

H2OHIO SIGN-UP DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR FARMERS



The deadline for farmers to submit an application for the H2Ohio program has been extended from March 31, 2020 to June 1, 2020. This is being done to follow Governor Mike DeWine's orders regarding COVID-19 and limit human-to-human contact.

Farmers must work with their local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) to sign up for the H2Ohio program. With the current social distancing guidelines, in person visits to SWCD offices is not recommended. To allow adequate time for the alternate means of communication necessary to achieve completed applications, ODA is extending the deadline. Those applications

must now be submitted and finalized by June 1. If you are interested in applying for these funds and have not yet communicated with Paulding SWCD, ODA recommends you call them as soon as possible to provide enough time for completion of the H2Ohio application.

Paulding SWCD Staff are still working on H2Ohio contracts but meeting with producers by other means - phone, email, video chat, etc. Enrollment information can be found online on our website www.pauldingswcd.org or by obtaining a hardcopy signup packet, which has all necessary information to sign-

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WOODBURN CITY HALL CLOSES

To the Citizens of Woodburn:

In an effort to protect the health and general wellbeing of our residents, in particular our elderly population, the City of Woodburn will be closing City Hall to the public from Tuesday, March 17th up to and including Monday, April 20th. Our previously scheduled Board of Works and Public Safety meeting as well as the Council Meeting to occur on April 6th will also be cancelled. Both boards will meet again on April 20th to conduct their previously scheduled meetings that are open to the public.

During this time, updated information may be conveyed by City leadership to the community. This information will be primarily conveyed through the City's website and the Mayor's Facebook page.

You are encouraged to pay your bill in person by using the dropbox on the east side of the building (facing Woodburn Lutheran School), online through the City's website, www.cityofwoodburn.org, or by standard mail, at P.O. Box 665.

Any questions that you may have will be received during the normal business hours of Monday through Friday from 7am - 4pm. Please note that from 12-1pm the office is officially considered closed. You can reach City Hall by phone at 260-632-5318. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and

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Restricted Travelling? Get in direct contact with West Bend News and West Bend Printing by emailing info@westbendnews.net or calling 419-258-2000. All ads and jobs can be handled electronically and delivered for your convenience from our open location in Antwerp. If your business needs more newspapers to hand out to pick up or delivery customers, please contact our office to update your numbers.

GOOD NEWS FOR GOOD COMMUNITIES: EVEN DURING A PANDEMIC



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At West Bend News we strive to distribute Good News to those around us because we firmly believe that Good News makes for Good Communities. This has been the motto of West Bend News & Print from its inception in 2005. Amid this global crisis of COVID-19, we have the

power to control how we view this situation. We can choose to share fear, greed, panic ... or we can choose to share calm, peace, grace, empathy, love, kindness and goodwill toward our fellow man.

Instead of over-analyzing this surreal situation that

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CITY OF NEW HAVEN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

New Haven, Indiana - Mayor McMichael and his leadership team are monitoring the COVID-19 situation daily in consultation with the Allen County Department of Health to help ensure the safety of the community and city employees. This is our

top priority. We want to stress the importance of being prepared. Currently, residents are encouraged to go about their daily lives, but we all should be aware of our surroundings and interactions.

Information has been shared with all city employees who work at City Hall and in the field about COVID-19 and the importance of proper handwashing, covering your cough, cleaning and disinfecting workspaces, and staying home when you are sick.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Indiana State Board of Health have also been in contact with the Mayor's office and has offered support and an open line of communication moving forward. We're fortunate to have a

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Community Calendar

March 25

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

March 28

- ~~PCH Health Fair @ Payne Am. Leg.~~
- ~~It's All About You conference @ Harlan UMC, 9a-2p~~

March 29

- ~~Music Event @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm~~

April 1

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

April 1-2

- ~~Antwerp Elem Kindergarten Registration~~

April 2

- ~~Spring Rummage Sale @ St. Rose Comm. Hall, Monroeville, 9a-7p~~
- Off the Clock @ Wagner Metals, Oakwood, 5-6:30pm
- Pickleball @ MAC Gym, Antwerp, 6-8:30pm

April 2-5

- ~~Little Shop of Horrors @ Huber by HHS~~

April 3

- ~~Spring Rummage Sale @ St. Rose Comm. Hall, Monroeville, 9a-7p~~

April 4

- PCH Health Fair @ PCH
- Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm Church, 1:30-4pm - **Drive Thru**

April 5

- Prayer meeting @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm - **Call In**

April 4-5

- Painted Egg & Bake Sale @ Defiance Society of Artists (Pearl St.), 8z-4p; 10a-3p

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



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recommendations made by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and the state of Ohio for funerals in respect to COVID-19. We are attempting to conduct funeral services as normal as possible for the members of our community. While we strive to maintain our level of superior service, some restrictions may be unavoidable.

- Please limit the amount of people coming in to make arrangements
- If the family chooses, they are welcome to make arrangements via telephone
- Please do not bring any food or beverages into the funeral home
- Please limit handshakes and hugs with family
- Please remember family and friends are always welcome to sign our online guestbook

While these precautions may seem extreme, we are continuing to be proactive as a staff, by disinfecting all handles, knobs, bathrooms and public areas. Den Herder Funeral Home is here to serve families when it matters the most.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,
— John Den Herder

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Who is the Greatest Giver?

The Lord is the greatest giver. Here are a few of the gifts He offers:

Salvation (Ephesians 2:8), life, breath and all things (Acts 17:25), every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), daily bread (food) (Matthew 6:11), the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13), eternal life (John 10:28), His peace (John 14:27), strength (Isaiah 40:29), pastors to feed you from His Word (Jeremiah 3:15), another Comforter (John 14:16).

Grace (I Corinthians 1:4), His unspeakable gift of Christ (II Corinthians 9:15), spiritual gifts (I Peter 4:10), power, love and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7), all things that pertain to life and godliness

(II Peter 1:3), earnest of the Spirit (assurance of salvation) (Ephesians 1:13 and 14), wisdom (James 1:5), great and precious promises (II Peter 1:4), repentance (II Timothy 2:25), and many more.

The Lord wants us to do at least three things with His gifts:

1. Receive them by faith – “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.” (James 1:6)
2. Give Him thanks – “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (I Thessalonians 5:18)
3. Be good stewards of the gifts – “And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?” (Luke 12:42)

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

TWO BUILDERS

By: Lonnie Lambert, Oakwood Church of Christ

The builder built a temple; he wrought it with grace and skill.

Pillars, walls, and arches—fashioned to his will.

Men said as they saw its beauty, “It will never know decay.

Great is thy skill, O, builder, thy fame shall live for aye.”

The parent built a temple with loving and tender care,

Planning each arch with patience, laying each stone with prayer.

Few noticed the preparation; none knew of the wondrous plan.

The temple you built, dear teacher, was unseen by the eyes of man.

However, the builder’s temple is gone; it has crumbled into dust.

Low lies its stately pillars, food for consuming rust.

But the temple built by the parent will last while the ages roll,

For that beautiful unseen temple is a child’s immortal soul.

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FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES ON-LINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First United Methodist Church in Van Wert has announced it will be holding worship services on Facebook Live from now through Palm

Sunday, April 5. An analysis will be done soon to determine whether regular in-person worship can take place on Easter Sunday, April 12.

By logging onto the church’s page: Van Wert First United Methodist Church, you will be able to enjoy a casual 8:15 a.m. worship service and a traditional 10:45 a.m. service. It will be a live broadcast at those times, and include interactive singing, prayers, and liturgy as well as Pastor Chris Farmer’s weekly message.

Pastor Chris Farmer and Worship Arts Director, Paul Hoverman invite you to log onto the services and receive a blessing, knowing that others are worshipping at the same time. The church’s business office hours remain Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

All small groups and meetings have been canceled at First Church now through April 5 also. Fridays at First are going to still be offered. This is a time from 12 noon – 12:45 p.m. when the sanctuary is open for anyone wishing to enter quietly to pray, meditate on their own. The organ plays soft, meditative hymns and spiritual songs.

The Cooperative Food Pantry will be serving clients on its regular schedule; however, volunteers will meet clients at the door rather than inside the building. Bread and Bowl which provides a free meal to those in need on Fridays will do the same beginning at 6:00 p.m. This schedule will continue until further notice.

The ministers, staff, volunteers, and people of First Church continue to pray that both physical and spiritual needs can be met during this challenging time.

CHOW LINE: HEALTHY EATING WHEN STRESSED

My kids are out of school for several weeks now, as part of my state’s efforts to lessen the spread of coronavirus. As a result, I’m stressed, the kids are stressed, and I’ve found myself reaching for rich, high-sugar foods that I typically avoid because they’re not the healthiest options. Any tips on how I can eat better during this time of high stress?

You’re not alone. People often reach for comfort foods during times of high stress. Many times, those foods tend to be high in sugar and low in fiber.

It’s best to avoid those foods because they can increase the development of chronic inflammation in our bodies, according to Patricia Brinkman, family and consumer sciences educator with Ohio State University Extension.

That’s an issue because high levels of chronic inflammation are believed to cause rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, asthma, reduced kidney function, and inflammatory bowel disease, and prolonged chronic inflammation increases the risk of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and other diseases, Brinkman wrote in Eating Healthy During Stressful Times, an OhioLine fact sheet.

OhioLine is OSU Extension’s free online information resource and can be

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

—James 1:12



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found at ohioLine.osu.edu. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

“Even low amounts of inflammation can increase your risk of obesity, depression, and the effects of aging,” she wrote. “By eating a healthier diet, we may reduce our risk of chronic inflammation and diseases.”

Some examples of healthy eating habits can be found by following these three plans, Brinkman says:

Healthy U.S.-Style Eating Pattern, based on guidance found in the 2015 USDA Dietary Guidelines

Healthy Mediterranean-Style Eating Pattern

DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) Diet

“All three plans encourage us to eat plenty of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, low-fat or fat-free dairy, and seafood and plant proteins,” she said. “All three plans limit or encourage people to avoid consumption of empty calories including foods with added sugar, or drinking excess, as well as alcohol, refined grains, saturated fat foods, and high sodium foods.”

When crafting a healthy eating plan for a person on a 2,000-calorie diet per day, Brinkman says to consider consuming the following:

Vegetables – 2-4 cups;

Fruits – at least 2 cups a day; Whole grains – 3-4 oz. a day; Fish/seafood – 8-16 ounces a week, for omega-3; Lean plant proteins or meats – 6-8 oz. a day; Nuts and soy – 4-6 oz. a week; Olive oil – 1-2 tbs. a day; Dairy (1% or skim) – 1-3 cups a day

Alcohol – 0-1 drink a day

Brinkman advises that you eat lots of fiber by eating vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and nuts, noting that, “fiber increases the anti-inflammatory properties from these foods. Add some garlic, onion, pepper, ginger, turmeric, oregano, thyme, and rosemary for additional anti-inflammatory properties.”

“When you are in a very stressful time, choose to eat vegetables, fruits, whole grains, 1% or fat-free dairy, seafood, and plant proteins, rather than comfort foods or junk foods,” she said. “You can also choose to eat fruit for dessert instead of other sweet foods.”

Chow Line is a service of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Chow Line writer Tracy Turner, 364 W. Lane Ave., Suite B120, Columbus, OH 43201, or turner.490@osu.edu.

(Continued from Page 1) nup, at our office by stepping inside the breezeway located at the east entrance to the Parc Lane Building (by the mailbox/flagpole).

For the time being, enrollment materials can be turned in one of two ways. 1) Drop a hard copy in a locked drop box located next to the east entrance (by mailboxes) of

our office building at the Parc Lane Center 2) Email: patrick.troyer@pauldingswcd.org or nutrient.specialist@pauldingswcd.org.

The H2Ohio program is open to farmers in the 14 counties of the Maumee River Watershed. Farmers should contact Paulding SWCD for information on how to sign up by phone at 419-399-4771.

DEN HERDER FUNERAL HOME COVID-19 UPDATE

The health and safety of our community has always been the top priority of Den Herder Funeral Home. We are closely monitoring the



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PAYNE ELEMENTARY BOOK EXCHANGE



To celebrate Read Across America, Payne Elementary participated in Dr. Seuss related dress up days, held a Book Fair in the library, and also finished off the week by holding their 5th annual Book Exchange. Title 1 teacher, Mrs. April Krouse plans this exchange for the school every year in hopes to promote literacy and encourage students to learn to love all different kinds of books. Students were encouraged to bring in up to 2 books from home for the exchange this year. Students

and teachers made donations, and we gathered close to 300 books! The classes enjoyed choosing books from their favorite author, topics, and genres. Those students who participated were entered into a drawing to receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to spend at the book fair. Our winner was 5th grader Olivia Zartman!! Mrs. Krouse appreciates all the help that went into this event and looks forward to more book exchanges in the future!

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Your call will be returned as soon as is reasonable.

In addition to calling into City Hall, you can utilize the 'contact us' form on the website. This is monitored daily and responses will be made as soon as is reasonable. You can also comment on the Mayor's Facebook page. For any water or sewer emergency you should call into City Hall for assistance.

If you need to reach the Woodburn Police Department, call Allen County Dispatch to page an officer for a non-emergency situation at 260-449-3000. Please

note that for any medical emergency you should call 911 immediately.

There may be special circumstances allowing an individual access to City Hall. Each case will be considered separately. Appointments beforehand are encouraged, as this will confirm availability of City staff and preparations will be made accordingly.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our residents during this time. Decisive action seems to be a prudent measure to preserve the overall health of our community. Be healthy; be well.

COMMISSIONERS CORNER



The events that we as a nation are currently going through has and will continue to change the way we conduct business. Like every County in the state, we are trying to figure out how to maintain the services we normally take for granted. From community safety to title searching, our required services must go on to the best of our ability. Our office and every other Elected Officials office believe we must maintain police protection and the Judicial system. We recognize that we must maintain the food services through the Senior Center. The list goes on and on!

Our difficulty is maintaining our services while protecting our employees and the community we are serving. The decisions we have all been forced to make have not come easy. We strive everyday to perform our duties and glorify God through the process. We are enabling as many employees as possible to work from home. We are utilizing technology to accomplish this goal. We have limited the public from accessing the County buildings in an effort to stop the spread. Every office is available by phone or email. These offices are all unique in how they are able to meet the public's needs. If anyone needs assistance, our phones still work and someone will answer. The patience that has been shown to our situation is

greatly appreciated.

Our prayers are that we all get to the backside of this event and recognize God's hands at work in our community. We are a hardy county and will prevail.

God Bless You All,
—Tony Zartman,
Paulding County Commissioner

SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS - THE OHIO DECLARATION IS NOW APPROVED

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- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

- SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.

- For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.



THE BIG SNEEZE

By: Nancy Whitaker

Is anyone else having flu problems this year? Cough. 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 infection, 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 plague 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 daylights out of people. Have you ever noticed the difference in people's sneezes? Some can sneeze very dain-

ty 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.

KNOW THE FOUR USES OF CASH

It's important to have cash available for your everyday spending and the inevitable rainy day. However, you also need to develop a cash strategy that can contribute to your long-term financial success. But just how much cash do you need? And in what form?

To answer these questions, it's useful to look at the four main uses of cash:

- Everyday spending -

Your everyday spending includes the cash you use for your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. As a general guideline, you should have one to two months of living expenses available during your working years, and perhaps a year's worth of living expenses when you're retired. (The latter can be adjusted higher or lower based on your income from Social Security or a pension.) You'll need instant access to this money - and you need to know your

principal is protected - so it may be a good idea to keep the funds in a checking or cash management account.

- Unexpected expenses and emergencies - If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or if you incurred a big bill from a doctor or dentist, would you be able to handle the cost? You could - if you've set up an emergency fund. During your working years, this fund should be big enough to cover three to six months of living expenses; when you're retired, you may be able to get by with one to three months' worth of expenses, assuming you have additional sources of available cash. You'll want your emergency fund to be held in liquid vehicles that protect your principal, such as savings or money market accounts or short-term certificates of deposit (CDs).

- Specific short-term savings goal(s) - At various points in your life, you may have a specific goal - a new car, vacation, wedding, etc. - that you'd like to reach within a year or two. Your first step is to identify how much money you'll need, so think about all the factors affecting the final cost. Next, you'll need to choose an appropriate savings vehicle. You could simply put more money in the accounts you use for everyday cash,

or even in your emergency fund, but you would run the risk of dipping into either of these pools. Instead, consider opening a separate account - and tell yourself this money is for one purpose only.

- Source of investment - You can use cash in two ways as part of your overall investment strategy. First, cash can be considered part of the fixed-income allocation of your portfolio (i.e., bonds and CDs). Because cash behaves differently from other asset classes - such as stocks and bonds - it can help diversify your holdings, and the more diversified you are, the less impact market volatility may have on your portfolio. (However, diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.) The second benefit of cash, in terms of investing, is it's there for you to purchase a new investment or to add more shares in an existing investment. In any case, you probably don't want to be too cash heavy, so you might want to keep no more than 10% of your fixed-income assets in cash.

As you can see, cash can be valuable in several ways - so use it wisely.

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THE END OF THE RESERVOIR (NO. 2)

By: Stan Jordan
The reservoir was demolished in April 25, 1887. Pages and pages have been written about that night or the days leading up to it and some of the times after the dasterly deed. No deal or compromise, the reservoir had to go. First, let's remember that was government owned ground, locks, water and all, and you can't destroy federal

equipment. These young men were flirting with a lot of trouble, all federal property and the government would not leave a stone unturned to find and hold these rascals. The deed was done, such a terrible noise that shattered the peace and quiet of that dark and stormy night. Remember there was no electric lights around at that time, just coal oil lanterns. Everybody along the canal from Six Mile on east had been told that this is the night and to be ready for a turmoil of rushing water. At midnight the locks on Junction were blown first so to make room for the coming water. The dynamiters had long made their plan of attack on the reservoir and they had it timed down to the minute and handling. Dynamite is a very dangerous job.

The lock at junction would be blown at exactly midnight. When the boys at Tate's Landing heard the explosion, they lit the fuse with 4 minute timers. Then the boys at Hutchins Lock heard the big explosion at Tate's. They lit there 4 minute fuses, then took off to a safe hiding place. All of these charges were 50 lbs or more of dynamite, a very touchy job, but 50 lb charges were only used at these three places. Now after these big explosions were over and after 12:15 a.m. some other fellows blew holes in the banks of the reservoir off to the south. Some of the workers had come by horse and wagon to the site and controlling the horses, was a very big job when all the explosions were going on. Besides it was pitch dark. See ya!

FRANK LAMB



By: Stan Jordan
I have written about the Frank Lamb Hotel before but this is another good shot. Now this hotel or inn was on the south side of West River Street. It was torn down years ago to make a parking lot. On the west side of the lot is now Oley's laundry mat, on the east side is Small Town Bliss, a ladies' beauty shop. I'm not sure when it was demolished, I remember when the Cass Rinehart family lived there and later Gabor Berenyi's family owned it and lived there. Then they built a new house down on the side

of East Canal St. I imagine it was in the 1970's. Notice that nearly all the men were dressed pretty good and the ladies also. That might have been the day of the Chautauqua doing at the park. The boss said that car has 1916 plates, who is going to argue. But the man in his shirt sleeves might be the manager, but it is not, Frank Lamb, I remember him. I never attended a Chautauqua but I understand they were held down by the river bank. Now I attended a play back in September of 1941. I

will tell you about that. If you go down those cement steps to the river at the last step on your left was a perfect amphitheater. The hillside was mowed and free of stumps and saplings. You sat on the hillside and the play was on the flat ground ahead of you. This play was of Pocahontas and John Smith. It had a cast as the Antwerp Red Men's Lodge. Well the bad guys and they all wore the regular uniform of the lodge and were armed with rifles. It was along about 3 p.m. and everyone enjoyed it. See ya!

LOOKING EAST AT THE PARK



By: Stan Jordan
This fine photo is from the Ehrhart collection and the boss blew it up to 8 X 10. I would say that it was taken in the late 40's or maybe in the 50's you are looking east. You see there is a railing with the steps down to the river and that area was done with the W.P.A. in the 1930's. See how nice and clean of brush it was. The river level was high at that time, because you should be able to see more land down there, but the water is too high. The new Antwerp Marina is just on past those

trees to the east. Right here on the right was a big band stand straight across from the steps and railing. On down the road sits a gazebo, that used to sit on the vacant lot on the south side of Busby Barber Shop. It was moved down there sometime between 1935 and 1950. I think later Bake Hertel tore it down for the lumber. As I sit here and look at this picture of our beautiful park and I look to the left and the hillside to the river, I could cry. See how nice and clean

that hillside is? No shrubs, no bushes, no saplings. You can see clear down to the water. In my time it was as clean as a street up town. If you look at this hillside, now it looks nothing like this photo. Please take a ride down this road and see how the brush on this hillside has gotten out of hand over the years. Why don't we clean this up and make it look like before? Lets get started on this. See ya!

to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!"
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My husband and I went through the McDonald's drive-thru window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25 so I also handed her 25 cents. She said, "You gave me too much money." I said, "Yes, I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back." She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so and he handed me back the 25 cents and said, "We're sorry, but we don't do that kind of thing." The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change.  
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We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a "large" enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, "You need a 1/4 horsepower." I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, "NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two."
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I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason... "Too many deers are being hit by cars out here. I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."  
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My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.
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The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an "intellectually chal-

lenged" co-worker of mine. She asked if I knew what the beeper was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!?"  
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When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" His reply: "I know. I already did that side."
PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION CANCELS ANNUAL MEETING
Paulding, OH: Governor Mike DeWine announced last week his ban of 100 or more people in a room or single space a ban on safety. Since his original ban, the CDC has

advised cancelling all gathers with more than 10 people. The safety and health of our community members is the main priority. Therefore, the Paulding County Area Foundation will cancel the Annual Meeting and Dinner which was previously to be held on April 7, 2020 at Grants Catering in Antwerp. With the ever changing times and new developments in the coronavirus each day, the Foundation is focused on community support and safety, and urges everyone to stay safe, healthy and care for one another as our community and country are tried in these difficult and uncertain times.
PERI CHAPTER 10
PERI Chapter 10 meeting will not be held April 1st, 2020. Information on upcoming meetings will be published when it becomes available.

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class at 6pm; Registration April 1st
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There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says menacingly, as I burst into tears. "This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage

Paulding County Veterans' Service Office
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Paulding County Veterans' Service Office is making precautionary changes to our office procedures. Effective, **March 17**, until further notice, we will not be allowing any non-scheduled walk in meetings. We will be available Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for appointments only. You must schedule an appointment by calling 419-399-8285 or email: pcvsc@pchoio.us. Any claim-related issues are also appointment only, and financial assistance will be conducted over the telephone. Paperwork will be picked up when scheduled. As of now, the only change to our travel policy is that travel slips are no in person drop offs. They must be placed in the mailbox outside the door of our office at **810 E. Perry St., Paulding**, or mailed to:
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GROVER HILL MARCH MADNESS



Grover Hill Elementary has been having its own "March Madness" book bracket style. They have been reading two books a day and voting on their favorite. Last

Thursday, March 12, Wayne Trace Schools Superintendent Mr. Ben Winans was the guest reader. Mr. Winan's read *Can I Play too?* By Mo Willems, and *Splat*

the Cat-Oopsy Daisy By J.E. Bright. Pictured here is Mrs. Kim Walls & Mrs. Chelsea Miller's Kindergarten class with Mr. Winans.



DESK VIEW: FORESTS

By: **Katie Oberlin**

Much like the rural Midwest, the German countryside is filled with forests. Normally in Germany, the forests are mixed with different types of trees. The main trees are oak, beech, birch, maple, pine, larch, and especially spruce.

The large areas of spruce trees here were planted after the world wars because, during these times, Germany

needed wood to help with war preparation. Spruce trees were planted because they grow quicker than other trees. This type of tree is not originally German but actually from Scandinavia.

The forests in Germany are needed for water storage, for the economy, for the production of building materials, for the paper and furniture industries, and for firewood because in Germany it is popular to heat homes with wood stoves in rural areas. The forests are popular for free time activities like hiking, mountain biking, and trail riding.

The forests are home to many different animals such as wild boar, different kinds of deer, foxes, badgers, raccoons, and, for a few years, a new wolf population (around 800 in Germany). Like everywhere in the world, the young plants and trees in the forest must be protected during hunting. Hunting is allowed for licensed hunters but with strong rules to protect the plants and animals.

Currently in Germany though, the forests are in danger because, in recent years, climate change hit German forests extremely hard. The number of strong storms in autumn has greatly increased, as well as the intensity of droughts in the last summers, which have allowed bark beetles to infest the spruce trees.

During hiking, it is easy to notice that there are bald areas in the woods. Trees have died from bark beetle infes-

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ation and were sold half-price as building materials to other places, such as China. These harvests and sales have happened relatively quickly because the bark beetles produce a new population every six to eight weeks during the growing season. Because of this, there is pressure in Germany to harvest the damaged wood from the forests at a fast pace. There is fear from the forest rangers that climate change and many damaged trees might mean the end of spruce trees growing in German forests.

Not only are the spruce species in danger, but the native species of beech trees as well due to the current state of dryness. The forest rangers are experimenting with new species such as Silver Fir and Oregon Pine. This is an effort to find a better mix of trees in the forests to work against climate change. My host dad's father worked as a forest ranger for more than 40 years, experimenting with the giant sequoia trees and grand fir trees, which are both natives on the west coast of the U.S. His efforts were to help find alternative tree species that could sustain the German forests.

Wood is a necessity for the world, and it is important to make sure the world's forests are taken care of. Fortunately, trees are a renewable resource, and there are skilled professions working hard to fill the demand for wood in a growing world.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are living in unprecedented times. What we know today is completely different than what we knew yesterday, and it will all likely change tomorrow.

In attempt to create social distancing, I want to inform the citizenry effective Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m., I locked the lobby door at the sheriff's office and jail. What does this mean? The directive I posted on the lobby door informs you that we will still serve your needs! The bad guys will still go to jail.

I've directed folks needing our services to call the office or jail. If using the intercom system outside the lobby door, a staff member will meet you outside in the fresh air. The only real difference is you will call or use the intercom and not be greeted by my secretary during the weekdays, normal business hours. This system is basically what we do now after normal business hours.

Public visitation with inmates has been temporarily suspended. For the safety of the public regarding COVID-19, this will also create social distancing in our lobby. Inmates will still be able to utilize the phone system.

I have tasked my deputies to do as much business as practical over the phone and via email. We will continue responding to calls for service. Our duty to serve and protect will not stop. My staff will continue to do a thorough job performing their tasks.

I will also inform you that we have been dealing with a plumbing issue in our jail dorms. There have been broken PVC drain pipes located beneath the concrete floor. This has been an extensive process. We have the right people here as I type this letter repairing the problem.

Due to the plumbing issue, I closed the female housing dorm, and one male dorm. Our females are being housed in Van Wert County until the plumbing is fixed. All male prisoners are still in our facility.

Finally, I ask for your support and patience as we continue down this unknown journey. Do not get caught up in social media and rumors. Listen to and put your trust in what the professionals are telling you from the Center of Disease Control and the Ohio Department of Health. Take care of our elderly, your neighbors, your families and yourself.

God Bless,

—Sheriff Jason K. Landers

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, 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 Court-

house, 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

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Heckley Outdoor, S&V Liquors

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One of the pick-up stops for PEVS lunches. Photo by Andrea Schlueter Photography



EACS lunch workers prepare meals for students. Photos via EACS Facebook page

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 we find ourselves in, instead of worrying about where we will find our next roll of toilet paper, instead of starting the "blame game" of who started this in the first place - let's take action like some of the photos on this page are

showing — donate to your local food pantry to stock their shelves for those who find themselves without work suddenly; support the local school system's faculty as the teachers and administration re-invent how to teach their students remotely, reach out

to the shut-ins, elderly with words of encouragement — remember social distancing, of course. We were made for much more than some of the negative media coverage at the state and national levels.

This does not have to be a time of despair; it does not have to be a time of doom and gloom. Is it scary? Sure, but isn't it much better to see people kick back, create memes, make jokes, carry on business as usual, and formulate strategies to do good for their neighbors? This feeds hope and not fear.

Photographers such as Andrea Schlueter Photography of Paulding, photo documented the first few days of meal distribution in the Paulding Exempted Village School district as she attempted to grasp the emo-

tions rolling around in not only her mind, but the minds of her family and neighbors. Food pantry efforts have been overwhelming in Antwerp, with coordinator, Eva Elkins, and volunteers as they are working on a weekly distribution to families of Antwerp students to make sure they have enough to eat. Cecil Community Church is also ramping up their food pantry for their residents. Teachers are posting on social media like crazy to keep connected to their students' families — videos, pictures, updates with humor just to pass the time as we wait out this period of uncertainty to come to an end.

Jesus gives us some comforting thoughts when faced with trials - Matthew 6:

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away



Member of the EACS janitorial staff staying positive. Photos via EACS Facebook page

in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth in 2 Corinthians 4:

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body."

Give a shout out if you know a truck driver, a farmer, a school teacher, a janitor or custodian, a health care worker, a pharmacist, a grocery store employee or any



Soups on! Antwerp Food Pantry coordinator, Eva Elkins, plans the 2nd week of food distribution. Photos via Facebook



Antwerp Food Pantry's first week of food distribution ready to go. Photos via Facebook

dark thoughts. We may have a long row to hoe, people, so let's dig in, get our hands dirty, and focus on what is and not what was or what will be. Be good to one another. Help out where you can. This too shall pass.

other worker whose jobs are essential to all of our well-being. Encouraging someone else leaves less time for you to dwell in your own mind with



Antwerp teachers, Mr. Messman and Mr. Hoepfner, install some shelving in classrooms during the pandemic school closure. Photo via Antwerp Local School Facebook page.



Paulding Eagles is a donation location for meals. Photo by Andrea Schlueter Photography

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SCHOOL LUNCHES AVAILABLE AROUND THE AREA



Got Milk? PEVS lunch pick-up sites do! Photo by Andrea Schlueter Photography

Antwerp Local School:

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.

Paulding Exempted Village Schools:

From Holly Dangler, food service director for Paulding Schools:

In order to limit the daily exposure of the community and staff we will be distributing a 3 day supply of breakfast and lunch kits beginning Monday March 23rd, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. for children ages 1-18 who are in need. Eight buses will be at the site locations listed below.

Since Governor DeWine has issued a stay in place order, future distributions will be determined once guidance is received.

Pick up locations:

- In Oakwood - Oakwood Elementary School
- In Melrose - Double D Dairy Bar
- In Cecil - Cecil Fire Department
- In 5 Span area - The Cabbage Patch gas station parking lot
- In Paulding - Partridge Place - 9:00-9:30 a.m. ; Patrick Place - 9:30-10:00 a.m., The Eagles, The Nazarene Church on Dooley Drive, and Lafountain Park.

If you have any questions, concerns or need more assistance, call Ms. Dangler directly at 419-399-4656 extension 1525.

Wayne Trace Local Schools:

Meals to any Wayne Trace students at each of our three campuses from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 23 and March 30. These pick ups will be a week's supply of lunches. Those picking up lunches

during this time may also pick up a breakfast if they so choose.

This will include Vantage, Synergy, and Divine Mercy students. Wayne Trace students can go to ANY of the campuses to receive the meals and are not limited to the campus they attend to make it as easy as possible for families. If families cannot make the noted pick up time, please contact the Central Office at 419-263-2415 to make an alternate arrangement.

Thank you, Benjamin A. Winans

EACS:

Meal distribution sites: New Haven Intermediate, Southwick Elementary & Heritage K12 from 11AM-1PM & 4PM-6PM on the following dates: March 24, March 31, April 7.

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.

Please remember some of the meals you will receive contain items that must be refrigerated within two hours of receiving them. Leaving food out too long at room temperature can cause bacteria to grow and therefore will be unsafe to consume.

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4.0: Kaeli Bustos, Donnique Carter-Dickey, Jonathan Clapsaddle, Megan Dearth, Leigha Egnor, Adela Foltz, Quintin Gonzales, Megan Harpel, Caleb Manz, Elyse Manz, Maggie Manz, Baylee March, Luke McCullough, Jalynn Parrett, Gillian Porter, Quincy Porter, Deyton Price, Sydney Reineck, Lynelle Schneider, Gabbie Stallbaum, Ben Weible

3.5-3.99: Payton Beckman, Dominic Carnahan, Kaylyn Cox, Fernando Garcia, Hailey Hartzell, Isabelle Heitman, Morgan Iler, Hunter Kauser, Robert Kee-terle, Blake McGarvey, Trace McKinley, Faith Rose, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Isaac Smalley, Courtney Smith, Hailey Weidenhamer, Jasmine Wong

3.0-3.49: Sadie Estle, Colton Howell, Hailee Huner, Nolan Johanns, Kayla Lane, Morgan Mobley, Deacon Sanders

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Alexandria Ade, Alivya Bakle, Emily Cantu, Gabby Casper, Taelyn Etzler, Sophia Fisher, Paige Jones, Vanessa Krueger, Jaylyn McCloud, Alivia Perl, Lily Roehrig, Claire Schweller, Cierra Singer, Caleb Thompson, Alex Tressler, Grady Vogel, Leanne Warnimont, Sam Woods

3.5-3.99: Sam Adams, Brooke Ankney, Wyatt Beckman, Coryn Bennett, Ella Cook, Audrey Cordova, Erika Dobbelaere, Cristian Funez, Audrey Giesige, Zach Gorrell, Kaylena Gray, Ember Helms-Keezer, Ethan Herman, Jade Hoghe, Reid Johanns, Ryleigh Johanns, Lexi Kashner, Kyle Kelly, Kellsey Kupfersmith, Marciano Murdock, Wyatt Noffsinger, Janae Pease, Carsen Perl, Austin Pessefall, Karli Phlipot, Samantha Proxmire, Kayla Sherry, Connor Smith, Logan Tope, Zoe Valle, Chloe Verfaillie

3.0-3.49: Austin Adams, Christian Bauer, Kyle Dominique, Brody Fisher, Kalyn Goshia, Kylie Greathouse, Brian Hemenway, Chance Johns, Colin Lambert, Taylor Lucas, Brianna Minck, Myla Mitchell, Kyle Mobley, Mechial Mullins, Olivia Paschall, Boston Pease, Kaden Rhonehouse, Katie Ringler, Maycee Ross, Riley Rue, Autumn Yonge

FRESHMEN

4.0: Katie Beckman, Ethan Foltz, Miranda Iler, Carlea Kuckuck, Ashton Manz, Nick Manz, Jacob Martinez, Emily Mazariegos, Emma McClure, Hayden Mullen, Carmen Reno, Caydence Rue, Cassie Weller

3.5-3.99: Jonathan Adkins, Eternity Bassler, Luis Cortes-Becerra, Natali Cortes-Becerra, Marissa Gray, Eugene Hobart, Skylar Keezer, Jacob Lipps, Carter Manz, Haley Manz, Sheridan Matty, Wyatt Pessefall, Olivia Porter, JB Rickels, Ean Seibert, Ariana Sheaks, Chaz Shull, Sydney Trahin, Bryanna Winke, Larkin Yates

3.0-3.49: Peyton Adams, Ashleigh Densmore, Mason Doster, Quinten Doster, Timmy Epple, Karli Gamble, Autumn Kochenour, Hannah Leaman, Gage Lloyd, Benji Parks, Braxton Ricker, Nash Saylor, Mason Schlatter, Charity Schnepf, Mikayla Shough, Makayla Suffel, Chandler White

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3RD 9 WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2019-20

All As

3A: Barker, Mallory; Reinhart, Alaina; Robbins, Garrett

3B: Barker, Brennan; Cottrell, Pearce; Lawson, Brooklynn; Miller, Allison; Mowery, Annabelle; Sorrell, Aleta

4A: Bagley, Hudsyn; Rohrs, Clara; Zijistra, Anneliese

4B: Barker, Bryceton; Cline, Wyatt; Peters, Braxton; Zuber, Koran

5A: Hankinson, Alexisa (Lexie); Hook, Aiden; Laker, Emily; Snyder, Gabriella; Spyker, Keira

5B: Bagley, Briley; Friend, Maddox; Gribler, Blake; Overman, Tyler

5C: Hahn, Josie; Hormann, Eliana

As & Bs

3A: Bradbury, Tyler; Burnett, Elliana; Friend, Addison; Hook, Charlotte; Jackson, Elias; Keeler, Caleb; Keezer, Paul; Landis, Samantha; Meine, Inara; Morrow, Emerson; Traxler, Bailey; Walton, Haydyn; Woodby, Weston

3B: Altic, Madison; Bryant, Liam; Fish, Auston; Halker, Alexis; Hicks, Devin; Laker, Gianna (Gigi); Overman, Evan; Rohrs, Cate; Stairhime, Sophia

4A: Brandenburg, Gabriella; Clem, Alia; Doster, Tucker; Esparza-Reyes, Jacqueline (Jacqie); Gross, Gabriella; Lucas, Noah; McKay, Jason; Rice, Allison (Allie); Rivera, Franco; Thompson, Izaiah; Trabel, Case

4B: Barker, Gage; Franklin, Reese; Fuller, Brayden;

PAULDING HS ANNOUNCES MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Katelyn Beckman



Elyse Manz



Claire McClure



Eternity Bassler

Paulding High School announced their March House Students of the Month recently. They are the following: House Palmarium - Elyse

Manz, House Excellentia - Katelyn Beckman, House VVV - Eternity Bassler, House Stupendum - Claire McClure.

Halsey, Lilly; Herber, Camden; Honigford, Avery; Jones, Kaira; Phares, Kati; Saylor, Anabelle

5A: Coker, Jonnothan; Coney, Avalon (Ava); Dick-ess, Payleigh; Lawson, Alyssa; Marlin, Ethan; Rhonehouse, Weston; Slattery, Kage

5B: DeLong, Roman;

Durbin, Reese; Ehrhart, Maclaren (Clare); Elston, Kole; Gray Wyckoff, Keegan; Jones, Emery; Kelso, Grayson; Lawhorn, Jennifer (Jen/Jenny)

5C: Doster, Maddilan; Rohrs, Michael



HEALTH FAIR

March 21, 2020

Oakwood Fire Department
201 N 6th Street

March 28, 2020

Payne American Legion
220 N Main Street

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Antwerp, OH 45813

Payne, Ohio
419-263-2705
102 N. Main Street,
Payne, OH 45880

Harlan, Indiana
260-657-1000
10726 Thimlar Rd
Harlan, IN 46743

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HISTORIC OLD FORT CANCELS EVENTS UNTIL MAY 17



Due to the COVID-19 concerns, Historic Old Fort has cancelled all events until May 17th. This includes the April 4 -Montcalm & Wolfe; School of Soldier, the April 25 -13th Pennsylvania Garrison, the May 8- Education Day at the Fort, and the May 9-10-Muster on the St. Mary. The Old Fort will also be closed to public tours and events. The safety and well-being of the volunteers and patrons is of utmost importance to Historic Old Fort. Pending further information from all city resources, the board will make additional decisions regarding summer events. For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is lo-

cated at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

About Historic Fort Wayne, Inc.: Founded in 2004, Historic Fort Wayne is a Non-Profit Organization that manages the Old Fort in Fort Wayne, IN. Our goal is to educate the community about Historic Fort Wayne and its significance to the Northwest Territory, the State of Indiana, and the United States during the 17th and 18th centuries through interactive programming. We are a 100% volunteer organization. All of our events are free to the public. All programming is funded by private and corporate donations.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Christopher J. Feketik, Brooke Park, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Shall maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency
Tyler W. Hines, Celina, OH; Criminal damage; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived; Warrant and warrant block recalled
Justin L. Cupp, Oakwood, OH; Telecommunication harassment; Guilty; Defendant

to pay all fines and costs today; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation to Westwood and follow all counseling and treatment; No contact with victim; Mental health evaluation; Risk assessment; Maintain good behavior
Donald H. Vibbert, Convoy, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; ALS vacated immediately; Fees waived; Must provide proof of insurance by 3/31/20; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, compliance date for DIP 5/29/20; Pay all fines and costs today
William T. Vance, Paulding, OH; Unauthorized use; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs to defendant

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 ENCRONES 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

Zachary K. Ross, Grover Hill, OH; Gross sexual imposition; Case shall be bound over to Paulding Common Pleas Court

Zachary K. Ross, Grover Hill, OH; Rape; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Zachary K. Ross, Grover Hill, OH; Rape; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

Mark A. Castillo, Oakwood, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Case dismissed at state's request

Mark A. Castillo, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay or collections 3/27/20

Ramiro Bahena Rodriguez, Payne, OH; Assault; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Robert L. Bowsher, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Defendant to pay for stay at the Paulding County Jail; Shall have no contact with victim; Maintain general good behavior

Peggy S. Bates, Grover Hill, OH; Disorderly conduct w/persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no unlawful contact with victim

Alexis N. Overly, Paulding, OH; Burglary; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Alexis N. Overly, Paulding, OH; Theft; Preliminary waived; Bound over

Qurtis M. Williams, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; 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

Aaron Griffiths, Paulding, OH; Theft; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Destiney R. Gerken, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court Case shall be bound over

Destiney R. Gerken, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas

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professional and proactive Department of Health and tremendous local healthcare services that are prepared for COVID-19.

City governments plan for worst case scenarios on a regular basis. If we would need to alter work schedules or accessibility to public spaces, we are ready and will respond accordingly in the best interest of the health and well-being of the public. It's too early to speculate on what will happen. We'll be following guidelines and recommendations from the local health department and state and federal experts and authorities.

Public safety (Police/Fire/EMS), water filtration plant operation, water and wastewater service, neighborhood code compliance, maintenance of our parks and recreation facilities, and street department functions are leading examples of employ-

ees working in the field. For our employees, it's critical for them to be aware of their surroundings and interactions, and they've been communicated with.

We have many government services available online at www.newhaven.in.gov including utility bill payments, permitting and access to City Council and Board of Public Works meetings. We are also encouraging the public to call City Hall at (260) 748-7000 with any questions. Additionally, we are asking utility customers to make their utility payments at the drop box or make payments online.

We appreciate the public support and patience as we prepare and navigate this ever-changing situation. Be sure to visit the City of New Haven Facebook page for updated information.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Hoffman at the Mayor's Office at 748-7019.

Matthew C. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Assault; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Matthew C. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Criminal damages; Preliminary waived; Defendant had been indicted by the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Case shall be bound over

Matthew C. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Resisting arrest; Preliminary waived; Case shall be bound over

Michael Landini, Indianapolis, IN; 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

Ashley S. Bragg, Antwerp, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to complete 40 hours of community service by 6/26/20 under direction of probation department; Pay or collections 6/26/20

Robert L. Boling Jr., Avon, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis J. Gallo, Paulding, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis J. Gallo, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cassandra D. Greene, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case shall be dismissed

Laurie A. Bergman, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott E. Cole, Defiance, OH; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Waqar A. Kazmi, Brampton, ON; Case was waived by defendant

Laurie A. Bergman, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Devang Bavishi, Westlake, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David J. Heinfeld, Fort

BUSINESS BOSSES SUPPORTING COOKIE BOSSES



Local business owners asked to partner with Girl Scouts to distribute remaining cookies

WHO: Northwest Ohio Girl Scout troops are looking to partner with local businesses to sell Girl Scout cookies remaining after booth sales were cut short by pandemic precautions.

WHY: The COVID-19 outbreak means that local Girl Scouts lost out on the final three days of booth sales, not only making it harder for you to find and buy Girl Scout cookies, but more importantly, for the girls to achieve their sales goals. The Girl Scout Cookie Program® powers girls' troop activities for the year - things like camp, troop outings, community service projects, and more! Having to stay home means that, on average, troops are short \$900 (and volunteers still have cases of cookies stacked all over their homes!).

WHAT: These Cookie

Bosses are asking Business Bosses to think outside the cookie box. Challenging times call for creative solutions. Are you a restaurant owner hoping to boost carry-out sales? Or a firm that needs tasty ways to reward clients or employees? Local Girl Scouts can help you out!

Don't need boxes of your own? Businesses may also choose to purchase cookies that troops will then donate to first responders, food banks, military and veterans' organizations and other non-profits.

Check out the new Business Bosses Supporting Cookie Bosses initiative for ways you can support local Girl Scouts, demonstrate your community spirit, and share Thin Mints®, Samoas®, Tagalongs® and more with customers, friends and neighbors!

HOW: All the details are online at gswo.org/business-bosses.

Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Guerrero N. Villalobos, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Proof of financial responsibility not provided; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Pay all fines and costs beginning 4/24/20 at \$60 per month; Pay or collections 10/30/20; DIP compliance date 7/26/20

Guerrero Nestali Villalobos, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Case dismissed at state's request

Gerardo O. Cruz, Ney, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days, compliance date 6/26/20; Defendant to pay all fines and costs commencing 4/24/20 at \$70 a month with pay or collection date 4/30/21

Gerardo O. Cruz, Ney, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay or collection 4/30/21

Thomas A. Manz, Las Cruces, NM; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas A. Manz, Las Cruces, NM; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived

by defendant

Makenna D. Johnson, Lima, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth R. Herber, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffery C. Spoor, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Avery E. Coplin, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Case dismissed at state's request

Avery E. Coplin, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; 170 jail days reserved; \$50 per month payments beginning 4/24/20; POC 12/31/21; Evaluation at Westwood; Complete Thinking For A Change program; Community Control Two

Danielle R. Ripke, Paulding, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Avery E. Coplin, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant to be placed on SCRAM today; 170 reserved jail days; Report to jail on 3/30/20 at 6:00 a.m.; Defendant placed on standard probation

Village of Antwerp Public Notice

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ...

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06 on March 16, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO."

This Ordinance awards the residential waste collection contract to Real Waste Disposal, LLC as the lowest and best bidder and authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Real Waste Disposal, LLC for this purpose.

The publication of the Ordinance is by summary only. The complete text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed at the office of the Village of Antwerp Fiscal Officer located at 118 North Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

Matthew A. Niccum, Marion, IN; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron M. Smith, Sylvania, OH; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffrey A. Feeney, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph E. McCann, Pompano Beach, FL; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Derek J. Barron, Monroe, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tony J. Cotman, Carmel, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kyler Niekamp, Saint Henry, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Melissa A. Martinez, Paulding, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Loy W. Taylor, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kasedy D. Delarber, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Saad F. Alghamdi, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non fra suspension; Case dismissed at state's request with costs paid by defendant

Kyler Niekamp, Saint Henry, OH; Distracted driving; Case dismissed at state's request; Defendant completed course

request; Defendant completed course

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP
3/19/20 Wartenbe Sharon J Trustee to Wartenbe Sharon J Trustee; Rd 60; 160.5 acres; Ptse1/4&E1/2Sw1/4Sw1/4 Benton Twp S-8

3/18/20 Baumert Michael S & Baumert Deborah J to Williams Kyle R; 1101 Sr 114 Payne Oh 45880; 1.67 acres; Pt S1/2 Sw1/4 S-19Benton Twp

BROWN TWP
3/18/20 Bobcat Investment Properties Inc to Cldld Investments LLC; 115 E Main St; 0.1505 acres; Lot 81 Pt O.p. Oakwood Vill

3/18/20 Bobcat Investment Properties Inc to Cldld Investments LLC; 309 E Walnut St; 0.534 Acres; Lot 13 Piney Woods Add Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP
3/17/20 Detmon Ramona K to Detmon Ramona K Le; 107 E Woodcox St; 0.0758 acres; Lot 6 W Pt Bank Add Antwerp Vill

CRANE TWP
3/16/20 Winnie George A to HSBC Bank Usa National Association Trustee; Us 127; 0.46 acres; E Pt Sw1/4 Lot 14 Dangler 1St Subdiv Crane Twp Sec 24

3/16/20 Winnie George A to HSBC Bank Usa National Association Trustee; Us 127; 0.46 acres; E Pt Sw1/4 Lot 15 Dangler 1St Subdiv Crane Twp Sec 24

3/16/20 Winnie George A to HSBC Bank Usa National Association Trustee; 15373 Us 127 Cecil Oh 45821; 2.44 acres; Pt E Pt Sw1/4 200X530 Dangler 1St Sub Div Crane Twp Sec 24

LATTY TWP
3/18/20 Dangler David L & Dangler Justice Cindy L to Cldld Investments LLC; 18280 Sr 114 Grover Hill Oh 45849; 0.96 acres; Nw Cor Ne1/4 Nw1/4 S-25 Latty Twp

ROUNDBABOUTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF STATE ROUTE 309 AT THAYER ROAD & NAPOLEON ROAD



Intersection projects to move forward with recommended alternatives

LIMA, Ohio (March 19, 2020) The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 has chosen single-lane roundabout designs to improve the safety of two intersections on state Route 309 east of Lima.

During a public meeting in January, roundabouts were the recommended alternative presented for the intersections of state Route 309 at Thayer Road and state Route 309 at Napoleon Road.

The decision was made after ODOT and its consultant, Jacobs Engineering Group of Cincinnati, gathered feedback on the alternatives during stakeholder meetings and a public meeting.

The roundabouts will be placed at the current intersection locations. The projects are tentatively scheduled for construction in 2022.

"Safety is the driving force for this project and a single-lane roundabout delivers the best safety results," said ODOT District 1 Deputy Director Chris Hughes. "Nationwide statistics show that converting a two-way, stop-controlled intersection, such as these, to a single-lane roundabout can result in a 40% reduction in total crashes, 75% reduction in injury crashes, and 90% reduction in fatal crashes," said Hughes.

For more information regarding roundabouts, view a video produced by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration: <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts/>

The estimated construction cost of the chosen option is \$4.5 million. The project is funded by revenue from the gas user fee increase.

"The intersections are being addressed as part of Governor DeWine's initiative to use a portion of the new revenue to improve safety. For rural intersections, both locations experience crash rates and severity of crashes that are higher than expected compared to intersections with similar conditions and traffic volumes," said Hughes.

The intersection is one of more than 150 statewide that have been selected by Governor DeWine for review and safety improvements. Improvements range from signal and signage improvements to a complete intersection redesign.

After securing additional funding for transportation infrastructure through the increased gas user fee, Governor Mike DeWine designated an additional \$50 million annually for roadway locations, such as intersections, where a project could improve its safety. As a result of the in-

crease, ODOT now has the third largest road safety program in the country. Over the next four years, ODOT will spend \$158 million annually on preventing crashes on Ohio roads.

For more information, visit the project website: <https://tinyurl.com/SR309Intersections>

OPERATIONAL CHANGES FOR PAULDING COUNTY PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT

The Paulding County Probate/Juvenile Court has issued temporary policies and procedures in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. Please visit the court's website at www.pauldingjuvenilecourt.com or call 419-399-8256 for the latest information related to court proceedings, case filings, marriage license applications, and records requests. We urge everyone to visit CDC.gov for the latest COVID-19 guidelines.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CANCELS MEETING

The Woodburn Community Historical Society meeting scheduled for March 26th, 2020 has been canceled.

Any further meetings are currently on hold and will be updated as soon as information is available.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT HOUSE TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC

Effective immediately by approval of Paulding County Health Commissioner, Dr. Joseph M. Kuhn, D.O. and Paulding County Elected Officials, The Paulding County Courthouse will be closed to the general public. Paulding County Elected Officials are following every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are advising all county residents, customers and vendors attempting to conduct business within the Courthouse offices, to please call the specific office or check the offices' website to find out current office operations.

Auditor's Office (419) 399-8205; Clerk of Courts- (419) 399-8210; Treasurer's Office- (419) 399- 8281; Recorder's Office- (419) 399- 8275; Commissioners' Office (419) 399-8215; Title Office- (419) 399- 8211

Some court hearings previously scheduled will continue to occur, although ONLY PLANTIFFS, DEFENDANTS, ATTORNEYS AND WITNESSES will be permitted to enter the courthouse.

The court staffs will still be available by phone at 419-399-8220 (Common Pleas General Division) and 419-399-8256

THE WEST BEND NEWS
Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: 5, 6, 4, 9; Row 2: 1, 9; Row 3: 7, 6; Row 4: 9, 2, 8; Row 5: 1, 5; Row 6: 8, 6, 3; Row 7: 9, 5, 1, 2, 8; Row 8: 7, 3

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

(Probate/Juvenile Court) and certain documents/information can be obtained through the court websites at pauldingcommonpleas.com and pauldingjuvenilecourt.com

If you wish to obtain a marriage license or a certified copy of a marriage certificate, please call Probate Court at 419-399-8256 to make arrangements prior to coming to the courthouse. Youth on diversion or probation should contact their diversion or probation officer prior to coming to the courthouse.

All Sheriff's Sale current-

ly scheduled will continue as previously ordered.

Please call Courthouse Security at (419) 399-8286 to make appointments for Conceal Carry licenses or renewals along with Sex Offender registration or verifications.

Paulding County Elected Officials will continue to follow updates and guidance of the Paulding County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Case No. DIV 03 054
SETS #7048202779
LISAA. 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 **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 Common Pleas Paulding, County, Ohio
By: *[Signature]*
Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Joseph R. Burkard, #0059106
Child Support Enforcement Attorney
201 E. Caroline Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
Ph. 419-399-8270

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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: FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, N.A., ET AL., Plaintiff, vs. IRIS H. AILES, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 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:

**Perry Street, Melrose
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 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.

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
Larry R. Rothenberg, 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. 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.

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David J. Coyle, Attorney for Plaintiff

WINTER JAM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Annual Working Together 4kids Winterjam Basketball tournament was held with 50 boys' and girls' teams from NW Ohio and NE Indiana represented. There was a crowd and close games. Each winning team received new basketballs, DQ ice cream, and Frickers.

Shout out to all the sponsors and volunteers.

Champions:
6th A boys - Wayne Trace defeated Anthony Wayne; 6th B boys - Lincolnview defeated Holgate; 6th A

girls - Lincolnview defeated Wauseon; 6th B girls - Leo, IN.

Defeated:
Stryker - 5th A Boys - Norwell defeated Paulding; 5th B boys - Miller City defeated Spencerville; 5th A girls - Napoleon defeated Fairview; 5th B girls - Hicksville defeated Bryan; 4th boys - Upper Sandusky defeated Leipsic.

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LaROSE ANNOUNCES NUMBER OF EARLY VOTES CAST THROUGH MARCH 16th



COLUMBUS -Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced that that 523,522 early votes were cast during Ohio's early voting period from Wednesday, February 19th through Monday, March 16, 2020.

Data was collected by the Ohio Secretary of State's office via a survey of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections. Data as of Monday, March 16, 2020 includes the following:
325,228 requested by mail;
265,017 requested in person = 590,245 absentee ballots requested.

265,017 in person; 258,505 by mail = 523,522 absentee ballots cast.

66,723 outstanding absentee ballots

In the 2020 presidential primary, voters across the state have the opportunity to vote in a number of local races, as well as a total of 482 local issues and questions across 83 counties. For information on local races please contact your local county board of elections.

As a result of Ohio's re-

sponse to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak, Gov. DeWine and ODH Director Dr. Amy Acton ordered polling locations closed on Tuesday, March 17. As a result, Secretary LaRose directed Boards of Elections to continue accepting absentee ballot requests by mail and set June 2 as the date to complete Ohio's primary election.

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

How to Choose the Proper Grass Seed

Now that we have warmer weather, many of you will want to buy grass seed to fill in some bare spots or to overseed thin spots in your lawn. Spring is an excellent time for applying grass seed.

The number one rule about purchasing grass seed is that no matter how it is cared for, a lawn can never be



better than the seed that goes into it. Buying grass seed is like buying a car without seeing or driving it. There is nothing tangible to evaluate or compare... other than the package itself. The true quality of the product won't be visible for months, until the seed grows into a lawn.

Seed labels don't tell what

the lawn will look like. Seed labels are written to meet agricultural regulations and are not "consumer friendly". In fact what the label "doesn't say" is more concerning than what it "does say".

A seed label tells you what seed varieties are in this package. However, it only tells you in percent, by weight, of the total package. It doesn't tell you that seed size and weight are dramatically different. For example, it takes 1,400,000 bluegrass seeds to make a pound. It takes 530,000 fine fescue seeds to make the same pound, and it takes 225,000 ryegrass or tall fescue seed to equal a pound. So the label doesn't tell you the amount of each variety you will see in your lawn.

Unfortunately, the best way to determine how much of a particular seed that goes into your lawn is calculating the percentage by seed count. It is not required on a seed label and figuring this out is difficult.

Grasses like Dorado Tall Fescue, Montana Tall Fescue, Frontier Perennial Ryegrass, and Madison Kentucky Bluegrass are better than common-type grasses because they have been genetically improved. They create greener and denser lawns and they're slower growing which means less mowing. Some can also grow roots up to four feet deep which improves drought tolerance. They can also have a waxy coating on the grass (much like the skin of an apple) which improves disease and insect resistance.

Well what about germination? A label gives you the percent of pure seed that is capable of growth in a prescribed time under laboratory conditions. It doesn't say that laboratory conditions are ideal. Seeds are placed on wet filter paper and placed in an incubator with perfect light and moisture control for as long as 28 days.

How about germination percentages...can they be compared between different manufacturers? The answer is no. Germination values may be the same on the label but the actual rate of germination could be different.

Some grass seed packages have filler in them. This is called inert matter. Inert matter or bulking agents like ground corncobs or chaff are often added to make larger packages. Sand may be added so that the packages will meet weight requirements. Volume of inert matter can generally be found by multiplying the percentage by weight by two (i.e. 5% inert = 10% of bag volume).

Weed seeds are also a factor in selection of a grass seed mix. The label says percent by weight of all seeds in the package, which have not been included in pure seed or crop. It doesn't tell you that one harmless needle grass seed weighs the same as 32 chickweed seeds. Both would be listed as 0.27%. If 0.1% were chickweed, this would result in 560,000 plants in a 10,000 sq. ft. lawn.

Premium seed mixtures guarantee a great lawn. They use high percentages of bluegrass in this area. Bluegrass has very small seeds, so a smaller package of premium seed can cover more area of your lawn. Plus, bluegrass has the added bonus of rhizoming, which means the plants roots spread and create new plants.

Bluegrass may be combined with other grasses to derive multiple benefits. Ryegrasses germinate fast to hold the soil. Tall fescues are drought-tolerant but do not spread and fine fescues are more shade tolerant.

Some premium grass seeds now have a super-absorbent coating around the seed that promotes the germination of the seed. It holds moisture against the seed so the seedling has constant access to water. It also helps in that you don't have to worry about the seed if you miss a day of watering.

So, when choosing a grass seed mix for your lawn, choose a premium mix that will give you the best-looking, strongest and most worry-free lawn you've ever had.

—Len Schrock,
Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant;
Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

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EDWARD JONES: SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY IS A TOP PRIORITY

In today's challenging times, Edward Jones financial



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

advisors are thinking about the health of their clients, their families and their colleagues, what's happening in their communities and the effect of Covid-19 on the markets.

"Most importantly, we want everyone to know we're taking steps to protect the health and well-being of our clients, associates, families and communities," Bryan Post says. "We're right here in the community with you, going through this together as neighbors and friends. And we will get through this together."

To help reduce the impact of the coronavirus, financial advisors are taking several steps, including suspending face-to-face visits with clients, holding virtual meetings and training sessions and ensuring office spaces are sanitized and disinfected.

"Like everyone, we really have to do our part to help mitigate this crisis," Post says. "But since our entire reason for being in business is to help our clients enjoy more rewarding lives, we feel that our efforts now are just an extension of that."

Of course, people's financial situations also weigh on their minds, Post says.

"The current market sell-off is certainly concerning, but it seems to be driven more by fear and panic than by economic or financial reality," Post says.

Monetary and fiscal policy are necessary, but at the end of the day, it will be the medical progress that will dictate the timeline for reducing market volatility and the ultimate rebound in stocks, Post says.

Post said Edward Jones expects daily volatility to persist until new virus cases begin to slow, but added that investors should find optimism in these facts: unemployment is near a 50-year low, with solid wage growth; there's been an uptick in the housing market, which may accelerate due to declining mortgage rates; and the Federal Reserve has cut short-term interest rates back near 0 percent.

Furthermore, Post says, the drop in investment prices may indicate that the financial markets have already "priced in" the likelihood of a short-term recession.

"This could mean that we've already endured much

of the stock market pain," Post says. "And even a short recession is of concern to all of us, since it's likely to bring at least a temporary disruption to an otherwise strong labor market."

For investors wondering what to do now, Post offers these suggestions:

First, remember why you're investing.

"With the market decline, people will be tempted to change their investment strategies," Post says. "But they need to keep in mind that most of their financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, are long-term in nature - a lot longer-term than the shelf life of the coronavirus. If investors have established a long-term strategy that's appropriate for their needs, they should stick with it, no matter what today's headlines are."

However, Post does suggest that individuals who are particularly concerned over the current results of their investment statements might want to evaluate their risk tolerance.

"If you are truly losing sleep over what's going on in the markets, it's possible your portfolio is positioned too aggressively for the amount of risk with which you're comfortable," Post says. "In that case, you should work with your financial advisor to see if you need to adjust your investment mix to include more fixed-income securities, which can provide some downside protection, but you'll be making a trade-off, because you'll also be affecting your long-term growth potential."

Finally, Post says, now might actually be a good time for investors to consider actually adding to their portfolios.

"Right now, many stocks are at their best values in more than a decade," Post says. "If you need to rebalance your portfolio, this could be a time to do so."

Ultimately, Post says, investors need to realize that, while we are in somewhat uncharted times, the temptation to panic should be fought.

"All our emotions are running high right now," Post says. "And while everyone's top priority should be to protect themselves, their families and their communities, it's still important not to lose sight of their financial well-being. And for that, the best thing all of us can do is look past short-term downturns and maintain the discipline to keep investing in all types of markets."

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come out onto Wayne Street, I felt and heard a rather loud noise and a big bump. I had noticed a couple of smaller bumps as I was getting to the street but thought it was just the weight of the trailer adjusting, etc.. Please understand that I really don't know what's normal for trailers of that size when it comes to their noises or how it should feel as I'm pulling it. I am, however, getting a very fast education on what isn't normal!

What a difference a month makes! We were going strong and looking to exceed our volume from February and BOOM, the Corona Virus hit. As of March 20th, we are at 8,150 pounds. With the schools cancelled and most County offices closed to the public, we have been forced to scale back on our pickups. All trailer pickups which include Payne, Grover Hill, Scott, Haviland, Latty and Junction have been cancelled until May 1. We will be evaluating as time passes and hopefully be back up and running by then.

Many of you have been asking me about my on-going battle with learning to hook up the trailers to the F-350. Because we could all use a little bit of levity in our lives, I will tattle on myself. Don't tell the Commissioners any of this...

I had to lower the 28' trailer onto the hitch/ball thing of the 350 to prepare for the Junction Run. I thought I had it ready to go and even drove around the Engineering Garage Compound to make sure all was well a few days before the scheduled Run. The big day arrived and I very confidently began my departure from the Engineering Garage. As I was making the circle to

Because the jolt and the accompanying noise was so loud, I did stop and get out to see if anything looked amiss. The equivalent experience would be you looking for the O-Rings on a spaceship. Even to my untrained eye, however, there was clearly a problem because the front of the trailer was under the bumper of the F-350. Ooops....

Happily, Cindy Peters, County Engineer employee extraordinaire, was right behind me thinking she was leaving for lunch but stopped instead to render assistance. Together, we determined that we had no clue what to do, so Cindy offered to go find, yes, you guessed it, Ron Wirts, our County Engineer's Shop/Fleet Supervisor, who yet again, came to my rescue. He came walking down the long driveway from the office to the street carrying what appeared to me to be a rather large sledgehammer. At that point I wasn't sure just exactly what he was going to do with it given my penchant for breakdowns.

To his credit, he calmly evaluated the situation, determined that I had in fact, NOT lowered the trailer securely onto the hitch/ball.

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As a result, the only thing keeping the truck and trailer together were 2 very large and heavy chains. As such, the trailer with nothing to stop it, eventually came off the ball and ran up under the truck. After some pulling forward, backing up, and a few whacks with the sledgehammer, Ron Wirts, had your Paulding County WMEA Director back up and running and headed to Junction.

The upside to all these mishaps is that I'm learning a lot about trucks, trailers and what not to do. I'm slowly but surely discovering what is normal and more importantly, what is not. The downside is that I've had to increase my blood pressure medicine on the days I take the big trailer out.

As a reminder, the Latty and Briceton pickups have been combined and once we resume regular service, will be the second Wednesday of the month from 2:30-3:00. Location for pickup will be at the Latty Park/Village Meet-

ing Hall by the post office.

Until things get back to normal, we have Erie Recycling in Antwerp, Kohart's in Broughton and Real Waste in Oakwood. They are open and ready to accept your recycling.

Fellow residents of Paulding County, we have to hang in there, stay safe, wash our hands, take care of each other, find things to laugh about and always remember, THIS TOO SHALL PASS.

—Shannon Ruschel, WMEA Program Director/Paulding County

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

COMING TOGETHER IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Sudoku solution from page 7



A guest column from State Senator Rob McColley

The crisis that our country and our state currently face are unlike anything I can remember in my lifetime. It is absolutely heartbreaking when looking around at the toll taken on our communities: sports tournaments have been cancelled or indefinitely postponed, businesses and workers are suffering, nursing homes have been shut off to visitors, the election has been disrupted, and students at every level may finish their school year away from the learning environments they have come to love. These are certainly dark times, and I am praying each day for the countless lives that have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

As we hunker down and exercise social distancing, I hope and believe that the people of Northwest Ohio will continue to act as the loving and caring neighbors that we are. I am so incredibly blessed and proud to have grown up in a region that looks out for its neighbors and lends a helping hand to those in need. In the coming weeks, keep doing those things. Call to check up on your neighbors regularly (especially the elderly). Extend help to those that are suffering or isolated. Support local businesses. Order take-out from your local restaurants. Offer to run errands or provide resources and support for those that cannot help themselves. Be generous with the time and resources that you have.

If you are experiencing any hardship, know that you are not alone. I have full faith that if we pull together and love our neighbors in every way we know how, we will emerge even stronger than before, as a community, state, and nation. The love, care, and support of each other will get us through this

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crisis, as they have countless times before. As President George W. Bush said in his 2nd inaugural address, "In America's ideal of freedom the exercise of rights is ennobled by service, and mercy, and a heart for the weak. Liberty for all does not mean independence from one another. Our nation relies on men and women who look after a neighbor and surround the lost with love."

With all of this in mind, remember to continue taking the necessary precautions to protect the health and well-being of you, your family, and your community. Continue to wash your hands thoroughly, avoid large crowds and physical contact with others, and avoid buying necessary goods in unnecessarily large quantities. If you have questions about the coronavirus or what you can do to respond or help, visit www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you are in need of any assistance accessing state resources, please do not hesitate to contact my office at McColley@ohiosenate.gov or 614-466-8150. Although my staff is now working from home, they will be prepared to assist you. Already, the State of Ohio is making unemployment compensation more available for displaced workers, and is working to provide small business loans to affected businesses.

Ohio will get through this crisis. It will not be easy, but our commitment to one another and care for our neighbors will be an invaluable asset as we fight the spread of coronavirus and recover from these deep economic wounds. We must let this commitment define us - and guide our response.

Rob McColley is a State Senator representing Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams Counties, and parts of Auglaize, Fulton, and Logan counties in the Ohio Senate.

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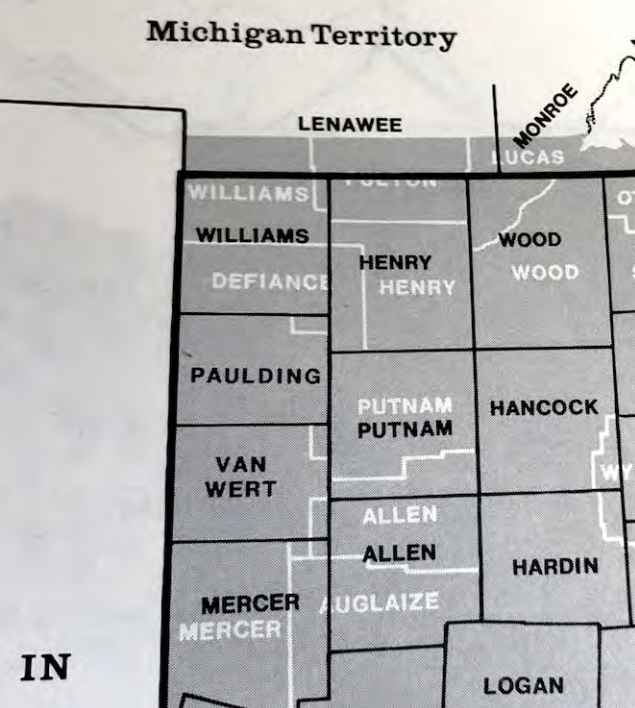
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HOW PAULDING COUNTY GOT ITS SHAPE, 1820-1845



The black lines on this map published in the Map Guide to the U. S. Federal Census, 1790-1920 show the original county boundary lines in Northwest Ohio. The white ones reflect the changes that were made over time. Notice the original Ohio and Michigan state line had Toledo and its ports important to the canal system in Michigan territory. After a dispute known as the "Toledo War" in 1836, the state boundary shifted in Ohio's favor, and as a concession, Michigan was awarded the Upper Peninsula.

By: Jane Nice, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee (Part of a series)

PAULDING - Have you ever wondered when viewing a map of Paulding County why it looks like a cake with a slice cut out of its northeast corner? It did not start that way. In

southern two rows of Paulding County have maintained their same boundaries, for the most part, for the past 200 years.

Paulding County's northernmost townships - today's Carryall, Crane, Emerald and Auglaize - were laid out in the same manner at that time, nice and square, in a row of four - but were altered in shape 25 years later. In order to understand how Paulding County lost a slice of its "cake," we have to look beyond the map.

When the surveys were made around 1820, there was no Defiance County. The northern border of Paulding County shared the southern border of Williams County, and Williams County was a larger sized "cake" than Paulding County. Where Paulding County consisted of three rows of townships, Williams County had more, beginning with Township 4 North and running up to the Michigan state line.

At that time, Williams County was, like Paulding County, sparsely populated and under a canopy of timber largely within the undrained Great Black Swamp. According to The History of the Maumee Valley, 1872, the first Federal Census, which was taken in 1820, listed a population of 387 for the Williams County territory consisting of Williams, Paulding, part of Henry, and what is now Defiance counties.

From 1820-1824, both Williams and Paulding counties were attached to Wood County for governmental purposes. For that reason, Paulding County records from that period are entwined with Wood County's. Then in 1824, Williams County was organized, and Paulding County, as well as Henry and Putnam, were then attached to Williams

County for civil purposes. After that date, Williams County recorded transactions for Paulding County for 15 more years.

Although the county of Defiance did not yet exist in the 1820s, the town did. Defiance was situated at the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize rivers. Because waterways were the main form of transportation then, Defiance was the nucleus of activity of its home county, Williams, and it was where its official business was conducted.

However, the town of Defiance was located in the southeast corner of what was then Williams County, placing it too far from many of the county's potential settlements. Defiance's lack of centrality became even more of an issue in 1836 after the border war between Ohio and Michigan was settled and about 150 square miles were added to northern Williams County, stretching its border even more northward.

In the mid to late 1830s, speculators who anticipated the construction of the Wabash & Erie and Miami & Erie canals in northwest Ohio drove land sales in the Great Black Swamp. Reasonable land prices also attracted pioneers to settle in the area. In Paulding County, New Rochester, which was situated on the south bank of the Maumee River, was platted in 1835. It was the first village in the county and would become the county seat four years later when Paulding County was organized 1839.

It is strange to think now that for a brief period of time in the late 1830s and early 1840s, the county seat of Paulding in New Rochester existed just a few miles away from the county seat of Williams in Defiance, all along the Maumee River.

In the mid-1840s, land speculators in Williams County began agitating the question of moving its county seat away from Defiance and more in the middle of the county. Despite a large number of villages being platted in Williams County by then and several aspiring to be its county seat, Bryan was chosen. According to The History of the Maumee Valley, 1872, Bryan was then "a native forest, of immense trees" and "not an inhabited dwelling" existed there. (In a later Bicentennial article we will explore how Paulding became the seat of Paulding County under similar circumstances.)

In contrast, the town of Defiance was an older, well-established community with manufacturing enterprises poised on the Miami & Erie Canal, which opened the door of commerce from Ohio to the Great Lakes and beyond, to the ports of the Atlantic Ocean and Europe. Defiance's dissatisfaction with the move of the county seat away from their town led to a petition being drawn up in an effort to secure a new county.

In order for that to happen, the proposed Defiance County would need to take property from a few of its neighbors. One can imagine that this was not a popular idea with the surrounding counties.

The petition calling for the establishment of Defiance County was circulated in Auglaize Township, Paulding County, in December, 1844. It proposed that Williams County cede Townships 4 and 5 North (the two rows north of

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNING TEAM FROM PAYNE ELEMENTARY



The team of Blake Noggle, Kenzie Johnson, Paytin Laukhuf, Ryan Parker, Nichole Kennedy, and Emma Stouffer will be representing Payne Elementary in the County Battle of the Books.

The two teams that battled during the school battle ended in a 17 -17 tie. At that

time 10 more questions were drawn and the battle went into "overtime". The final

score was 24-23. Both teams did an AMAZING job!

Paulding County, numbering eight townships total) and that Henry County forfeit its four westernmost townships for the cause of the new Defiance County.

On the signature page of the Auglaize Township petition is written, "We the undersigned feel willing and think that it would accommodate a large portion of the citizens of Williams and Henry but are not willing to have any part of Paulding County to make said new county."

Under that are five signatures: W.K. Daggett, F. Lyon, and three others that are

crossed out, making them illegible.

After a short struggle, the bill to establish Defiance County, with the town of Defiance as its county seat, was taken to the Ohio State Legislature and passed by 12 votes in the House and two votes in the Senate on March 4, 1845.

The sentiment that the Auglaize Township men had communicated on the petition had made no difference. The new county of Defiance was formed from the proposed eight southernmost townships in Williams County, three townships in Henry County,

and the northern half of Auglaize Township in Paulding County, comprising Sections 1-18. As a consolation, Auglaize Township was awarded the bordering four sections of Emerald Township, making Paulding County no longer symmetrical. It is as if Defiance County reached over and took a piece of Paulding County's "cake."

Next time: Rivers and Creeks in Paulding County.

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1820, when Paulding County was formed, it was surveyed into twelve townships in three rows of four neatly and nearly equally sized square portions. The new townships were not yet labeled with the familiar names we know today like Crane, Carryall and Brown. Those names would come later after settlers moved into the county.

Instead, the townships were numbered, based off of the longitude line to the south and the latitude line to the west. The "bottom row" of the county was labeled Township 1 North, that is, north of that longitude line. The townships that we today call Benton, Blue Creek, Latty and Washington form the bottom grid of Paulding County, or "Row 1" of our Paulding County "cake."

Township 2 North, or the middle row of our Paulding County "cake" consists of Harrison, Paulding, Jackson and Brown townships. These



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