

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL PREPARED FOR CORONAVIRUS



The Paulding County Hospital head of staff along with CEO Ron Goedde met with the West Bend News to discuss the possible outbreak of the Coronavirus in Northwest Ohio.

As of yet there has been no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Paulding County, but that does not mean that Paulding County Hospital is not taking precautions. They are training all staff with over the phone screening procedures for the

safety of everyone. If you feel you may have the virus, you should call the hospital BEFORE going as their personnel are trained to help you understand if you could be infected or if you may have something else. Call your doctor or the service you are trying to reach. If you don't have an appointment call 419-399-4080 for instructions.

The first thing that Paulding County Hospital wants you to know is how to edu-

cate yourself. Information from the World Health Organization and the CDC on how to help yourself during this time:

What is Coronavirus and COVID-19? Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Mid-

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## ANTWERP ELEMENTARY HOSTS FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



As fourth grader Landon Bryant looks on, fifth grader Jonny Coker plays word Jenga.

On Thursday, March 13, 2020, Antwerp Elementary School hosted Family Literacy Night. The theme for the event was Camp Read-a-Lot, and students enjoyed various related activities, including a s'more station, literacy-relat-

ed games and crafts, and a scavenger hunt. The gymnasium was set up so students could crawl into tents, sit in a canoe, or sit beside a tree in the darkness and "read under the stars." All students

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## Community Calendar

March 18

- Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm
- ~~EACS Job Info Fair @ NHS, 3-6pm~~
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

March 19

- Open Mic @ Continental Legion, 6-8:30pm
- ~~Learn To Sew @ Oakwood Library, 5:30pm~~

March 20

- AYCE Fish & Chicken Strip Dinner @ Woodburn Luth. School, 4:30-8pm
- Hicksville KofC Fish Fry @ St. Michaels Church, 4:30-7pm - **Carry Out ONLY**
- ~~Oakwood Elem. Carnival, 5:30-8pm~~

March 21

- ~~Round & Square Dance @ St. Michael's, Hicksville, 7-10pm~~
- Sports Card Show @ Ramada Plaza Ctr & Travel Hotel, FW, 10a-3p
- ~~PCH Health Fair @ Oakwood Fire Dept.~~
- Glass City Dancer Party @ Brandywine Country Club, Maumee, 6pm

March 22

- Free Meal @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11am service
- ~~Learn To Sew @ Oakwood Library, 10am~~

March 25

- Lenten Lunches @ First Pres. Church, Paulding, 12-1pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

March 26

- Open Mic @ Continental Legion, 6-8:30pm

March 28

- ~~PCH Health Fair @ Payne Am. Leg.~~

*— = Canceled event*



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### BREAKING NEWS: OHIO ELECTIONS SUSPENDED UNTIL JUNE 2



There will not be in person voting TODAY (March 17) due to concerns of COVID-19. Health and safety of our fellow Ohioans is the concern quoted by Frank LaRose and Ohio Governor DeWine. *More on page 5.*

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY AMID COVID-19 CONCERNS

The Paulding County Commissioners have declared a State of Emergency as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The declaration was requested by Mr. Bill Edwards Paulding County's Health Department's Emergency Coordinator.

He made it clear, that NO ONE in Paulding County has

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### EACS TO FEED STUDENTS DURING CLOSURE

East Allen County Schools will continue to provide meals, breakfast and lunch, to all of our EACS students and anyone in the EACS community who is 18 years of age and under during the closure period.

Both breakfast and lunch meals (cold packs) can be picked up at these 3 designated sites. The designated sites are listed below:

- Heritage K-12 (Door #8)
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- New Haven Intermedi-

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**OBITUARIES**

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL  
ALIGNS SERVICES TO  
REFLECT PLANS FOR NEW  
HOSPITAL**



GROVER HILL, OH  
**Lonnie J. Miller, 73**, of Grover Hill, passed away at 3:32 p.m., Thursday at Mercy Health in Lima, Ohio.

He was born on March 3, 1947, in Paulding County, the son of the late John C. and Rita (Thitoff) Miller. On October 14, 1966, he married the former Susan M. Ashbaugh who survives.

Other family members include his children, Rhonda Bates of Grover Hill, Tim (Jackie) Miller of Fort Jennings, and Tony (Staci) Miller of Grover Hill; and four grandchildren, Blake, Tristin, Morgan, and Kenley Miller.

Besides his parents, Lonnie preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Alton and Phyllis Ashbaugh, a son-in-law, Bill Bates, a brother, James C. Miller; and a brother-in-law, Gayle Ashbaugh.

He was a 1965 graduate of Grover Hill High School and served in the United States Army. He was a life long farmer and a rural letter carrier out of Grover Hill for over 35 years. He was on the Paulding County Agricultural Society and a board member of 46 years. Lonnie was a member of the Grover Hill Lions Club, Paulding County Jr. Fair, and an honorary member of the Wayne Trace FFA Chapter. He was also involved with the Vantage FFA. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 2873, Grover Hill. Lonnie enjoyed harness racing and most enjoyed time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Cowan & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Rex Roth officiating. Interment will follow at Middle Creek Cemetery, south of Grover Hill where military rites will be conducted by the honor guard of V.F.W. Post 2873. Calling hours are 2- 8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded at [cowanfuneralhome.com](http://cowanfuneralhome.com).

In another step toward operating as an integrated health system, Lutheran Health Network announced the consolidation of some services from St. Joseph Hospital to other network facilities. The transition comes as construction progresses on Lutheran Downtown Hospital and will result in current services more closely reflecting planned services for the new hospital.

"With these adjustments, we are centralizing services in locations across our network in a way that maximizes our ability to serve the community as a cohesive, comprehensive network and improve patient experience and quality of care," said Mark Medley, FACHE, Lutheran Health Network CEO. "We are also affirming our long-standing commitment to caring for patients in the downtown area - now and in the future."

Under the plan, St. Joseph will maintain 24-hour emergency services, acute and critical care inpatient beds and adult behavioral services as well as surgical suites on an on-call basis. Highlights of the consolidation include:

- The Burn Center will transition to Lutheran Hospital next month. The consolidation of the trauma and burn programs into a tertiary care location aligns with national best practices and will provide burn patients and their families with easy access to additional specialized support, should it be needed.

- Cardiac catheterization services will transition to Lutheran Hospital's Heart and Valve Center as well as to Dupont Hospital and Kosciusko Community Hospital when cardiac cath services open later this year.

- Transitional care services, which are widely available across Fort Wayne, will end in the coming months. The closure will occur after all current patients have been discharged. We are confident that other providers are able to meet the community's current

and future needs. Lutheran Health Network will continue to offer transitional care services at Bluffton Regional Medical Center and Dukes Memorial Hospital.

- Similar to transitional care, geropsych services will end after all current patients have been discharged. Changes to the approach to caring for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's disease has resulted in the development of memory units in an increasing number of long-term care and assisted living facilities.

"The St. Joseph Board is supportive of LHN's vision for the future of healthcare in downtown Fort Wayne. This is a logical approach for the network to take," said Jerry Henry, Chair, St. Joseph Board of Trustees. "In the near term, St. Joseph will continue providing services most relevant to the downtown area now and will offer a broad range of services in the new hospital to meet the needs of the growing downtown community."

Employees impacted by the consolidation are being reassigned to similar positions across the network, primarily at Lutheran Hospital and Dupont Hospital. It is anticipated that the majority will remain employed by Lutheran Health Network.

"St. Joseph Hospital has an experienced and caring staff who have faithfully served the downtown community for many, many years," said Jacob Golich, FACHE, CEO, St. Joseph Hospital. "As the community needs evolve and we tailor the hospital's services to these needs, we are heartened that our outstanding employees will continue caring for the patients they've come to know at other hospitals in our network."

The foundation of Lutheran Health Network is built on an experienced team of more than 7,000 employees working together with the more than 800 physicians who compose its medical staffs. The network's more than 100 access points in northern Indiana include physician offices, urgent care clinics, outpatient centers and eight hospitals.

**ADOPT SAFE HABITS,  
ONLINE & OFF, TO THwart  
COMMON SCAMS THAT  
TARGET OLDER ADULTS**

The Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Department of Commerce offer tips to older Ohioans and their families to help recognize the signs of scams and know how to avoid them.

"When older adults are unexpectedly forced to manage the impacts of financial crimes against them, it can be devastating on many levels. It affects the people in their lives, too," said Ursel McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging.

"We are working with state and local partners to strengthen Ohio's consumer protections to prevent elder financial abuse and hold those who would victimize seniors accountable," added Sheryl Maxfield, director of the Ohio Department of Commerce.

Consumers can reduce their risk of falling for a scam

by being skeptical and adopting safe habits, online and off.

- Be alert to calls or emails that demand immediate payment, sometimes by unusual means, such as gift cards.

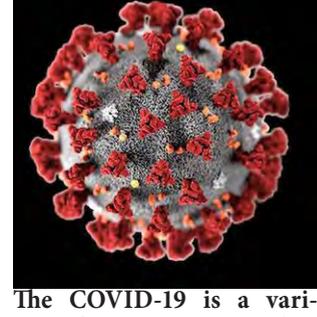
- Don't let anyone pressure you into signing a contract or buying a product or service. Ask for written information and take your time to decide. If they won't let you, it's probably not a good idea to do business with them.

- Remember that you can't win a lottery or sweepstakes you didn't enter. If someone says you have won a prize but you must pay a fee, it's probably a scam.

- Never give your banking information to someone who contacts you unexpectedly over the phone or internet,

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dle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

What are the symptoms of



**The COVID-19 is a variant of Coronavirus and is shaped like the sun's corona giving its name.**

COVID-19? The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness, and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell. Most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Around 1 out of every 6 people who gets COVID-19 becomes seriously ill and develops difficulty breathing. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness. People with fever, cough and difficulty breathing should seek medical attention.

How does it spread? The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. This is why it is important to stay more than 1 meter (3 feet) away from a person who is sick. It is not certain how long the virus that causes COVID-19 survives on surfaces, but it seems to behave like other coronaviruses. Studies suggest that

even if they claim to be someone you do business with, like your utility company. Hang up and call them back via the contact information on your bill.

For more consumer tips and resources, visit the Ohio Department of Commerce's website at [www.com.ohio.gov](http://www.com.ohio.gov).

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

*Colossians 3:12 NIV*

of Aging's website at [www.aging.ohio.gov](http://www.aging.ohio.gov).

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit [www.aging.ohio.gov](http://www.aging.ohio.gov).

Learn more about consumer scams that target older adults, along with other types of elder abuse and exploitation, on the Ohio Department

coronaviruses (including preliminary information on the COVID-19 virus) may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days. This may vary under different conditions (e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment).

If you think a surface may be infected, clean it with simple disinfectant to kill the virus and protect yourself and others. Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.

What can I do to protect myself and others? Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Maintain at least 3 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately. Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority. Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of the county health department.

Is it safe to receive packages? Yes. The likelihood of an infected person contaminating commercial goods is low and the risk of catching the virus that causes COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, travelled, and exposed to different conditions and temperature is also low.

Paulding County Hospital has setup sanitation stations at every entrance that provides masks and sanitizer for your hands. PCH is limiting the number of visitors to no children under 18 years of age and no one with any flu-like symptoms. This could be restricted further if necessary to protect the patients and staff of the hospital.

Sanitation training continues similar to other infectious diseases. The biggest challenge the hospital is facing is similar to the public and that is getting necessary sanitation supplies. Currently the hospital has everything it needs to meet the patients' needs and cleanliness of the facility but as the virus spreads throughout the county supplies could be

limited in the distribution chain according to the supplier.

Flu symptoms are very similar and can be easily mis-identified. With new technology Paulding County Hospital has increased their detection of influenza and within an hour can give a positive or negative identification. The new equipment can detect up to 20 different pathogens with a 95% accuracy. If flu infection comes back negative then PCH will extend their tests by sending swabs to the Ohio Department of Health and would have the results back within 24-48 hours. There are plenty of test kits available for People Under Investigation (PUI) but the kits must be sent to the state testing sites. Also, people will have to have 3 tests of at least 24 hours apart as the infection may not be detected yet.

People are reminded that Influenza is also very dangerous and very similar and that flu shots are available at the hospital, health department and some area pharmacies.

Ed Bohn, Paulding County EMA Director, said the EMS department heads are also trained to keep ambulances disinfected regularly. Training is an ongoing process and all EMS personnel are trained to handle people with infectious diseases and that includes body bags, ventilators, proper sanitization techniques.

Governor DeWine shared ODH statement, "The potential for misinformation during times of high-profile global events and public health threats is high. Verify info before trusting. Use trusted sources like CDC; Ohio Department of Health; Governor Mike DeWine; and your local health departments."

In summary, stay calm and don't panic, keep good hygiene and cleanliness, eat healthy and drink lots of water.

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for summer care and fall preschool! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437). Shown here in the back sporting their magnificent mustaches are: Damario Rohdy, Nora Gochenour,

Andi Rager, and Tori Brandenburg. In front are: Ellie Niemasz, Ella Hale, Henry Clark, Allison Gamble, Arlo Rohdy, Charlie Tromblay and Damien Selzer.

## OHIO'S ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT POPULATION PROJECTED TO GROW 13.6 PERCENT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

As Ohio's population continues to age, the state will need more medical specialists and better trained primary care physicians to deal with the anticipated onslaught of Alzheimer's cases. That is a key finding in the Alzheimer's Association 2020 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report released today. The 2020 Facts and Figures report provides an in-depth look at the latest national and state-specific statistics on Alzheimer's prevalence, incidence, mortality, costs and impact on caregivers. New disease-related statistics for Ohio revealed:

will climb 13.6 percent to 250,000. Last year, there were 163 geriatricians in Ohio. By 2050, the state will need 537 geriatricians to serve 10 percent of those 65 or older, which is a 229 percent increase. The findings are significant because Ohio's population is aging rapidly. According to the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University, by 2025, more than 1 in 4 Ohioans will be age 60 and older. Increasing age is the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. Trey Addison, Ohio Public Policy Director for the Alzheimer's Association, said, "The Alzheimer's Association is ready to work to support physicians in Ohio. We realize the shortage of geriatric physicians can impact those living with Alzheimer's disease, and individuals in Ohio's aging population. Currently, the Association is

looking at possible legislative and budget solutions that will incentivize more medical residents to pursue geriatrics as a career choice." Jeffrey Wm. Milks, MD, President, The Ohio Geriatrics Society, said, "Recruitment of physicians to family practice, general internal medicine, and geriatrics is difficult primarily due to the difference in expected income of these specialties versus other subspecialties. It is not uncommon for me to encounter resident physicians in training who will be over \$300,000 in debt at the end of their training. If there was a way to subsidize their training it would make recruitment to these underserved specialties less problematic." Alzheimer's disease is a fatal brain disease that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. The new report estimates there are currently 5.8 million Americans 65+ living with Alzheimer's - a number expected to nearly triple by 2050. In addition to new state disease-related data, for the first time, the Facts and Figures accompanying special report, "On the Front Lines: Primary Care Physicians and Alzheimer's Care in America," examines the experiences, exposure, training and

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attitudes related to dementia care among primary care physicians (PCPs), recent medical school graduates, and recent residency program graduates, now in primary care practice. The report found that 82% of PCPs say they are on the front lines of providing dementia care, but not all are confident in their care for patients with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

- Half (50%) of PCPs surveyed say the medical profession is not prepared to meet rising demands in Alzheimer's and dementia care.
- Nearly 2 in 5 (39%) report they are "never" or only "sometimes comfortable" making a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- Nearly one-third (27%) report they are "never" or only "sometimes comfortable" answering patient questions about Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- 22% of all PCPs had no residency training in dementia diagnosis and care. Of the 78% who did undergo training, 65% reported that the amount was "very little."

prove dementia care for their patients. In addition, the Association offers other virtual tools where physicians can receive up to date information to support the care they provide throughout the continuum of the disease. The creation of the Alzheimer's State Task Force, tasked with the goal of creating a comprehensive Alzheimer's State Plan, is a great step toward helping Ohio's 220,000 families impacted by Alzheimer's disease, Addison said. Individuals impacted by Alzheimer's disease can always call the Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 to access care information as the impact of Alzheimer's on individuals and families continues to grow.

Milks said, "The future costs of this disease will shortly become insurmountable. A cure or preventive strategy is necessary to save millions of Americans from this relentlessly dehumanizing disease." About the Alzheimer's Association The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

## USDA STATEMENT ON U.S. SUGAR MARKET

Consistent with the Commerce Department's Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico (the Agreement), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today notified the Department of Commerce of an additional need for sugar in the U.S. market of 200,000 short tons raw value (STRV) of refined sugar. Consequently, Commerce has increased the quantity of Mexican refined sugar permitted to be exported by 200,000 STRV for the October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 period. Commerce previously increased Mexico's refined sugar export limit by 100,000 STRV, also at the request of USDA, on November 25, 2019. In the same way as the November request, today's increase in Mexico's refined sugar export limit will only change the mix between refined and other sugar. Current market conditions point to a sugar shortage. This action is a further step in ensuring an adequate supply of sugar to the U.S. market, given the terms of the U.S. sugar program and the Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico. USDA will continue to monitor the market to assess whether supplies are adequate.

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the coronavirus and that the couple that were self-quarantined after coming back from Italy, have shown NO SIGNS of the virus.

The need for the State of Emergency is due to the community spread of COVID\_19 in Ohio. The Paulding County EMA Director, Edward Bohn, agreed with the decision of the Commissioners declaring a State of Emergency now. Mr. Bohn stated the declaration will streamline purchasing policies and open funding for State and Federal Emergency Funds.

Tony Zartman, Chairman of the Paulding County Commissioners, stated that we want to make sure our citizens in the county understand that this is serious, this is a health threat in our county. We are taking prudent steps to lesson the negative impact to our communities.

# LIVEWIRES RIDIN', ROCKIN' & LIVESTOCKIN'



The Livewires 4-H Club from Grover Hill is preparing for "Ridin' Rockin' and Livestockin'" at the 2020 Paulding

County Fair. Our members are involved in many projects and spending countless hours getting them ready.

A free will donation will be taken. Please come out and support our club members and leaders of the future.

## EXCITING TIMES

By: Doris Applegate

Today, let your heart be encouraged by the following poem before I finish the article.

"The time is getting shorter

The hour is almost here  
When we will hear God's trumpet blast

And the glorious shout of Jesus Dear.

The sky will split apart so wide

To show the coming host  
Angels, saints and our own Lord

The one we love the most.

We who are left on earth alive

Will meet them in the air  
And then forever be with Christ

With wondrous bodies, oh so fair.

The prayer we prayed, "Thy Kingdom come"

At last has arrived

And we, with Christ, will rule and reign

Forever by his side.

Love and kindness will prevail

All hate and evil gone

At last a paradise for all

As earth again will sing her song!"

What a wonderful promise

of a bright future, but before that comes we will endure a great apostasy. The Apostle Paul said, "Don't let anyone deceive you, for the day of the Lord will NOT come unless apostasy comes first. (II Thessalonians 2:3).

The apostasy is a great deception, and people falling away from faith in Christ Jesus. The original Greek word

is Apostasia - meaning political revolt. This is more than back sliding and living in sin, but a more aggressive and open defiance against godliness. This is happening in our country and elsewhere and is one of the great signs of the return of our King. It is also called the "Great Revolt" and "Great Rebellion".

As the rebellion and lawlessness gets worse, our Lord is wanting us to put off all sin and live Holy lives, come out of the world system and serve God. Let's be watchful and in prayer waiting for the Lord. We do not know the day or how, but we do have many end-time signs, such as Noah and Lot!

Are we not living in those times? We must study God's word (the Bible) and stay alert! Remember the virgins who were not ready? Where did they end up? Read Matthew 25 for the answer.

The bride of Christ made herself ready, waiting for the bridegroom! (Revelation 19:7).

Amen!

## PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,  
Was the communication miracle in Acts 2 a speaking miracle or a hearing miracle?

Acts 2:4 plainly says they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. It naturally follows that they would hear in their own language, but the hearing was no miracle of the Holy Spirit, just the speaking. The speaking fluently in

languages that were not their own was a miraculous sign gift to confirm the Word and show they had God's authority. "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. - Mark 16:20

The good news of salvation may or may not have been included in the miraculous speaking of the wonderful works of God in verse 11. It wasn't, however, until Peter spoke in Greek (the second common language for the multitude) that the gospel was thoroughly explained. Then and only then was there clear understanding, conviction, repentance, receiving and baptism.

Though God is able to make people hear whatever He wants, that is not what Acts 2 is teaching.

The sad thing is Christians today who know the gospel seldom share it with those who do understand their language.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD?

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Evangelist Timothy: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

This verse well-illustrates the need for understanding that word meanings may change, and we must be ever on guard against misapplying or twisting scripture, even when we try to teach the truth. The rendering, study to show thyself approved unto God is found only in the King James Version, translated in the year 1611. In 1611 the word 'study' meant 'strive', or 'be diligent'. Thus the New American Standard Bible renders the verse, 'Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth'. The New International Version renders the verse, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth".

Bible study is very important, but 2 Timothy 2:15 is not just a command to study the Bible. Being an approved workman involves much more. Paul wanted Timothy to understand that to be a workman that God could approve, he would have to be diligent in his service to God. God is not the kind of Master that accepts shoddy work! By earnestly applying himself in service, Timothy would not need to be ashamed as he stood before God in the day of judgment. To be that diligent, approved workman, he would have to correctly handle the word of truth, what the King James Version renders, rightly dividing the word of truth. Of necessity, correctly handling the Bible, the word of truth will involve much study, contemplation, and prayer. It will involve bringing an open mind, an open heart, and a faithful life to the word of truth. Implied in the correct handling is the proper understanding of the divisions between the Old and the New Covenants, understanding that the New Testament is the rule of faith and practice for Christians today.

The goal of being an approved workman should be the goal of all of God's children. In the verses immediately before 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul stressed the importance of living faithfully before God, even to the point of suffering. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us (2 Timothy 2:12). He then told Timothy, "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers" (2 Timothy 2:14). The evangelist Timothy was to remind his hearers of the sacrifice of Christ, the need for serving Him, and the need to work diligently to be approved workmen before God. The diligent application of all our energy to the service of God will allow us to join Timothy standing before God without shame. Nothing will help us more to please God than to handle carefully and correctly God's written word. We should look to the written word of God with the same reverence as the psalmist who wrote, Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

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## PC HEALTH DEPT. RELEASES INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

"The two local residents are not currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. They remained in their homes until March 12 because their travel to Italy could have exposed them to the virus," said Bill Edwards, emergency preparedness coordinator for the Paulding County Health Department.

Both coronavirus and influenza are spread by close contact between people and respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure and include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

Many people are working

# ANTWERP FOOD PANTRY TO HELP WITH COVID-19 CRISIS

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out to you.  
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If you have questions or concerns please call the United Methodist Church at (419)258-4901 or Eva Elkins (419)506-1145. Please leave a message and we will return your call. We would also like to remind you that the Community Food Pantry housed at the United Methodist Church is also available Mondays and Wednesdays.

—Eva Elkins,  
Food Pantry Coordinator

on a vaccine for COVID-19, but one will likely not be available for 12-24 months. People can take everyday actions to prevent the spread of these illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes. Don't share personal items like water bottles.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or a tissue.

- Avoid being around people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick.

- Get plenty of sleep and eat well-balanced meals to keep your immune system healthy.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Sick people can wear masks to prevent the spread of illness, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend them for people who are not experiencing symptoms.

Widespread transmission of COVID-19 means a large number of people will need medical care at the same time. Public health and health care systems may become overloaded, with elevated rates of hospitalizations and deaths. Schools, childcare centers, workplaces and other places where people gather may experience more absenteeism.

People should begin planning now for ways that this illness could impact them.

- Follow your schools' and county health department's

social media to get local updates.

- Teach younger children the importance of hand-washing, and practice with them.

- Make plans for childcare should schools temporarily close.

- Talk to caregivers about backup plans in the event a primary caregiver becomes ill.

- Keep an adequate supply of water, food, and pet food in your home. If you take prescription medication, contact your health care provider, pharmacist, or insurance provider about keeping an emergency supply at home.

- Meet with immediate family, relatives, friends and neighbors to discuss their needs. Plan ways to care for people at higher risk, including the very young, older people, people with chronic diseases and people with compromised immune systems.

- Keep a working thermometer and respiratory medications like decongestants, expectorants and analgesics (ibuprofen, acetaminophen) on hand.

- Choose a room in your home, and if possible a bathroom, that could be used to separate family members who become sick.

- Be prepared to cancel or postpone your attendance at large events, such as sporting events, conferences and worship services, and to stay away from crowds.

- Be prepared for cancellation or disruptions of public transportation services.

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# PAULDING ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Paulding Elementary School announced their February students of the month recently. They include the following (l-r, front row) Liam Repka, Kyra Aldred, Mia Cameron, Carolyn Dulaney, Allison Donaldson, Evander Neff, Nolan Rosalez, Wyatt Wilhelm; (middle row) Luke Lane, Karlee Kohart, Zander James, Ross Myers, Chance Winhoven, Braydon Rice, Bralen Kauser; (back row) Mariah Klopfenstein, Brooklynn Verfaillie, Olivia Breier, Mary Gibson, Carly Font, Addison Arend, and Ms. Born. Not Pictured: Elayna Kleman.

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## BASED ON NEW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE, LA ROSE RECOMMENDS SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON VOTING ON MARCH 17, MOVING ELECTION DAY TO JUNE 2

### Anticipating Litigation, LaRose Has Prepared Recommendations to Offer to the Court

COLUMBUS - Thanks to the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio has led the nation in responding to the coronavirus crisis. Following their lead, Secretary LaRose has utilized their expert counsel and advice to execute every available option at his disposal to run a safe, secure, fair and healthy primary election. The county boards of elections and thousands of patriotic poll workers have worked tirelessly to prepare for election day and should be commended for their incredible dedication to civic duty.

Keeping Ohioans safe and voting accessible. Through March 15, guidance from the ODH indicated it would be safe to vote on election day. However, new information has led ODH to recommend Ohioans who are 65 and older to self-quarantine in their homes, making it challenging for these individuals to vote on March 17. In response, we expect a lawsuit that postpones the March

17 election and shifts it to a new day. Because the authority to shift election day does not reside with the Ohio Secretary of State, this change must be enacted by either a legal order or an act of the state legislature.

If ordered by the court, Secretary LaRose is prepared to implement an alternative to the March 17 election. The first presidential nominating convention is the Democratic National Convention beginning July 13. It's essential to have enough time for Ohio to hold an election, certify the results, and allocate our delegates prior to that convention. If a judge were to order the primary election should not be held on March 17, Secretary LaRose is prepared to recommend moving election day to June 2. More details will be forthcoming.

All votes already submitted will count. It's important that voters who have already submitted their vote by mail or in-person know that their vote will be counted.

OUTCOME: These are certainly unprecedented times, and Secretary LaRose has implemented the guidance of the Ohio Department of Health every step of the way. As this situation has evolved, we are once again following expert consultation in order to keep Ohioans safe. If ordered, by moving Ohio's election day we can ensure Ohio voters have every opportunity to have their voice heard and stay healthy in the process.

## PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' STATEMENT ON COVID-19

Due to the current concerns over Covid-19, along with gatherings of large groups of people, any renter that wishes to cancel their event at the OSU Extension Building will receive a full refund of their deposit and rental fee.

Please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' office at (419) 399- 8215 in regards to this issue.

Cancellation of your scheduled rental must happen prior to date of the event.

## PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC'S ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO GOVERNOR'S ORDER

PAULDING, OH - The Coronavirus issue is dominating world news and impacting many areas of our lives. Yesterday, Governor Mike DeWine issued orders restricting all mass gatherings in the State.

Based on the governor's directive, the Board of Trustees at Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative has decided this month's 83rd annual meeting will be held without attendance. Our Code of Regulations allows for a meeting held via video conference. As such, our office will be closed to the public, and our Annual Meeting will be broadcast via Facebook Live at 10 am on March 21. If you are un-

able to watch during the live broadcast, the recording will be posted on PPEC's website at [www.ppec.coop/](http://www.ppec.coop/) annual-meeting and on the co-op's Facebook page following the meeting.

"We don't take this decision lightly, but the health and well-being of our employees and members must come first. We thank you for understanding and we encourage you to watch our Annual Meeting from the comfort of your home," stated CEO and President George Carter.

One of the most popular parts of PPEC's annual meeting is the giving away of door prizes. During the live broadcast, members will have opportunity to answer questions in order to win bill credits.

PPEC takes the well-being of our community seriously and encourages everyone to take proper precautions. You can learn more at CDC's website.

For more information on this and upcoming events, visit [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop) or call the co-op's office at 1-800-686-2357.

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## NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TEMPORARY CLOSING IN RESPONSE TO STATE MANDATE IN WAKE OF COVID-19

(Van Wert, OH) - The VWAPAF Board and Staff presenting Van Wert Live events are dismayed to share that the Niswonger Performing Arts Center will temporarily close until April 6 due to the State of Ohio Ban on Public Performances. Broadway's Finding Neverland scheduled for this Saturday, March 14 is canceled. Patrons will be fully refunded for Broadway's Finding Neverland ticket purchase(s) by a company check to arrive by mail. The I Am, He Said concert on March 21 is now rescheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2020. All tickets currently sold for I AM, HE SAID will be honored. We greatly value our patrons and their safety. Please stay tuned to future updates through our Facebook Page and Email communications. More than ever, the future of entertainment in Van Wert is eagerly anticipated.



## THE BIG SNEEZE

### Penny For Your Thoughts by: Nancy Whitaker

Is anyone else having flu problems this year? Achoo. Sniff sniff. Cough cough. I have blood shot eyes, a headache, sore throat, cough and to top it off the weather is very uncertain. I thought perhaps I had a bad sinus in-



fection, but I was told it was allergies. However, instead of fluids coming out my nose, they run down into the back of my throat and remain there. Therefore, making me have a sore throat and coughing incidents that plaguing me all day and night.

I have always had allergies and sinus problems, but never responded well to OTC medicines. It seems worse when the trees start budding, the flowers start coming out and the grasses and various weeds appear. You will find me sitting inside with my array of: nose spray, eye drops, ear drops, cough syrup, allergy pills, cough pills, cough drops, Vicks salve and generic bottles of headache pills.

This winter we are having the weather cold one day then warm the next. It may just be my age (I never thought I'd say that) I would just as soon stay in as to venture out.

Going out to eat is also a problem because, no one likes to sit over a nice dinner and cough or hear someone else coughing or sneezing. Is there really a proper way to sneeze in public without contaminating others?

According to "Wiki How to do things" website, it notes you should always sneeze into a thick tissue. If you don't have access to a tissue, the next best thing to do would be to sneeze into your bended arm. Then make sure you wash your hands good.

Now I have always claimed I have the loudest sneeze in the country, but sometimes my sneezes are unexpected and I scare the daylight out of people. Have you ever noticed the difference in peoples sneezes? Some can sneeze very dainty into a kerchief

and others such as myself just "let it fly."

Coughing is a whole different story. It is very disturbing to others, wears you out physically, keeps you awake and others tend to shy away from coughers. I recently went to a movie and started coughing in the middle of the show. Amid the nasty looks, I made my way to the nearest restroom and coughed in peace. I coughed so long, I missed part of the movie.

I always keep an abundance of cough drops with me, because lets face it, "Lifesaver candy or hot balls doesn't work for a nasty cough." There are a lot of cough drops out there, but to me the best kind are those old Smith Brothers black cough drops. I don't know if they still make them, but they not only tasted good, but helped out in a cough. (yum)

Yesterday, my friend, Denny, brought me an article to read from the Dayton Daily News which was headlined with, "Coughs are Blessings in Disguise." The article written by the Physician Premier Network of Ohio, includes these notes from Dr. Dale Block MD. He said that he likes to think that coughing is good for you because it is our bodies way of getting rid of whatever is causing the cough. He indicated that by coughing it means our muscles are working with our immune system to get rid of whatever is blocking our airways. Of course, if coughs are sometimes associated with other illnesses, it should be checked out. Block also noted that to look at our lifestyle and habits. Sometimes allergies, one cause of hacking, are hard to pinpoint and different medications can also make us cough.

I never thought a cough was a blessing, I think my cough is caused by allergies and who knows when it will get better?. I don't like having the sneezing, coughing and itchy eyes. I for one will be glad to see a nice steady Spring with moderate temperatures.

ACHOO If you see me out and about I am not contagious and I promise I will try and sneeze or cough discreetly.

Do you have any allergies? Do you believe coughing is a blessing? Have you seen any Smith Brothers Cough Drops for sale? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

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**A NOTE ON THE EAGLES**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I received a nice letter from Ed Kimple the other day. Ed lives by Edgerton, OH; He was telling about seeing an eagle eating a deer carcass beside the highway, between Edgerton and Hicksville. I imagine that eagle has a nest in Edgerton or rather a long the St. Joe River.

I seldom get mail from Hicksville about the eagles and I imagine that is because there is no river close. All I have ever read or heard about eagles is that they prefer to build a nest on a river, because fish is the big part of their diet.

Here in Antwerp, we know of 5 eagles' nests all on the bank of the Maumee from the SR 49 bridge to the Cecil Bridge, and we are sure there is a nest or more up in the Bull Rapids area.

Thank you for the info Ed. See ya!

**ANTWERP & THE MAUMEE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In the last few years, more people are making use of the Maumee River. Canoes and kayaks and other types of float boats, some with a canopy or a top for the shade. There are still some fishermen trying to land one of the big catfish.

In looking back, the volunteers of the A.C.D.C. have made something out of nothing. They used that old drive to the river and made it passable, then they cut a path to the river. They also fixed it so you could turn vehicles around and drive back out.

I know parking space for your trailer or jeep is still a little scarce, but I know the boys are working on it.

Over the years I have talked to a lot of the users of the river, and not one of them have seen a mermaid. I'm not in good with DNR, but I wonder if they would stock the Maumee with a few.

I am quite proud of the marina here in Antwerp, it is on the Maritime Map of the Maumee from Toledo

and Lake Erie all the way to Fort Wayne, IN, well over 100 miles. Our marina is easy in and out in summer water.

I know the last couple of summers have been up and down with the water level and sometimes there is not much of a window for water sports, but I am glad to see folks making use of one of our great resources...the Maumee River.

Some of our local users are Dan Bowers, Pastor Rick Grimes, Mayor Ray DeLong, Chris Walters and Louie Bereszgazi. We have a lot of good fishermen too!

See ya!

**THE RESERVOIR (PART 1)**

**By: Stan Jordan**

I don't know where this is going, but I have before me my 1878 map of Paulding County and it shows in detail the Six Mile Reservoir.

Well, this reservoir was laid out back in 1840 by the United States government to aid in moving goods from east to west and north to south by the use of canals and the one held water for the Wabash and Erie Canal.

Well, by studying this map, it is a deal about like 'you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.' Nearly half of Six Mile Reservoir was in Carryall Township, in one way it didn't help Antwerp factories, but in another way it did.

To get the logs to the factories in Antwerp along the canal, they had to go around the west end of the reservoir and drop them off into the water and then float them down to the said factory. To do this, they were using water from Indiana's part of the system. The east end of Six Mile Reservoir was over in Crane Township called Hutchins Lock about 4 miles east of Antwerp. When the produce of Antwerp factories were loaded in canal boats and headed for Toledo and other markets, they used the water from Six Mile Reservoir, so that when everything worked right it was a good deal. This worked well for 30 - 40 years and actually Antwerp prospered. Not as much as a gold strike, but there was a lot of employment and of course history and progress.

In 1870, the logging industry had reached its peak. The forests were about bare and Indiana closed its share of the canal. All that was open was the 18 miles down to Junction.

Well, by 1887 the reservoir was no longer needed to move the products to or from

Antwerp and the railroad had taken over because it was quicker and easier. The people soon got tired of the reservoir and the big mosquitoes and sickness it was of little use, in their mind.

To do this era of Antwerp's history it will take a couple more issues.

The county reservoir has to go! See ya!

**EMS COMMITTEE MEETS**

The committee that was formed to look into Paulding County's Emergency Medical Service met Thursday night, March 21, 2020. Commissioner Tony Zartman reported on the sub committee's meeting last Thursday, on the proposal from the Paulding County Hospital. Commissioner Zartman stated that after a two hour meeting, the discussion of reducing the hours needed to be covered, went from Twelve hours per day, down to eight hours. The result lowered the operating cost that the hospital originally proposed. Jay Klopfenstein, Fire Chief and EMT with the Scott Fire and EMS, stated he felt we should first start out having eight hour shifts and see how effective that works before expanding to the twelve hour shifts. Commissioner Zartman, presented the breakdown of the revised figures. Zartman stated that with the hospital's new operation cost of \$90,000, the commissioner agreed that they could front the initial \$30,000 a year and presented the breakdown of the twelve townships and eleven villages share of the remaining \$60,000. It was asked of the committee members what their thoughts were. Harrison Twp. Trustee Chad Benschneider, stated that the Harrison Twp. trustees as well as the Benton Twp. trustees met with the village of Payne's mayor and council members over this issue, and discussed of the additional monies. The village of Payne placed an income-tax levy on in 2019 and the contractual townships already pay for fire and EMS and a good portion of that goes to provide day-time EMTs. Mr. Benschneider stated that in their discussion, it was the opinion of those at their meeting, not to support the additional funding, however is willing to continue to look for an answer to other villages and townships EMS coverage needs.

Ashley McDougall, Antwerp EMS Coordinator stated with what the village of Antwerp and the two contractual townships already pay for EMS services, then the additional funding for this day-time EMS crew, for the county, the Antwerp EMS could provide their own day-time EMTs. The question was asked by Zartman, where does this committee goes from here and what are the member's thoughts? Ed Bohn, Paulding County's EMA Director stated, with the initial non supportive comments from Payne and Antwerp that would be a third of the funding not available. Therefore the best way to answer the question is bring the funding to the voters, in a tax levy. Comments were made from other committee members that a tax levy would be hard to support when the village and township shares were easier to support, with the given proposal. Michael Schnipke, Grover Hill's EMS

**THE PAYNE AVE BRIDGE**



*Bridge over Canal - on Payne Ave.*

**By: Stan Jordan**

This photo is from the John Paulding Historical Society. It is from a little 2X2 shot taken years ago, probably between 1860 and 1880. My boss blew it up to an 8 1/2 X 11 for me and it is so much more readable than before.

The government paid \$7,700.00 per mile for the canal and locks. It never said anything about a bridge. I assume this bridge is all wood because it is free and nearby, even the abutments (columns) are made of wood.

There at the left boat tied

up, maybe waiting to go through or maybe the guy stopped to get his mail, as the post office is right here to your left.

Now this bridge was about 150 feet south of East Canal St on SR 49, it is easy to locate. The first store and saloon was about one block west on Canal Street.

Here at West Bend News we figure the camera was pointed east.

If you look close at the area, you can see a man holding a little fellow on the hand rail, with 2 or 3 fellows work-

ing hard watching a young boy fishing.

Then maybe one of these or maybe two even, are to move that runaway at the left end of the bridge so the wagon or buggy can get up on the bridge or off.

I could never find out if that was bridge down at Harrmann Road. I think that area came a little later.

I really enjoy this picture. Every time I look at it, I see something new and more history.

See ya!

**CLASS OF '49**



**By: Stan Jordan**

While going through my files, I found this picture of the Antwerp High School Class of 1949. I don't remember if I showed it before or not.

First Row (L to R): Dor-

othy Schmunk, Mary Lou Meyer, N.L. Samaha, Wanda Drixlex, Louis Snyder. Second Row (L to R): Phyllis Trutwin, Barbara Quisno, Esther Shuherk, Betty Murphy, Arlene Clinton, Mariann Marlin, Joan Hawkins,

Etta Belle Stuart, Clarice Reeb. Back Row (L to R): Dick Friend, Tom V. Cottrell, Cary Miller, Tom Schmunk, James Sidenbender, Jim Johnson, Herbie Stevenson, Richard Foley, Stanley Coplin.

See ya!

**Antwerp Conservation Club**

**Event Schedule**

**April 4th - Annual Easter Egg Postponed**

**April 5th - IDPA Pistol Match. Match begins at 1pm**

**April 22nd - Wild Turkey Class - Calling, Hunting class at 6pm; Registration April 1st**

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Coordinator and Gary Lewis, Oakwood's EMS Coordinator, both stated that they only have a few EMTs available during the day-time, but cannot be guaranteed any one would be available, and they are in need of help. EMT Schnipke said he was hoping that the hospital's proposal would have stronger support then he was hearing. Commissioner Zartman asked the committee, where do we go from here? It was suggested that the township trustees, mayors, council members and each of the six EMS agencies look over the proposal and return with answers from the twelve townships, eleven villages and six EMS agencies. The next date for the EMS committee meeting in Paulding County will be Thursday May 14th. At that time, a decision will be made as to which direction the committee will move forward.

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# DESK VIEW

By: Katie Oberlin

Given the current global circumstances, most families are buying more groceries at the moment. Families everywhere are purchasing more toilet paper, bottled water, and non-perishable foods. These precautions are due to the extreme health situation, and grocery shopping is different now than in normal day to day life. Typical grocery shopping in Germany



is different than in the U.S. In general, Germans go to the supermarket more often. When necessary, families go shopping every day. Most of the time, families buy groceries every other day, or at least twice a week. The bigger villages tend to have many options for shopping and act as a central location where people from smaller villages can come to get groceries. Aldi, Rewe, Edeka, and Lidl are popular supermarkets in Germany.

One reason that Germans go grocery shopping so often is because they rely on always having fresh food, especially bread and vegetables. Bread is a huge part of the German diet. The white loaves of bread on the store shelves eaten in the U.S. are called "toast bread" here and have a reputation of being not so filling or healthy. In the supermarkets here, there is always a bakery inside where people can buy freshly baked bread loaves, rolls, and desserts. Bread only lasts a few days, so it has to be bought more periodically. It must be stored in an airtight bread box to keep it fresh and mold-free. German bread is denser than the bread eaten in the U.S. which makes it more filling. Germans eat bread for breakfast, at school, and usually as a meal in the evening. Typically, one meal a day here is hot, and the others are bread.

Another grocery trend that is bigger here than in the Midwest is buying organic or "Bio" products. More families here are buying organic

items to work against climate change, to try and minimize the carbon footprint, to reduce chemical use in the food industry, to heighten food quality, or to be more mindful of what they are putting into their bodies. Not all families buy organic products, but the supermarkets have organic options for almost everything. There are also options to purchase organic items directly from farmers or in small "Bioläden" or shops that sell only organic goods. The organic scene is continually growing in Germany.

Also in environmental mindfulness, German grocery stores do not give the option to take home groceries in plastic sacks. Germany is currently planning to ban these single-use bags to help the movement against global pollution. Here, people bring reusable totes with them into the grocery stores and pack their groceries in these at check out. All over the world, people are able to buy groceries, but there are interesting differences in other countries.

## NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COVID-19 STATEMENT

Northwest State Community College is acting in accordance with the recommendations of Governor DeWine and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) in response to COVID-19. The following measures have just been announced:

Spring break has been extended one week, meaning classes will now begin on Monday, March 23. Second 8-week classes will also now begin on March 23.

Classes will resume March 23rd with remote delivery only. Courses which cannot be supported remotely will have alternate plans, which will be communicated directly to the students.

Offsite learning, such as externships, College Credit Plus, etc. will continue as scheduled.

Scheduled events at the Archbold Campus through April 5th anticipating large groups of people will be canceled or postponed, and events scheduled to occur beyond April 6th will be re-evaluated imminently.

Priority registration for summer and fall classes opens on March 27th for NSCC Veterans and Service Members, and open registration for all students opens on March 30th.

In response to COVID-19, the College will have a dedicated website, NorthwestState.edu/covid-19 which will provide helpful information on campus-related issues, as well as state and federal guidelines and resources to assist with questions.

"We fully support our Governor in these emergency procedures, and NSCC is working with our community college partners so we are consistent in our response to this crisis," said Dr. Michael Thomson, NSCC President. "The most important thing right now is for NSCC to act prudently, with a goal to save lives."

## HELPFUL INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

If you have traveled to/from any of the countries on alert (Italy, Iran, Mainland China, Japan or South Korea) within the past 30 days, or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 and have a fever or respiratory illness (fever, cough or shortness of breath), call your doctor's office or local public health department for further direction.

### General Statement from Community Memorial Hospital

Community Memorial Hospital is committed to the health and well-being of our patients, caregivers and community. In light of COVID-19 (coronavirus), we are taking extra precautions to keep everyone safe. Precautions include: continuing to require all patients to wear a mask if they are coughing or have a fever; patients who think have contracting COVID-19 are to call in advance prior to their visit to receive arrival instructions; and having visitor restrictions for all hospital admissions.

### Information about COVID-19

COVID-19 is a new virus strain that is believed to spread in similar ways as the common cold, such as when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. A health care provider can give you instructions for seeking care, without exposing others. You can locate a provider near you by visiting www.cmhosp.com or calling 419-542-6692.

### How to Protect Yourself

Across the world, new cases of COVID-19 are being reported, and some parts of the country have declared a state of emergency. However, according to the CDC and other authorities, the risk remains low for exposure in the U.S. We continue to follow established infection prevention protocols and remain prepared to care for patients. We have protocols in place, including training our staff and practicing for these scenarios, and for how we work with infection control and

prevention teams, the CDC, and public health authorities. We are monitoring this issue closely and taking necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our patients, caregivers, visitors and community.

You can protect yourself from COVID-19 the same ways you protect against the common cold or seasonal flu.

- Frequently clean your hands. Alcohol gel works well in most situations (after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose), but with soap and water should be performed after going to the bathroom, before eating, or when your hands are visibly soiled

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. (Putting a tissue on a table contaminates the surface of the table with germs.)

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

- Stay home when you are sick

- Routinely disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, using a cleaning spray or wipe

- Avoid travel to high-risk countries

### If you Feel Sick:

- Stay home if you believe you have been exposed to the virus, even if you are not showing any symptoms.

- If you have traveled to a country on the CDC list of level 2 or 3 travel health notices and feel ill, call your health care provider prior to coming into the doctor's office or emergency department so we can better prepare.

- Avoid coming to the emergency department, unless you have a health emergency and/or you have been advised by your health care provider to do so. This helps prevent the risk of spreading COVID-19 infection.

- Stay home when you are sick, especially if you have respiratory illness symptoms. At the present time, these symptoms are more likely due to influenza or other respiratory viruses than the COVID-19 infection. Whether you have seasonal flu, the common cold, or something else, it's important you stay away from others when sick.

- Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home as much as possible when you are sick.

- Monitor yourself for fever, cough and shortness of breath.

**Symptoms to Monitor:** Cough, fever and respiratory problems

### Stay Informed

The CDC has the most current information about the virus, including everything you need to know about how the virus spreads, how it's treated, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you get sick. Stay on top of the latest by visiting the CDC website, which is being updated frequently.

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ate (Door #8)

All 3 sites will be available for meal pick-up every Tuesday on the dates below:

March 17th, March 24th, March 31st, April 7th

Pick up times for each site are as follows:

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Each child will receive two bags. The first bag will have a five-day allotment

of breakfast and the second bag will have a five-day allotment of lunch items. To limit interaction and proximity to other participants and therefore decrease the risk of COVID-19 exposure, food service staff will deliver these items to your vehicle upon arrival. Please be prepared to provide your child's name upon meal pick-up.

For more details please call 260-446-0100.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SHORT- AND LONG-TERM INVESTING?



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

As you go through life, you'll have many financial goals. Fortunately, you don't need to achieve them all at the same time. But when you have a mix of short- and long-term goals, you will need to pursue some different investment strategies simultaneously.

Your short-term goals may depend somewhat on your stage in life. For example, when you're starting out with your career and you're beginning to raise a family, you may well have a goal of saving enough money for a down payment on a home. Later on, though, you may decide you want to travel the world for a year.

Because you know about how much money you'll need, and when you'll need it, you can choose the appropriate investments, with these characteristics:

**Low risk** - Above all else, you want the right amount of money to be there when it's time to use it. So, you'll need low-risk, high-stability investments. You won't see much in the way of growth from these types of investments, but you also won't be sweating every single market downturn in fear of not reaching your goal.

**Liquidity** - You won't want to worry about trying to find a market for your investment when it's time to sell it and then use the proceeds for your short-term goal. That's why you need to pick short-term vehicles that are highly liquid.

Now, moving on to longer-term goals, the situation can be quite a bit different. Suppose, for instance, you're

saving and investing for a retirement that may be three or four decades away. For this goal, you have one overriding motivation: to end up with as much money as possible. And since you have so many years until you need this money, you may be able to take on more risk than you could with the investments you counted on for your short-term needs. This isn't to say you should be reckless, of course - you still need to pay attention to your individual risk tolerance. Overall, though, there's a big philosophical difference, in terms of risk capacity, between investing for the long term versus the short term.

When you're saving for a long-term goal such as retirement, you may need to rely primarily on your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And within these accounts, you'll need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments. It's true that growth investments are volatile, with sometimes sharp price declines. But in exchange, you have the opportunity for greater growth potential.

Once you do retire, you'll still have long-term goals. For one thing, even during retirement, you'll need your portfolio to have some growth potential to keep you ahead of inflation. And you'll also need to address perhaps the longest-term goal of all: leaving the type of legacy you desire for your loved ones.

A financial professional can help you clarify and prioritize your short- and long-term goals, as well as assist you in choosing the appropriate strategies for helping meet these goals - whether they're three years or three decades away.

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**ARCHER SEASON COMES TO AN END**



Jayvin Landers, Antwerp Senior, shoots and scores for the Archers in the last game before the coronavirus OHSAA tournament shutdown. More pictures at westbednews.net

**BOWLING GREEN** - After a tremendous season that saw Antwerp win its first 25 games of the year, the 26th contest brought an end to that ride as the Archers fell to Columbus Grove 55-50 in the Division IV regional semifinals at Bowling Green State University's Stro-

Center Tuesday night.

The loss ended a historic year for Antwerp, which included championships in the Green Meadows Conference, sectional and district and saw the blue and white finish with a 25-1 record.

Tuesday's battle with Columbus Grove was nip and

tuck throughout as the Bulldogs seized grabbed a 14-13 advantage at the end of eight minutes of action.

The Putnam County squad outpointed the Archers by one point in the second quarter as well, giving Columbus Grove a 27-25 halftime advantage.

However, the blue and white rallied in quarter number three to pick up a dozen points compared to the Bulldogs' eight giving Antwerp a 37-35 advantage entering the final stanza.

Columbus Grove, though, answered in the final period with 20 points while limiting Antwerp to 13 as the Bulldogs went on to record the 55-50 victory.

Jagger Landers led the way for the Archers with 19 points on the night while Jacob Savina posted 11 and Jayvin Landers chipped in eight.

Luke Krouse (six), Owen Sheedy (four) and Blake Schuette (two) completed the list of Antwerp scorers.

Tayt Birnesser topped Columbus Grove with 17 points while Blake Reynolds also hit double digits with a dozen markers.

Alex Schneider and Gabe Clement each scored nine markers for the Bulldogs followed by Evan Hopkins (six) and Ethan Halker (two).

The Archers won the battle of the boards in the contest, 28-24, behind nine from Jagger Landers and Antwerp also had fewer turnovers, 11-13. Each team connected on a trio of three-point field goals, with Jagger Landers hitting a pair and Savina adding another.

In the loss, four Ant-

werp players dressed in the Archer basketball blue and white for the final time. Included in those four were Jake Eaken, Jayvin Landers, Blake Schuette and Jacob Savina.

**GERBER, LANDERS SHARE GMC PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS**

**HAVILAND** - The Green Meadows Conference Boys Basketball Player of the Year honors has a pair of Paulding County players splitting the award in Wayne Trace senior Nathan Gerber and Antwerp sophomore Jagger Landers.

Landers led the way for the Archers in completing an undefeated regular season, including a perfect run through the Green Meadows Conference to capture an outright league title.

He shares the award with Gerber, who topped a Raider squad that finished second only to Antwerp in the league at 6-1 and wrapped up a 16-6 regular season.

Along with Landers and Gerber leading the way amongst league players, joining the duo on the first team are Antwerp senior Jayvin Landers, Edgerton senior Logan Showalter, Hicksville junior Landon Turnbull and Tinora senior Evan Willitzer.

Second team honorees for the Green Meadows Conference are Antwerp sophomore Luke Krouse, Ayersville junior Brayden Amoroso, Fairview senior Cade Polter, Hicksville sophomore Jackson Bergman, Tinora junior Marcus Grube and Wayne Trace senior Reid Miller.

Players garnering honorable mention included Antwerp senior Jacob Savina and junior Austin Lichty, Ayersville sophomore Jakob Trevino, Fairview junior Russ Zeedyk, Hicksville senior Travian Tunis, Holgate senior Blake Hattermer, Tinora sophomore Nolan Schafer and Wayne Trace senior Alex Reinhart.

**WOODLAN TRIO HONORED BY ACAC; PAIR OF PATRIOTS RECOGNIZED**

The ACAC all-conference boys basketball team was released last week with a trio of Woodlan players recognized on the squad while Heritage also had two players honored.

Joe Reidy and Mitch Mendenhall each received ACAC first-team honors along with South Adams' James Arnold, Adams Central's Lucas Van De Weg and the Bluffton duo of Hayden Nern and Tanner Cooley.

Named to the second team were Southern Wells' Kreigh Roush, Jay County's Erik Dirksen, Adams Central's Ben Voirol, Heritage's Luke Saylor, South Adams' Trey Schoch and Southern Wells' Dylan Junk.

Those players garnering honorable mention are Jay County's Noah Arbuckle, Woodlan's Aiden Bayman, Heritage's Parker Tracey and Bluffton's Konner Norman.

**OHSAA POSTPONES ALL REMAINING WINTER TOURNAMENTS**

At 12:45 p.m. Thursday, MARCH 12, 2020 the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced that all remaining winter tournament contests are immediately postponed due to the growing situation with the coronavirus COVID-19.

The suspended tournaments include the girls state basketball tournament; the state individual wrestling tournament; the state ice hockey tournament, and the boys regional and state basketball tournaments.

"We will use this time to work with the appropriate state authorities and health experts to determine our next steps moving forward," Snodgrass said. "We realize this is disappointing for our participants and their fans, but the overall health and safety of everyone involved in our tournaments is our priority."

No timetable has been determined for possible rescheduling for the tournaments.

The OHSAA will send further updates regarding ticket refunds.

**HUSTED ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF BMV "GET IN LINE, ONLINE" IN VAN WERT, PAULDING COUNTIES**

Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Registrar Charles Norman announced that the "Get In Line, Online" virtual queuing system is expanding to three counties in Northwest Ohio.

"Get In Line, Online" was launched as a pilot project in June at 13 locations in Franklin, Cuyahoga, and

Hancock counties. On average, a "Get In Line, Online" customer spends nearly 15 fewer minutes waiting in-person at a deputy registrar location.

BMV locations in Allen, Paulding and Van Wert Counties have officially gone live with the system, which allows Ohioans in the region to "Get in Line, Online" before arriving at the BMV. After checking in online, they will have a four-hour window to arrive at the deputy registrar location, check in at a self-service kiosk, and claim their spot in line for services such as license renewal or vehicle registration.

"Get in Line, Online has been a huge success and has saved Ohioans more than 7,000 hours of time they would have spent standing in line at the BMV that they instead were able to spend doing literally anything else," said Lt. Governor Husted. "Having been a 'Get In Line, Online' customer myself, I can say for sure that it makes the BMV experience significantly better for everyone."

This is the fifth expansion of the system, with other expansion announcements held in Youngstown, Zanesville, Marietta, and Dayton. The pilot locations also remain active.

"Time is valuable and the most important aspect of customer service," said Ohio BMV Registrar Charles Norman. "This expansion strengthens our commitment to improving and enhancing the overall customer experience."

InnovateOhio will continue to manage the expansion of this project across the state throughout the first half of 2020.

For more information and to access the "Get in Line, Online" system, visit [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov).

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### ANTWERP ELEMENTARY HOSTS FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT ... CONT'D



At one of the stations, fourth grader Alyvia Bell reads a book with her family.



Auston and Jayden Fish read the instructions to make their own s'mores.



Fourth grader Jason McKay and his father color a bookmark in the library.

in attendance received a free book and flashlight, and many students won additional prizes. Thirty students won a poster; Auston Fish, Hayden Grant, and Aaron Mylek each won a camping tent; and Mo Reyes won a

camping-themed basket of items. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Pam Bailey, Antwerp's Title I reading teacher and Mrs. Elyse Boyer, Antwerp's Director of Curriculum & Technology Integration Innovation.

### PAULDING COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR OFFERS PROACTIVE COVID-19 ADVICE

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a prevalent topic of conversation and a concern to everyone. Now that President Trump and Governor Mike DeWine have declared a States of Emergency in the United States. In Ohio, and has ordered all events of 100 or more to postpone or cancel, all schools in the state of Ohio, both public and private, closed for three weeks starting Monday March 16th, as well as, closing of restaurants and bars, with carry-outs and delivery only, starting at 9:00pm on Sunday March 15th. The virus has affected travel, the stock markets, high schools, colleges and pro sports, and impacted scheduled local, state, and national events. The coronavirus is responsible for over 170,000 illnesses worldwide

and nearly 7,000 deaths. According to Paulding County EMA Director Edward Bohn, a plan in preparation for such an outbreak has been in place for many years, covering different viruses and just recently "The Bird Flu" to our poultry industry.

Bohn noted that this is a dangerous virus, since this strain of the coronavirus is new to health officials. Yes it is a concern, but it should not be a reason to panic. We may be called "alarmist", but in reality we are being proactive and getting ahead of this virus outbreak.

The biggest problems affecting the population right now are people worldwide on social media posting unofficial and invalidated information. The public can be assured that the health departments and the medical community will deal with this situation as it arises. It is a matter of the public taking it seriously, with the pre-

cautions that have been outlined. Once it is determined through testing of those affected, the health care and medical professionals can deal with those that have contracted the virus protect us from being exposed or worse yet spread the virus.

At the local level, we have existing plans in place from the previous H1N1 virus that we confronted in 2009 and the recent Ebola scare. EMS, doctor's offices and the local hospitals all have plans and procedures to follow. It may be a matter of upgrading procedures with personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfecting and sanitizing affected equipment, with the new strain of Coronavirus, but we do not have to "reinvent the wheel".

When the outbreak began in Wuhan, China this new strain of Coronavirus was transmitted from an animal to a human. The severity of the virus was originally unknown to the Chinese Government and the spreading of the COVID-19 began. Once information was obtained about the severity of the virus, here in the United States, state and local health officials immediately began sharing information on what was taking place worldwide, and what to expect, and possible impacts.

With the cooperation from all levels of government and the different agencies combating this, new illness information will be shared with the public in a timely manner, we will take appropriate actions in the event we would begin seeing cases in the county or surrounding counties. Director Bohn wants everyone to understand that this virus is similar to any cold or flu, and only testing will determine a positive or negative reading. COVID-19 won't be stopped and will gradually sweep across the United States to many communities just as any virus does. The scale of impact on those communities will be determined by the precaution the public takes.

Our goal right now is to be proactive across the United States, the State of Ohio and at the local level, trying to isolate the virus in areas when it shows itself and to slow down the spread. The actions taken by the State of Ohio and the local health departments will give laboratories the time to create a vaccine. The hope is the virus will decline as warmer weather becomes prevalent as Spring and Summer arrive. This has been the case with previous viruses that the medical community has seen, but that is uncertain at this point. In either case, it will still be 12 to 18 months until a vaccine could be developed and available to the public.

The EMA Director advised that he has been in contact with the Paulding County Health Department and they have plans in place should Paulding County or surrounding counties start

seeing cases.

What we know is that most people that get the virus have cold like symptoms and won't realize they have this virus unless tested. 80% of those affected will be able to ride out the signs and symptoms of the virus. Once these symptoms show up, self-quarantine by staying home and away from other people will be advised so that the virus isn't transmitted to others, particularly the elderly and high-risk individuals, with respiratory health issues. One of the good aspects of this virus is that we have not seen a single death in small children, which differs from the normal flu each year.

What is next? That is the question on many people's minds. First, with the implementation of Governor DeWine's orders of "Social Distancing" by restricting gatherings of 100 or more, stopping further play of any school sports at this time, and the closing of all schools in Ohio for three weeks, will allow health departments and the medical professionals to evaluate if these measures are having an impact, or if more is needed. Ohio is being considered the leaders in taking action, according to USA Today article in Friday March 14th newspaper.

Secondly, this new strain of the virus is serious, but so are the flu and other viruses serious when we do not take the needed precautions, by following the guidelines given by the CDC, state of Ohio, and Paulding County Health Departments.

Third, be prepared as in any possible emergency situation, with having the needed food and supplies to deal with staying at home for two weeks. It is important to have extra items on hand in the event that supply chains are impacted by this virus and could be interrupted for a period of time. This type of preparedness has been emphasized for any emergency that arises. You are asked to use common sense though and not to hoard items such as toilet paper and hand sanitizer to name two.

And finally, if cases were to occur in the county, activation of the Emergency Operations Center will bring together the key officials in our communities to implement Paulding County's plans and assist the residents within the county to keep the public informed.

Bill Edwards, Paulding County Health Department's Emergency Coordinator stated, If you have questions about how to protect yourself and prepare for COVID-19 in your community, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) can provide answers. The ODH coronavirus disease 2019 call center can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. ODH staffers operate the center seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, including weekends. Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease

experts. They are available to answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response. You can find additional information at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Remember that the best thing you can do in the face of COVID-19 is to take precautions to protect yourself, your family, and your community:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; dry hands with a clean towel or air dry hands.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Clean "high-touch" surfaces daily. These include counters, tabletops, door-knobs, light switches, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, desks, and tablets.

### A MESSAGE FROM VAN WERT LIVE EVENTS (VWPAF) REGARDING COVID-19

#### THE SHOW MUST {safely} GO ON

Van Wert LIVE Events (VWPAF) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation. The health and safety of our patrons, performers, and staff is our priority.

1) Should an event be canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, you will receive a 100% refund on your ticket(s). Van Wert LIVE has no plans to cancel performances taking place in the facility. At this time, the show WILL go on and we welcome you!

If you are ill or suspect you have been in contact with someone who is known to have COVID-19, please remain at home. We will happily exchange your tickets for a future performance if you are

unable to attend due to illness during this outbreak.

2) Van Wert LIVE at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center is currently taking the following procedures to protect all who enter our facility:

Increased frequency of cleaning and sanitation on all surfaces, including seats, using CDC approved disinfectant products.

Asking staff and volunteers to monitor their health, regularly wash their hands, and stay at home if they or a household member show any symptoms of illness.

Ushers have been directed to only look at tickets and not touch or handle them in any capacity.

Encouraging preventative measures for patrons, including hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Sanitary Stations have been installed at each entry to the auditorium.

Volunteers will be responsive to patron concerns if uncomfortable of surroundings.

3) Meet & Greets - All meet & greet opportunities will be limited or canceled for the immediate future. Please refrain from shaking hands or any other physical interactions with artists in consideration of their health. Please use the elbow-bump as opposed to a handshake in social settings.

4) Van Wert LIVE at the Niswonger asks you to please follow the CDC health guidelines.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping protect our community. We look forward to entertaining you in Van Wert!

### HERITAGE LIONS REGULAR MEETING SET

The Heritage Lions will hold their next regular meeting on March 24 at 7 pm in the Hoagland Community Center located in the Hoagland Community Park. The summer ice cream sales events, Pack Away Hunger, helping with the Cornerstone fish fry and plans for several other projects will be presented.

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# GROVER HILL ELEMENTARY FEBRUARY SOM



Grover Hill Elementary February Student of the Month are from left to right: Front Tylan Sinn 2B, Abby Baker 3A, Ethan Reed 3B, Viktor Bland YK, Emmy Sinn 1B, Sophia Kurtz KB, Kendly Hurd 1A and Alirah Ricker KA. Back Abigail Tarlton RS2, Avery Noffsinger 4A, Braxton Schnipke 4B, Caitlyn Mead 6B, Zander Warren 6A, Leah Bland 5B, Madison Gilbert 5A and Gracelyn Miller 2A.

## PAULDING COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The annual meeting of the Paulding County General Health District Advisory Council was held on March 9, 2020.

During the meeting, Joe Thome was named President of the council and Chad Benschneider was named secretary for the ensuing year.

Ronald Schmidt was appointed to serve a five-year term on the board of health, to expire in 2025. Reports were presented by all the health department personnel

for the calendar year 2019.

The following were in attendance: Marty Adams, Brown Township; Gene Weidenhamer, Auglaize Township; Gene Sheets, Cecil Mayor; Daniel Thomas, Brown Township; Jammie Hughes, Blue Creek Township; Bryce Mills, Blue Creek Township; Ray Johann, Jackson Township; Mike Meyer, Crane Township; Mike Kausner, Paulding Township; Kevin Stuart, Crane Township; Jason Sheets, Latty Township; Chad Molitor, Carryall Township; Mark Crosby, Benton Township; Randy

Noggle, Benton Township; Mark Holtsberry, County Commissioner; Chad Benschneider, Harrison Township; Robert Young, Harrison Township; Joe Thome, Benton Township; Joe Sukup, Crane Township; Jay Dangler, Paulding, Township; Lonnie Lytle, Washington Township; Joe Barker, Carryall Township; Kerry Hook, Harrison Township; Ronald Schmidt, Board of Health Member; Christopher Bercaw, Board of Health Member; Lisa Wittier, Board of Health Member; Wendell Spangler, MD, Board of Health Member;

Joseph M. Kuhn, DO, Health Commissioner; Amber Gochenour, RN, Director of Nursing; Sherry Miller, RN, WIC Director; Robin Gonzales, Clerk/Registrar; William Edwards, RS, Emergency Response Cord.

The Paulding County Health Department's 2019 Financial Report is on file at the health department. The report can be viewed during regular Health Department business hours.

## LAWN CARE FOR YOU, THE HOMEOWNER.

Spring is (almost) officially here. It's time to start thinking about shaping up the yard, and your lawn is a big part of that. Now is a great time to start preparing your lawn with an early spring fertilizer to attain and maintain that nice green look in your lawn.

Claude, Jim and I will be writing some articles throughout the growing season to help you keep your lawn looking great.

In order to give your lawn an excellent boost this spring, we recommend an early treatment of lawn fertilizer for a strong green up. You may combine this with an annual weed preventative to help keep those unwanted grassy weeds (such as crabgrass) out of your lawn. We also suggest getting a PH test for the soil to determine whether your soil could be too acidic or to alkaline and to correct your PH with soil amending products.

Why fertilize in early spring? Grass and other plants are emerging from the dormant stage. Once the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees, the soil microbes will start to become active and the grass will green up. In order to maintain a lush healthy green lawn, grass needs the proper nutrients in order to grow strong and vibrant. Giving your lawn a high-quality slow release fertilizer in early spring will feed your lawn over the next 8 plus weeks, and set up your yard nicely for the rest of the growing season.

Choosing the right fertilizer is important. The lawn lives in the soil surrounded by air, water, living things and humus, the residue of living things. In soil, the fundamental physical, chemical and biological processes necessary for lawn grass growth takes place. For a lawn grass plant to be healthy it needs nutrients. These nutrients are divided into two main groups, the non-mineral and the mineral.

The non-mineral nutrients are hydrogen, oxygen and carbon. These nutrients are found in the air and water that surrounds us. In a process called photosynthesis, green plants use energy from the sun to change carbon dioxide, from the air, and hydrogen from the water, into sugars. These sugars become the means for making the carbohydrates, fats, oils, and proteins that are the building blocks of life. Since green plants get their carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water, there is little that man can do to control how much of these nutrients a green plant can make or use. We and all of life on earth are living off of the green plant

for our food supply.

There are thirteen mineral nutrients, which come from the soil, that are important for lawn grass plant growth. The mineral nutrients are divided into two groups: macronutrients and micronutrients. Macronutrients include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Grass plants use these macronutrients for their growth and survival and not all of these nutrients are found in lawn fertilizers. Micronutrients are essential elements for lawn grass plant growth, which are needed in smaller quantities. The micronutrients are boron, copper, iron, chloride, manganese, molybdenum and zinc. Recycling of organic material, such as grass clippings, is as excellent way to provide micronutrients. They are absorbed by lawn grass plants from the soil and water by means of their root hairs. There are not always enough of these minerals present in the soil for a lawn grass plant to produce maximum healthy growth. This is why we fertilize the lawn. We also fertilize to supply nitrogen to stimulate lawn growth; however, this as in the case of mineral nutrients, is done to supply extra nutrients for lawn growth stimulation.

High-quality lawn fertilizers feed evenly throughout an eight-week or longer period of time giving your lawn the right amount of food at the right time. Determining the amount and kind of fertilizer you need for your lawn will greatly depend upon your soil's condition and PH level to provide the nutrients your grass needs.

In early spring, you can also prevent grassy weeds from coming into your lawn later in the growing season. These are annual weeds that sprout from seeds that grow into mature plants throughout the growing season, and then drop their own seeds before dying... which pro-

vides another crop for the following year. These annual weeds include crabgrass, goosegrass, barnyardgrass, dallisgrass, quackgrass, and bermudagrass.

So how do I keep these weeds out of my yard? By using a pre-emergent weed control, you are creating a "protective barrier" on the lawn. The active ingredients are distributed throughout the lawn in late winter or early spring, before the annuals have begun to germinate. They lie in wait for the annual weed seeds to sprout. As germination begins, the young seedlings come in contact with the protective barrier and succumb to its controlling action.

However, these protective barriers also prevent any good grass seed from germinating. So if you are planning on seeding or overseeding any part of your lawn, do not use a pre-emergent control unless it is a control that specifically says you can seed.

Pre-emergent controls should be applied in late winter or early spring. However, as a guide for all areas, the application should be made before dandelions are in the puffball stage...before lilacs bloom... or before forsythia drop.

Pre-emergent controls usually last for approximately four months. When applying a pre-emergent in early spring, you may need to apply another application of pre-emergent in early summer to prevent crabgrass from coming up later in the summer.

Also, if you are planning on thatching this spring, do not apply any pre-emergent controls before you have thatched. Thatching or raking will break the barrier that a pre-emergent control provides and makes it useless.

Best wishes to you on a great lawn year!

—Len Schrock

Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant  
Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

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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.

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

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

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

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,  
I'm writing this letter in support of Paulding County Commissioner Tony Zartman. I've witnessed personally, how devoted to the residents of our county he is. He has been instrumental in the creation of the Paulding County Vision Board which is made up of board members representing the different communities throughout our county. For those not familiar with the group, it's a team

that coordinates collaboration, plans strategically, and secures more grant funding by leveraging working together.

I fully support his endeavor to be re-elected for Paulding County Commissioner and strongly believe his 12+ years of county leadership will lead Paulding County confidently into the future.

Sincerely,

—Lisa McClure

**42<sup>nd</sup> P.A.S.S. 24-HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON TO CANCEL 2020 TOURNEY DUE TO COVID-19**

With great sadness the Paulding Area Support Society's Basketball Marathon Committee must announce that this year's event will not take place. I don't think anyone could have foreseen a little virus being what caused a 42-year long Paulding County tradition to face its first ever event cancellation. The question on if the Marathon was still taking place was first asked to me Wednesday evening by a former committee member and next thing you know every American's life has been turned upside down. I know that the P.A.S.S. Society which has always worked closely with the Paulding County Health Department wants to follow the advice we all receive on how to help prevent the spread of this virus. Please be safe for the health and safety of you and those around you as the United States battles this new virus.

The 42nd Annual P.A.S.S.

Basketball Tournament will take place next year in 2021. We hope everyone will be back on the hardwood on April 2-3, 2021 doing what we do best, "PLAYING BALL FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T". The Marathon Committee will be contacting teams that have already sent forms in to ask how they want their entry money to be handled. The 3-options will be as follows: 1. full refund returned by mail, 2. shirts to be printed with team name but without playing basketball, 3. or donate the entire check to P.A.S.S. Society as a donation to help cover the advertising cost we already had for this years event. The Marathon is the P.A.S.S. Society's largest fundraiser of the year, but they are fortunate enough to have some reserves left from last year to continue serving Paulding County residents in need, however donations are always welcome.

Thank You,  
—Chad Benschneider,  
Marathon Committee  
Chairman

**LUTH. HEALTH NET. IMPLEMENTING EXTENDED MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

In an effort to protect the safety of patients, visitors and our healthcare team members, Lutheran Health Network has implemented extended safety measures in response to COVID-19.

Visitor Restrictions

Until further notice, Lutheran Health Network has implemented the following visitor restrictions:

- Hospitals**
  - Visitors are limited to one adult (18 years or older) per patient.
  - No one under age 18 is allowed to visit.
  - No visitors are allowed in the:
    - Emergency Department (except parents or guardians of a minor)
    - NICU (except both baby's parents)
    - Skilled nursing, TCU or continuing care units
    - Generations unit
    - No visitors with respiratory or flu-like symptoms (cold, cough, fever, muscle aches) are permitted to visit patients or wait within the facility.

**RediMed and MedStat Urgent Care Locations**

- No visitors will be allowed (the parent or guardian of a minor is permitted).

**Lutheran Health Physicians Practice Locations**

- Only one visitor age 18 or older may accompany a patient.

**Personal protective equipment**

Designated stations have been placed throughout our

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hospitals, clinics and urgent care facilities that feature hand sanitizer. Patients are encouraged to sanitize their hands when entering the hospital and when entering or exiting patient rooms. Masks are provided by clinicians when appropriate.

**Volunteer services**

Volunteer services across Lutheran Health Network have been temporarily suspended until further notice.

**Social distancing**

Whenever possible, it is recommended to practice social distancing, which means limiting close contact with others, especially in large groups. In alignment with the Allen County Department of Health's guidelines, community events, classes and non-essential meetings across the network have been cancelled. Contact the organizer with questions or information about future event opportunities.

**Staff procedures and guidelines**

Lutheran Health Network

is actively implementing various procedures to support and protect employees. Guidelines have been established and we continue to proactively take measures that support our ability to serve the community at all times.

**COVID-19 screening**

As a reminder, Lutheran Health Network is offering two easy-to-use screening options specific to COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms or concerns specific to COVID-19 can either:

- Call Lutheran Health Network's 24-Hour Information Line at (260) 435-5050 to speak with a healthcare professional who can help determine next steps.
- Use the VirtualHealth-Now app to speak with an experienced healthcare provider anywhere, anytime. Virtual visits are \$40.

Individuals who have appointments for outpatient services such as physical therapy or imaging and may be experiencing risk factors such as fever, cough or shortness of

breath, should call clinic staff before entering to receive additional guidance.

Patients with standing appointments, ongoing care plans or other health concerns should contact their providers prior to canceling or rescheduling appointments. We appreciate the community's understanding and compliance at this time.

Visit LHN.net for the most updated visitor restriction information and COVID-19 screening resources.

**FIRST 2020 WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet on March 26th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Community Center, east end of town. We had items given to us this winter that we will have to share and remember. Hope to see you (4th Thursday).

—Gloria Gerig,  
WCHS President

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Country Time Market, Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, 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, Smoke Stop, 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:** Sailers, 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:** Marathon

**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 Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert

Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital

**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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Walmart, Walgreens & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips, Golden Years

**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, First Merchant Bank

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

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

**New Haven:** Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems, The Duce, McDonalds

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## ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On March 10th, an officer was standing in front of the police station and recognized the driver of a vehicle that had a suspended license. Suspect was stopped and cited for driving under suspension.

On March 8th, an officer witnessed a vehicle drive off the road, come back on the road and go over the white line. Officer stopped the vehicle and cited driver for left of center and OVI.

On March 7th, a vehicle was stopped and driver cited for no operators license.

On March 7th, a Mastercard was turned in to the police department that had been found at an ATM. Owner of the card was located and card was returned.

On March 7th, officers performed a golf cart inspection.

On March 6th, while doing business door checks, a side door to a local business was found to be unlocked. Building was secured and the owner contacted.

On March 5th, a resident reported that a family member had stolen their debit cards and used them in various locations. Suspect was located, arrested and taken to Paulding County Jail. Charges are pending in Paulding County Court.

On March 3rd, a vehicle was stopped for failure to stop at a stop sign. Driver was issued a citation for failure to stop, fictitious registration and no operator license.

On March 3rd, a business reported that someone

had been verbally abusive to their employees and requested that the person be contacted and advised to no longer allowed on premises.

On March 1st, a resident had their SD card stolen from a trail cam on his property. It was discovered that 3 juveniles were responsible. Case was handled between juveniles' parents and property owner.

On March 1st, a resident of Washington Street reported that the tires on their vehicle had been slashed sometime during the night. Case is under investigation.

On February 29th, a resident reported receiving threats via messenger. The complainant was scared and believed suspect would carryout the threats. Suspect was arrested and taken to Paulding County Jail.

On February 29th, a vehicle was stopped for speeding on River Street. Driver was cited for speeding and no operator license.

On February 29th, a caller reported a group of juveniles were walking along Wentworth and opening up mailboxes. Officer located the group on West River Street, the kids admitted to opening up mailboxes and nothing had been taken.

On February 26th, a vehicle was stopped for speeding on Canal Street. Driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627, as they are always ready to serve the residents of the village!

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## PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (14) persons on March 12, 2020.

**Aaron M. Griffiths** (8/5/83), Paulding, OH; Theft, F3

**Michael A. Dunn** (2/6/87), Paulding, OH; Having weapons while under disability, F3

**Destiney R. Gerken** (11/30/01), Antwerp, OH; Theft, F5 (three counts)

**Alexis Overly** (10/8/99), Paulding, OH; Burglary, F4

**Nicole D. Conn** (1/7/77), Paulding, OH; Burglary, F4

**Matthew C. Wiswell** (5/15/83), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

**Kiarra K. Hawn** (9/26/01), Grover Hill, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

**Patrick C. Gager** (6/7/78), Antwerp, OH; Breaking & entering, F5

**Cal Ward** (4/28/95), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

**Bobby J. Fanning** (7/1/76), Antwerp, OH; Theft, F4

**Kyle D. Kapperman** (8/22/85), Unknown address; Failure to appear, F4

**Joshua S. Jennings** (11/17/80), Unknown address; Failure to appear, F4

**Zachary K. Ross** (2/7/96), Paulding, OH; Gross sexual imposition, F3; Rape, F1 (two counts)

**Loveonna L. Monroe** (9/6/77), Antwerp, OH; Unlawful sexual contact with a minor, F4 (three counts)

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

**Rameses G. Torres**, Paulding, 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

**Rameses G. Torres**, Paulding, 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

**Doru Merosu**, Warren, MI; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Doru Merosu**, Warren, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case dismissed at state's request

**Zhang H. Liu**, Brooklyn, NY; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Abbey R. Heider**, Hilliard, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Arlene A. Runyon**, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Frederick Jacob Jr.**, Indianapolis, IN; Receiving stolen property; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Bond conditions continued

**Charles H. Fetty**, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension; Case dismissed at the state's request; Pay costs by 4/24/20

**Monica N. Travier**, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non fra suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

**Monica N. Travier**, Fort Wayne, IN; No tail lights; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs

**Colton L. Hammon**, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

**Hope Marie Smith**, Antwerp, OH; Child endangerment; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

**Jeremy L. Stokes**, Oakwood, OH; Driving under fra suspension; Guilty; Pay or collections 9/25/20; Proof of financial responsibility not provided

**Jeremy L. Stokes**, Oakwood, OH; Registration violation; Guilty

**Marissa S. Guelde**, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Johnnie V. Willis Jr.**, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donald E. Jones**, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ronald E. Goodwin II**, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kaitlin M. Lantow**, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donna F. York**, Van Wert, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Donna F. York**, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**Jason Jeffries**, Grover Hill, OH; Menacing; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with victim; Shall not misuse the emergency service line

**Chad E. Arnett**, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 3/27/20

**Jason Jeffries**, Grover Hill, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim

**Jason Jeffries**, Grover Hill, OH; Unauthorized use; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Coins may be returned to Ms. Bates once N&N Quick Stop is made whole

**Brandi L. Owens**, Payne, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant to report to jail 3/13/20 @ 12:00 p.m.; Fine may be revisited once defendant obtains a valid operator's license; Defendant is on standard probation; Secure valid operator's license by end of term of probation; Pay \$150 per month commencing 4/24/20; Pay or collect 12/18/20

**Heather R. Bennett**, Oakwood, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tori N. Thatcher**, Van Wert, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**Richard J. Kipp**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kyle W. Crase**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived defendant

**Luis A. Arimant**, Paulding, OH; No operator's li-

cense; Guilty; Pay or collect 5/29/20

**Eric Hearne**, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Sean M. McMeans**, North Branch, MI; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rodney A. Shupp**, Greenwich, OH; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ronald J. Leatherman**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dustan T. Goodenough**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jessica Cartwright**, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of drugs; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Jessica Cartwright**, Indianapolis, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Jessica Cartwright**, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Must complete DIP by 9/30/20; Financial responsibility provided

**Joshua Smith**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Alexander C. Mseis**, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Curtis K. Goulet**, Morenci, MI; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Allen R. Leininger Sr.**, Defiance, OH; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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## SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:  
CHEMICAL BANK, A DIVISION OF TCF NATIONAL BANK,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

WANDA M. ZIEGLER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 19 152.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2020 at 10:15 a.m., the real estate located at:

15864 State Route 613, Paulding  
Parcel Numbers: 21-33B-003-00 and 21-33B-004-00;  
and 21-33B-005-00 and 21-33B-006-00

A PORTION OF THE PREMISES' DRIVEWAY ENCRACHES ONTO THE NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Forty-eight Thousand and No/100 (\$48,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 16th day of April, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

The purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
www.pauldingohsheriff.com

James L. Sassano, Attorney for Plaintiff

## SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY:  
1ST SOURCE BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

WR FARMS, LLC, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 19 028.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2020 at 10:20 a.m., the real estate located at:

Road 21, Payne (80+ Acres)  
Parcel Number: 17-32S-010-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Said premises appraised at Five Hundred Seventy Thousand and No/100 (\$570,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 16th day of April, 2020 at 10:20 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid.

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David J. Coyle, Attorney for Plaintiff

# SECRETARY PERDUE SWEARS IN DEVON WESTHILL FOR USDA CIVIL RIGHTS POST



(Washington, D.C., March 13, 2020) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue yesterday swore in Devon Westhill to serve as the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Following the swearing in, Secretary Perdue issued this statement:

“We are excited to welcome Devon Westhill to the USDA family. With his unique personal background, significant leadership expertise, and broad professional experience, I know Devon will serve USDA’s customers and employees with the fairness they deserve. Our aim at USDA is to treat everyone fairly, with transparency, objectivity, and consistency,” said Secretary Perdue. “The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights is essential for us to fulfill our motto to ‘Do Right and Feed Everyone,’ and provides leadership and direction for the fair and equitable treatment

of all USDA customers and employees while ensuring the delivery of quality programs and enforcement of civil rights.”

Background: Immediately prior to his appointment, Deputy Assistant Secretary Westhill served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Public Liaison at the United States Department of Labor (DOL). While serving at DOL, Westhill was in charge of outreach to legal and policy organizations, think tanks, and the administrative law scholar community. Westhill also served as liaison to the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and chairman of the DOL HBCU working group. Deputy Assistant Secretary Westhill’s career also includes stints in all three branches of government and the United States Navy, and work in both private law practice and the nonprofit sector.

Payne Oh 45880; 1.5 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp S-25

**WASHINGTON TWP**  
3/12/20 Monhollen Edd Lee Le & Monhollen Armilda Faye Le Etal to Miller Vera Bayshore Treva; Rd 72; 0.55 acres; Ss S1/2 Se1/4 Se1/4 Washington Twp Sec 5 Paulding Dist

## VOLUNTEER CENTER SENDS TEDDY BEARS TO NASHVILLE

On March 12th at 10 a.m. Volunteer Delores Daugherty will join the staff of the Volunteer Center, 3401 Lake Avenue, Suite 4, to lovingly pack approximately 100 of her handmade Teddy Bears to be shipped to Nashville, Tennessee for distribution to children affected by storms last week.

Members of the Nashville Community Resource Center were thrilled to learn that the bears would be arriving! Stoner Creek Elementary school in Mt. Juliet, TN was destroyed and a group of volunteers had been discussing what they could do for the children when they received the email from the Volunteer Center.

Executive Director Ani Etter states “As part of the Corporation for National Service family, the Volunteer Center values the work that volunteers perform in communities across the nation. We reached out to a community that was devastated by the recent tornadoes and are partnering to have our long term volunteer’s work bring joy and comfort to children impacted by this great tragedy. We can all do something to help our neighbors.”

Dee Daugherty has been a member of the Volunteer Center since 2010 and will be turning 88 late this month. Her bears are often found with emergency responders to give out to frightened children. Dee has made more than 500 bears and sees no end in sight as long as her donated supplies last. She is pleased that they are going to children in need of consolation. The Volunteer Center is paying to ship the bears Thursday into the waiting arms of the volunteers in Nashville.

Volunteer Center is a non-profit agency that connects volunteers with local community organizations that need help. Their Signature Programs address critical needs affecting low to moderate income individuals by providing children’s winter coats, tax preparation, legal counseling and benefits enrollment to the most vulnerable in our area.

## IMAGINATION STATION’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

TOLEDO, Ohio – Imagination Station will temporarily close the science center to the public effective March 13th, 2020 at 5pm. The temporary closure will be scheduled tentatively through March 31, 2020. This is a preemptive measure to protect members, visitors and team from the evolving situation surrounding COVID-19.

The temporary closure includes any private rental events, programming, other rentals and general

attendance. Our goal is to reschedule all events and programming in the near future.

The science center will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions as needed regarding the temporary closure.

Please visit [imaginationstationtoledo.org/covid-19](http://imaginationstationtoledo.org/covid-19) to stay up-to-date on this developing situation.

Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It’s with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

## NSCC RECEIVES \$3,500 ONE STEP AT A TIME GRANT FROM UNITED WAY OF DEFIANCE COUNTY

Archbold, Ohio –Northwest State Community College received a \$3,500 One Step at a Time grant from the United Way of Defiance County. The grant project is a partnership with the Maumee Valley Guidance Center (MVGC) and the Defiance Dream Center to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid and Cyberbullying training sessions free of charge to residents of Defiance County. The mental health training will be provided by MVGC, while the Cyberbullying training will be provided by NSCC.

The training sessions will benefit any person interacting with youth; including parents, teachers, coaches, childcare providers, and youth group leaders. Light refreshments will be provided and participants will receive a take-home resource book.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for Northwest State and partners to continue the good work of serving our community,” said Ashley Pere, Grants Coordinator at NSCC. “We strongly believe that providing this valuable free training will help prepare our community members to identify and respond to the mental health issues that youth in Defiance County face today,” Pere continued.

The training sessions will take place at the Defiance Dream Center on the following dates and times:

Cyberbullying Sessions:  
Friday, April 24th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Youth Mental Health First Aid Sessions:

Session I: Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (one 8-hour session)

Session II: Tuesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. (two 4-hour session spread over 2 days)

## HOW THE OPPORTUNITY CAME ABOUT

This opportunity is made available through proceeds from the One Step at a Time 5k Run/Walk. The 8th Annual event took place on Saturday, September 28th at Defiance College with more than 400 walkers and runners participating in honor of Scott Hammersmith. Scott’s mother Sherri has a personal mission to bring awareness to depression and suicide for youth in Defiance Coun-

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 15”

ty. The event’s goal is to encourage conversations about suicide, depression, and mental wellness, as well as raise funds to support education and prevention programs for youth in Defiance County.

Once finalized, complete registration information will be available at [NorthwestState.edu/Events](http://NorthwestState.edu/Events). Additional information is also available by emailing Ashley Pere, NSCC Grant Coordinator and liaison for these events, at [apere@NorthwestState.edu](mailto:apere@NorthwestState.edu).

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Village of Oakwood 2019 Annual Report is available for viewing at the Oakwood Village Town Hall or call for appointment to view 419-594-3352.

Matthew Arellano  
Fiscal Officer,  
Village of Oakwood.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees meetings for 2020 / 2021 will be held the first Thursday of each month at 6:45 pm in the Paulding County Hospital Education Room. There will not be a meeting in July.

Annual Organizational Meeting will be held in March.

Paulding County Hospital 2019 draft audited financial report is available for review upon request.

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3/9/20 Dyson Jonathan S Dyson Georgia L to Richhart Kristopher Perry Richhart Melissa Sue; 8300 Rd 51

## SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

General Code, Section 11681 Revised Code, Section 2329.26

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, N.A., ET AL., Plaintiff,

vs. IRIS H. AILES, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 19 0068.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale with two judgments in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the East door of the Courthouse in the Village of Paulding, in the above named County, on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2020 at 10:25 a.m., the real estate located at:

**620 Jackson Street, Melrose  
Parcel Number: 09-09S-006-00**

Above premises has been appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date. The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

A second judgment has also been rendered against parcels of property for delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

**Parcel Numbers: 09-03S-043-00; 09-03S-044-00; 09-03S-045-00; 09-03S-046-00; 09-03S-047-00; 09-03S-048-00; 09-03S-049-00; 09-03S-050-00; 09-03S-051-00; and, 09-09S-006-00**

The full total judgment on these parcels is Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred One and 12/100 (\$11,701.12), plus interest and costs of this suit. This total amount will be added to the two-thirds appraisal amount for the starting bid on the first sale date.

Full legal descriptions of properties are on record at the Paulding County Engineer's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse.

In the event these properties do not sell on the above date, a second sale will be held on the 16th day of April, 2020 at 10:25 a.m. On this date, the minimum bid will include an amount to satisfy the taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges on the parcels listed for Perry Street, Melrose.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access these properties until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE - FIRST SALE DATE: Ten percent down on day of the sale with the balance to be paid before the deed is issued.

TERMS OF SALE - SECOND SALE DATE: Payment in full will be due on the day of the sale.

The successful bidder will have 30 days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has 30 days to file a written motion requesting the sale shall be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

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Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
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Matthew McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

## AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Case No. DIV 03 054  
SETS #7048202779

LISA A. WRIGHT, PLAINTIFF

VS

JOHNNY WRIGHT  
DEFENDANTS,

To: Johnny Wright

Last Known Address: 611 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813

Please take notice that motion to modify child support has been filed in the above captioned action with Lisa A. Wright as the Plaintiff and Johnny Wright as the Defendant seeking a modification to child support

payments.

You are required to appear at the hearing on **20 MAR 13 PM 2:13**

Thursday, **July 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Paulding County Common Pleas Court located at the 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879

Ann Pease, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Kayla Deitrick*  
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph R. Burkard*  
Joseph R. Burkard, #0059106  
Child Support Enforcement Attorney  
201 E. Caroline Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
Ph. 419-399-8270

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF BRAYLON HOGANS ALLEGED DEPENDENT CHILD

Case No. 20193015

To: Jarrett Sewell

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a motion for legal custody of Braylon Hogans has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the hearing scheduled for **April 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Please be advised that you have the right to be represented

by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Kayla Deitrick, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.

Kayla Deitrick, Deputy Clerk Juvenile Court Paulding County, Ohio

By: *Kayla Deitrick*  
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph R. Burkard*  
Joseph R. Burkard (0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
120 South Walnut Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
419-399-8270

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**STRIP-TILL ADVANTAGES**

Tilling the soil has become a farming tradition, especially with growing corn. Spring tillage warms the soil because each tillage pass reduces soil moisture by 0.5 to 1.0-acre inch. It takes 10X more energy to warm up cold wet soil than air, so a tilled warmer, moist, well aerated corn seed may germinate faster. Tillage create good seed-to-soil contact for even and consistent corn stands and also kills early weeds which may reduce yields 10%. Tillage also burns up carbon and mineralizes soluble nutrients (50 PPM nitrates) for faster early corn growth. These early tillage benefits are the main reason why farmers do annual tillage.

The downside risks though are also a problem. Tillage causes higher soil erosion, soils start to seal as the soil organic matter is mineralized (40-60% loss in SOM in last 75 years), soils become tighter, harder to farm, less water infiltration, ponding water, and higher water and nutrient runoff. Weeds and other pests (insects and diseases) thrive on tilled soils, and generally more inputs (fertilizer, fuel, equipment, pesticides) are needed to get good yields. Is there an alternative, or a tillage practice that can bridge the benefits of conventional full-width tillage with no-till practices? The answer may be strip-till.

For conservation purposes, strip tillage is considered a minimum tillage system that leaves residue on the soil surface. Only a small portion of the soil is tilled or disturbed (8-10 inches) which helps to aerate, warm up, dry out and prepare a good seedbed. Strip tillage improves seed to soil contact compared to no-till (Mike Petersen, 2011). The remaining undisturbed soil (20-22 inches) improves water infiltration and reduces soil erosion by slowing down water runoff. The American Society of Agronomy describes strip till as "Strip-till is in between the two systems (No-till and Conventional Till) where you combine the benefits of each" and a compromise between strict no-till and conventional tillage.

An advantage to strip till is the ability to band fertilizer 7 inches deep in a 10-inch

tilled strip. In the spring, farmers would plant on the tilled strips in what is considered a stale seed bed. The fertilizer is injected into the root zone and temporarily tied up until next spring when corn is planted in the row, preventing nutrient losses and improving nutrient efficiency. Placing fertilizer in the same pass as tillage saves the extra cost of fuel and labor by making less passes in the field (Jensen, 2018). Overall, more organic residue is left in the field due to less tillage and the fertilizer being placed in bands (NRCS, 2008) which improves soil health.

Some studies have shown a temperature difference of 6 degrees higher in the strips in the month of June. Strip-till farmers report planting fields earlier due to faster spring soil warm up and dry down. (Jensen, 2018). Yield advantages may occur if soil properties reach an optimal level to allow corn plants to grow faster and focus its energy on yield." (Korzekwa, 2015).

Two issues with strip till are the high horsepower requirements and timely field applications. Pulling a 6 or 8 row shank through the soil requires a minimum of 25 to 30 horsepower per shank to as much as 40 horsepower depending upon soil conditions (Mike Petersen, 2011). A typical strip till machine is 20 feet wide with 8 shanks and uses a 365 hp tractor to perform the tillage.

Most farmers prefer to do strip tilling in the fall when soil conditions tend to be drier, but in wet years or during a late harvest, strip tilling may have to be delayed until winter or early spring. Trying to strip till under wet soil conditions promotes soil compaction. Strip tilling on frozen soils may be difficult and spring strip tillage may interfere with planting. On fields with 4-6% slopes, soil erosion on the strips may become an issue. Contour farming or farming around the hill rather than up and down the slope will minimize soil erosion. After a wet winter or a winter with excessive variable temperatures (freeze/thaw cycles), fall strip till can sometimes be a mess. GPS and auto-steer may help keep the planter on the strips, but sometimes even that can be difficult. With any tillage system, there are always challenges to making the system work every single year. Sometimes though, a compromise is much better than government regulation!

**REDUCING PHOSPHORUS RUNOFF**

Tremendous farmer turn-out occurred for the new Ohio H20 plan for \$30 million being provided to 14 Northwest Ohio counties to improve Lake Erie water quality. Almost everyone agrees that phosphorus (P) in surface water is a major issue. The excess P in surface water is causing Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) in Lake Erie. Since we are dealing with many algae (singular), the plural is algal not algae (common mistake). One pound of P in water may produce 500 pounds of HAB. The HAB in water need 1/10 the amount of P that our land-based plants need to thrive, so even a little P in surface water causes HAB to thrive.

In the 1970's/1980's, the problem was total phosphorus which includes dissolved (or soluble) reactive phosphorus (DRP) plus the particulate phosphorus (PP) or P attached to soil particles. Recently, researchers have concentrated mainly on DRP because it flows with the water and is easily HAB absorbed. DRP was rising the fastest while the PP appeared to be stable. Recent information from Dr. Libby Dayton shows that 20-30% of soil bound particulate P becomes DRP when it is detached in water. Controlling Both DRP and PP is important to solving our water quality problems, and here is where the message gets muddled.

Consider two scenarios. A conventional tilled field has 8 inches of water runoff and a DRP concentration of 10 parts per million (PPM) compared to a cover crop field with 5 inches of runoff and a 12 PPM DRP. Cover crops absorb 90% of the soil nitrogen (N), so cover crops are effective at keeping N out of surface water. It may appear that cover crops are 20% less efficient because the DRP concentration is 20% higher than conventional tillage; however, simply relying on DRP concentration gives you a wrong answer.

The formula for determining P loads is fairly simple. The water P concentration times the volume of water runoff plus the sediment P concentration times the weight of sediment. While the P concentration in cover crops is 20% higher, the volume of water runoff in this example is 60% lower. Simple math shows that cover crops are more effective. The average sediment load (erosion rate) for Ohio is 2.6 tons lost per acre on conventional tilled fields versus less than .5 tons for a dense grass cover crop. Assuming the P concentrations are the same, the cover crops has 20% (1.2X) higher P concentration but less than 1/5 (.5/2.6) the amount of erosion and sediment losses. The cover crops reduce P loads in both the surface water and sediment losses. We all want our tax dollars to be used on the most effective practices! Unfortunately, that message is not always being conveyed correctly.

Numbers vary by field, but about 30% of the P comes from surface water runoff off the top of a field and 70% runoff (includes DRP and sediment PP) comes from tile or subsurface losses. Around 80% of our P losses occur with the 1-2 most intense rainfall events that occur each year.

It's not the light rains, it's the big intense rains that cause the most damage. Many farmers think soil erosion does not occur on flat soils. Put on a raincoat/boots and watch the water run into our ditches and streams during and after a rainfall. The water is brown and muddy for a reason and watch what comes out the tile. Farmers should concentrate on reducing soil erosion to get a 50-60% improvement in water quality, because most soluble nutrient losses (N and P) are associated with both soil and water losses. Four USDA-NRCS soil health practices improve water quality: 1) Minimize soil disturbance, 2) Maximize surface residue, 3) Maximize live roots year-round, and 4) Maximize Biodiversity.

If the P concentration is 20% higher in cover crop fields, do we need to put on as much P fertilizer? No. Healthy soils have 1,000 to 2,000X more microbes in the soil which make phosphorus (P) plant available. Each microbe is a soluble bag of fertilizer, recycling P and feeding the plant. Healthy soils with live roots and high soil organic matter (SOM) need less P fertilizer than exposed degraded soils with low SOM because increasing SOM stores soluble soil nutrients. Healthy soils produce healthy food for healthy people and give us clean water to drink.

**ADAM GRIMM WINS OHIO'S 2020 WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP ART COMPETITION**



Grimm's painting of a mallard drake.

The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp art competition has a long and successful history of attracting some of the top wildlife artists in the nation. The 2020 competition, held recently near Columbus, was no exception. This year's winner was native Ohioan and world-renowned waterfowl artist Adam Grimm. The stamp is administered by the Ohio Division of Wildlife and is required of all those 18 and older who hunt waterfowl in Ohio.

Grimm's painting of a mallard drake will be featured on the 2021 Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. Grimm, who now lives in South Dakota, was the top artist among nine total entries. He has won Ohio's competition three times.

Second place was awarded to Frank Dolphens, of Nebraska, who submitted a painting of green-winged teal. Third place was a tie between Clark Sullivan, of Michigan, and Justin Madding, of Arkansas, who submitted paintings of mallards and wood ducks, respectively.

Judges for this year's competition were Rich Bradley, professor emeritus of entomology at Ohio State University; John Hageman, retired professor of Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory; Jason Larson, Gorman Nature Center executive director; Chris Tonra, Ohio State University wildlife professor; and Manon VanSchoyck,

Ohio Nature Education Center. An Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. The stamp is available at wildohio.gov and anywhere hunting licenses are sold in the Buckeye State. During the 2018-2019 hunting season, 26,872 were purchased by Ohio hunters and conservationists.

A portion of the funds from the sale of Wetlands Habitat Stamps in Ohio are directed toward a \$150,000 contribution to the Ducks Unlimited (DU) state grants program, of which Ohio is a charter member. Ohio joined Louisiana and South Carolina in 1965 in contributing funds through DU for wetlands projects in Canada, the nesting ground of many migratory waterfowl species. Ohio has made an annual contribution every year since 1965. Since 1982, Ohio's contribution has been through proceeds from the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, the first year it was required for hunting waterfowl. John A. Ruthven was commissioned to paint the first stamp, and his pair of wood ducks were issued to hunters during that year.

The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp also helps fund vital habitat restoration projects in Ohio. Such habitats are important to waterfowl and many other resident wildlife species, including several that are state-endangered.

**PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES COVID-19 CALL CENTER NUMBERS**

If you have questions about how to protect yourself and prepare for COVID-19 in your community, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) can provide answers.

The ODH coronavirus

disease 2019 call center can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. ODH staffers operate the center seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, including weekends.

Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease experts. They are available to answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has issued a Director's Order that will close all Ohio bars and

restaurants to in-house patrons, effective at 9:00 p.m. March 15, 2020. Restaurants with take-out and delivery options will still be able to operate those services, even as their dining rooms are temporarily closed.

Remember that the best thing you can do in the face of COVID-19 is to take precautions to protect yourself, your family, and your community: \*Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; dry hands with a clean towel or air dry hands.

\*Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable. \*Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing. \*Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

\*Stay home when you are sick.

\*Avoid contact with people who are sick.

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### PHS CLOSES AS PRECAUTION TO COVID19

As a precautionary measure, for the health of our volunteers and patrons, the Board of Directors of the John Paulding Historical Society have decided to CLOSE the museum located on Fairgrounds Drive in Paulding, until March 31st. The museum will re-open on March 31st at 10:00 a.m.

### ANOTHER WETTER-THAN-AVERAGE SPRING EXPECTED

Farmers anxiously awaiting spring rain forecasts might want to take several deep breaths and keep their rubber boots ready.

Above-average spring rainfall is expected in March, April, and May—which is exactly what happened last year.

However, recent forecasts call for warmer-than-average temperatures in March. If that happens, that could dry up some of the ground moisture, making it manageable for farmers to get into their fields to prep them for planting.

How much rain will this spring bring?

"It's impossible to say," said Aaron Wilson, climate specialist for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Time will tell whether the rain levels will rival last year's, when farmers across the state struggled to get into their saturated fields. An unprecedented number of fields across Ohio could never be planted. When

farmers were able to get into their fields, they risked their tractors and other equipment getting mired in the mud and compacting the soil, making it less suitable for seed growth.

Since it is uncertain how many rainy days spring will bring or which months will have the heaviest downpours, it is hard to predict how much of a challenge the rain will be for farmers this year.

If this spring's rain falls mostly in May, as it did last year, planting efforts could be hampered significantly, as they were last year. But if April is wet and May offers a reprieve with warm and mostly dry days, planting will likely be a success, Wilson said.

Above-average rainfall is expected to continue into at least early summer, outlooks for Ohio suggest.

But there is a bit of good news. Across southern Ohio, the ground is not nearly as wet as it was last winter. This winter has brought less rain than the winter of 2019, and this past fall was much drier than the previous fall for southern Ohio.

However, northwest Ohio has had no such break. The region never dried out last fall and it has been as wet this year as last. An extended period of warm temperatures and dry weather are sorely needed before the planting season begins.

2019 was the sixth wettest year on record in Ohio and also was the 12th warmest—part of an ongoing trend toward wetter and warmer years. Six out of Ohio's top 10 wettest years have occurred since 2003.

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### PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HOLDS BOARD MEETING

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PAULDING - The bi-monthly lunch meeting of the Paulding County Economic Development board was held on March 10 at the Economic Development office.

The board discussed the current budget and current PCED memberships prior to hearing from Director Tim Copsey on the top five items currently being worked on daily at the office. Other topics of discussion included the upcoming Paulding County Career Day Showcase April 7 and a new opportunity of a county alumni basketball game to tie in with the 2020 Paulding County bicentennial celebration. More details will

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follow on that soon.

Each board member then presented an update on the topics being worked on by the county groups they each represent. Upon adjournment of the meeting the board toured through the Small Business Innovation Center (SBIC) to review recent improvements. The next meeting will be held May 12, 2020.

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# HOP'S PLACE OPENS IN ANTWERP



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce extended a hearty welcome to Matt and Stacy Hopkins on the opening

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Sue Fowler, Mike Schneider, Audrey Feasby, Matt and Stacy Hopkins, Reta Ptak, Angel Steiner and Mandy Miller.

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>

The Paulding County Senior Center is following every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The senior population is at higher risk of increased effects of the virus.

As of Monday, March 16, 2020, the Paulding County Commissioners and the Paulding County Emergency Management are requesting that all Paulding County Senior Center activities discontinue at the Center, 401 E. Jackson St., until April 6, 2020 unless extended by Governor DeWine.

Home Delivered meals will continue and be extended to include seniors who would normally come to the Dining

Site but now need meal assistance. Grab and Go service will be offered along with increased frozen meals as an option.

Transportation to and from medical appointments will still be provided.

Grocery shopping services will be extended to include one-on-one shopping and grocery pick up if needed.

The Center staff will be conducting routine checks by calling seniors who are now at home daily rather than coming to the center. Wellness checks are an important part of keeping the seniors safe and healthy.

The upcoming Health, Business and Industry fair that was scheduled for March 25th has been postponed un-

til May 8th at the Extension Office.

If any senior or caregiver has a concern please call 419-399-3650 for assistance. Together we can get through this difficult situation and continue to provide for those in need.

## PPEC CLOSES OFFICE, SUSPENDS DISCONNECTS FOR NON-PAYMENT

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative is suspending electric disconnections for non-payment to help members dealing with COVID-19 concerns. The co-op simply asks members who are impacted to call. PPEC's office and drive-thru window will also be closed to the public indefinitely.

The company said the move is to protect the safety of members and ensure families will have electric service so they can focus on staying healthy. It is not yet clear how long the temporary suspension of disconnections or office closure will last.

Members can still pay PPEC electric bills by phone, mail, drop box, or online via SmartHub, which is accessible by mobile app or at [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop). To pay by phone, members should call PPEC's toll-free payment number at 888-220-6482.

If you are affected by special circumstances related to COVID-19, please call PPEC's office at 800-686-2357. The cooperative understands the stress put on its members during this time and is willing to work with those who call.

PPEC is enforcing the following preventative measures effective immediately and until further notice to help protect employees and the communities it serves:

Temporarily closing its office, lobby, and drive-thru window to the public

Temporarily suspending customer service disconnects

The Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Facebook Live at 10 am on Saturday, March 21. There will be no physical attendance. The broadcast will be posted to the company's Facebook page and website after the meeting.

Prohibiting all training and travel for employees until further notice

Please call the co-op's office with any questions. For updates, visit [www.PPEC.coop](http://www.PPEC.coop).

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more than 12,900 members in Paulding, Putnam, Defiance, Van Wert, and Allen counties in Ohio, and Adams and Allen counties in Indiana. Since 1935, our not-for-profit model has allowed us to provide affordable, reliable, and safe power to rural areas with pride.

## HONOR FLIGHT POSTPONES SPRING FLIGHTS

The Board of Directors of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) has postponed the April 29 and May 20, 2020 Honor Flights due to the seriousness and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus. The decision to postpone the Spring Honor Flights was based upon recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and a statement by Dr. Anthony Fauci, Head of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a member of Vice President Pence's task force that has been assembled to address the virus.

Dr. Fauci is quoted as saying: "If you are an individual that has an underlying condition, particularly an elderly person with an underlying condition, right now you should start to distance yourself from the risk: crowds, getting on a plane, on a long plane trip, and above all, don't get on a cruise ship, he said. "That is a health issue."

Dr. Fauci also cautioned that individuals most at risk to the coronavirus are elderly with pre-existing health issues and should avoid unnecessary travel. Dennis Covert, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, noted that nearly 100% of our veteran

passengers are in their 80s and 90s and many have multiple health issues.

According to Covert, the decision was made to avoid possible infection and/or quarantine for the veterans, guardians, and Honor Flight staff. We did not want to place anyone at risk, as safety of our participants is our priority. The Honor Flight Board of Directors is currently working with American Airlines to determine when the two Honor Flights can be re-scheduled. At this time, it is not known when the flights will be re-scheduled.

For more information, visit the Honor Flight Northeast Indiana website: [www.hfnei.org](http://www.hfnei.org).

## ANTWERP SCHOOLS WILL STILL PROVIDE LUNCHES FOR STUDENTS DURING SHUT DOWN

This announcement is for parents with children who receive Free and Reduced Lunches. Lunches will be available for students during the school closure time period Tuesday, March 17 through Friday April 3. Grab and Go lunches will be available for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 at the Main Event entrance to the school. If an adult is picking up a Grab and Go lunch for a child(s), he or she must provide identification. Parents desiring to have lunches for their child(s) but are unable to pick up the lunches at the designated time, are asked to call the school for possible alternate arrangements.

—Martin Miller, Antwerp Local School Superintendent



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