

PAULDING CIC ANNOUNCES BUILDING PURCHASE



The old Masonic lodge is now being turned into the headquarters for the COC and also space is being remodeled. More to come next week

MOSQUITO SPRAYING HAS BEGUN IN THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

The Village of Antwerp has become spraying for mosquitoes inside the village corporation limits. Unless it is raining or windy, spraying will occur on Thursday evenings after sunset. Material Data Sheets on the compound used to spray is on file at the Village Administrator's Office for any resident who has

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2019 PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR JR FAIR KING & QUEEN



Pictured here is Austin Howell, 2018 King; Riley Noffsinger, 2019 King; Kalyn Strahley, 2019 Queen; and Haleigh Stoller 2018 Queen.

The Paulding County Fair has come and gone for another year and the annual event is a big hit in the county. The fair lasts for 8 days and at the beginning of the week on Monday the parade "opened" taking place from the Grandstand area heading west down the midway to the barns. The wind was strong so the contest announcements and presentations were made in the barn.

This year's float winners were Flat Rock Creek Jr Farmers in 3rd, Leaders of Tomorrow

row were second, and in first was the Live Wires.

The Master of Ceremonies was Taryn Stiltner from Paulding County United Way. She presented Haleigh Stoller, the 2018 queen, to give her message over the past year of her reign. In her message she spoke of going to all different fairs representing the county, but still loved Paulding County. Austin Howell, 2018 King, followed up with his assessment of the past year.

This year's contestants for queen included Shan-

non Hale from Defiance who attends Paulding High School; Kalyn Strahley from Paulding; Emma Horstman of Oakwood, also attending Paulding High School; and Courtney Luderman of Cecil, attending Paulding High School.

The king contestants were Riley Noffsinger of Paulding; Dylan Vogel of Cecil, attending Paulding High School; and Matthew Stouffer of Payne, attending Wayne Trace High School.

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PAYNE'S ROCK THE BLOCK FESTIVAL

Please mark your calendars and come out and rock the block in downtown Payne this weekend. This weekend

will mark the 3rd annual Rock The Block festival that will be held on Main St. in Payne. The event is made possible by the involvement of the Payne Chamber of Commerce, officials from the Village of Payne, and the Payne Minis-

terial Committee, and several generous donations from local businesses. This year's event will add a Christian music band PRAISE-A-DELIC on Friday from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Saturday will begin

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Community Calendar

June 18

- Pickleball @ Tennis Courts, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- NPK Lunch & Learn @ PC Ext. Bldg., 11a-1p
- Tuesday Night Jammers @ 314 S Elm St, Edgerton, 6-8pm
- Rimfire Sniper event @ Ant. Cons. Club, 9am

June 19

- Summer Party @ Paulding Library, 1-2:30pm

June 20

- Living Free Series @ Hope Chapel, Van Wert, 5:30pm

June 21

- Paulding Chamber Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am

June 22

- Rock The Block, downtown Payne

June 21-23

- An Evening w/Sherlock Holmes @ St. Michael's, Hicksville, 7pm (2pm, 23rd)
- Frozen Jr. @ VW Civic Theater

June 23

- Butler UMC Concert, 6:15p

June 24-26

- VBS @ Mt. Calvary Luth. Church, 9:15-11am

June 24-28

- Community VBS @ Oakwood School, 6:30-8:30pm

June 25

- Pickleball @ Tennis Courts, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm
- Tuesday Night Jammers @ 314 S Elm St, Edgerton, 6-8pm
- AEP Ohio Success in 60 @ Paulding 1st Pres., 8am

June 27

- Woodburn Hist. Soc. meeting @ Comm. Ctr., 7pm
- Living Free Series @ Hope Chapel, Van Wert, 5:30pm



To add your event to the calendar email info@westbendnews.net
Continual Events must be resubmitted once per month

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS EXPLORE OWLS & GEOLOGY



Pictured is a resident at VanCrest of Payne exploring an owl pellet.

By: Patrick Troyer, Paulding SWCD

Residents in Paulding County nursing homes have been learning why we need to give a "hoot" about owls and about the amazing world of geology. During recent programs, residents had the opportunity to enjoy hands on learning by dissecting owl pellets and seeing some amazing rock samples.

Owls formed the first discussion topic. Residents learned everything there is to know about owls and the species of owl that we find in Ohio. Ohio provides the perfect environment for owls to live as our state has the climate they enjoy in addition to the grassland and woodland habitat they have come to enjoy. The barn owl is designated as a threatened species by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), a threatened species is one that is likely to become an endangered species within the near future is all or a large portion of its range of habitat. With a threatened species, we need to put conservation efforts into practice to ensure the owl does not upgrade to the endangered designation.

As part of this program, residents had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets to learn some more about their owl and what it ate. The owl primarily likes mice, rats, rabbits, small birds, insects, and rarely frogs/fish as their prey. Through their investigations, everyone was able to find at least one of those animals. They used a bone sorting guide to help them identify which animal the skull, hip, shoulder, vertebrate, or other bones belonged to. Residents were at the top of their discoveries as rodents are the owl's favorite meal and it will eat a rodent such as a mouse, rat, or mole about 85% of the time. Everyone had fun taking time to see what part of the owl's diet was!

The second topic involved learning about the various types of rocks that are found outdoors in addition to the many ways that we put rocks to use. Rocks have unique characteristics that allow them to be sorted as well as classified and they form in different ways. Residents were able to gain a basic understanding of how rocks are identified based on properties such as texture and hardness, but also based on the minerals found within them. We first covered the study of rocks and who conducts that study. According to Geology.com, Geology is all about studying the earth, the materials that make up its surface, and the forces that are continually working on these materials to change them in some way. Geologists are looking to gain a life history of the earth as it is recorded in rocks to gain an understanding of how the earth has changed over time in addition to understanding why things such as landslides, earthquakes, and floods occur.

Residents learned about the materials that make rocks up, minerals. Minerals are substances that are made up of only one chemical, which give them one unique color or all throughout them, and form the building blocks of rocks. Minerals are usually very appealing to the eye as they are quite smooth and have a lot of luster (shine) to them. During rock formation, several different processes are

taking place which bring together a variety of minerals together to form rocks which explains why rocks have a variety of colors found within them. There are three types of rock found on Earth which are igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rock.

Igneous rocks originate from magma that crystallizes as it cools. Magma is simply a hot liquid of melted minerals. Some examples of igneous rocks are granite which is commonly used in countertops and basalt. Sedimentary rocks are formed as sediment and other organic materials such as sand and decaying plants/animals are transferred to a new location. This sediment is deposited in distinct layers, pressed down together as more material is gathered. Eventually the deposited sediment is hardened into the sedimentary rocks that are formed. Common examples of sedimentary rock include rock salt, chalk, shale, and flint.

Metamorphic rocks were the third type of rock discussed. Heat and pressure can then be applied to either igneous or sedimentary rock which will cause the rocks to metamorphose or change form into metamorphic rocks. Heat is provided by volcanoes under the surface while rock layers pressing upon one another are supplying the pressure. Examples of metamorphic rocks include limestone, sandstone, and marble. With each type of rock that was discussed, everyone was able to view samples of each rock and see the differences in color and texture that existed between each rock sample.

Would your group like to learn about owls or explore the world of geology? Contact the Paulding SWCD office today and see what we can do for you!

NEW ALZHEIMER'S CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGES FAMILIES TO DISCUSS COGNITIVE PROBLEMS SOONER, ENABLING EARLY DIAGNOSIS

New survey reveals nearly 3 in 4 Americans say that talking to a close family member about cognitive problems would be challenging

TOLEDO, OH. - It's a conversation no family wants to have - talking to a loved one about memory loss or cognitive decline.

The signs are there. Your loved one gets confused about time, dates and places. They get lost driving home. Simple tasks or family names escape them.

A new survey by the Alzheimer's Association reveals that nearly 9 in 10 Americans experiencing memory loss, thinking problems or other symptoms of cognitive decline would want others to tell them and share their concerns. However, nearly 75 percent - or three out of four Americans - say that talking to a close family member about memory loss, thinking problems, or other signs of cognitive problems would be challenging for them.

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is urging families to have a conversation with their loved one if you notice

memory issues. A delay in the conversation could delay and even prevent early diagnosis and optimal management of disease-related challenges.

"We know that earlier diagnosis leads to opportunities to improve quality of life for the individual with dementia, as well as the team of loved ones who make up that individual's caregivers," according to Julia Pechlivanos, Executive Director of the Northwest Ohio Chapter.

Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease. It is America's sixth leading cause of death, affecting more than 5 million Americans and 16 million caregivers. Despite Alzheimer's growing impact, many families struggle with discussing the issue.

The Alzheimer's Association suggests three simple steps to help families have the conversation with a loved one they are concerned about. They are assess changes; begin a conversation; and lastly contact the Alzheimer's Association for help.

Pamela Myers, Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's program director, said, "It's really important to talk about your concerns as soon as possible - be proactive in your approach. We often see in working with our families that it takes multiple conversations to talk about changes the family is seeing in memory and/or behavior. Most important, don't give up and call us for help."

The Association's 24/7 Helpline, at 800.272.3900 is answered by a live person day and night. People can also go to the Association's website at alz.org/nwOhio for a plethora of information and resources. The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter serves 24 counties including Lucas, Hardin, Defiance, Allen and Wyandot.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It is a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

On Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Manor, 204 Archer Drive, Antwerp, OH you can learn about impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors; Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Visit alz.org/CRF to register online and explore additional education programs in your area.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

—Psalm 68:4-5

ELIDA SCHOOL'S FORMER MAINTENANCE WORKER OWES DISTRICT \$85,000

Auditor of State Keith Faber today released the 2017-18 Elida Local School District audit that issues a finding for recovery for \$85,000 against Matthew Burton, former maintenance worker for the district.

"This former employee defrauded citizens and stole from students by using tax dollars to buy supplies for his private business," Auditor Faber remarked. "This is an outrageous breach of public trust and it's only right that the money be repaid."

Burton was responsible for maintaining the interior of the district's buildings. As a part of his duties, he had authorization to make purchases at several businesses. On May 11, 2017, the district discovered that Burton was performing HVAC work on the side and buying supplies with the district's funds. At that point, the district opened an internal audit and reviewed invoices from all vendors involved.

Furthermore, the district fired Burton on May 11, 2017. On June 5, 2018, Burton entered a plea of guilty to one count of Theft in Office before the Allen County Court of Common Pleas. On August 6, 2018, Judge Jeffery L. Reed ordered Burton to pay back \$85,000 to the district. Based on that court order, Auditor Faber issued today's finding for recovery to insure Burton makes full restitution.

Upon separation of service, Burton voluntarily had the district withhold his unused vacation leave payout of \$6,128 and unused personal leave payout of \$300. On October 9, 2018, the district received a \$38,229 payment from the School Employees Retirement System, the balance of Burton's retirement account. On February 2019, the district received a \$100 restitution payment from the court.

The Auditor's office con-

siders these as partial repayments of the finding and a balance of \$40,243 remains.

LATTA: CONGRESS DOESN'T DESERVE A RAISE

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) called on House Democrats to block the automatic annual congressional pay raise and maintain the nearly decade-long freeze on salary levels for members of Congress. Republicans voted to freeze pay the last eight years in a row, and there hasn't been an adjustment since 2009. Latta introduced the No Vote, No Raise Act to eliminate the automatic pay increase, and require any salary adjustments to be voted on by Congress.

"With little to no serious legislative work being done on the House floor, Democrats should not be helping Congress get a raise," said Latta. "While I don't think the raise should happen, it certainly shouldn't be happening quietly and without a vote. If representatives or senators want a raise, they should own it and be accountable to the American people with a vote. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to vote for a pay freeze. Failure to do so ends a decade of precedent intended to make this body more transparent to the American people."

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Kalyn Strahley was named the 2019 Jr Fair Queen. Kalyn is a senior at Paulding High School and she is planning to attend The Ohio State University in the Fall semester.

Riley Noffsinger won the kingship for the 2019 Fair. Riley is a junior at Paulding High School plans to attend UNOH for post secondary education, following that he wants to go into the family farming business.

The Prince this year was Drew McClure and the Princess was Carolyn Winans.

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- **June 23rd** - 22 Pistol Fun Shoot. Fun for all ages. Starts at 1pm.
- **July 6th** - 4th of July Celebration. Music, food and a show. Starts at 6 pm. Show begins at 10.
- **July 7th** - Monthly IDPA Match at 1pm

All of our advertised events are open to the public.
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VETERAN ADMINISTRATOR DAN KONOW RETURNING TO LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK TO LEAD MEDICAL GROUP

Dan Konow, PA, MBA, an executive with more than 30 years of experience in local healthcare, has been chosen to be the new chief executive officer for Lutheran Health



Physicians. Konow most recently served the network as the COO of LHP from 2016 to 2017, before moving to vice president of operations for another local health system's medical group. His two decades with Lutheran Health Network included eight years as the CEO of RediMed between 2000 and 2008, and earlier vice president positions with oversight of operations and business development, respectively.

PAULDING COUNTY'S VISION BOARD TO RAISE \$1 MILLION FOR QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS

The Paulding County Vision Board plans to launch their "Our Dream of a Million" campaign on Tuesday, July 23, at the Branch Fellowship Christian Church in Downtown Paulding, Ohio, at 7pm. The public is welcome to attend.

In a united front, Paulding County villages and townships identified quality of life projects to the tune of almost \$300,000. These projects are to be implemented between 2019 -2023. The Vision Board doesn't plan to fund the projects in their entirety. Communities will be responsible for most of the cost, but the hope is that by working together, they'll be able to attract more grant and corporate dollars to assist the small communities and improve Paulding County overall.

"Our dream of raising a million is definitely a 'WOW' goal, but that's what it is going to take if we truly want to make a difference in Paulding County and be able to attract and retain businesses and people in our county. We want to be a support system for all the communities and our hope is that "Our Dream of a Million" campaign will create a grassroots effort that will unite our county and

From 2008 to 2016, Konow was COO/CEO for Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology.

"Dan's knowledge of local healthcare and his experience with our organization are assets we valued greatly during our extensive search," said Mark Medley, regional president and chief executive officer, Lutheran Health Network. "Dan is definitely positioned well to hit the ground running this week."

Konow returns to the network during a time of continued growth for LHP. To date, LHP has added 24 new providers, including three who specialize in family medicine, since the beginning of the year. Three additional family medicine physicians are set to begin with LHP in August after their upcoming graduation from family medicine residency through the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. Including these three providers, 15 more providers have start dates with LHP between now and the end of the year, and the group plans to recruit an additional 20 family medicine physicians over the next 18 months.

Konow is a physician assistant by training with a bachelor's in allied health from Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1987, and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in Fort Wayne in 1995.

elevate our quality of life," stated Vision Board Member and Paulding Putnam Electric Economic Developer Erika Willitzer.

EDP Renewables graciously has already committed \$25,000 toward the campaign, and they plan to do a matching grant of \$3,000 for projects targeting parks and youth (This is limited to projects already submitted and approved by the board). "This type of investment will most definitely encourage and build a bigger grassroots effort throughout the county than we could have ever imagined," added Willitzer.

According to Erin Bowser, Director of Project Management for EDP Renewables, the company wholeheartedly supports the Vision Board's efforts. "EDP Renewables has been working with the Paulding County community for more than ten years. In that time, we have become invested not only in the county becoming the wind capital of the state but also in the health and growth of the entire community." Bowser said. "We support the Vision Board, its members, and its mission because it aims to bring people together for a common purpose that will serve the entire community for generations to come."

Currently the communities involved are as follows: Paulding County Townships Association, Paulding, Oak-

wood, Broughton, Antwerp, Payne, Latty, and Grover Hill. "We still have a few villages that are not participating, and we want to know it's still not too late," said Dave Burtch, President of the Vision Board. "This is a collaboration, and we want to make sure everyone is included."

So far, the identified projects are as follows:

Antwerp: Riverside Park observation deck and updates to Hillside area

Broughton: New playground equipment

Grover Hill: New playground equipment at Welcome Park

Payne: Creation of Buckeye Park

Paulding: New soccer fields and lot at Lela McGuire Jeffery Park

Oakwood: Project to be submitted soon

Paulding County Project: Creation of Citizens Academy (Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office)

Paulding County Project: Mobile Hydraulic Stage for use at all outdoor events by county non-profits

Paulding County Project: Creation of Downtown Improvement Program

Paulding County Project: Countywide branding strategy

Paulding County Project: Housing Study

Each project's plan is being developed, and a summary of the project will be soon posted at www.PauldingCountyVisionBoard.com.

The Paulding County Vision Board's mission is to coordinate collaboration, plan strategically, secure funding, and create a livable Paulding County community. The board was officially formed in 2018 and structured under the Paulding County Commissioners. Each village and the township association in Paulding county have a seat on the board.

Since 2018, the board, along with the help of Maumee Valley Planning, have identified goals and objectives through a comprehensive community development plan. The group surveyed each community and set a strategic plan for goals. Some villages have already, been allocated state grants for projects identified in the original comprehensive plan. (View plan at www.PauldingCountyVisionBoard.com)

Vision Board Member John Daeger (Broughton) and Quality of Life Committee Member Mark Greenwood (Antwerp), most recently took an in-depth look at our park and recreation assets. The goal is to create a website where Paulding County's assets can be highlighted and use it as a tool to retain current residents and attract new residents or visitors.

An endowment fund has been established with the Paulding County Area Foundation; Vision Board members are asking that all community members rise up and take a firm stand on improving quality of life throughout Paulding County by contributing financially or volunteering for your local towns.

"The Vision Board has consistently demonstrated its ability to facilitate collaboration among our local villages. With this collaboration and the creation of a

COFFEE WITH CRAIG: PC SENIOR CENTER



State Rep. Craig Riedel Hosts Meetings each month at the Paulding Senior Center called Coffee with Craig from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Craig discusses important issue over a cup of joe. Pictured above are Martin and Wanda Taylor, and Marsha Yeutter discussing matters with Mr. Riedel.

fund to be used to improve the quality of life, our community is going to thrive. Together everyone achieves more!" said, Paulding County Commissioner Tony Zartman.

"I love Paulding County-moving here was one of the best decisions my husband and I ever made," said Willitzer. It's safe, it's picturesque, and the people here are my people. We embrace small-town life. But just because we live in rural America doesn't mean we can just sit back and let everything take care of itself. There are areas in our communities that are economically depressed, and we need to work together to design a culture that people desire to be part of now and in the future for our children and grandchildren. We must work for it - and maybe even harder than in urban areas. Raising a million dollars may seem like a dream, but it's something I think can become reality if we all work together," stated Willitzer.

For more information on this initiative, visit www.PauldingCountyVisionBoard.com. If you plan to attend the public event on July 23 at the Branch Church in Paulding, please RSVP through the Vision Board's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PauldingCountyVision.

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The Saturday afternoon activities include Payne Fire & EMS displays, CHICKEN BINGO, CORNHOLE hosted by Taylor Made Products, Woodburn Lions Club doughnuts, and Chamber of Commerce beer tent on Main St. Two bands will play from 4:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. including SECTION ATE / & CRAZY NEYBERZ. The local businesses will offer several food specials Saturday. Children's activities will be offered at the Rock Youth Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday the Payne Ministerial Committee will host a church service under the tent starting at 11:00 a.m.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF HICKSVILLE PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES

In recent years, the Village Players of Hicksville have produced annual mysteries at St. Michael's Catholic Church...and the tradition continues with the return of the world's greatest detective to the local stage.

"An Evening With Sherlock Holmes" brings Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's master detective and his world to life. This trio of one-act plays adapts Doyle's tales for the stage, resulting in malice, menace and murder which only Sherlock Holmes can solve.

"The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor" has Holmes investigating the disappearance of a young bride on the morning of her wedding day, but while Scotland Yard is treating the case as a murder, Holmes is left to wonder if all is as it appears to be. "The Milverton Adventure" introduces us to a fiendish black-mailer who destroys happy marriages as a livelihood, and the steps taken to stop him may destroy the careers of both Holmes and Dr. Watson.

In the stunning conclusion, "The Disappearance of Adam," what begins as a simple missing persons case turns into a situation which could prove more than a match to the great detective, as Holmes and Watson are forced to examine their very existence. A guaranteed shock ending will leave audiences reeling.

Returning to the role of Sherlock Holmes is Bill Murphy, who first portrayed the character several years ago in the VP's production of "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Longtime VP member Peter Greer portrays Dr. Watson, Holmes' partner and confidant, through whose eyes the audience sees the workings of the detective's incredible mind.

Rounding out the cast are Carol Clark, Ethan Hunter, Dennis Jackson, Avery Miller, and Keith Robinson. The play is directed by Dawn Patterson.

"An Evening with Sherlock Holmes" will be performed on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m.

The play will be performed at St. Michael's Catholic Church, located on the corner of High Street and Antwerp Drive in Hicksville.

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GROUNDBREAKING MARKS START OF PHASE 1 OF MVNU STADIUM CONSTRUCTION



The future of Mount Vernon Nazarene University athletics turned a corner Monday, June 10, as university and community leaders once again scooped into the dirt of the Lakeholm farm to start the construction of the new Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium and Community Fields.

"Two hundred and fifteen days ago, that's all it was, when I had that initial meeting with (Mount Vernon City Schools Superintendent) Bill Seder and began talking about the dream of a soccer stadium back here and what it could lead to in terms of collaboration with the high school," said James Smith, MVNU vice president for University Relations. "Two hundred and fifteen days later, we have a lead gift of \$1.25 million and we've raised \$694,000 toward that match. It has been an incredible eight months."

A \$100,000 donation from the Knox County Foundation has been earmarked for the \$200,000 Community Fields portion of the project, according to Smith.

MVNU President Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II, used the words "competition," "collaboration" and "grateful" to articulate his thoughts on the project and its impact on the community. He emphasized the importance of teaching students how to compete, that character rises through academic and athletic competition, and that the stadium project is bigger than MVNU.

"I stand here today grateful for the community where we are, for the people that partner with us, for those who join in our mission and the privilege it is for us to be a part of what's going on in this community. We join you, and you join us, in a way that other communities wish they had," said Spaulding.

Spaulding named the

MVNU Board of Trustees, Mount Vernon City Schools, the City of Mount Vernon, Ariel Foundation, First-Knox National Bank, Mark Ramser, Knox County Foundation, Strollo Architects, SoL Harris/Day Architecture, Denny Taylor and Tony Edwards as supporters and collaborators who are making this project possible for the betterment of the entire community.

MVNU Athletic Director Chip Wilson expressed his excitement for the groundbreaking and explained why it was fitting the ceremony took place in the rain.

"The rain helped our old field get to the point we needed this opportunity," Wilson said. "For me, rain tends to bring beautiful things. When I think about what's going to be behind us, it is going to be something beautiful."

The groundbreaking was conducted by Mark Ramser, donor; Jen Odenweller, The Ariel Foundation; Robert Boss, First-Knox National Bank; Fred Parshall, SoL Harris/Day Architecture; Spaulding, Smith and Wilson.

The ceremony marked the start of Phase 1 which includes excavation of the entire site, reseeding grass, fencing, the turf field, lighting and the scoreboard. According to Smith, the turf field is expected to be completed for September games with lights installed for use in October.

Phase 2 will include the brick and mortar aspects of the project including restrooms, locker rooms, stadium seating, concessions and press box. Construction on the second phase will begin when fundraising goals have been met. Smith is hopeful Phase 2 will be finished by fall 2020.

The stadium will be located on the extension of Yellow Jacket Drive, near Cougar Drive on the north end of campus.

The complex will feature a stadium with turf field, lighting, seating for 500 spectators, training rooms, locker rooms, concession area, patio seating, restrooms, press box, picnic shelter/pavilion, parking and a full-size grass practice field. The adjacent Community Fields will feature five full-size grass fields that are easily converted into age-appropriate competition fields.

The as-yet-unnamed stadium is part of the \$20-million Access to Opportunity collaboration that encompasses four major construction projects on or near the campuses of MVNU and Mount Vernon High School/Middle School. The collaborative partnership will include the new Mount Vernon Avenue bridge and multi-use trail by the City of Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon City School's Community Field House and Transportation and Maintenance Facility that includes the Yellow Jacket Drive extension, and MVNU's stadium.

For more information on the project, or to donate, visit www.mvnu.edu/future.

SMART FINANCIAL MOVES FOR 'GIG' ECONOMY WORKERS

Not that long ago, most people worked for some type of an organization, such as a business or the government or a school district. But today, more and more workers are going their own way and joining what's known as the "gig" economy. If you will be one of them, you'll want to make the right moves to advance your financial goals in what can be a challenging work environment.

But first, you may find some comfort in knowing the prevalence of gig work. About 36 percent of U.S. workers are now gig workers, according to a study from the Gallup organization, which defines the gig economy as one made up of a variety of arrangements - independent contractors, online platform workers, contract workers, on-call workers, temporary workers and freelancers. People join the gig economy for many reasons, but most of them, like you, could benefit by considering these actions:

Establish your own retirement plan. When you're a full-time employee, your employer may offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. But as a gig worker, you need to save for your own retirement. Fortunately, you've got a lot of attractive options. Depending on your circumstances, you might be able to open a SEP-IRA or even a "solo" or "owner-only" 401(k), which offers many of the same features of an employer-spon-

sored 401(k). Both these plans allow you to make pre-tax contributions, which can lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals you make before you turn 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.)

Create an emergency fund. Working in the gig economy can bring rewards and risks. And one of those risks is unpredictable - and often uneven - cash flow. This can be a cause for concern during times when you face a large unexpected expense, such as a major car repair or medical bill. To avoid dipping in to your long-term investments to pay for these costs, you should establish an emergency fund containing at least six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Address your protection needs. Many companies provide some life insurance as a benefit to their employees, though the coverage is often inadequate. But, as is the case with your retirement plan, you will need to meet your own protection needs if you work in the gig economy. In addition to purchasing enough life insurance to protect your family, you also may want to consider disability insurance. A financial professional can help you determine what types of coverage, and how much, you require.

Keep track of your expenses. If you do your gig work out of your home, you may be able to deduct some of your expenses - phone lines, utilities, internet, newspapers, equipment, mileage and so on - from your taxes. Consequently, you will need to track all these costs. And you will need to consult with your tax advisor on what can, and can't, be claimed as a business necessity.

These aren't the only moves you may need to make as a gig worker - but they can help provide you with a steady path in a world in which you can't always tell what lies around the corner.

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GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

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Self-Righteousness Versus Penitent Humility Read Luke 18:9-17.

40. The Pharisee was an example of one who was: a) sincere; b) a thief; c) self-righteous.

41. This Pharisee was thankful: a) that he had been forgiven; b) that he was not like the publican; c) that Jesus could save him.

42. In view of verse 14, the Pharisee: a) exalted himself; b) had a good heart; c) was actually an adulterer.

43. The publican was so humble that when he prayed he would not: a) say anything; b) look up toward heaven; c) go to the temple.

44. His prayer was that God be merciful to him because he was: a) aged; b) sick; c) a sinner.

45. He was justified and the Pharisee was not because: a) he confessed his sin and looked to God for pardon; b) the Pharisee did not need to be saved; c) all publicans were good men.

SONFEST FEATURES WORSHIP SONGS OF PASSION



Passion will headline SonFest 2019, Mount Vernon Nazarene University's annual outdoor Christian music festival, on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Passion - currently featuring Kristian Stanfill, Melodie Malone and Brett Younker - is a musical outreach of the Passion Movement created by Louie and Shelley Giglio in 1995, to engage 18-25 years old in praise and worship.

SonFest organizers believe Passion's popularity reaches beyond the college-age demographic as more and more churches are rotating songs like "Reckless Love," "One Thing Remains," "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" and "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" into their worship services.

"Passion's music has begun to reach a wide variety of ages," said Cheryl Sharpes, assistant director of admissions for MVNU. "We strive to reach a diverse audience and create an experience for a wide variety of demographics."

Joining Passion in the

main stage lineup will be Tedashii, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Social Club Misfits and a fifth artist to be announced later this summer. A second stage will feature Lamar Riddick, SafeKept and more.

During the day-long festival, family-friendly activities will include a BMX Bike Show, inflatable games, gaga ball and sand volleyball tournament, with additional experiences yet to be confirmed. Exhibitor booths provide opportunities for festival guests to speak directly with organizations and merchants while food trucks will provide dining options to please the whole family.

Each year, SonFest promotes a special cause in an effort to draw attention and support. Out of Darkness, a chapter of the ministry of the Atlanta Dream Center, will have representatives available to discuss its anti-human trafficking initiative with an emphasis on providing housing to adult victims.

SonFest is held rain or shine. Acts are subject to change without notice.

46. The disciples rebuked those who came to Jesus bringing: a) friends; b) gifts; c) infants.

47. But Jesus received the little ones saying: a) they need to be baptized; b) of such is the kingdom of God; e) they were born in sin.

48. He said that one cannot enter the kingdom if he: a) does not receive it as a little child; b) has no children; c) is already an adult.

The great truth of this parable is that one will not be saved if he does not humbly recognize that he is a sinner in need of the grace of God. Many will be lost because of pride - because they are too proud to admit they need to learn and humbly obey the commandments of God. Both the Pharisee and the publican believed in God and were under the covenant of Israel. The difference between them was that one self-righteously thought he did not need the mercy of God. The other had the humility and contrition that seeks God's mercy. The publican's humble prayer is not intended to teach that all one must do to be saved is to pray. Nothing is said here about the necessity of believing in Jesus, or of obedience

to his commands. Those necessities are taught in other passages. On the day of Pentecost there were many who humbly asked what they must do. They were not told to pray, but to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:37-38).

ANSWER: 40. C; 41. B; 42. A; 43. B; 44. C; 45. A; 46. C; 47. B; 48. A

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,

What does it mean in Matthew 5:33, not to forswear yourself?

To forswear means to willfully make a false statement under oath thus perjuring yourself.

The Jews had created a system of oaths such as swearing by heaven, earth, Jerusalem, their head (life), etc. They felt these were not binding because they weren't swearing by God, but they all implicated God in some way and were binding (v. 34-36).

Jesus basically told them to stop swearing or taking oaths asking vengeance on themselves if they didn't tell

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the truth. He indicated that instead of trying to impress people with their oaths they should just always tell the truth.

Swearing or taking oaths is proclaiming you and your word are not trustworthy alone. The law allows you to "affirm" (make a serious declaration) you will tell the truth without having to swear or make an oath. Your honesty or dishonesty as a Christian reflects on Christ. Philippians 1:27a - "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ..." II Corinthians 8:21

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Arrangements are being finalized and the highly anticipated merger between Van Wert First United Methodist and Bethel United Methodist Churches will soon become a reality. On June 30, the congregation of Bethel United Methodist will join the First United Methodist church family. That Sunday, a joint service will be held in Van Wert's Fountain Park beginning at 10:30am. That service will include faith, fun, food, and fellowship as they meet to celebrate in God's Holy name. First Church's vision of embracing, equipping, and empowering persons to evangelize will become stronger with the addition of the Bethel congregation.

First United Methodist worships weekly with an 8:15am casual blended service and a 10:45am traditional service on Sundays. Many additional Bible studies and activities are offered throughout the week. First United Methodist is located at 113 W. Central Avenue- across from Fountain Park in downtown Van Wert, OH.

The lead pastor is Chris Farmer. He along with the First Church family are excited to welcome the Bethel congregation and other visitors to join them on June 30 and every Sunday morning.

Ezra 6:15 Then the people of Israel- the priests, the Levites and the rest of the exiles celebrated the dedication of the house of God with joy.

FINDING HOPE & HEALING THRU GRIEF & LOSS

Hope Chapel, located at 9010 Van Wert Willshire Rd, is offering a series helping those that are going thru Grief and Loss in their lives. Grief and Loss will touch everyone's life at one time or another. Life is full of little and great losses from the loss of a job, marriage or our health or the loss of a spouse or family member or a close friend. Sometimes the loss overwhelms us, and grief seems to

rob us of all joy.

Hope Chapel, an outreach of Friends of Hope, on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. is presenting the Living Free series Handling Grief and Loss to the public. The purpose of the series is to assist those going thru the losses of life with support and encouragement to find healing and hope during life's challenges. Again, Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 at 9010 Van Wert Willshire Rd at the corner of Richey Rd southwest of Van Wert. For more information or to pre-register please call Pastor Paul at 419-771-9378.

CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Living Word Drama

Cecil Community Church field Trip: Pastor Ted Ramey will be going to the Living Word Outdoor Drama near Cambridge OH June 28th. If you want to go, Call Ted for details 419-399-7960.

Clothing Drive

Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil, OH 45821 will host a Clothing Drive. Clean out your closets for our church Clothing Giveaway! Bring on Sundays in July. Clothing Giveaway will be August 3rd.

Prayer Pastor

Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St. Cecil, OH 45821 has a prayer pastor. Text or Call Pastor James Hemenway 402-278-0459 with prayer requests.

SCHOOL SUPPLY Assistance

Parents of attending children & youth, bring Cecil Community Church your student's supply list for the new school year and we will help get your supplies. Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil, OH 45821. Questions Txt 419-564-8383.

Youth Church Camp

Youth Church Camp in Payne Ohio is available for 7th-12th grade including recent graduates. Get application at Cecil Community Church on Sundays. Sunday July 21st through Saturday 27th.

MEAL, Music & Message

Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH 45821 will host an evening of Meal, Music and Message on Sunday June 30th. At 5:00 p.m. Free Cookout Meal and at 6:00 p.m. Music & Message by Evangelist Keith Adkins. Questions Txt 419-564-8383.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY RECOGNIZED BY THE SALVATION ARMY

Mount Vernon Nazarene University was lauded on May 17, as the Salvation Army commemorated its 130th anniversary in the city of Mount Vernon by recognizing volunteers and organizations that have contributed to the Army's mission. Receiving awards were MVNU's radio

station WNZR and Food For The Hungry.

WNZR was presented the Media Award for its efforts to keep its listeners educated regarding events and activities at the Salvation Army. The honor was "in grateful appreciation for distinguished contribution towards informing the public of Salvation Army programs and services, and the vigorous support of the ideals manifested in the Salvation Army's service to God and man," said Austin Swallow, treasurer for the Salvation Army and master of ceremonies for the evening.

Swallow acknowledged Marcy Rinehart, station manager and co-host of WNZR's The Morning Thing, and Joe Rinehart, MVNU's Director of Broadcasting and co-host of WNZR's Afternoon Drive, for their collaborative work as "they lead a team of students who promote each event that we have. A true friend to The Army, we salute WNZR."

"The WNZR staff is honored to serve alongside the Salvation Army," said Marcy Rinehart. "It is our privilege to promote the Army's events and outreach to our community. We believe in their mission and value our partnership. WNZR congratulates the Salvation Army of Mount Vernon for 130 years of service and are humbled to be a small part of that legacy."

"WNZR shines forth in this community," said MVNU President Dr. Henry W. Spaulding II. "The involvement of Joe and Marcy Rinehart is an example for our community and for the City of Mount Vernon on how to be a positive voice. I am personally proud of WNZR and the staff for all that they do to provide leadership and information in this community."

The Salvation Army also applauded Food For The Hungry with the Others Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that provides extraordinary service that benefits the Salvation Army. FFTH is an annual fundraising drive created to provide financial assistance to Interchurch Social Services, the Salvation Army and other need-based food initiatives in Knox County. WNZR and MVNU are two of the six legacy partners which have been guiding FFTH for more than 35 years.

"The annual Food For The Hungry drive has grown into being one of the Salvation Army's major sources of income," said Swallow. "Over the years, the Knox County community has garnered national recognition for embodying the Salvation Army's motto of 'Doing the most good for those in the most need.' We certainly don't have a clue to how many people would not have food and clothing, and most importantly hope, if it wasn't for this partnership."

MVNU not only supports FFTH with representation on the board of directors,

but is proud of the student body's commitment to the cause through fundraising. In 2018, MVNU collected \$8,433.66 for FFTH through student initiatives as well as the MVNU 5K and .5K Run and Walk (Gold Rush) and men's and women's basketball games. In addition, MVNU is the sponsor for the annual Stephen W. Zerkowtiz Memorial Award presented to a community member who exemplifies the spirit of community service, especially in regards to FFTH.

"MVNU is proud to participate in the Food For The Hungry initiative with WNZR," said "Spaulding. "Caring for members of the community who experience difficult circumstances takes time and energy, but I feel in those moments, we represent Christ for those in need."

OHIO HUNTERS HARVEST NEARLY 3,000 WILD TURKEYS OPENING DAY OF 2019 SEASON

Ohio hunters in the south zone checked 2,965 wild turkeys on the first day of the spring wild turkey hunting season, April 22, 2019. Hunters can view the 2019 spring turkey season zone map and harvest regulations at wildohio.gov.

Ohio's spring wild turkey season is divided into two zones: a south zone, which is open from Monday, April 22 to Sunday, May 19, and a northeast zone, which is open from Monday, April 29 to Sunday, May 26.

In 2018 hunters in the south zone checked 3,316 wild turkeys on opening day.

Hunters are required to have a hunting license and a spring turkey hunting permit. The spring season bag limit is two bearded turkeys. Hunters can harvest one bearded turkey per day, and a second spring turkey permit can be purchased at any time throughout the spring turkey season. Turkeys must be checked by 11:30 p.m. the day of harvest.

Hunting hours from April 22-28 in the south zone and April 29-May 5 in the northeast zone are 30 minutes before sunrise until noon. Hunting hours from April 29-May 19 in the south zone and May 6-26 in the northeast zone are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Hunters may use shotguns or archery equipment to hunt wild turkeys. It is unlawful to hunt turkeys using bait, live decoys or electronic calling devices or to shoot a wild turkey while it is in a tree.

The Division of Wildlife advises turkey hunters to wear hunter orange clothing when entering, leaving or moving through hunting areas in order to remain visible to others.

Wild turkeys were extirpated in Ohio by 1904 and were reintroduced in the 1950s by the Division of Wildlife. Ohio's first modern day wild turkey season opened in 1966 in nine counties, and hunters checked 12 birds. The wild turkey harvest topped 1,000 for the first time in 1984. Spring turkey hunting opened statewide, except for Lake La Su An Wildlife Area, in 2000, and Ohio hunters checked more than 20,000 wild turkeys for the first time that year.

A list of all wild turkeys checked by hunters in the

KIWANIS LEARNS MORE ABOUT PC WORKSHOP



Pictured here is Megan Sierra and Matt Reineck.

Paulding, OH: Kiwanis member Matt Reineck introduced Megan Sierra, the Executive Director of the PC Workshop. Sierra has been in the position for three years. The PC Workshop is a place for people with disabilities to work but also offer transition services, vocational habilitation, and adult day services. For many years PC Workshop only offered a select few jobs but has now expanded and asks participants what job they want. "We started asking, what do you want?" says Sierra. If they want to work outside, they may be able to work in landscaping, if they want to babysit PC Workshop tries to make connections

for them to do what interests them. Even field trips have become purposeful and are focused on offering experiences.

PC Workshop used to only serve adult aged people but now include kids ages 14 and up. Participants learn about budgeting and other life skills that will help them at any age. Sierra ended her presentation by saying, "PC Workshop is working to make life better, fun, and fulfilling for those with disabilities." Kiwanis thanks Megan for her hard work and dedication to her job and her love for those she works with. Kiwanis members will meet next week on Thursday over lunch.

south zone on opening day of the spring turkey hunting season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2019, and the 2018 numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 71 (53); Allen: 8 (6); Ashland: 36 (53); Athens: 76 (89); Auglaize: 5 (3); Belmont: 85 (128); Brown: 73 (54); Butler: 31 (32); Carroll: 77 (90); Champaign: 14 (18); Clark: 1 (1); Clermont: 59 (45); Clinton: 13 (4); Columbiana: 66 (57); Coshocton: 81 (149); Crawford: 9 (4); Darke: 13 (4); **Defiance: 34 (33)**; Delaware: 16 (19); Erie: 11 (7); Fairfield: 16 (28); Fayette: 1 (2); Franklin: 1 (3); Fulton: 16 (14); Gallia: 66 (61); Greene: 3 (4); Guernsey: 86 (136); Hamilton: 14 (12); Hancock: 8 (4); Hardin: 23 (11); Harrison: 86 (133); Henry: 12 (8); Highland: 62 (59); Hocking: 55 (63); Holmes: 56 (56); Huron:

25 (30); Jackson: 66 (70); Jefferson: 74 (78); Knox: 60 (85); Lawrence: 37 (28); Licking: 63 (77); Logan: 21 (25); Lorain: 24 (18); Lucas: 14 (16); Madison: 2 (2); Mahoning: 35 (27); Marion: 3 (3); Medina: 15 (30); Meigs: 89 (110); Mercer: 3 (5); Miami: 0 (3); Monroe: 86 (126); Montgomery: 6 (5); Morgan: 71 (96); Morrow: 34 (20); Muskingum: 86 (117); Noble: 77 (69); Ottawa: 3 (0); **Paulding: 12 (9)**; Perry: 57 (67); Pickaway: 2 (3); Pike: 44 (43); Portage: 38 (48); Preble: 21 (25); **Putnam: 10 (5)**; Richland: 44 (50); Ross: 59 (58); Sandusky: 6 (3); Scioto: 61 (36); Seneca: 27 (26); Shelby: 11 (5); Stark: 39 (38); Summit: 10 (10); Tuscarawas: 94 (146); Union: 8 (8); **Van Wert: 2 (4)**; Vinton: 52 (84); Warren: 17 (6); Washington: 96 (107); Wayne: 15 (18); **Williams: 48 (25)**; Wood: 5 (3); Wyandot: 9 (6); Total: 2,965 (3,316).

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THE EMS BREAKFAST

By: Stan Jordan

We attended the EMS Breakfast on Saturday, June 1st and had a fine time. Oh yes, the food was excellent as usual, but we sat around and drank a lot of coffee and visited about all this rain and what an unusual spring, it is now past corn planting time and it is still too wet to get on the ground for beans. I don't remember a spring like this.

The Rib Fest, sponsored by the A.C.D.C., was enjoyed by everyone but the nice sunny day, turned to a stormy night about 8:45 and lots of people went home.

A lot of people had gone to Akron when the girls high school softball team advanced into the final four and had won that game and were scheduled to play in the State Championship game on Saturday evening. That game was rained out and rescheduled for the next morning and the girls won the Ohio State Division 4 Championship.

See ya!

trailer and fall into it. He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally, he started the engine, switched the wipers on and off - it was a fine dry summer night, flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the patrons' vehicles left. At last, when his was the only one left in the parking lot, he pulled out and drove slowly down the road. The police having waited patiently all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and administered a breathalyzer test. To his amazement, the breathalyzer indicated no evidence that the man had consumed any alcohol at all! Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken." "I seriously doubt it," said the truly proud Hill-billy. "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

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A husband walks into the bedroom holding two aspirin and a glass of water. His wife asks, "What's that for?"

"It's for your headache."  
"I don't have a headache." He smiles. "Gotcha!"

**THE BLUE JAY**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In my estimation the blue jay is a very pretty bird. He is native to the entire eastern United States and Southern Canada like a strip from Alberta down through Colorado into Mexico.

The blue jay has sort of two characteristics, when he is around his own nest area he is cautious and silent but away from his nest he is noisy, bold and will not let anyone else eat at the feeder, actually he is a bully.

During the breeding season the jay take a heavy toll on the eggs and young of other birds and some of them are good birds. The jay's main food is vegetable matter also acorns and other nuts. It likes corn, insects, wood boring beetles, grass hopper eggs and caterpillar eggs and small insects.

See ya!

**OHIO'S RECORD RAINFALL LEAVING SOME FARMERS ON THE SIDELINES**

During the wettest year-long period in Ohio since 1895, the state is lagging the furthest behind in planting corn and soybeans compared



to all states that plant the crops, according to experts from The Ohio State University and federal reports.

From June 1, 2018, to May 31, 2019, average rainfall across Ohio totaled 52 inches, which is about 10 inches above the mean for that period in the last decade, said Aaron Wilson, climate specialist for Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"We've had very wet soils for a very long time," Wilson said.

As a result, only 50% of Ohio's corn crop and 32% of its soybean crop was planted by June 9, a report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows. By now, Ohio typically is 96% done with planting corn and 89% done with soybeans.

A brief slowdown in rainfall during the week of June 3 sent more Ohio corn and soybean growers out into their fields to plant, but that likely will prove to be only a temporary reprieve. The next two weeks are expected to bring above-average rainfall in the state, with the heaviest amounts in southern Ohio, Wilson said.

"We're going to return to a more saturated pattern," he said.

The growers who have been able to plant a corn or soybean crop likely will have to contend with other challenges that come with a lot of rainfall: more weeds, pests, and diseases.

**SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S BIOTECH EO**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement after President Donald J. Trump Signed the Modernizing the Regulatory Framework for Agricultural Biotechnology Products Executive Order.

"Our current regulatory framework has impeded innovation instead of facilitating it. With this Executive Order, President Trump is once again putting America first and setting us on a course to modernize our regulatory framework so that it works for our farmers, ranchers, and consumers. We need all the tools in the toolbox to meet the challenge of feeding everyone now and into the future - if we do not put these safe biotechnology advances to work here at home, our competitors in other nations will," said Secretary Perdue. "Science-based advances in biotechnology have great promise to enhance rural prosperity and improve the quality of life across America's heartland and around the globe. I applaud President Trump for signing this important Executive Order that will help America's farmers do what we aspire to do at USDA: Do Right and Feed Everyone."

"Right now, you see a lot of really tall weeds already," Wilson said.

Farmers who planted wheat and forages, such as alfalfa, have noted poorer conditions of these crops also due to the weather, he said.

"No one is really escaping challenges this year," Wilson said.

For those planting corn in June, yield losses are likely—even if the grower has switched to a shorter-season variety, said Peter Thomison, a corn field specialist with CFAES. The losses hinge on growing conditions after planting, but they could be more than 50% for some farmers, he said.

The bulk of Ohio's corn and soybean acres are typically planted by May 25 each year, with corn being finished earlier in the month.

For growers planting soybeans, there's still time, but some loss in yields should be expected, said Laura Lindsey, a soybean specialist with CFAES.

Soybeans planted in late June produced yields that were 20% to 40% lower than soybeans planted by mid-May, Lindsey said, referring to data from research plots. Yield loss from delayed planting depends a lot on growing conditions the remainder of the year, Lindsey said.

"I keep hearing farmers say they need just two days in a row or three days in a row of dry weather, and they haven't been able to get that."

**Background:**

The Modernizing the Regulatory Framework for Agricultural Biotechnology Products Executive Order calls for, among other things, regulatory streamlining in order to facilitate the innovation of agricultural biotechnology to the market efficiently, consistently, and safely under a predictable, consistent, transparent, and science-based regulatory framework.

In addition, the United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) Trade Agreement sets unprecedented standards for agricultural biotechnology. For the first time, the agreement specifically addresses agricultural biotechnology to support 21st century innovations in agriculture. The text covers all biotechnologies, including new technologies such as genome editing, whereas the Trans-Pacific Partnership text covered only traditional rDNA technology. Specifically, the United States, Mexico, and Canada have agreed to provisions to enhance information exchange and cooperation on agricultural biotechnology trade-related matters.

USDA is one of three federal agencies which regulate products of food and agricultural technology. Together, USDA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Food and Drug Admin-

**TALK ABOUT HISTORY**



**By: Stan Jordan**

I am very lucky to get this old picture of the railroad square here in Antwerp. It was given to me by Walter Lang and I surely appreciate it. It is the only photo that I have seen that shows that little white building right in the middle, which later became the Ice Cream Depot. I will have more on that later.

I'm not sure who took this picture, but I don't think it was Mr. Ehrhart because it doesn't say so, and that is not his writing. Whoever it was though, was standing over on the west side of Cleveland Street in Charlie DeLong's yard, looking southeast.

It was taken after 1931 because the water tower is there also. You can see the east elevator in the back ground.

Those automobiles ramble all the way from 1928 up till the late 1940's. Everything here on the left side is gone now, the depot, the elevator and the first water

tower.

Right across from the little white building would be H&H Dry Cleaners if this was after 1950. Right there in the center would be "Tiny's Lunch" which after WWII became "Ray's Restaurant".

That large object on the right, I don't remember that being there, on the elevator lot. Later on, L. Smith & Son had an unloading dock for their farm machinery, but don't look like it and I don't think it was in that area.

There on the right would be Frank Smith's Drug Store and that half building on the right margin was George Redderson's Meat Market.

This picture doesn't go far enough to show the Chair Factory if it was there. That burned in 1950.

I'm not sure about much of this photo but the little white building later was made the Ice Cream Depot and that, too, is gone now.

See ya!

istration (FDA) have a Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology and regulates these products for human, animal, plant and environmental health. For products derived from plant biotechnology, USDA's regulations focus on protecting plant health; FDA oversees food and feed safety; and EPA regulates the sale, distribution, and testing of pesticides in order to protect human health and the environment.

USDA continues to coordinate closely with the EPA and FDA to fulfill oversight responsibilities and provide the appropriate regulatory environment. This ensures the safety of products derived from new technologies, while fostering innovation at the same time.

As per Secretary Perdue's announcement on plant breeding technology issued on March 28, 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not regulate

or have any plans to regulate plants that could otherwise have been developed through traditional breeding techniques. This includes a set of new techniques that are increasingly being used by plant breeders to produce new plant varieties that are indistinguishable from those developed through traditional breeding methods.

In April 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order establishing the Inter-agency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity "to ensure the informed exercise of regulatory authority that impacts agriculture and rural communities." As Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue was selected to serve as the chairman of the Task Force, which includes 22 federal agencies as well as local leaders. Specifically, the Executive Order was established to identify changes that, among other things, "advance the adoption of in-

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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:**

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- 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.

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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## MC COLLEY RECOGNIZES VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPION



Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) recognized Kirsten Clay of Van Wert High School for winning the OHSAA Division II State Championship in the discus event.

"Kirsten's hard work and dedication to become a state champion is truly commendable," said McColley. "She has made the people of Van

Wert very proud and represented the community well. I look forward to seeing where her talents and hard-work lead her in the years to come."

Clay earned her title at the state track-and-field meet at Ohio State earlier this year, setting both a personal record and school record with a mark of 145 feet, 8 inches.

innovations and technology for agricultural production and long-term, sustainable rural development... improve food safety... [and] encourage the production, export, and use of domestically produced agricultural products."

The Task Force report to the President was released in January 2018, and it recognized that "on the biotechnology front, better coordination of the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, and Food and Drug Administration regulations on genetic modification of crops and livestock is needed to reduce barriers to commercialization of safe, beneficial and improved genetically engineered entities. Our regulatory system must protect public health, welfare, safety, and our environment while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation." The Task Force recommended that the Federal Government "continue efforts to modernize the federal regulatory system for biotechnology products," including specific recommendations to:

1. Speed the safe commercialization of novel biotechnology products
2. Improve navigability of the regulatory system for small and mid-sized innovators,
3. Promote understanding of how a risk- and science-based regulatory approach effectively protects consumers, and
4. Remove unjustified trade barriers and expand markets for American products.

### SECRETARY PERDUE ANNOUNCES NEW DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE SIGNUP BEGINS JUNE 17

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2019 — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that signup began June 17 for the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, the cornerstone program of the dairy safety net that helps dairy producers manage the volatility of milk and feed prices, operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The 2018 Farm Bill allowed USDA to construct the new DMC, which replaces the Margin Protection Program

for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). This new program offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

"In February I committed to opening signup of the new Dairy Margin Coverage program by June 17, I am proud to say that our FSA staff worked hard to meet that challenge as one of the Department's top Farm Bill implementation priorities since President Trump signed it last December," said Secretary Perdue. "With an environment of low milk prices, high economic stress, and a new safety net program with higher coverage levels and lower premiums, it is the right time for dairy producers to seriously consider enrolling when signup opens. For many smaller dairies, the choice is probably a no-brainer as the retroactive coverage through January has already assured them that the 2019 payments will exceed the required premiums."

The program provides coverage retroactive to January 1, 2019, with applicable payments following soon after enrollment. At the time of signup, dairy producers can choose between the \$4.00 to \$9.50 coverage levels.

The Farm Bill also allows producers who participated in MPP-Dairy from 2014-2017 to receive a repayment or credit for part of the premiums paid into the program. FSA has been providing premium reimbursements to producers since last month and those that elect the 75 percent credit option will now have that credit applied toward 2019 DMC premiums.

The Department has built in a 50 percent blend of premium and supreme alfalfa hay prices with the alfalfa hay price used under the prior dairy program to provide a total feed cost that more closely aligns with hay rations used by many producers. At a milk margin minus feed cost of \$9.50 or less, payments are possible. With the 50 percent hay blend, FSA's revised April 2019 income over feed cost margin is \$8.82 per hundredweight (cwt). The revised margins for January, February and March are, respectively, \$7.71, \$7.91 and \$8.66 — triggering DMC payments for each month.



### ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Antwerp Police reported their events of the last two weeks starting on May 29.

On May 29, a suspicious vehicle was reported at the 200 block of Buffalo St. The vehicle was found to be a worker from Dilly Door working at a residence.

On May 29, a vehicle struck a utility pole on Canal St at the "S" curve just east of Erie St. The driver admitted to texting and driving. The accident was investigated and the driver was cited.

On May 31, the police department was contacted in reference to someone possibly trying to sell drugs at a local business. The case is under investigation.

On June 3, the Maumee Police department was assisted by the Antwerp PD with getting records checks on 12 different individuals.

On June 3, a vehicle was stopped on West River St. near the Pit Stop Gas station. The driver, having a warrant for his arrest, fled from officers on foot west to the Maumee River. The Paulding County Sheriff's Office assisted in the search for the suspect, along with the West Bend News for drone service. The suspect was later apprehended in the Village of Paulding by the Paulding Police Department.

On June 3, two individuals used a stolen credit card at the Garcha (old Country Times) Supermarket and one of the individuals forged the signature to purchase items. The case was investigated and warrants were issued for both individuals. Both suspects were apprehended and charged.

On June 4, an investigation occurred about a 3 week old baby being the victim of an assault. An adult male was arrested and charged.

On June 4, a vehicle was reported driving recklessly through the Park Avenue Villas. The driver was located at home and denied driving recklessly.

On June 6, a female resident was arrested on a warrant from Defiance County.

On June 7, a vehicle had pulled off of South Main St onto the railroad tracks and drove eastbound until it was

stuck. The case was investigated and the driver was cited for OVI. The vehicle was removed from the tracks.

On June 7, a dirt bike was reported stolen from D&L Properties. The case was investigated and the motorcycle was located and the suspect was charged.

On June 8, a motor vehicle accident occurred at Main and River St. A juvenile backed into another vehicle.

On June 8, the Antwerp Police assisted in the escort of the Antwerp baseball team parade taking place on their arrival.

## ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS MEET THE DOG WARDEN!



The summer kids at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool got to meet our Paulding County dog warden! Deputy Skylar Maassel brought along his puppy, Brutus, and

we got to hear all about his job AND play with his pup! Shown here with Officer Maassel and Brutus is Levi Athy, Isaac Miller, Jeremiah Sajuan, Henry Clark, Levi

Fisk and Damien Selzer. We have openings! Call 419-399-5437 and see how you can sign your child up for a summer full of fun and learning!

producers who commercially produce and market cows' milk.

Eligible dairy operations must have a production history determined by FSA. For most operations, production history is based on the highest milk production in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Newer dairy operations have other options for determining production history. Producers may contact their local FSA office to get their verified production history.

Dairy producers also are reminded that 2018 Farm Bill provisions allow for dairy operation to participate in both FSA's DMC program and the Risk Management Agency's Livestock Gross Margin (LGM-Dairy) program. There are also no restrictions from participating in DMC in conjunction with any other RMA insurance products.

On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law the 2018 Farm Bill, which provides support, certainty and stability to our nation's farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation. FSA is committed to implementing these changes as quickly and effectively as possible, and today's updates are part of meeting that goal.

For more information, visit farmers.gov DMC webpage or contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

administrative fees. Producers have the choice to lock in coverage levels until 2023 and receive a 25-percent discount on their DMC premiums.

To assist producers in making coverage elections, USDA partnered with the University of Wisconsin to develop a DMC decision support tool, which can be used to evaluate various scenarios using different coverage levels through DMC.

More Information All dairy operations in the United States are eligible for the DMC program. An operation can be run either by a single producer or multiple

producers who commercially produce and market cows' milk.

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## PAULDING SUMMER BLAST

Paulding, OH: Let's dive into the fun of what's to come at this year's Paulding Summer Blast on Friday, July 19th! The name was changed to Paulding Summer Blast from John Paulding Days to target the event to the entire county, and to give the celebration a fresh face. We see more and more collaboration in Paulding County through efforts of different organizations. The committee felt it beneficial to really open Paulding Summer Blast to the entire county to enjoy, after all we're stronger together! Every village mayor that is able will be in the parade and honored this year, and many organizations from around the county are being urged to participate. The parade will start at 6:30 PM and parade line-up will begin at 4:00 PM. To register for the parade visit the Paulding Chamber website at www.pauldingchamber.com. This year Vietnam War veterans will be honored as the Grand Marshalls of the parade. If you or someone you know is a Vietnam veteran please contact the Paulding Chamber at 419-399-5215 or by email at pauldingchamber@gmail.com and they will gather information such as time served, branch of military, and special honors. The First Presbyterian Church graciously provides a meal for all veterans after the parade.

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# 2019 PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR JUDGING



A birdseye view of the Paulding County Fair Parade 2019!

**BEEF CATTLE:**

**Beef Feeder:**

1st Haleigh Stoller; Wayne Trace FFA Chapter  
 2nd Haleigh Stoller, Wayne Trace FFA Chapter  
 1st Jared Sukup, Grand Champion Beef Feeder; Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 2nd Joshua Sukup, Reserve Champion Beef Feeder; Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 2nd Alicia Maag, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club  
 1st Cheyenne Brimmer, Livewires 4-H Club  
 Emma Elkins, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club  
 Emma Elkins, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Market Steer:**

1st Morgan Hefner, Grand Champion, 5H 4-H Saddle Club  
 1st Jared Sukup, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 2nd Joshua Sukup, Reserve Champion, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 2nd Hannah Molitor, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Kadence Thomas, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club  
 Brooke Molitor, Blue, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Eli Molitor, Blue, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Tianna Cooper, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Showmanship:**

1st Cheyenne Brimmer, Livewires 4-H Club

**Champion of Champion Showmanship:**

2nd Jared Sukup, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club

1st Morgan Hefner, Champion of Champion Beef Showmanship, 5H 4-H Saddle Club  
 Joshua Sukup, Blue, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Eli Molitor, Blue, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club

**Jr. Showmanship:**

1st Rachele Maag, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club  
 2nd Emma Elkins, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club  
 Kadence Thomas, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Sr. Showmanship:**

1st Morgan Hefner, Champion of Champion Beef Showmanship, 5H 4-H Saddle Club  
 2nd Morgan Hefner, Champion of Champion Beef Showmanship, 5H 4-H Saddle Club  
 2nd Hannah Molitor, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Haleigh Stoller, Blue, Wayne Trace FFA Chapter  
 Brooke Molitor, Blue, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club  
 Tianna Cooper, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**CLOTHING:**

**Beginning / 409: Sew Fun:**  
 Anabelle Saylor, State Fair Alternate, Countryside Kids 4-H Club  
 1st Columbia Dempsey, Blue, 1st Place Beginning Clothing Project, State Fair Delegate, Payne 4-H Fun Club

**Intermediate / 418: Loungewear:**

1st Kahlea Shook, Blue, Outstanding Clothing Award, State Fair Delegate, Modern Miss & Mister 4-H Club

**Intermediate / 424: Clothing for Middle School:**

1st Brooke Molitor, Blue, 1st Place Intermediate Clothing Project, State Fair Delegate, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club

**CONSERVATION, SCIENCE, & ENGINEERING:**

**Not Just Knots:**

Alex Zijlstra, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Doe-C-Doe 4-H Club

1st Kaden Clark, Blue, 2nd Place Conservation Project, State Fair Delegate, Countryside Kids 4-H Club

Joe Estle, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Explore the Outdoors:**

1st Max Fohner, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

Jordan Hale, Blue, Livewires 4-H Club

**Ohio Birds:**

1st Jonathan Reinhard, 1st Place Conservation Project, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Seth Rosswurm, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Trapping Muskrats in Ohio:**

1st Sam Mast, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Creative Writing / 588: The Writer in You:**

1st Faith Meraz, Blue, 1st Place Writing Project, Livewires 4-H Club

**Electricity / 527: Magic of Electricity, Level 1:**

Lathan Schneider, Blue, 2nd Place Electricity Project, State Fair Alternate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club  
 Therin Coyne, Blue, Blue

Ribbon Workers 4-H Club  
 Charlie Fohner, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club  
 1st Trenton Manz, Blue, 1st Place Electricity Project, State Fair Delegate, Happy Bunch 4-H Club

**Electricity / 531: Science Fun with Electricity:**

1st Madelyn O'Donnell, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Modern Miss & Mister 4-H Club

**Fishing / 623: Outdoor Adventurer Beginning Fishing:**

1st Cole Manz, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Fishing / 623: Outdoor Adventurer Beginning Fishing:**

Noah Schlatter, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Jaxon Cook, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

William Krynock, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

Owen Workman, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

**Fishing / 624: Outdoor Adventurer Intermediate Fishing:**

Riley Manz, Blue, 2nd Place Fishing Project, State Fair Alternate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

1st Mason Schlatter, Blue, 1st Place Fishing Project, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Photography / 584: Focus of Photography, Level 1:**

1st Claudia Sinn, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Caleb Cox, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Campground Kids 4-H Club

Jaxon Cook, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

Tim Keyser, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Marlee Eastman, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

**Photography / 585: Controlling the Image, Level 2:**

Hayleigh Jewell, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Modern Miss & Mister 4-H Club

1st Mariah Klopfenstein, Blue, 2nd Place Photography Project, State Fair Delegate, Countryside Kids 4-H Club

**Photography / 589M: Photography Master:**

1st Madison Coyne, Blue, 1st Place Photography Project, State Fair Delegate, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 493: Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry:**

1st Jada Gross, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Payne 4-H Fun Club

Eli Treece, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Modern Miss & Mister 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 500: Science Fun with Physics:**

1st Vivienne Myers, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

Aiden Miller, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 501: Rockets Away (2-liter Bottles):**

1st Isaiah Koenig, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 507: Robotics 1 with EV3:**

1st Samuel Brown, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Happy Bunch 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 508: Robotics 2 EV3N More:**

1st Jeremiah Koenig, Blue, 2nd Place Science and Technology Project, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Fredrick Hoagland, Blue, Livewires 4-H Club

Joshua LeMieux, Blue, State Fair Alternate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Science and Technology / 512M: Robotics Master:**

1st Xander Kohart, Blue, 1st Place Science and Technology Project, State Fair Delegate, 5H 4-H Saddle Club

**Science and Technology / 550: Young Engineers in Solar Energy:**

1st Jordan Hale, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Livewires 4-H Club

**Small Engines / 541: Crank It Up, Level 1:**

1st Cameron Cox, Blue, 1st Place Small Engines Project, Campground Kids 4-H Club

**Tractor and Machinery Operations / 551: Starting Up Getting to Know Your Tractor, Level A:**

1st Sam Mast, Blue, 1st Place Tractor Project, State Fair Delegate, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Tractor and Machinery Operations / 552: Tractor Operations Gearing Up for Safety, Level B:**

1st Bryce Rosswurm, Blue, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

**Woodworking / 556: Measuring Up, Level 1:**

Kailyn Karhoff, Blue, Countryside Kids 4-H Club

Brenan Miller, Blue, John and Bernadine Rogers Memorial Woodworking Award, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

1st Damon Rosswurm, Blue, 2nd Place Woodworking Project, State Fair Delegate, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Emma Lyons, Blue, Countryside Kids 4-H Club

**Woodworking / 559: Finishing Up, Level 4:**

1st Therin Coyne, Blue, 1st Place Woodworking Project, State Fair Delegate, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

**DAIRY BEEF CATTLE: Dairy Beef Feeder:**

Samantha Wagner, Blue, Campground Kids 4-H Club

Caleb McClure, Blue, Livewires 4-H Club

Amos Sinn, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

1st Riley Noffsinger, Blue, Paulding FFA Chapter

1st Laura Thornell, Blue, Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder, Campground Kids 4-H Club

2nd Laura Thornell, Blue, Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder, Campground Kids 4-H Club

Crystal Klopfenstein, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

2nd Laura Thornell, Blue, Campground Kids 4-H Club

2nd Trent Thornell, Blue, Campground Kids 4-H Club

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Amos Sinn, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Ezra Sinn, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Ezra Sinn, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

1st Mason Schlatter, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

1st Mason Schlatter, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Brian Couto, Jr., Blue,

Country Clickers  
 Lilly Halsey, Blue, Country Clickers

2nd Allison Carnahan, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

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Emma McCray, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

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Misti Klopfenstein, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

2nd Misti Klopfenstein, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

Michael Couto, Blue, Country Clickers

Matthew Bail, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

1st Sarah Antoine, Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder, Country Clickers

Colton Howell, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

Myla Mitchell, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Logan Gerschutz, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

2nd Braden Miller, Blue, 5H 4-H Saddle Club

Logan Gerschutz, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Nicole Gerschutz, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Mackenzie Leatherman, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Mackenzie Leatherman, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Hopeful Rose, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Hopeful Rose, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

2nd Kaitlyn Doster, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

1st Kaitlyn Doster, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

Alex Doster, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

Alex Doster, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

**Dairy Steer / Dairy Market Steer:**

2nd Courtney Luderman, Reserve Champion Dairy Steer, Paulding FFA Chapter

1st Tianna Cooper, Grand Champion Dairy Steer, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

Mackenzie Leatherman, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Beginning Showmanship:**

1st Sarah Antoine, Beginner Dairy Beef Showmanship, Country Clickers

Caleb McClure, Blue, Livewires 4-H Club

2nd Wagner, Samantha, Campground Kids 4-H Club

Shannon Hale, Blue, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

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**Champion of Champion Showmanship:**

1st Jacob Klopfenstein, Champion of Champion Dairy Beef Showmanship,

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Misti Klopfenstein, Blue, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

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1st Mason Schlatter, Junior Dairy Beef Showmanship, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

2nd Amos Sinn, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club  
Trent Thornell, Blue, Campground Kids 4-H Club  
Hopeful Rose, Blue, Brown Betty & Buster Browns 4-H Club

**Sr. Showmanship:**  
1st Crystal Klopfenstein, Champion of Champion Dairy Beef Showmanship, Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club

2nd Laura Thornell, Campground Kids 4-H Club  
Courtney Luderman, Blue, Paulding FFA Chapter  
Kaitlyn Doster, Blue, Blue Ribbon Workers 4-H Club

**Jr. Dairy Breeding / Intermediate Heifer Calf:**

1st Alexandria Ade, Grand Champion Dairy Animal, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

**Beginning Showmanship:**  
1st Alexandria Ade, Beginner Dairy Showmanship, Flatrock Jr. Farmers 4-H Club

**DOGS:**  
**Obedience / Beginner Novice A:**

1st Campbell Volk, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County  
2nd Hannah Trausch, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Obedience / Beginner Novice B:**

1st Caleb McClure, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Obedience / Novice A:**  
1st Christina Graham, Top Obedience Award, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Obedience / Pre-Novice:**  
2nd Elizabeth Graham, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

1st Christina Graham, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Rally / Rally Novice A:**

1st Campbell Volk, Top Rally Rally, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County  
2nd Hannah Trausch, Blue, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

Isaiah Koenig, Blue, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Rally / Rally Novice B:**  
1st Elizabeth Graham, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Showmanship Intermediate A (12-14 years old):**

1st Hannah Trausch, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Showmanship Intermediate B:**

1st Ella Gorrell, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Showmanship Junior A (8-11 years old):**

2nd Isaiah Koenig, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

1st Campbell Volk, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Showmanship Junior B:**  
2nd Caleb McClure, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

1st Elizabeth Graham, Top Showmanship Award, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**Showmanship Senior B:**  
1st Christina Graham, Paws on the Walls 4-H Club of Paulding County

**BULLDOGS WIN NWC BACHMAN AWARD**

**COLUMBUS GROVE -** The Northwest Conference announced the winner of the Don Bachman Award of Excellence last week as the Columbus Grove Bulldogs captured the 2018-2019 version.

The award, which recognizes the school in the conference that exhibits the highest level of consistent excellence in conference-sponsored sports and scholastic bowl competition each school year, was named after Don Bachman, who served as the NWC commissioner/secretary for over 30 years.

Columbus Grove won outright league championships in boys cross country, girls cross country, boys track and girls track while sharing league crowns in volleyball, boys basketball and girls basketball.

The Bulldogs won the title with 87-1/2 points to get past second place Bluffton's 80 points. Crestview (67-1/2), Paulding (63-1/2), Lincolnview (62-1/2), Spencerville (61), Allen East (59-1/2) and Ada (43) rounded out the list of schools.

Other league championships included Ada (academic team), Allen East (wrestling), Bluffton (boys soccer, girls basketball, softball), Crestview (volleyball, boys basketball), Paulding (baseball) and Spencerville (boys golf, football, girls soccer).

**BANDITS WIN STREAK REACHES 3**

Bandits finish off this short 2 day road trip with a 8 to 3 win over Sidney Legion. The game was halted in the top of the 9th due to Thunder/Lightening and then eventually rain.

Another strong pitching performance from 4 bandit pitchers sets the tone.

Napoleon - 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 4=8; 10H, 1E

Sidney - 0 0 2 0 0 0 1=3; 4H, 3E

**OHSAA SETS VOLLEYBALL DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**COLUMBUS -** The Ohio High School Athletic Association released the 2019 divisional assignments for high school volleyball last week as area high schools found out their classifications.

Ten schools from Division IV will be from the Northwest Conference and Green Meadows Conference.

Northwest Conference members assigned to Division IV included Ada, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Crestview and Lincolnview.

From the Green Meadows Conference, teams in Division IV are Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton, Holgate and Wayne Trace.

The remaining seven schools will be in Division III for volleyball.

Allen East, Delphos Jefferson, Paulding and Spencerville will take part from the NWC while Fairview, Hicksville and Tinora from the GMC will be in Division III.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS RELEASED BY OHSAA**

**COLUMBUS -** Although it is summer on the calendar, the Ohio High School Athletic Association is preparing for the upcoming high school athletic season and took another step towards that last week by releasing the girls basketball divisional assignments.

As is the case most years, local teams and all of the Green Meadows and Northwest Conference teams are found in Division III and Division IV.

Ada, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Crestview and Lincolnview all are in Division IV this coming season.

From the GMC, Division IV will be home for Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton, Holgate and Wayne Trace.

Paulding will be a part of the Division III tournament during the upcoming season along with Allen East, Delphos Jefferson and Spencerville from the NWC.

Fairview, Hicksville and Tinora also will take part in Division III from the Green Meadows Conference.

**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of Northwest State Community College will hold their next regular meeting on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in Room C200 at the Archbold campus.

**EMA DEMONSTRATES SAFE ROOM AT COUNTY FAIR**



Don Johnson, former Auglaize Fire Chief, demonstrates the roominess of the Safe Room while still being able to reach the safety hatch.

Ed Bohn of the Paulding County EMA was able to get a real storm shelter in time to demonstrate for the Paulding County Fair. Tornadoes have struck close in Dayton and Celina, doing heavy damage. This area is has had notorious storms in the last few years and there is no reason to take a chance with lives when these portable facilities are available.

Simply put, they are a tank that you bury in the ground that has a ladder to climb in and out and then has a lid that can be locked from the inside until the dangerous storms have passed. This is not necessarily for people that have basements or other safe havens, but specifically for people who need it on their property when they don't have time to go to other places.

The model pictured is made in Ohio and is made of a heavy plastic polymer that is buried in the ground. It is water tight and can hold up to six adults safely. This unit has a fresh air vent where water cannot enter. It's also designed for a 2 hour occupancy of up to 6 people. The EMA is not selling these, but they are promoting the concept to save lives during natural disasters.

There are also rebates provided by Ohio that take place between January and March. Though, if the shelter is purchased outside of these months, the rebate can still be claimed the next year within these months.

For more information of these types of safety shelters, contact Ed Bohn at 419-399-3500

**PAULDING COUNTY NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you are wondering what is going on in Paulding County, there is a new Facebook page to find out. Check out "Visit Paulding County Ohio" to get a list of events and if you have an event to promote you can fill out the Google form or email pco-ohioinfo@gmail.com to have the event listed. The purpose of this Facebook page is to keep county residents informed of events in our area. Check it out and like our Facebook page to follow.



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# ARCHERS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE AT FAIR

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During the Paulding County Fair, Antwerp Local School Treasurer Kristine Stuart and Superintendent Martin Miller visited some participating Archer students, including Brooke, Hannah, and Eli Molitor (who showed their steers).

## OHSSA RELEASES FOOTBALL REGION ASSIGNMENTS

COLUMBUS - Local high school football teams were notified of their placement for the upcoming 2019 season and which teams they will battle for playoff berths in their respective divisions and regions.

In Division VII, Region 26 will host half of the Green Meadows Conference schools Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton and Holgate all finding themselves in the region.

Crestview is the lone representative out of the Northwest Conference in Region 26.

Most of the rest of the schools from the GMC and NWC are in Division VI, Region 23.

Ada, Allen East, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Delphos Jefferson and Spencerville all are in Region 23 from the Northwest Conference.

Four Green Meadows Conference schools also are in Region 23 in Fairview, Hicksville, Tinora and Wayne Trace.

Paulding is in Division V, Region 18.

## RAIDERS BUMPED TO D-III

COLUMBUS - Boys basketball teams in Paulding County found out their divisional assignments last week with one of the three county

squads changing divisions.

Wayne Trace returns to Division III for the 2020 tournament season while Fairview and Tinora of the Green Meadows Conference are also in Division III.

Allen East, Bluffton, Delphos Jefferson and Paulding are in Division III from the Northwest Conference.

Antwerp will stay in Division IV along with fellow Green Meadows Conference members Ayersville, Edgerton, Hicksville and Holgate.

Northwest Conference members playing in Division IV include Ada, Columbus Grove, Crestview, Lincolnview and Spencerville.

## TINORA'S GIESIGE SELECTED TOPS IN GMC

DEFIANCE - After helping to lead his team to a co-Green Meadows Conference championship, Tinora junior Spencer Giesige was voted the Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year as conference coaches voted on the all-league teams recently.

Both Tinora and Antwerp wrapped up league play with identical records of 6-0 to tie for the league crown as the two schools were unable to meet on the diamond.

Joining Giesige on the first team were Fairview senior Hunter Bostater, Hicksville senior Parker Thiel, Antwerp sophomore Austin Lichty, Hicksville senior Zac Brickell, Antwerp senior Keaton Altimus, Tinora senior Tye Norden, Fairview junior Ri-

ley Lucas, Antwerp freshman Luke Krouse and Edgerton senior Braydon Cape.

Picking up second team all-GMC honors were Wayne Trace senior Braden Zuber, Ayersville junior Nathan Vold, Wayne Trace senior Haydn Gillett, Tinora senior Trey Hurtt, Fairview sophomore Caleb Frank, Fairview junior Cade Polter, Wayne Trace senior Grant Bauble, Tinora senior Jonah Jimenez, Wayne Trace senior Korbin Slade and Edgerton senior Clayton Flegal.

Players garnering honorable mention included Antwerp junior Jacob Savina, Ayersville sophomore Caden Craft, Edgerton junior Nolan Swank, Fairview senior Hunter Fritch, Hicksville junior Braden Langham, Holgate sophomore Branden Hohenberger, Tinora senior Collin Derrow and Wayne Trace junior Reid Miller.

## EPIC COLLAPSE CAUSES BANDIT LOSS IN GAME 1

On June 15th, leading 7 to 3 entering the top of the 7th, the Bandit pitching staff implodes giving up 8 runs in a 11 to 7 loss to Stevensville in game 1 of the DH.

Losing pitcher - Brandon Shafer

Score by the Innings:  
Stevensville - 0 0 1 0 2 0  
8=11; 11H, 1E  
Napoleon - 1 1 5 0 0 0=7;  
13H, 2E

## BANDITS PICK UP A WIN IN GAME 2

On June 15th, Napoleon bounces back in game 2 with an outstanding pitching performance from Caleb Frank.

Score by the Innings:  
Stevensville - 0 0 0 0 0 0  
2=2; 3H, 6E  
Napoleon - 0 5 3 0 0 0 X=8;  
8H, 0E

## BANDITS SPLIT DAY 2 OF STEVENSVILLE SERIES

Game 1:  
Score by the Innings:  
Stevensville - 0 0 0 1 0 0 1  
2=4; 4H, 2E  
Napoleon - 1 0 0 1 0 0 0  
0=2; 6H, 1E

Game 2:  
Score by the Innings:  
Stevensville - 4 0 0 1 0 0  
0=5; 8H, 1E

Napoleon - 2 3 0 5 0 0  
X=10; 10H, 1E

Once the parade has ended the fun continues downtown with lots of inflatables and fun games at Kiwanis' Kids Zone. Kiwanis members will be there to ensure your child's safety on and off the inflatables. These aren't just bounce houses, these inflatables are sure to be a fun time for kids of all ages! Near Kiwanis Kids Zone will be Touch-a-Truck featuring 5+ different pieces of equipment to explore including a firetruck, EMS truck, tractor, and more for kids and even adults of all ages to explore and learn more about.

Paulding Ace Hardware is putting together a corn hole tournament for the evening for a chance to win cash prizes and other great awards! To register just stop by Paulding Ace and get signed up.

Don't go home and eat, you'll lose that great parking spot! Stick around until the fireworks and get a lot of good food from food trucks and local non-profits! Enjoy food such as curly fries by the Antwerp Conservation Club, a refreshing lemon-shake-up from the Thirsty Diner, a tasty burrito from Smokin B's, or an ice cream cone from Eric's Ice Cream, and more! Paulding Summer Blast is looking for more food vendors because the more food the better! If you/your organization is interested in being a food vendor contact Shaun Matakato at 567-344-0517.

Let's end Paulding Summer Blast with a bang and enjoy the Paulding County Area Foundation Fireworks set to go off around 10:00 PM behind the Paulding County Carnegie Library. The Paulding County Area Foundation fully funded the fireworks display this year and what a great way to get together as a community to wrap up a great night with friends and family!

Paulding Summer Blast can grow, it can thrive, and it can expand to something bigger with your participation and willingness to come together as a community to just have a good time! Bring the kids and grandkids downtown to have a blast from beginning to end, so when they grow up they'll have the memories we all did of John Paulding Days. They'll have loads of fun and remember it for years to come, it'll simply just have another name to them, Paulding Summer Blast.

## NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP RECOGNITION DAY

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) Recognition Day is an annual event where students, teachers/tutors and volunteers from around the world are recognized and celebrated. This year's Recognition Day was on June 15, 2019. NHEG announced that some volunteers earned special achievements because they've gone above and beyond what anyone would expect of them. Pamela Clark, Executive Director, stated that NHEG and the community are fortunate to have such caring people volunteering from all over the world. These individuals work very hard to expand on our mission of providing

## DESK VIEW



By: Katie Oberlin

HOBLY stands for Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership. HOBLY Ohio West, which took place June 6-9 at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, is a conference for the leaders of the region. Students who attended have just finished their sophomore year and have been chosen to attend by either a school staff member, a top essay, or their own will. This four-day leadership conference offered all individuals a chance to openly express emotion, joy, or pain; discuss community and world issues and their possible solutions with a group of students closest geographically; view the perspectives of others and represent their own; and create friendships and memories through both intense laughter and meaningful tears.

Over 200 students attended HOBLY, where they went through workshops involving teamwork, careers, and self-reflection. They heard many speakers, including the world champion power-lifter Rick Metzger, critical issues summit organizer Jordan Edelheit, and adolescent educator and inspirer Tony Thompson. Students also asked many questions to four diversity panelists. On Saturday, every student participated in 1 of 21 service projects in Ada and the surrounding areas, including landscaping work for public buildings,

cleaning at multiple crisis centers, and sorting through canned food for food pantries.

HOBLY allowed these teens to stay in the dorms, eat at the university cafeteria, and experience life on a college campus. This conference offered so much to everyone, including the junior and senior facilitators leading the students. The leadership here holds great value; offering these students ways to strengthen their leadership skills is what ensures that these kids will become great leaders of tomorrow. HOBLY meant something different to each person. It changed them uniquely, offered individual realizations, lit up personal drive. Mainly, it is about what is done with the inspiration acquired.

This impactful conference ended on Sunday afternoon, overlapping with another very significant event, the Paulding County Jr. Fair. Although the fair includes a less vast area of people in comparison to HOBLY, it involves and requires much of Paulding County to function. Many students in the area participated through 4-H or FFA. Whether it be completing still projects such as sewing or wood-working or raising livestock, the youth used this week to present what they have learned and accomplished over the past months.

Antwerp was specifically represented by the members of the 4-H clubs Doe-C-Doe and Modern Miss and Mister. The community showed their support for this event by giving donations for trophies, purchasing animals in the livestock sale, sponsoring the fair, and coming to view the exhibitions. Even in rainy weather, everyone made the best of their fair week, gained some knowledge, and created lasting memories in a unique environment.

a fair and equal education to all those who are willing to work for it. We wish there was space to share everyone's name; a complete list can be seen on the following page: <https://www.NewHeightsEducation.org/who-we-are/NHEG-team/>

This year we are recognizing the following volunteers:

- Sapna Shukla - HR Coordinator of the Year
- Khrista-Cheryl Cendana - Researcher of the Year
- Khrista-Cheryl Cendana - Article Writer of the Year
- Daniela Silva - Exceptional Writer of the Year
- Leah Sedy - Foreign Language Instructor of the Year
- Sheila Wright - Tutor of the Year
- Marina Klimi - Publications Production Manager of the Year
- Marina Klimi - Social Media Banner Creator
- Marina Klimi - Advertisement Creator
- Tyler Maxey-Billings - Graphics Arts Assistant of

the Year

- Janene Kling - Advertisement Creator of the Year
- Rachel Fay - Cartoonist of the Year
- Khrista-Cheryl Cendana - Photographer of the Year
- Frani Wyner - Exceptional Photographer Award for Scenic, Variety and Special Project Photos
- Michelle Shockey - Excellency Award for Landscaping and Composition Photos
- Larissa Murray - Excellency Award for Composition and Variety Photos
- Janene Kling - Excellency Award for People and Special Projects Photos
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"LafargeHolcim is proud to support these Ohio students and their academic pursuits," said

Gentoso, CEO, US Cement. "STEM education plays an integral role in US competitiveness and the country's future economic prosperity and the Megawatt Scholarship is a great opportunity for us to invest in the next generation of leaders."

This year's recipients include:

- Austin Chirgwin, Antwerp High School, Biomedical Engineering, IUPUI (Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis)

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- Madison Coyne, Wayne Trace High School, Aerospace Engineering, University of Cincinnati

- Reece Thompson, Wayne Trace High School, Computer Engineering, University of Cincinnati

Three Megawatt Scholarships, one for each turbine being built at the Paulding Plant, are awarded to local high school graduates in Paulding pursuing two-year or four-year STEM degrees. Additionally, names of the scholarship recipients will be permanently placed on the tower base of the wind turbines, in recognition of the students' hard work and achievement.

Construction of three wind turbines at the Paulding Plant began in December 2018, in line with the company's commitment to finding alternative sources of clean

energy that lower environmental impact. Once completed, the turbines will supply energy to the plant with any excess going to the surrounding community. They are expected to generate more than 12 million kWh annually, which could eliminate the equivalent of more than 9,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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### USDA HELPS FARMERS, BUSINESSES & AG PRODUCERS CUT ENERGY COSTS

Acting Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Joel Baxley announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is awarding 58 grants for projects in 17 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (PDF, 146 KB) to reduce energy costs for farmers, ag producers and rural-based businesses and institutions.

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"Lowering energy costs helps businesses improve their bottom line and create jobs," Baxley said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is committed to increasing economic development in rural communities across the country through strong partnerships with rural businesses."

USDA is providing the grants through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Congress appropriated \$50 million for REAP grants and loan guarantees in fiscal year 2019. Under today's announcement, USDA is investing \$1 million in renewable energy projects. USDA will make additional funding announcements in coming weeks.

Recipients can use REAP funding for energy audits and renewable energy systems such as biomass, geothermal, hydropower and solar. They also can be used to make energy efficiency improvements to heating, ventilation and cooling systems; insulation; and lighting and refrigeration, for example.

Here are examples of how some of the recipients will use their grants:

In Utah, Kent Kelly & Associates LC will use a \$19,920 grant to replace three refrigeration unit compressors and computer controls with more energy-efficient models. This project is expected to save the company \$3,467 per year and lower consumption by 53,280 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year. The company leases retail space to a grocery store in Brigham City, Utah.

Treat's Squire Shop in Plymouth, Ind., is receiving a \$1,500 grant to install LED lighting throughout the building. The firm sells men's clothing and bridal attire. This project will lower energy costs by \$4,081 and reduce energy use by 54,911 kWh (76 percent) per year, which is enough electricity to power five homes.

The University of Oregon will use a \$100,000 grant to help rural agritourism operations and small businesses implement renewable energy systems. Working under a contract with the nonprofit Spark Northwest, the university will help install solar photovoltaic, wind, small hydro, biodigester and solar

## WOODBURN LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



The Woodburn Lions Club held its annual installation of officers on the evening of Monday June 10th at the Woodburn Community Center. The installation proceedings were preceded by dinner provided by Grant's Catering of Antwerp. Lion Shane Mumma was sworn in as new President, Lion Monna Gerig as First Vice president, Lion Dan Stauffer (not pictured) as Second Vice President, Lion Fritz Meyer as Secretary, Lion Denny Miesle as Treasurer, Lion Genie Bishop as Tail Twister, Lion Don Jordan as

Lion Tamer, Lions Lynn Fish and Bob Duchine as One Year Directors and Lions Dick Hall and Harold Gerig as Two Year Directors. Pictured from left to right are Shane Mumma, Monna Gerig, Fritz Meyer, Denny Miesle, Genie Bishop, Lynn Fish, Bob Duchine, Dick Hall and Harold Gerig. Speaking is Don Jordan.

The Lion of the Year Award was presented by outgoing President Harold Gerig to Lion Shane Mumma for his work "above and beyond" the call of duty during the past year.

thermal renewable energy systems. Overall, this project will help approximately 40 rural businesses, primarily in the ag sector, reduce their monthly utility bills.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Supporting the rural workforce was a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

USDA Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs

in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

## READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### OHIO LOCATIONS

**Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Hometown Pantry, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living

**Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital

**Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

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

**Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Butt Hutt, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

**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

**Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center

**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store

**Ney:** Maramart

**Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General

**Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hard-

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**Payne:** Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza

**Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

**Scott:** Scott Post Office

**Van Wert:** Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market - Chief, Walmart

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**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General

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To the following persons: Erica Lea Emerick address unknown. Jacqueline S. Hyman has filed an application in the Court, asking to be appointed to administer decedent's estate. The hearing on the application will be held Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 2:00 o'clock PM in this court. The court is located at Courthouse - Second Floor - Room 202, 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding Ohio 45879.

You are one of the persons entitled to administer decedent's estate, and if you wish to be considered for appointment to do so you must apply to this Court. If you do not apply, it will be considered that you renounce your right to administer the estate. The Court may appoint any suitable and competent person to administer the estate, giving due weight to relative priority of right to do so. Even if you decline appoint yourself, if you know of any reason why the above applicant is not suitable or competent, you should appear and inform the court.

Erica Lea Emerick Probate Judge/Deputy Clerk

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

James R. Jewell, Grover Hill, OH; Menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Pay for stay at jail; Addition to rules of probation; Complete Thinking For A Change; Write a letter of apology; No contact with victim; Complete 20hrs of community service; Mental health evaluation; No alcohol
Marek J. Kapuscinski, Sarnia, ON; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Anthony D. Adkins, Payne, OH; Domestic violence; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court
Jacob S. Lockhart, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Preliminary waived; Bound over
Joshua Michael Vogel-song, Defiance, OH; Breaking and entering; Defendant

waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas; Sheriff fees added

Joshua Michael Vogel-song, Defiance, OH; Theft; Preliminary waived; Bound over

Joshua Michael Vogel-song, Defiance, OH; Falsification; Preliminary waived; Bound over

Tyler C. Smith, Defiance, OH; Felonious assault; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing in open court; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Susan M. Alden, Zionsville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rick A. Coleman, Bradner, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Richard V. DeFaut, University Height; OH; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert E. Clark, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David H. Makmoura, Hazel Park, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Angela J. Marshall, Van Wert, OH; Towing violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mary E. Saylor, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy L. Stokes Jr., Melrose, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim; Firearm shall be forfeited to the arresting agency

Timothy L. Stokes Jr., Melrose, OH; Criminal damages; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete 40hrs of community service; Work out restitution with court; Report to probation 7/10/19

Kellie Depew, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Debra K. Mesker, Oakwood, OH; OVI/breath (low); Guilty; May attend the DIP program in lieu of jail; Proof of insurance provided; ALS vacated; Pay or collection 3/27/20; Shall pay \$50.00 per month commencing 6/28/19; Restitution of \$2,891.35 to the victim; 87 jail days vacated

Debra K. Mesker, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Count B dismissed at the state's request

Jefrey M. Barnard, Hudson, NH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rocky D. Johnson, Muncie, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gabe I. Sinn, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Munib Duderija, Saint Louis, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy Sibert, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Braydon P. Hearne, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Count C dismissed at the state's request

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Endanger child; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Drug abuse; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Robet A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Open container; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Allison M. Gross, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Charge amended; Placed on standard probation; Released when conditions met; Have a mental health evaluation and complete counseling; Maintain general good behavior

Bennjamin L Barber, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driv; Dismis; Count B dismissed at State's request

Bennjamin L. Barber, Fort Wayne, IN; Marked lanes; Count C dismissed at state's request

Bennjamin L. Barber, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay or collection 7/31/20; Shall pay \$25.00 per month commencing 7/26/19

Bailey A. Dunlap, Fishers, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Bailey A. Dunlap, Fishers, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost; To maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Hicksville, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dakota J. Festian, Detroit, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Dakota J. Festian, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Tyler W. Fleming, Hicksville, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection 11/22/19; Show proof of insurance by 6/14/19 at 4:00 p.m.; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Work release granted ALS vacated; POC 9/25/19; Pay \$100 per mo commencing 7/26/19; Evaluation at Westwood 20hrs community service; Community Control Two; Release from pretrial services; Secure a valid driver's license; 170 jail days reserved

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; OVI/refusal; Count B dismissed at the state's request

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Child restraint; Count D dismissed at the state's request

Robert A. Vanscodor, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Count E dismissed at the state's request

Justin D. Sasser, New Haven, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Precious E. Francis, Etna Green, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy Sadzewicz, Van Wert, OH; R.R. Crossing; Guilty; Pay or collections 8/30/19

Bryant Adkins, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hunter J. Grimes, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Taylor R. Provines, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collections 5/29/20

Tonette L. Arnett, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kevin L. Underwood, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Issac L. Swary, Antwerp, OH; Failure to report an accident; At the state's request case dismissed; Costs waived; State advises case may be refiled

Issac L. Swary, Antwerp, OH; Expired plates; Case dismissed at the state's request; Costs waived; State advises case may be refiled

Cail R. Madorma, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

defendant
Katie L. Zelt, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP
6/13/19 Ladd Travis P to State Of Ohio; 14507 Rd 163 Defiance Oh 43512; 0.701 acres; Pt Nw Fri/4 Auglaize Twp S-30

BROWN TWP
6/7/19 Plotts Tony L Et Al to Plotts Toby; 620 Superior St; 0.1722 acres; Lot 57 O.p. Melrose Vill

6/10/19 Dobbelaere Andrea S to Meeks Veronica A; 8179 177 St Oakwood Oh 45873; 4.068 acres; Outlot 1 Pt Se1/4 Outlots S-29 Melrose Vill

6/7/19 Yates Teddy J Yates Valerie S to Yates Stephanie Sue; 211 Auglaize St; 0.1909 acres; Lot 9 Harmon Add Oakwood Vill

6/7/19 Yates Teddy J Yates Valerie S to Yates Stephanie Sue; Auglaize St; Lot 10 Outlots S-27 Oakwood Vill

6/11/19 Cox Lisa Marie to Cupp Justin L; 402 E Main St; 0.2 acres; Lot 101 O.p. Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP
6/13/19 Donat Kenneth L Donat Mary A to Donat Kenneth L Donat Mary A; 15676 Rd 7 45813; 78.201 acres; Nw1/4Se1/4 &Pt Sw1/4Ne1/4 Carryall Twp S-19

6/10/19 Six Mile Church to State Of Ohio; Rd 210; 0.25 Acres; Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Emerald Twp S-20

JACKSON TWP
6/13/19 Ankney Tony L to Ankney Kelly J; Rd 283; 54.725 acres; 1/2Ne1/4&E1/2Ne1/4 Nw1/4 Jackson Twp S-4

6/11/19 Maassel Michael J Maassel Tana E to Reel Joshua G & Reel Teresa A; 7520 Rd 117; 2.89 acres; Pt Nw1/4 S-32 Jackson Twp Wtdist

LATTY TWP
6/13/19 Dunham Byron J Dunham Jody L to Stoller Aaron D & Stoller Allyssa A; 4974 Us 127 Haviland Oh 45851; 1.196 acres; Pt Nw Cor

Nw1/4 Latty Twp S-18
6/13/19 Rice Bradley T to Adams Courtney Marie Etal; 305 E Perry St; 0.2 acres; Lot 5 S-24 Meyer Add Grover Hill Vill

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6/13/19 Rice Bradley T to Adams Courtney Marie Etal; E Perry St; 0.1273 acres; Lot 6 Less W 24 S-24 Meyer Add Grover Hill Vil

6/11/19 Porter Kathy J; 203 N Cleveland St; 0.2 acres; Lot 14 S-24 O.p. Grover Hill Vill

6/12/19 Schlatter Viola G Et Al to Gordon Connie K Etal; 8320 Rd 95 Paulding Oh 45879; 4.461 acres; N1/2Sw1/4 S-26 Pldg Wt

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (20) persons on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Bryan K. Lynch (2/27/92), Paulding County Jail; Failure to appear - F4

Brian A. Cutlip (2/21/83), Address unknown; Non support of dependants - F4 (four counts)

Gianna I. Gessman (12/15/98), Paulding County Jail; Assault - F5 (two counts)

Brandon M. Cooper (4/24/97), Address unknown; Theft - F4; Receiving stolen property - F5

Russell Gardner (9/19/58), Address unknown; Grand Theft - F4

Ronald L. Smith (9/7/82), Defiance, OH; Possession of methamphetamine - F3; Trafficking methamphetamine - F3; Tampering with evidence - F3

Kandy K. Hostettler (4/23/66), Address unknown; Possession of methamphetamine - F5

Cody A. Worman (11/17/90), Address unknown; Breaking & entering - F5

Nicollette L. Collins (5/5/90), Address unknown; Failure to appear - F4

Micah Joseph Bolter (11/6/96), Paulding, OH; Forgery - F5; Receiving stolen property - F5

Jimmie D. Keeler (9/28/61), Antwerp, OH; Vandalism - F5

Joshua M. Vogel-song (3/22/89), Breaking & entering - F5; Theft - F4

LEGAL NOTICE

2019 ASPHALT PAVING PAULDING COUNTY

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, until 10:30 A.M., D.S.T. on July 1, 2019

PROPOSAL: Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio. The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than October 5, 2019.

Engineer's Estimate = \$2,110,894.66

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

All materials shall conform to the 2016 revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

DOMESTIC STEEL USE REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 153.011 OF THE REVISED CODE APPLY TO THIS PROJECT. COPIES OF SECTION 153.011 OF THE REVISED CODE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

Prevailing Wage. Recipient shall comply, and shall require that all Contractors and subcontractors working on the Project comply, with the prevailing wage requirements contained in Sections 4115.03 to 4115.16 of the Revised Code.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners. Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked: PROPOSAL: "2019 ASPHALT PAVING PAULDING COUNTY" The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Cynthia Peters
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Paulding, Ohio, for the Village of Oakwood Street Improvements (CDBG) Critical Infrastructure until (10:00) a.m., local time, on (Wednesday, June 26, 2019), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. The project consists of reconstruction of part of Harmon Street, Second Street, Celina Street and misc., storm drainage. The opinion of the probable cost of construction is \$296,900.00. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than November 30, 2019. The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Owner and the Engineer for the project -- Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., (PDG), 101 Clinton Street, Suite 1300, Defiance, OH 43512. The documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone (419) 385-5303, www.pdglanroom.com for the cost of printing to be paid to the printing company at the time the documents are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions. Bidders must be on the official bidders list of PDG's Planroom in order to submit a bid. Bids must be submitted on the forms bound in the Bidding Document; must contain the names of every person or company interested therein; and shall be accompanied by either a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond with satisfactory corporate surety in the amount of 100% of the bid amount, or by a certified check or bank check on a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 10% of the maximum bid amount, subject to the

conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Maintenance and Guarantee bond in the amount of 100% of the bid. The Owner may waive the requirement that the Payment and Performance Bond bid. The Owner may waive the requirement that the Payment and Performance Bond be underwritten by a surety company and may authorize in lieu thereof, a personal bond backed by an irrevocable letter of credit from a local lending institution, utilizing the form provided, for the full value of the Contract. Bids shall be sealed and marked as -- Bid for the Village of Oakwood Street Improvement (CDBG) Critical Infrastructure -- and hand delivered or mailed to: PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 115 N. WILLIAMS STREET, #B-1 PAULDING, OHIO 45879 SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN to all of the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to the Federal Labor Standards Provisions and Davis Bacon Wages, various insurance requirements, various equal opportunity provisions, and the requirement for a payment and performance bond for 100% of the contract price. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the schedule closing time for the receipt of bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual opening thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive irregularities in any bid, and to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable to the County.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Paulding County, Ohio

# NSCC WELCOMES GUESTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



On June 3, Northwest State Community College hosted the University of Toledo Summer Leadership Program, which includes visiting international scholars from the Netherlands. Also on hand were the most recent UT Ph.D. cohort in community college leadership, led by UT's Dr. Ron Opp, and Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, Doctoral Program Coordinator and UT faculty member.

After touring the campus, Leadership Program guests met with the NSCC academic leadership team to discuss credentials, programs, and degrees that NSCC utilizes

to meet local community needs. They also discussed upcoming areas of NSCC program growth, including agriculture. The esteemed guests then met with the College leadership team where President Thomson presented on the leadership challenges and opportunities facing community colleges and specifically in Northwest Ohio. A lively question and answer period ensued to help our international guests as they prepare to meet their workforce needs using a model similar to our country's community college system.

Lori Robison, NSCC Vice

President for Academics, noted the visitors from the Netherlands were exploring ways to adopt our model of two-year associate degrees. "This is a newer concept in the European system and viewed as one that can offer more flexibility for the adult learner than their current system, as a direct path to a professional occupation or a step toward the bachelor's degree," Robison said. NSCC was proud to be part of this educational afternoon, helping future higher education leaders both in Ohio and abroad as we work together to strengthen our local communities.

in unprecedented fashion in an effort to score cheap political points. This process is far from over, and while I voted no on reporting the NDAA out of committee, I will continue to engage my colleagues in both chambers of Congress - and in both parties - to ensure our national security priorities are met despite the polarization of the process."

The legislation includes many initiatives championed by Congressman Banks, including: Hypersonics Technology - Requires the Secretary of Defense to designate an official to lead the Joint Hypersonics Transition office, to include responsibilities for designating a university hypersonics consortium to support basic and applied research. Purdue and Notre Dame were mentioned as leaders in this space with advancements in wind tunnel technology.

Protect our Universities - Directs the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to identify and compose a list of foreign entities, including governments, corporations, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and any subsidiary or affiliate of such an entity, that the Director and Secretary determine to pose a threat of espionage, to prevent the spread of sensitive information to nations like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. This list would help limit access to the United States' most sensitive national security-related academic research. Uses language based on Congressman Banks' bill, the "Protect Our Universities Act."

Large), Elise Stefanik (NY-21) and Michael Waltz (FL-06). Read the full bill text here.

Said Rep. Banks, "The inclusion of important language pertaining to the war in Afghanistan in the House Armed Services Committee's Chairman's Mark, is a great step in uncovering Taliban ambitions throughout the diplomatic negotiations. As we determine funding levels of our military, it is critical that any allocation of resources reflects our military's priorities. As negotiations with the Taliban continue it's critical to shed light on the Taliban's refused allegiance to the Government of Afghanistan, affiliations with terrorist groups, and our commitment to the rights of women before any deal is made. With the ongoing ISIS-K and al-Qaeda threats, we cannot afford to take a step backward. Funding our efforts in Afghanistan, and the brave men and women who serve there, should not be beholden to a short-sighted deal struck with dishonest Taliban brokers. I applaud my colleagues for addressing this concern by including this language in the legislation."

### NDAA COMPROMISED BY POLITICAL POSTURING

Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN) released a statement following the House Committee on Armed Services' passage of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA is the legislative vehicle that authorizes funding levels and priorities for our nation's military. The NDAA passed through committee by a party-line vote of 33-24.

Said Rep. Banks, "While this year's NDAA included a number of priorities that are important to Indiana, I am disappointed my Democrat colleagues chose to break with years of traditional, bipartisan collaboration to instead politicize this process

## THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 15"

between DoD and the Department of Veterans Affairs on electronic health records.

In addition to these items, Congressman Banks championed many programs that are related to Indiana defense employers like Ultra Electronics and Raytheon.

### FREE CHILD CARE AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Did you Know??? You can receive FREE or reduced child care at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool by applying through Publicly Funded Child Care! Qualifying families need only to call NOCAC (Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission) at 419-784-5136 to find out eligibility. Ann's Bright Be-

ginnings offers preschool for 3, 4 and 5 year olds during the school months AND daycare for ages three to twelve from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. all year long!

Our preschool offers age appropriate activities, an academic environment, learning centers and a qualified and dedicated staff. Our daycare offers homework help, daily summer activities and guests, field trips, and a qualified and dedicated staff.

Call the center at 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information on this benefit that could help your family! We want to help YOUR child receive a quality education and/or child care at hopefully NO OR MINIMAL COST TO YOU!

**Amanda J. Hopkins** (5/17/89), Paulding County Jail; Abusing harmful intoxicants - F5

**Charles Gentry** (8/12/91), Possession of methamphetamine - F5; Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items on the grounds of detention facility - F3; Failure to appear - F4

**Jacob S. Lockart** (7/8/93), Defiance, OH; Domestic violence - F4

**Johnathan R. Wells** (2/1/96), Antwerp, OH; Forgery - F5; Receiving stolen property - F5

**Joseph L. Guyton** (6/20/80), Melrose, OH; Abusing harmful intoxicants - F5

**Cody D. Fleming** (8/6/84), Hicksville, OH; Breaking & entering - F5; Theft - F4

**Charles Thompson** (6/15/92), Address unknown; Disrupting public service - F5; Domestic violence - M4; Criminal damaging - M2

**Shannon M. Deemer** (5/17/74), Paulding County Jail; Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items on the grounds of detention facility - F3; Possession of methamphetamine

### REP. JIM BANKS APPLAUDS INCLUSION OF AFGHANISTAN LEGISLATION IN NDAA CHAIRMAN'S MARK

Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN) released the following statement regarding the inclusion of language from H.R. 2060, the Ensuring a Secure Afghanistan Act, in the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The language specifies a list of requirements that the Taliban must meet before U.S. troop levels may safely fall below 10,000 in Afghanistan. The bill was co-sponsored by Reps. Liz Cheney (WY-At

# WOODBURN LIONS CLUB TRASH PICKUP



The rain held off and the sun shone as the Woodburn Lions had a beautiful day to pick up trash along St. Rd. 101 south. The Lions were assisted by special help from members

of Woodlan FFA. Lions present were Fritz Meyer, Shane Mumma, Linda Wunderlin and Monna Gerig. Lions Bob Buuck and Clarence Reichhart drove a pickup truck to

pick up full trash bags and deliver new bags. Approximately fifteen bags of trash were collected as well as several large items that wouldn't fit in the bags.

## TARIFFS LEADING TO 'POINT OF NO RETURN'

Even if the United States eventually reaches a trade agreement with China, the damage done from the ongoing trade war could take years to undo, according to an agricultural economist with The Ohio State University.

It took a while to build a Chinese market for U.S. products, including American soybeans, and it will likely take considerable time to rebuild that market, said Ian Sheldon, a professor with Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Trade negotiations don't get resolved in months; they take years. It's not simple. These are the two largest economies in the world, essentially mud wrestling. I think we've reached the point of no return," said Sheldon, who serves as the Andersons Endowed Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade, and Policy at CFAES.

China was the second-largest market for U.S. agricultural exports in 2017, and the country was Ohio's most important soybean export market. But exports of American soybeans to China have crashed.

Since Sept. 1, 2018, American soybean exports to China

have declined by 80% of the three-year annual average, said Ben Brown, manager of the Farm Management Program at CFAES.

"Soybeans have had an amazing run. But now we're sending hardly any soybeans to China compared to what we used to," Brown said.

The Chinese government announced on May 13 that it would increase tariffs to up to 25% on \$60 billion in American goods sold in China. That was in retaliation for the U.S. administration's decision, days earlier, to raise existing tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese products sold in the United States from 10% to 25%.

The U.S. tariffs mean Americans will have to pay more for products that come from China. The revenue from these tariffs, which are taxes, goes to the U.S. federal government. Similarly, the newly raised tariffs the Chinese government is scheduled to put in place June 1 mean its country's residents will pay more for American products, a move intended to discourage them from buying those items.

Although the U.S. administration began ramping up tariffs in January 2018 on Chinese goods sold in the United States, American consumers have not felt much effect of

that yet, said Sheldon who, along with Brown, works for the CFAES Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics.

But this most recent round of tariff increases will hurt all U.S. consumers because the tariffs on Chinese goods sold in the United States have more than doubled, he said. Also, on May 13, the U.S. administration announced that tariffs on an additional \$325 billion worth of imports are coming, this time on a much longer list of goods from China including electronics, pesticides, and purses.

"Farmers have borne the brunt of this trade war so far, but this recent round is going to hurt all American consumers," Sheldon said.

With Americans paying more for Chinese goods, the thriving U.S. economy likely will see a dent in its growth, Sheldon said. And farmers can expect to see continued declines in the national average farm income, he said.

Part of the loss in Chinese markets for American soybeans has been made up by an increase in demand from the European Union, but there's still a void, Brown said.

The vast majority of American soybeans exported abroad is ground into meal and fed to livestock, including pigs. Pigs in China and other parts of Asia have been suffering from African swine fever, a fatal disease among pigs, which has cut China's demand for soybeans and increased the demand for pork from outside of China, Brown said.

Besides imposing a tariff on soybeans, the Chinese government also has increased tariffs on American corn and pork purchased in China.

The U.S. administration has attempted to make it up to farmers. Government payments earlier this year helped compensate growers for a dip in commodity prices as a result of the tariffs. Another round of payments is expected.

That assistance, plus last year's high yields on soybeans and corn, have helped insulate farmers a bit from the dip in prices on both crops, according to a study Brown and Sheldon released last fall.

But Brown said it would be best if farmers make planting decisions based on the market, not on the promise of fed-

eral payments for their crop. "Do not try to guess what the aid package is going to entail. I'm not sure the administration even knows yet," Brown said.

Despite the trade war, Ohio farmers overall said they intended to plant only 1% fewer soybean acres than they did in 2018, according to a survey from the U.S. Department of Agriculture taken in March.

Growers of corn and soybeans need to cut back on production to bring down the supply and increase the price on both crops so they can at least break even, Brown said.

"As a country, we should be planting fewer corn and soybean acres," he said.

Ideally, most growers sold off last year's crop of soybeans before soybean prices took a serious dive in April, Brown said. The future price per bushel dropped from \$9.29 on April 1 to \$8.67 by the end of the month, Brown said.

As for the 2019 crop, the outlook on soybean prices is grim, Brown said.

An abundance of soybeans on the world market is keeping prices for the crop low. A reduction in U.S. soybean supplies would help drive up the price, but for that to happen, fewer acres of soybeans should be planted or there needs to be a reduction in soybean yield from drought, hail, or flood.

The risk of African swine fever expansion in Asia or even outside of Asia likely means continued declines in world demand for soybean meal.

Large quantities of soybeans harvested in prior years are being kept in on-farm storage facilities. If the price for soybeans goes up a bit and a lot of those supplies get sold off, the increase of those soybeans into the market will, in turn, bring down soybean prices.

## CELEBRATE! KEN & LINDA SHAFER'S 60th ANNIVERSARY ART EXHIBIT

Mount Vernon Nazarene University's Schnormeier Gallery is proud to present a retrospective of Ken and Linda Shaffer's artwork, titled "Celebrate!" This exhibit will be on display in the gallery from May 28 to June 28. The couple will be cele-

## LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received until the 27th day of June, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Paulding County Engineer Operations Facility for the construction work and furnishing of materials for the improvement of the F.B. Goyings Ditch in Paulding Township, in accordance with plans, specifications and a list of estimated quantities of labor and materials for the project available for inspection at the County Engineers operations facility at 801 West Wayne Street during normal business hours.

Opening of the bids will take place in the office of the Paulding County Commissioner on the 1st day of July, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Said bids shall be in writing on a form to be furnished by the County Engineer, and shall be accompanied with either a combined bid-performance bond, a deposit of money, certified or cashiers check or bond bid in an amount equal to ten percent of the bid amount, as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will sign the contract as may be required by law. Estimated cost of the construction of the ditch is \$300,000.00.

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brating their anniversary on June 7, with a reception at the Schnormeier Gallery from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The Shaffers, of Gambier, began their exciting journey on June 7, 1959. For the next 60 years, art and its ministry have been intertwined with their lives, family and communities. The couple started the North Main Gallery which cemented art's presence and relevance in downtown Mount Vernon. Looking back, the Shaffer's pause to rejoice in all the blessings they have been provided.

The Schnormeier Gallery is located at 221 S. Main St., Mount Vernon, on the first floor of MVNU's Buchwald Center. It is open Monday through Friday, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Schnormeier gallery at artgallery@mvnu.edu.

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Interested in learning how to use yellow perch to grow aquaponic produce sustainably?

Ohio State University's Sustainable Agriculture Team will host 10 tours this spring, summer and fall on sustainable organic specialty crops, year-round gardening, cut flowers, raising livestock, aquaponic produce and yellow perch farming and urban agriculture, as part of the 2019 Ohio Sustainable Farm Tour and Workshop Series.

The series is an opportunity for growers and other interested people to both learn and experience what sustainable agriculture is all about from farmers and producers who are working in this field daily, said Mike Hogan, an Ohio State University Extension educator who is also the coordinator of Ohio State's Sustainable Agriculture Team.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The tour is designed to share and update information among growers and those trying to promote sustainability throughout Ohio, he said.

"Ohio is an absolute cornucopia of possibilities when it comes to alternative enterprises, alternative production systems, and alternative marketing strategies and these tours display some of these alternatives already working for some Ohio farm families," Hogan said. "Our goal is to help farmers and aspir-

ing farmers 'kick the tires' on some alternatives which might help them improve the profitability and sustainability of their farm operation.

Ohio State's Sustainable Agriculture Team works to get people to consider economic sustainability, the environment and social consciousness when farming, he said.

The Ohio State team's tour dates and locations include:

June 22, Large Acreage Conservation Demonstration and Education Site Tour, a look at the Gwynne Conservation Area, which is located at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center near London, Ohio, home of Farm Science Review. The Gwynne showcases land management practices that promote conservation of soil, water, woodlands, and wildlife. From 10 a.m. to noon, 135 State Rte. 38 Northeast, London. Contact Nick Zachrich, 614-514-9577 or zachrich.13@osu.edu.

June 26, Diversified Crop and Production Field Day and tour, will feature a demonstration and discussion on state-of-the-art aquaponic systems, climate-smart agriculture, long-term tillage and cover crops, berries, pumpkins, pawpaws, and organic farming. The tour will be held at the Soil, Water, and Bioenergy Resources at OSU South Centers. Starts at 2 p.m., 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon. Contact Rafiq Islam, 740-289-2071 Ext. 147 or islam.27@osu.edu.

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July 25, Pasture-Raised Livestock and Pasture Consultant Farm Tour, a look at a working sheep and cattle farm, where participants can learn about pasture management, forages and fencing. From 5-7 p.m., Windy Hill Farm, 25995 State Route 159, Circleville. Contact Bob Hendershot, 740-447-1114 or bobhendershot2011@gmail.com.

Aug 10, Vacant Lots Become Productive Urban Farm Tour, a look at a community-based urban farm spanning a half acre on converted vacant lots in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus. In its third season, the farm focuses on companion planting and intercropping. Across four city Land Bank parcels, practices rooted in organic agriculture have been used to maximize a healthy crop yield and variety of food for the local community. From 10-11:30 a.m., 120 N. Yale Ave., Columbus. Contact Joe Wolfe at 614-453-4606 or magichousefarms@gmail.com.

Aug. 11, Sustainable Organic Specialty Crop Farm Tour, a look at the 10-acre That Guy's Family Farm and learn how this farm transitioned from traditional crops to specialty crops, the business decisions that went into it, and the results. From 2-5 p.m. at That Guy's Family Farm, 419 N. Beechgrove Rd., Clarksville. Contact 937-289-3151 or guy@thatguysfamilyfarm.com.

Aug. 17, Year-Round Youth Garden to Address Food Insecurity Farm Tour, a tour of an award-winning

youth garden that focuses on food insecurity, gardening education, and nutrition education for youth in the Hilltop neighborhood of Columbus. The nearly half-acre garden covers two formerly vacant city lots and includes a high tunnel to extend the growing season. The garden offers a diverse, hands-on learning environment for children, giving them the space and guidance to grow their own food. From 10-11:30 a.m. at 65 S. Highland Ave., Columbus. Contact Beth Urban at 614-323-7960 or bethurban36@yahoo.com.

Aug. 18, Cut Flower Farm Tour, a look at a farm that sells a multitude of varieties of fresh cut flowers through their community supported agriculture program. They sell at markets and to special occasions, such as weddings. Participants will hear the perspective of a younger generation of farmers establishing a small, new business and finding their place in the market and participants will also learn about a range of subjects, from public grants to soil testing to differentiating your operation in the market. From 2-5 p.m. at 804 Hales Branch Road, Midland. Contact Tracey and Matt Pariman at traceyraefarmerflorist@gmail.com.

Aug. 24, Community Outreach and Education Farm Tour, a look at a farm-to-table storefront in a rural food desert in historic downtown London, Ohio. They also run a farmer's market once a week and balance and manage a farm. From 9-11 a.m., Procter Center Farm, 11235 Route 38, London. Contact Danielle Vogel, at 740-490-6072 or dvogel@proctercenter.org.

Oct. 19, Aquaponic Produce and Yellow Perch Farm Tour, a look at a family farm that has been using yellow perch to grow produce sustainably with aquaponics in there three greenhouses. Visitors will learn how aquaponics works while conserving resources. The farm also has goats, alpaca and chickens.

From 1-3 p.m., at Fresh Harvest Farm, 33869 Fields Rd., Richwood. Contact 614-264-9098 or info@freshharvest-farmllc.com.

The Ohio State tours are part of the 2019 Farm Tour and Workshop Series which features a total of 46 organic and ecological farms and businesses in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. The series is sponsored by Ohio State, the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, the Arthur Morgan Institute for Community Solutions, the Clintonville Farmers Market, and the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance.

### OHIO REPORTS HISTORIC NEW BUSINESS FILINGS AND LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEARLY TWO DECADES

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) applauded recent announcements of record new business filings and a dropping unemployment rate as evidence that the state's pro-growth economic policies continue to propel Ohio forward.

"Entrepreneurs and business owners are expanding Ohio's economy at record pace, and it's no coincidence," said McColley. "The pro-growth reforms coming out of Columbus have made Ohio an even better place to set up shop, which benefits everybody."

March reporting showed the state recorded the most new business filings in a single month in state history, with 13,747 entities filing to do business in Ohio, according to the Ohio Secretary of State's office. Additionally, Ohio's unemployment rate dropped to 4.4% in March, which is the lowest rate in 18 years, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

In recent years, the Ohio Senate has focused on a number of pro-growth policies, including tax cuts and regulatory reforms, in an effort to strengthen the state's economy. Earlier this year, the Senate majority caucus introduced a package of additional reforms that would build on this momentum. Some of the highlights:

Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Senator McColley, will elim-

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inate unnecessary burdens facing small businesses and would cut government red tape by 30 percent over three years. If enacted, it would be among the most sweeping regulatory reforms in modern Ohio history.

Senate Bill 8 incentivizes long-term investments in "Opportunity Zones," which are economically depressed areas across Ohio in need of revitalization. There are more than 300 such federally-designated areas in Ohio—high poverty areas that would benefit from investment. Senate Bill 8 ensures that money invested in Ohio Opportunity Zones stays in-state and improves conditions here at home.

The Senate has also introduced priority legislation to alleviate licensing rules that create unnecessary roadblocks to people earning a living. For example, Senate Bill 7 allows temporary occupational licenses to be issued to military spouses. Under this bill, spouses could cut through the red tape and continue employment in their field (and support their families) when a military spouse transfers to Ohio on active duty.

In addition, Senate Bill 255 of the 132nd General Assembly recently took effect. Also sponsored by Senator McColley, this new law requires all occupational licensing boards to be reviewed by the legislature over the next six years, and establishes new policies aimed at reducing barriers to entry in the workforce.

"We must do everything we can to ensure Ohio's economy continues to thrive," added McColley. "We have to keep building on these successes and continue fostering a healthy economic environment in our state, so that our communities and businesses can reach their full potential."

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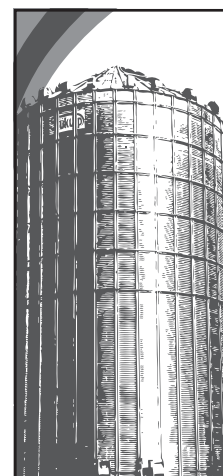
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