County Road 11 under U.S. 24, just east of the Indiana state line, is restricted to one lane through the work zone for the repair of a retaining wall. Flaggers will maintain traffic. Work is being performed by Vernon Nagel, Inc., Napoleon.

State Route 49 throughout Paulding County will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for sealing of pavement cracks. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 49 between township Road 204 and county Road 220, north of Antwerp, will close June 18 for approximately five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 24, U.S. 127 and state Route 18 back onto state Route 49. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 49 just north of state Route 111 will close June 25 for five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic detoured onto state Route 111, U.S. 127 and U.S. 24 back to state Route 49. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 111 approximately two miles east of U.S. 127 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for drainage tile repair. Work is being performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 111 between U.S. 127 and state Route 637 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing. Work is expected to continue through June. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Inc., Napoleon.

County Road 123, approximately a half mile south of state Route 114, will close June 18 through September for a bridge replacement project over Hagerman Creek. The project is part of the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program, which is administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation. The program provides funding for the repair or replacement of municipal and county bridges. Work is being performed by Eagle Bridge Company, Sidney.

State Route 637 between Road 118 and Road 138, northwest of Melrose, closed April 18 for approximately 75 days for ditch relocation. The project also includes the relocation of a 72-inch pipe beneath county Road 126 to match the flow of the new ditch. Traffic is detoured onto state Route 613 and state Route 66 back onto state Route 637. Work is being performed by VTF Excavation, Celina.

Putnam:
State Route 66 over U.S. 30, northwest of Delphos, closed May 22 for approximately 21 days for bridge repair. It is expected to reopen in the afternoon of Friday, June 15. The ramps at the interchange of state Route 66 and U.S. 30 remain open. The project also includes resurfacing on state Route 66 between Delphos and Ottoville and on various routes within Delphos and Ottoville. Work is being performed by Bluffton Paving, Bluffton.

The project is anticipated to have the following impacts to traffic.

State Route 66 over U.S. 30 closure

Southbound traffic is detoured onto U.S. 30 westbound to Middle Point-Wetzel Road to U.S. 30 eastbound back to state Route 66.

Northbound traffic is detoured onto U.S. 30 eastbound to Fifth Street to U.S. 30 westbound back to state Route 66.

State Route 66, state Route 190 and state Route 697 within the city of Delphos will be restricted to one lane at various locations for pavement repairs.

State Route 66 and state Route 189 within the village of Ottoville will be restricted to one lane at various locations for pavement repairs.

State Route 108 between county Road D and county Road E, north of Miller City, will close June 25 for approximately five days for a culvert replacement. Traffic will be detoured onto state Route 613, state Route 109 and state Route 18 back onto

state Route 108. Work is being performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage.

State Route 634 between state Route 613 and the village of Continental will be reduced to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing. Work is expected to continue through early June. Work is being performed by Gerken Paving, Inc., Napoleon.

Van Wert:

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and state Route 49 north will be restricted to one lane in both directions through the work zone for a rehabilitation project that will include resurfacing and concrete joint repair of U.S. 30. The project will continue through early July. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

State Route 66 over U.S. 30, northwest of Delphos, closed May 22 for approximately 21 days for bridge repair. It is expected to reopen in the afternoon of Friday, June 15. The ramps at the interchange of state Route 66 and U.S. 30 remain open. The project also includes resurfacing on state Route 66 between Delphos and Ottoville and on various routes within Delphos and Ottoville. Work is being performed by Bluffton Paving, Bluffton.

The project is anticipated to have the following impacts to traffic.

State Route 66 over U.S. 30 closure

Southbound traffic is detoured onto U.S. 30 westbound to Middle Point-Wetzel Road to U.S. 30 eastbound back to state Route 66.

PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES MEETING 6/6/18

At 8:30 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Phillip Jackson, IT Manager - Mr. Jackson discussed with the Commissioners regarding the installation of new CCTV cameras at the Paulding County Jail. Mr. Jackson also informed the Commissioners of the progress of the new phone system within county offices. Mr. Jackson will need to start ordering some supplies for the county's IT service needs. He is currently working with the Commissioners on new employee cyber security training. Training dates will be June 14th and July 19th at noon in the Commissioners' Office. Training should take approximately one hour. All cyber security training is mandatory. The Commissioners have Mr. Jackson working on mock training for backup recovery for the county's accounting system.

• Robert Young and Chad Benschneider, Harrison township trustee - Mr. Benschneider and Mr. Young met with the Commissioners today regarding a problem with manure haulers on a newly paved road 94 located in Harrison township. The road is already damaged. The manure is all coming from Van Wert County four to five trucks an hour, dumping in the same location. Estimate to repair the road is approximately \$2800. The trustees indicated that they've already sent a letter to the County Prosecutor, Joe Burkard.

• Ed Bohn, EMA Director - Mr. Bohn met with Commissioners and informed them that we go online with Nixle 360 at 1:00 p.m. today and are going to test everything, including landlines. Mr. Bohn indicated that you will still have to

Northbound traffic is detoured onto U.S. 30 eastbound to Fifth Street to U.S. 30 westbound back to state Route 66. (see map)

State Route 66, state Route 190 and state Route 697 within the city of Delphos will be restricted to one lane at various locations for pavement repairs.

State Route 66 and state Route 189 within the village of Ottoville will be restricted to one lane at various locations for pavement repairs.

State Route 81 between the village of Willshire and the Allen County line will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for work being done in preparation for a chip seal project. Work is being done by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

State Route 709 between county Road 103 and Goodwin Road, west of Venedocia, closed May 14 for approximately one month for the replacement of three culverts. Work is expected to last through mid-June. Traffic is detoured onto state Route 116, state Route 81 and U.S. 127 back to state Route 709. Work is being performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

State Route 709 between Ohio City and state Route 116 will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for a resurfacing project beginning June 18. Work is expected to continue through mid-July. Work is being performed by the Shelly Company, Findlay.

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subscribe with your cell phone. The Press release went out last week. You can subscribe @ 888-777 and send your zip code within that message. Mr. Bohn also mentioned that EMA will have two displays at the county fair next week, a 3x5 poster and cards for people to take regarding the Nixle 360 Communication. Mr. Bohn updated the Commissioners on the training facility. Mr. Longardner hopes to be back to working on the training facility next week to finish the fence. Discussion was held regarding the placement of the fence and the hydrant. Mr. Bohn to move forward with the water line. Props have been secured for the training facility including propane, auto, dumpster, gas grill, propane tank, and a dummy propane tank. Mr. Bohn informed the Commissioners Louise Stouffer was the Payne regional poster winner for the Payne Elementary School for the Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. She will be recognized at the Ohio State Patrol center in Columbus the same week as the Ohio State fair. Mr. Bohn commented that there is a roadblock on supplemental fiscal year 15 grants. We are meeting with the company, Impact America to put the Emergency Response Handbook together for first responders and the schools. We will meet individual with each school district on putting it together and it will be in place by the first of the school year. The Stop the Bleed kits that the Paulding County Hospital board has funded will be in place for the 2018-19 school year. Ten Stop the Bleed kits will be put in each school building. This week Sheriff is training with the equipment that the hospital provided. In service will be next Monday. Mr. Bohn also participates at the Active Shooter drills when his schedule allows.

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VANTAGE ADULT POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES SEVEN



Front Row, L-R Kameran Clemmons, Oakwood; Trevor Williamson, Continental; Nathan Owens, Convoy. Back Row, L-R: Eijah Wortman, Convoy; Skyler Maassel, Paulding; Samuel Nickols, Paulding; Chase Kuhn, Van Wert. Commander-Bruce Showalter.

The Ohio Technical Center of Vantage Career Center recently celebrated the graduation of seven students from the Police Academy.

These students participated in 10 months of a rigorous course of study that saw them attending class four nights a week and many Saturdays to complete 700 hours of training in a wide variety of Peace Officer skills. These include Human Relations, Firearms, Driving, Investigation, Physical Conditioning, Traffic and Homeland Security among others.

According to Bruce Showalter, Commander of the Vantage Police Academy,

this was an outstanding class, the first ever to have 100% passage rate on the physical conditioning portion of the curriculum on the first attempt. Furthermore, despite the intensity of the training and the demanding schedule, three of the seven students had perfect attendance.

Kameran Clemmons of Oakwood took the top academic and Physical Conditioning awards for the class, while Elijah Wortman, of Convoy, and Samuel Nickols of Paulding joined Kameran in earning a perfect attendance award.

Commander Showalter also announced his retire-

ment as Commander of the Academy. He has served in this post for the past 15 years. He was awarded a plaque thanking him for his service by Kit Tyler, Director of the OTC and Pete Prichard, former Director.

LOCAL GIRL MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Claire Van Vlerah of Antwerp, OH made the Dean's list for the 2018 spring semester at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

She was on of the 379 students who achieved this honor and had a minimum grade point average of 3.50. Congratulations Claire!

KNIGHTS BLANK PANTHERS FOR ACME WIN

PAULDING - Kole Small kept host Paulding scoreless in six innings of work to lead the Crestview Knights ACME baseball team to a 3-0 victory over the Panthers Thursday night.

Small struck out eight Panthers in recording the win, allowing only three hits and three walks in the contest.

The Knights opened the game's scoring with a two-run third before putting up the contest's final run in the fifth frame.

Small and Riley Saylor had two singles each to pace the Crestview offense with Kaden Short and Gerardot posting a double each.

Griffin Painter, Korbin Hartman and Brecht added a single apiece as well.

Paulding was led by Jarret Miller with a single and a double while Cory Adams chipped in a double. Cole Heller posed a single for the maroon and white.

Kolson Egnor suffered the loss despite a strong outing, throwing six innings and giving up nine hits,

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three runs and two walks while striking out five.

PILOTS NIP RAIDERS IN ACME ACTION

DEFIANCE - Ayersville rallied with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and the Pilots made them stand up in a 6-4 ACME baseball victory over Wayne Trace Wednesday evening.

It was the Raiders who took control early, scoring once in the first and three more in the second to take a 4-0 advantage halfway through the second inning.

However, Ayersville dominated over the next six at-bats.

The Pilots plated one run each in the second, third and fourth frames before adding three more in the fifth to post the 6-4 victory.

Brady Fishpaw recorded the complete game win for Ayersville, striking out seven batters while allowing four hits, three walks and four runs.

Fishpaw and Devan Rue each had doubles for the Pilots with Braydon Amoroso hitting a single and a double. Logan Brown and Blake Eiden also had a single each.

Haydn Gillett, Braden Zuber, Cameron Sinn and Trevor Speice all had singles for Wayne Trace.

RAIDERS PICK UP PAIR OF WINS OVER RAMS

HAVILAND - The Wayne Trace ACME baseball team posted a pair of victories on Friday as the Raiders swept a doubleheader from Tinora.

The Raiders nipped Tinora 10-9 in the opener of the twin bill before recording a 5-2 win over the Rams in the nightcap.

In game one, Wayne Trace scored twice in the first and three more times in the second to grab a 5-4 advantage after two innings. The Raiders then opened the game up with a five-run fourth to extend the margin to 10-4 after four frames.

The red, white and blue then held on for the win as Tinora scored four times in the sixth and one in the seventh to set the final score at 10-9.

Drew Forrer got the win

for Wayne Trace, tossing five innings while allowing seven hits and six runs (three earned). Forrer also struck out five Tinora hitters.

Reid Miller led the Raider offense with a single and a double while Cameron Sinn and Haydn Gillett both posted two singles. Forrer added a triple and Cameron Monroe posted a double as well for Wayne Trace. Caleb Yenser and Reece Thompson both recorded a single as well.

Game two saw the Raiders use a three-run third to pull away for a 5-2 victory over the Rams.

After each team scored once in the first, Tinora briefly led following a single run in the second to make it 2-1. However, the red, white and blue answered with three runs in the bottom of the third to grab a 4-2 advantage.

Wayne Trace then completed the scoring with the game's final run in the fourth.

Reid Miller picked up the victory for the Raiders, throwing 3-1/3 innings and giving up one hit, one walk and one run.

Gillett topped the Wayne Trace offense with a single and a triple while Forrer and Thompson added a single each as well.

TRI-STATE BUILDING TRADES ENDORSE DEWINE-HUSTED

The Tri-State Building Trades announced their endorsement of Mike DeWine and Jon Husted for Governor and Lt. Governor of Ohio in the 2018 General Election.

"The future of our state's economy, jobs and infrastructure is of the greatest importance to our members and their families, and Mike DeWine is the right candidate to fight for them," said Mark Johnson, representing the Tri-State Building Trades.

The Tri-State Building & Construction Trades Council is a large three-state regional council representing over 20,000 active and retired construction workers from 55 affiliated construction craft local unions.

Mike DeWine and Jon

Husted have also been endorsed by the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Ohio Conference of Plasterers & Cement Masons, the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters, the Sheet Metal Workers from Locals 24 & 33, the Northwest Ohio Building Trades, and ACT Ohio.

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Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

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Edgerton: Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Office, Napa

Grover Hill: Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop

Hicksville: Sailors, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway

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tension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital

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SOYBEAN TARIFF: HOW MUCH COULD IT COST AN OHIO FARMER?



An Ohio farmer could lose more than half of his or her annual net income if the threatened 25 percent tariff is imposed on U.S. soybeans and corn in China, a study from The Ohio State University has found.

Researchers with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) have projected a 59 percent loss in annual net farm income based on historical trends in yields on corn and soybeans and projections for price drops in both commodities.

For the study, the researchers compiled data from six Ohio corn and soybean farms of similar size and created a representative Ohio farm comprised of 1,100 acres split evenly between corn and soybeans. They used the representative farm to determine the financial toll a tariff could take on an Ohio farm.

Net annual income on that representative Ohio farm was projected to drop from \$63,577 to \$26,107 under the proposed tariff, according to the study performed by Ben Brown, manager of CFAES's farm management program and Ian Sheldon an agricultural economist, who serves as the Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy in CFAES.

Across Ohio, the loss of soybean exports to China would be an estimated \$241 million annually.

The study is the first to show the financial impact a 25 percent tariff on China's imports of U.S. soybeans and corn could have on an Ohio farmer and on the entire state.

"There are farmers who are struggling across the state," Brown said. "If the proposed tariffs go into effect, we're going to have farmers who will have to exit the industry."

The financial losses stem from an expected drop in Chinese demand for U.S. soybeans and corn and in the world price for both crops.

"The biggest impact will be on profits from soybeans, however corn is affected too," Brown said.

Soybeans are Ohio's largest crop and the state's top agricultural export. In April, China announced it would impose a 25 percent tariff on U.S. soybeans, corn and over 100 other American products. That was in response to the tariffs that the administration proposed on a range of Chinese imports valued at \$50 billion. Other international trading partners, including Canada, the European Union, and Mexico have recently announced retaliatory

tariffs in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports as well, that could also dip into the profits of Ohio farmers.

The losses from soybeans sales are projected to be far greater than for corn. Every year, 31 percent of the soybeans and 2 percent of the corn Ohio produces are exported to China.

China is the largest buyer of soybeans in the world, and Brazil is its top supplier with the United States being second. If China imposes the threatened 25 percent tariff on U.S. soybeans that will drive up the price that Chinese companies have to pay for U.S. soybeans and encourage them to buy even more soybeans from Brazil, Brown said.

"The U.S. remains the largest producer of soybeans, but it is safe to say that Brazil could become the number one producer of soybeans in the world with increased demand for their products," said Brown, who along with Sheldon are in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics within CFAES.

The United States may not be able to regain its share in selling soybeans to China, Sheldon said.

He pointed to how the United States lost market share for its beef beginning in 2003 following Japan's ban on imports of U.S. beef due to cases of mad cow disease in the United States. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Australia was able to increase its exports of beef to Japan, and the United States has not regained its share in that market, Sheldon said.

"Why lose market share when you're competing as well as you can," Sheldon said of U.S. exports of soybeans and the prospect of a trade war with China. "It doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me."

SOLVING RUNOFF 2 5-12-2018

I have been involved in farming all my life. Lake Erie has had problems as far back as I can remember. In the 70s the city blamed the farmers for nitrogen run-off, the farmers blamed the city for phosphorous run-off and nothing got done. It is also lawn and garden fertilizers that run-off.

Three problems with the lake are:

1. The phosphate run-off
2. The nitrogen run-off
3. Soil erosion

The first problem can be

taken care of by stopping use of leachable fertilizers.

The second could largely be taken care of by intercropping corn with soybeans and using chicken manure.

The third by growing cover crops like buckwheat, radishes, rye, or a mixture of things to keep the ground covered year round.

There are at least two sources of phosphate that don't run off. The first is called Soft Rock Phosphate. All 20% P205 is available to the plant. It is available from Ohio Earth Food (330-877-9356). The other is Tennessee Brown Phosphate. It has 22.7% P205 and is available from Crop Services International (800-260-7933). I have used both with great results.

According to Dr. Arden Anderson, you can grow corn with 40 lb nitrogen/acre when you have enough calcium, since it is the calcium that makes the corn grow.

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ENERGY AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES BILL TO IMPROVE PRECISION AGRICULTURE

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology approved H.R. 4881, the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act, legislation authored by Congressmen Bob Latta (R-OH) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA), to reduce barriers to the implementation of this cutting-edge technology. The bill establishes a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) task force, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to evaluate the best ways to meet the technological needs of precision agriculture. Latta and Loebsack are both co-chairs of the House Rural Broadband Caucus.

Precision agriculture is the use of technology like the Internet of Things (IoT), self-driving machinery, drones, and satellites to farm in a more effective and efficient manner. Because rural communities often have less access to high-speed broadband connectivity, the agricultural community has more difficulty integrating the new technology that could make their work easier, safer, and better for the environment.

"I've talked with farmers throughout Ohio's 5th Congressional District that are utilizing advanced technologies to improve farm productivity and sustainability," said Latta. "However, it's clear that the agricultural community is at a disadvantage compared to other sectors because they are in rural areas that have limited access to high-speed Internet. It's important that we're proactive to ensure that farmers are able to integrate cutting-edge technology into the work they are doing. The bipartisan Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act will begin efforts to identify and recommend policies that will improve access to broadband on rural, agricultural lands and help farmers increase crop yields, reduce operating costs, and promote environmentally sustainable practices."

"Broadband connectivity in rural America is needed for more than just schools and businesses," said Rep. Loebsack. "I've traveled across Iowa

to meet with farmers who are now using advanced technology to assist in planting and monitoring their crops. The task force established by this bill will examine the broadband needs of farmers and rural communities so they can take advantage of these new technological advances in order to increase crop yields. I am pleased this bipartisan bill is moving forward in order to help ensure our nation's farmers have the best information available on meeting their broadband needs."

The bill establishes the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States, which will operate under the direction of the FCC and in collaboration with USDA. The Task Force must be comprised of farmers and ranchers, Internet service providers, and representatives from the satellite industry, electric cooperatives, precision agriculture equipment manufacturers, and local and state government representatives.

The duties of the Task Force include:

- Identifying and measuring current gaps in broadband coverage on agricultural land;
- Developing policy recommendations to promote the rapid, expanded deployment of broadband Internet access service on agricultural land, with a goal of achieving reliable service on 95 percent of agricultural land by 2025;
- Recommending steps the FCC should take to obtain reliable and standardized measurements of broadband Internet access service availability as may be necessary to target funding support to unserved agricultural land in need of broadband Internet access service; and
- Recommending steps the FCC should consider to ensure that the expertise of USDA and available farm data are reflected in developing future programs of the Commission to deploy broadband Internet access service and to direct available funding to unserved agricultural land where needed.

ACT OHIO ENDORSES DEWINE FOR GOVERNOR

The Affiliated Construction Trades (ACT OHIO) today announced their endorsement of Mike DeWine and Jon Husted for Governor and Lt. Governor of Ohio.

"Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have an unparalleled commitment to strengthening and growing Ohio's economy by investing in our infrastructure, and more importantly, our workforce and Ohio's families," said Matthew Szollosi, Executive Director of ACT Ohio. "I have no doubt that Mike DeWine and Jon Husted are 'all in' when it comes to job creation. They are the leaders our state needs to improve life for Ohioans, attract and retain quality job opportunities and take Ohio's economy to the next level."

In announcing their endorsement, ACT Ohio set forth that the organization endorses candidates, regardless of their political party, who demonstrate "a genuine commitment to the success of the construction industry."

ACT was established by the Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Coun-

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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cil to facilitate industrial and economic development and promote industry best practices for Ohio's public and private construction. It serves over 92,000 members in Ohio and its affiliates work with over 14,000 contractors doing business in the Buckeye State.

ACT Ohio is the sixth labor organization to endorse Mike DeWine for Governor of Ohio.

Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have also been endorsed by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18, the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters, the Ohio Sheet Metal Workers from Local 24 and Local 33, the Ohio State Conference of Plasterers & Cement Masons, and the Northwest Ohio Building and Construction Trades.

MAGIC AND VENTRILOQUISM AT PAULDING LIBRARY

Join family-friendly events this summer in the children's room of the historic Carnegie library in Paulding as we welcome

two awesome performers. On Wednesday, June 20th at 1:00 in the afternoon, back by popular demand, is comedian and magician, Gordon Russ. His magic will entertain, amaze and keep you guessing. A summer party will follow this event at 2:00 p.m.

Ventriloquist and puppet master, Aria Clem, will entertain and delight the audience as she interacts with her funny and witty characters, including her main puppet, Pop. This young ventriloquist was inspired by the 2017 America's Got Talent winner, 12-year old Darci Lynne Farmer. Aria is sharing her new talent and amazing audiences with her talents and humor. Mark your calendar for this Saturday family event on June 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

These events are part of the library's summer reading program, Libraries Rock!, which encourages readers of all ages to pick up a book this summer and read for pleasure. For more information about the library and these events call 419-399-2032.

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PAULDING 4th GRADE ENJOY NATURE DAY AT BLACK SWAMP NATURE CENTER



By: Patrick Troyer, Education Specialist

Paulding 4th grade students enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Black Swamp Nature Center last month where they took part in a day of programs on wildlife, water quality, forestry, and a scavenger hunt through the Black Swamp Nature Center. Presenters for the day included Deb Hubbard (Paulding SWCD), Patrick Troyer (Paulding SWCD), Allison Nofziger (Williams SWCD), Bill Grimes (Retiree). Students arrived at the Black Swamp Nature Center in the morning eager to begin a day of outdoor learning.

Bill Grimes talked to students on forestry and Johnny Appleseed. Students learned about the basic parts of a tree and the necessities trees need to survive such as sunlight, nutrients, and water. They learned all about John Chapman aka Johnny Appleseed and his endeavor of establishing apple orchards all throughout the American Midwest. Johnny Traveled throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania strategically establishing his orchards and coming back to sell off the orchard and surround-

ing land. The orchards established by Chapman did not yield edible fruit but were useful in the production of apple cider and served a legal purpose of establishing land claims along the frontier. Bill Grimes did a great job bringing the story of Johnny Appleseed to life and even dressed the part so students felt like they were learning from Johnny himself!

Deb Hubbard took students on a scavenger hunt through the trails at the Black Swamp Nature Center. Students were given a sheet where they had several items to check off that they observed in the trails. Among some of the items to be found were: bird's nest, feathers, bluebird house, pond, buckeye tree, squirrel's nest, two different tree barks, deer tracks, creek dam as well as identifying animal pelts; just to name a few. Daniel Foust explained to students the difference between a simple and compound leaf, which were two other items on their list. In a simple leaf, the blade is a single leaf that is never divided into smaller leaflet units whereas in a compound leaf, there are several small leaf-

lets attached to a single petiole (attached to the stem).

Another item on their scavenger hunt sheet was to stop and listen for sixty seconds and write down the sounds they could hear. There were many birds singing and frogs making noise as well as the water rushing over the dam on Flat Rock Creek. Students were able to find most of the items on their lists and even discovered some new ones to be added! After the scavenger hunt, students and teachers took a short walk through the trails at the Black Swamp Nature Center.

Patrick Troyer talked to students about water quality and how we use macroinvertebrates to help us determine the health of our waterways. A macroinvertebrate is an organism that lacks a backbone but is large enough to see without the need for magnifying glasses or microscope. Some examples of macroinvertebrates are: dragonflies, pill bugs, mayflies, crayfish, or sow bugs to name a few. There are two ways that we classify macroinvertebrates with one method being based on how they get their food and another method being based on their tolerance to pollution. Macroinvertebrates are grouped as follows based on their feeding habits: scrapers have razor-like mouthparts that scrape algae off rocks, collectors have net-like mouthparts which capture things such as algae or bacteria floating in the water, predators have bodies which are designed to capture and kill other macroinvertebrates, and shredders have mouthparts which allow them to

chew or bore into their food such as loose vegetation that falls in the water.

Indicator species are organisms whose presence or absence reveal specifics about water quality. Macros are placed into three groups: Group 1, Group 2, Group 3. Group one macroinvertebrates are sensitive to pollution so sampling high numbers of this group suggests good water quality. Group two macros indicate borderline water quality as members of this group are moderately sensitive to pollution. Group three macroinvertebrates are tolerant to pollution so sampling high numbers of this group and low numbers of the other two, could be suggestive of polluted water. After a brief discussion, we took a sample of water from Flatrock Creek to see how clean our local water is and then students put their identification skills to the test to identify the macroinvertebrates living in our local waters!

Alison Nofziger led students in an activity called Wildlife CSI where students worked together to solve the mystery of who killed the Eastern Cottontail Rabbit. Nofziger gave them some basic facts to work from on some native Ohio wildlife who could be possible suspects such as the skunk, coyote, owl, and the fox. Students were put into groups where they took on the roles of animals mention above and humans, questioning each other on habits, behavior, and diet while also using visual clues from the crime scene setup in front of them. Students loved this great group activity!

If your classroom, 4H Club, or Nature Group would like to have as much fun as Paulding 4th Graders did, give Patrick Troyer a call at 419-399-4771 or email at patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org to schedule an event like this or one of the presentations mentioned. We are happy to have your group come to the Black Swamp Nature Center to enjoy some great outdoor learning!

NW OHIO BUILDING TRADES BACK DeWINE-HUSTED

The Northwest Ohio Building Trades (NWOBTC) announced their endorsement of Mike DeWine and Jon Husted for Governor and Lt. Governor of Ohio in the 2018 General Election.

"The construction industry is the life-blood of Ohio's economy, and Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have proven themselves to be the right leaders to move both our industry and the entire state forward," said Shaun Enright, representing NWOBTC. "Together, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have been outstanding public servants for our state, and we are confident they have the necessary experience and vision to improve the lives of workers across Ohio."

The NWOBTC has over 15,000 members in Northwest Ohio and works with hundreds of contractors throughout the state. The organization supports candidates who demonstrate a genuine commitment of the success of the construction industry.

Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have also been endorsed by the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Ohio Conference of Plasterers & Cement Masons, the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters, the Sheet Metal Workers from Locals 24 & 33.

NOCAC LUNCHES AT THE LIBRARY

The Cooper Community Library Branch, of the Paulding County Carnegie Library, is hosting a FREE lunch program provided by Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC). Lunch is served in the Library Community Room Monday-Friday from 11:45am-12:15pm for children between the ages of 1-18, or up to age 21 with a disability, through July 27, 2018. This is a free program for our community and surrounding areas. We hope to see you this Summer!

The Cooper Community Branch Library (est. 2000) was the third branch to open in the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. For over fifteen years, the branch has become the hub and heart of the community, sponsoring programs and events throughout the year. In 2017, over 20,000 people visited this branch library with over 4,200 attending programs. Library patrons also borrowed or used over 35,000 library items. Follow the branch library on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/coopercommunitybranchlibrary/> for upcoming events.



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SECOND MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING OPENS AT PROMEDICA DEFIANCE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



Pictured here cutting the ceremonial ribbon for the new medical office building at Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital is the following: Defiance Mayor, Mike McCann; State Bank President & PDRH board of trustees President, Mark Klein; PDRH President, Doug Busch; and Dr. R. Karen Reiter, Chief of Staff of PDRH Medical Staff.

It has been almost a year since the monumental groundbreaking event occurred for a second medical office building at the Defiance campus of Promedica Regional Hospital (PDRH). The collaboration of the executive team, project team, leadership team and the ribbon cutting event team all had a hand in making this project become a reality for its patients. The Ribbon Cutting Event for the opening of Promedica's Defiance Regional Hospital's second medical office building took place on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the parking lot just outside the new facility. On this humid late spring afternoon, the downpour that occurred just before the event was to get started could not keep the spirits down of the faculty, administrators, supporters, and physicians who came out to celebrate this

momentous occasion. The new office building is a 2 story facility which boasts 41,000 square feet of usable space. There are five clinical suites that are already operational and occupied. On the first floor, the Orthopedic Center moved and increase its space from 7 to 10 exam rooms. Total Rehab services is also on the first floor and received several upgraded rehabilitation resources including an unground salt water therapy pool and a pediatric gym complete with rock climbing wall. From its previous location, Total Rehab has doubled its occupation size. Up to the second floor, there is an Ophthalmology office, specialty clinics and laboratories, and Harbor Behavioral Health clinic. Prior to the facility tours given by the many office workers and department heads of

Promedica, there were some speeches given by key spokespersons of this project. Doug Busch, President of Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital, gave the history of the Defiance division of Promedica as well as the development of the presently celebrated building accomplishment. He went on to recognize and exalt all of the people involved in the planning and execution of this newest addition to Promedica Defiance. Mark Klein, President and CEO of State Bank, and the President of the PDRH board of trustees, explained the importance of brand, and how Promedica has worked diligently over the years to perfect a great brand for the surrounding area providing a great experience, upholding a irreproachable reputation and exceeding expectations of the community. Chief of Staff of PDRH medical staff, Dr. R. Karen Reiter spoke next giving her perception of what this new medical building means to the physicians of PDRH, and ultimately to their patients. The convenience of having these facilities and resources all under one roof will be most beneficial to patients and physicians. She also commented about the open suite that is still available in the new building and the possible vision for its future. Mayor of Defiance, Mike McCann delivered a sincere thank you to the administration of Promedica and their community-minded cooperation to help make Defiance a cutting edge city in which to live and work.

Many things can happen in the course of one year — a business can prosper or fall, a child is born and a grandfather passes away, a groundbreaking dream of a new medical office building can become an operational reality. Promedica's forward thinking business model for this innovative new medical center in Defiance has advanced the hospital. Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital has the capabilities to provide some of the best medical care in the Northwest Ohio area.

4-H CAMP PALMER HIGH ROPES COURSE DEDICATION & SUMMER CAMPS

4-H resident camps have begun their 71st year of operation at 4-H Camp Palmer during the month of June and July. Eleven Counties in northwest Ohio including: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Wil-

liams and Wood County offer 5 day, 4 night camps for youth ages 9-14 years of age. Registrations are taking place at the respective 4-H Extension office of your county; non 4-H youth are welcome to join in for these camps.

New feature at camp is the new high ropes course which opened on June 6 during science camp. This was a project that was led by former 4-H Camp Staff, Chuck Wurth. A ribbon cutting ceremony, course naming and dedication to honor Chuck Wurth's 40 years of camp service will take place at 4-H Camp Palmer on Saturday, June 23 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Please RSVP by June 21 at 419-237-2247 or email 4hcampalmer@gmail.com.

TENT CAMPING NOW AVAILABLE AT INDEPENDENCE DAM STATE PARK

Camping has returned to Independence Dam State Park, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The park's 25 tent-only campsites are situated in a heavily wooded area between the Maumee River and the Maumee-Erie Canal.

The park's camping area features extra-large sites complete with fire rings and picnic tables. Non-potable water and portable restroom facilities are located nearby. Reservations may be made by visiting ohio-stateparks.org or by calling 866-OHIOPARKS.

The campground is a wonderful place to simply relax by the campfire, gaze up at the night sky and enjoy the sounds of nature. While camping, visitors may also enjoy a variety of outdoor pursuits such as hiking the Buckeye Trail, fishing along the Maumee River or paddling the new Maumee River Water Trail. Maps are available at the park office.

The campground is located at 27722 State Route 424 in Defiance. To learn more about Independence Dam State Park, please contact the office at (419) 956-1368 or visit ohiostateparks.org.

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SMART IoT ACT HEADS TO FULL COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, chaired by Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), today advanced by voice vote H.R. 6032, the SMART IoT Act, to the full committee for consideration.

The SMART IoT Act, authored by Chairman Latta and Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT), will direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the state of the internet-connected devices industry.

Chairman Latta said, "The SMART IoT Act is a critical first step to future IoT policy efforts. As we serve on this subcommittee, we have the opportunity to look 5 years, and farther, into the future to see where technology is headed. We have an obligation to do what we can to promote innovation, American competitiveness and technological advancements that benefit consumers. The SMART IoT Act does just that."

A background memo, electronic copies of the legislation, and live stream of the markup can be found online here. Amendment text and votes will be available at the same link as they are posted.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP AT THE LIBRARY

Are you ready to take your genealogy research to the next level? Our ongoing series of workshops at the Paulding Library to help you in your quest. The second of the series, CENSUS AND OTHER ONLINE RECORDS, will be held on Thursday, June 21, from

TABLEWARE APPEARS IN RIVERSIDE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



Upon a leisurely walk on Wednesday evening, it was discovered a piece of tableware, a fork, carved into a damaged tree in Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. The talented artist is at present unknown. Wonderful addition to an already beautiful community park. From community feed back: more work like this would be welcome to be seen.

6-7:45 p.m. Kelly Taylor, our genealogy specialist will be prepared to answer your questions and guide you through the many resources available both online and in the library. Even if you missed the first workshop, you are still encouraged to attend. Please call us at 419-399-2032 to sign up, or with any questions you have about this event.

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