

## DEFIANCE MAN JOINS "SAVED BY THE BELT" CLUB



Defiance resident Dennis J. Terrazas joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club today after his safety belt saved him from sustaining life-threatening injuries. The incident occurred on State Route 117 in Allen County on February 27, 2020.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Chad Recker, the 2019 Findlay District Trooper of the Year, presented Mr. Terrazas with a "Saved by the Belt" certificate signed by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol super-

intendent.

"Dennis is a living testimony to the effectiveness of safety belts," Lieutenant Tim Grigsby, Lima Post commander said. "Everyone needs to buckle up every trip, every time."

Provisional data from 2019 shows 457 people in Ohio were killed in traffic crashes where a safety belt was available, but not in use.

The "Saved by the Belt" Club is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and more than 400 Ohio law enforcement agencies. (Continued on Page 3)

## COVID-19 & THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS



The U.S. Census comes around every 10-years and this year the census was just getting started when the dreaded COVID-19 virus struck the United States. The census is a very important method of helping to decide the funding allocations for local communities as well as the number of U.S. House of Representatives each state is awarded. In the 2010 census, the state of Ohio lost two House of Representative seats because of population changes. It is extremely important that everyone is counted, including all the children in a household. The census also wants all immigrants to be counted even if they are just here on work visas. You will not be asked for any Social Security numbers, banking information, citizenship status, political party, or income information.

The census statistics are utilized in deciding everything from how many state and federal dollars are awarded to local schools, to the grants that help to maintain our roads, bridges, water, sewer, fire & EMS departments. Beyond those very important items, the census also helps in deciding funding for areas like local health departments. (Continued on Page 2)

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**Mowing**  
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**Litter pick-up**  
Litter pick-up includes removal of trash and debris in state right-of-way. Last year, over 8,500 tons of litter was picked up along state roads. This effort is also supported through other INDOT programs, including Adopt-a-Highway and Spon-

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## EASTER BUNNY HELPS EACS WITH LUNCH PICK UP



On Thursday, April 9, 2020, the Easter Bunny was busy helping the faculty of East Allen County Schools. He was in the parking lot of one of the lunch pick up locations wishing families a Happy Easter.

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## Community Calendar

### April 18

• United Way Pulse Bingo @ OSU Ext. bldg, 6pm

### April 24

• ~~CoRP Wine Tasting @ Masonic Lodge, Paulding, 7-9pm~~

### April 24-25

• ~~Newsies @ AHS, 7pm, 4/26, 2pm~~

### May 8

• Health, Business & Industry Fair @ OSU Ext. bldg., 11a-2p

### May 8

• Youth Mental First Aid @ NSCC, 8a-4:45p

### May 7-10, 14-17

• Mamma Mia! @ VW Civic Theater

### May 19 & 21

• Youth Mental First Aid @ NSCC, 10a-2:15p

### May 26

• Success in 60 Series @ The Gardens of Paulding, 2pm

### June 4

• Off the Clock w/Wagner Metals, 5-6:30pm

### June 9

• FW Community Band @ Foellinger Theater, FW

### July 18

• Big Boy\$ Toy\$ Car Show, downtown Antwerp

### December 19

• Wreath Laying Ceremony @ St. Paul Cemetery

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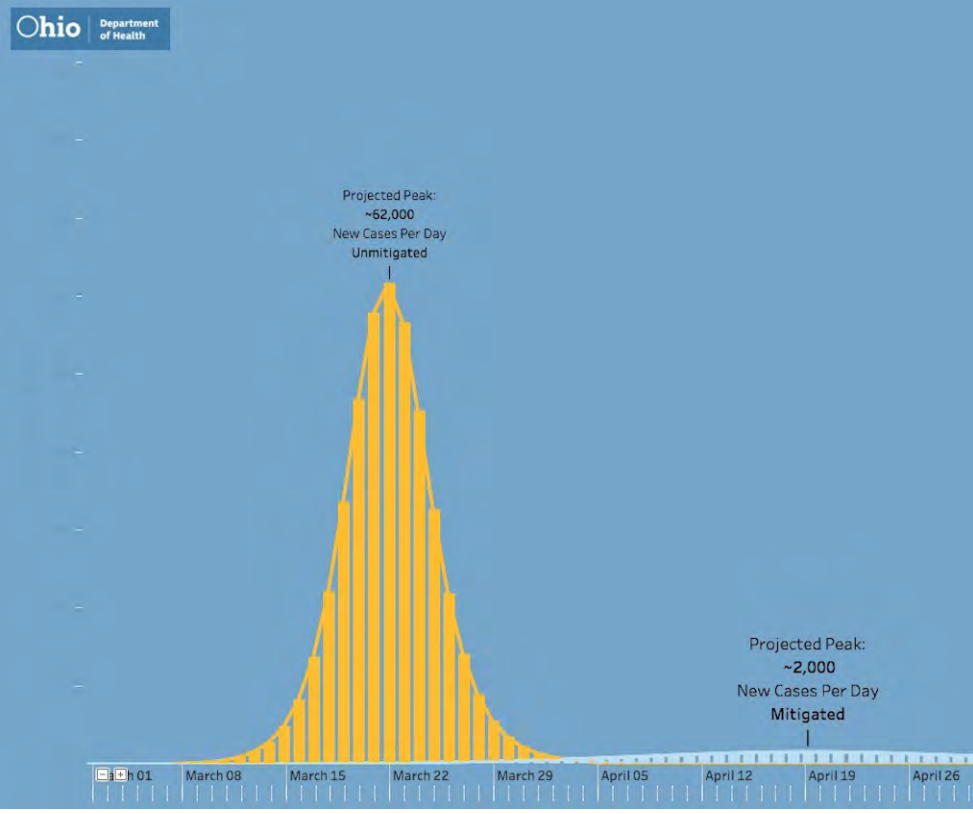
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# PAULDING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT MORE CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



This chart from Ohio Department of Health displays the prediction from Dr. Amy Acton's task force about when they expect COVID-19 cases to peak. According to this, the peak should occur this next week on Sunday, April 19. Only time will tell... Stay Home • Stay Safe

April 8, 2020: The Paulding County Health Department (PCHD) reports that a second Paulding County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. On April 11, a 3rd and 4th case was confirmed, and on April 12, a 5th case was confirmed.

Again, we want to stress that no personal information about the case will be released, in order to protect the privacy of the individual. Publicly shared data about cases can be viewed on the dashboard section on the coronavirus.ohio.gov website. PCHD staff is working diligently to identify and notify any close contacts that may have been exposed to this person.

Individual cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been confirmed in many areas of Ohio, including Northwest Ohio. PCHD, along with area hospitals, healthcare providers, and community partners have been actively preparing to respond to possible cases of COVID-19 in our community. Orders and guidance from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, along with Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. and Paulding County Health Department Health Commissioner Joseph M. Kuhn, D.O. outline how to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include (but are not limited to) fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. These symptoms can appear up to 14 days after exposure to an infectious person. According to the CDC, COVID-19

spreads primarily through respiratory droplets, produced when a person coughs or sneezes. Reported illnesses have ranged from mild to severe, including death. Most healthy people recover, but need to be isolated from others while they are contagious. Those at highest risk for illness of COVID-19 are those over age 60 with chronic illness or a weakened immune system.

Paulding County Health Department encourages everyone to follow the following disease prevention practices:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Practice social distancing by avoiding gatherings and remaining at least 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces or objects.
- Stay home if you are exhibiting signs of illness. Call ahead to your provider or the ER if your symptoms worsen and you feel the need to be seen. Calling ahead gives your healthcare team time to prepare for your arrival and protect themselves and other patients.

For more information on COVID-19, including ways

you can prepare and help protect the health of yourself and others, go to [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). You can also follow PCHD on Facebook for up-to-date information.

## PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,  
I sometimes get discouraged with the same old routine. I lack real purpose in life and don't even want to get out of bed at times. Any suggestions?*

You sound all too typical of many people I know. Some try to create purpose for themselves, but those purposes often leave them disappointed in this life and the next. It is better to find the purpose for which you were created.

1. You were created for the Lord and not for yourself. "...all things were created by him, and for him" - Colossians 1:16c. "Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." - Psalm 100:3.

2. You were created to please the Lord and not yourself. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." - Revelation 4:11. You do that by trusting and obeying Him. "But without faith it is impossible to please him:" - Hebrews 11:6a. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing..." - Colossians 1:10a.

3. You were created to serve the Lord and not yourself. "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:24

- There is no higher purpose! He promises:
- A. Honor (John 12:26)
  - B. Reward (Ephesians 6:8)
  - C. Acceptance (Romans 14:17-18)
  - D. Provision (Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33)
  - E. Promotions and joy (Matthew 25:21)
  - F. Protection (Isaiah 54:17)
  - G. Inheritance (Colossians 3:24)

Do everything as unto the Lord. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." - Colossians 3:23

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)

## BUCKEYES AT HOME BUILDS LINKS TO WELLNESS, CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

The Ohio State University at Lima has developed a new feature on [Lima.OSU.edu](http://Lima.OSU.edu) designed to help make everyone's time at home easier, better and healthier.

Buckeyes at Home is the coming together of Buckeyes past and present to boost the experience of our fellow Ohioans beyond the bounds of the university. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and their families are invited to view these videos, share them in their networks and stay connected.

New content is being added to the following categories regularly at [go.osu.edu/BuckeyesatHome](http://go.osu.edu/BuckeyesatHome).

Wellness with Welker - Recreational director Chad Welker helps viewers use things they already have at home to get a little exercise.

Storytime with the Buckeyes - Alumni, faculty and staff read their favorite children's books.

Doodle Days with Zach - Reference librarian Zach Walton ties his interest in art with his love of literature through short drawing tutorials.

BuckeyeFlow with Britt - Certified yoga instructor and education lecturer Britt Collier-Gibson leads "mini-flow" sessions, targeting different areas of the body

CAB Channel - The Campus Activities Board shares regular updates important to students and highlights virtual student events and activities.

The segments build on the existing strengths of their creators, who come from a variety of areas in the campus community. Buckeyes at Home is also a new way to build the connections that are a hallmark of Ohio State for students, alumni and employees.

"I see the Buckeyes at Home series as an opportunity to create some semblance of togetherness in a time where many of us feel isolated," Walton said. "It maintains that personal level of engagement and connection that I value so much about the Ohio State Lima experience."

Walton's segments pack a double punch for parents looking for a creative outlook for their suddenly-at-home students. He chooses his topics to spark continued creativity with his viewers after the segment is over.

"I only have about 10 to 12 minutes for my videos, but anyone watching has all the time in the world to continue creating," Walton said. "As far back as I can remember, my doodling has always been informed by what I might be reading at the time, so giving viewers the opportunity to develop their own stories around something we're doodling together is something I strive for, and making that literary connection is a huge bonus for me."

Promoting healthy living has always been a high priority for recreational di-

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

— Romans 3:23-24

## WOODLAN ELEM. STUDENTS THANK COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Woodlan Elementary teacher, Mrs. Salzbrenner, asked her students to write a letter to a community member that is working on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their assignment was to write a thank you letter and mail it to their special person.

rector Welker. In the face of COVID-19, Welker has been comparing notes with fellow wellness directors through virtual roundtables and Zoom calls. His segments aim to help people develop and keep healthy habits.

"It is so important to promote wellness for healthy living for everyday health but even more so now in the face of a global pandemic," Welker said. "Being healthy and practicing wellness initiatives

can aid in the prevention of getting sick and building a healthy immune system."

Welker plans to continue with virtual wellness even after students return to campus.

"I believe this is a unique opportunity to not only promote our on-campus programs but to reach people who may not feel comfortable participating until they have an idea of what each program entails."

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Health departments are receiving much more attention in recent weeks as they help to guide our local communities through the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is our duty to do our part and take the time to fill out the census. I did my census last week and it took me less than 10-minutes to complete. I recently received an email from the census bureau stating that Paulding Coun-

ty's voluntary response is below average at 41% and that parts of the county are averaging as low as 35%. Many of us are searching for things to keep us occupied during the Ohio stay at home order. I would suggest we all take the time to help our census workers stay safe by doing our part and completing it online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov), respond by mail, or by phone.

Chad Benschneider, Harrison Township Trustee, Payne, OH

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### THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

#### Penny For Your Thoughts

**By: Nancy Whitaker**  
I have always wondered if being short had more disadvantages than being tall. In school, I had two things working against me. I was always the shortest in my



class and with a last name of Williamson, I was almost always the last if we had to line up in alphabetical order. That meant the last one in the lunch line, the last one for recess, the last one to get a party treat and the last one to get to read aloud.

I always vowed if I ever married, I wanted to marry a man whose last name started with an A or B. No luck, however, I married into the Whitaker family and I never even dated a guy with a last name starting with an A or a B.

There are some things that are definitely hard for short people to do. For instance, when going to the grocery store, I usually spot something on the top shelf that I want to buy. Sometimes I try climbing up the shelves, using my purse as a tool, or just try and jump for my top shelved item.

One time I wanted a special kind of ice cream. Of course, it was on the top shelf in the freezer. I opened the freezer door and tried to jump and I didn't even come close to my target. Then I went to Plan B which was to move the ice cream on the lower shelf to the back and climb the racks to get to the top. Well, fortunately I made

it to the top, when all of a sudden I felt a sharp pain on the top of my head.

Oh my I think I saw stars but it was a gallon of ice cream which fell on my head. When that happened, I was upset, mad and had a bruised head. I still hung on to my special ice cream, but several people saw the incident and asked if I was all right. The only thing that I hurt was my pride and my head.

Sometimes I look at tall gals and models and think, "I wish I was that tall." I always boasted a 5 foot height, but actually it was 4'11. In fact, when I got my drivers license, I not only scared the instructor, but my height grabbed his attention. After I passed my drivers test, he restricted my license and I had to sit on a pillow to drive for many years. I used to get very upset when someone said, "Here comes little Nancy."

Now there are some advantages to being short.

1. My legs are short, so I don't have much leg to shave.
2. I can wear and shop in the kids clothes Department and wear kids shoes.
3. I used to be able to get into the movies for the price of a kid when I was younger.
4. I always have enough leg room.
5. Guys will always be taller than me.
6. I can wear any heels that I want.

It is so easy to find fault with ourselves, but some guy recorded a song called "Short People."

Of course, I was teased merciless about it so I hated the song and the reference to short people.

I recently read a saying which has a lot of truth to it. "God only lets things grow till they're perfect. Some of us didn't take as long."

Are you short or tall? What are some of the advantages? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

### PAULDING CO. BICENTENNIAL NOTES — INDIAN TREATIES & LAND CESSIONS

**By: Caroline Longardner**  
**Part 1 of 4**

The information that was gathered here at the Ft. Wayne Library relates largely how our Anglo-Saxon forbears saw little reason for being fair to the Native Americans even though they demanded it for themselves. The treaties relative to the lands lying about the confluence of the St. Mary's and St. Joe Rivers and on down the Maumee River to Lake Erie are typical of the larger pattern for the whole continent.

In the beginning each Indian tribe possessed title to an area of land and exercised sovereignty over it; tribal ownership and authority were recognized by neighboring tribes. However, the boundary lines were necessarily vague and not distinct, therefore there was little difficulty between tribes in respect to the hunting and fishing rights of other tribes. Landownership was usually communal within tribal areas. Land ownership as we know it did not exist, if it did, it required the consent of the group. It is doubtful that many tribes understood perfectly the implications of their land holdings in order to protect them for themselves.

It was only after the first voyage of Columbus that the Europeans got involved in land titles, grants, and claims. The royal grants of American territory made to court favorites were based on this right of discovery. Such terms as: "Colonizing powers", "Indian possessory right", and "Ultimate residence of title in the crown" showed up in formal court sessions.

Roger Williams in Colonial times believed the theory that the Indians were the rightful owners of the soil and their titles should be legally extinguished by purchase. While this view was discredited by word of mouth, it was adopted in practice by New England settlers. Considering the meager resources of the colonists and the low value of the remote frontier, it was a real burden for the colonists to pay for these lands.

During the Revolutionary War, the Native American Indian problem as a whole became a problem. Some tribes (CREEKS of Georgia) were hostile and war was waged against them. The DELAWARE Indians were friendly and a peace treaty was negotiated with them by Congress. Other tribes were also admitted and this plan persisted in theory for a period of time.

Near the end of the Rev. War the conquest of the Old Northwest by George Rogers Clarke lost to England forever that rich territory west of the Allegheny Mountains. In the treaty of peace with the U. S., England passed to the grantee, the U.S., absolute title to the land, and completely ignored the Indian inhabitants. The situation was complicated by the fact that the Indians had been allies of the British, and they still looked to Great Britain for backing. Dealings with the Native Americans beyond the frontier became a part

of the domestic policy and problem.

At the close of the Rev. War, Pennsylvania and other states made extensive grants of western lands to their soldiers in lieu of military pensions. (Ohio was granted "the Firelands" in NE Ohio for Conn. Soldiers whose homes were burned by the British during the war.) The Rev. soldiers expected their pay in Indian lands and the government had to think of a way to acquire that land.

As an afterthought, the Indian occupants were "paid back" with a gift of \$9,000 worth of trade articles. It was hoped that the Indians would leave and go to Canada.

The Federal Constitution gave the US President the power to make treaties with the consent of 2/3 of the Senate. The Constitution also delegated to the Congress the power to regulate commerce with the Indian tribes. In 1793 Congress, acting under this power, made invalid any titles to Indian Land not acquired by treaty under the Constitution. This formally placed Indian relations in the hands of the President in connection with treaty making power.

By the end of the 18th Century, the ravages of fire-water, the constant trespass of the white man and the disappearance of game and their livelihood reduced the Native Americans to a desperate plight. This made for a hostile situation with all the covetousness for his land being evident. Payments and annuities became more the practice. There was more pressure for the Indians to move to the newly-settled southwestern area of our country.

In 1789 Gen. Geo. Washington expressed the idea that the soil could only be taken from the Indian by his free consent. The basis for Indian cessions came to be mutual exchange or the exchange of occupied territories for other further west.

The Indians had no central government and no regular political organization, but were composed of lots of independent uncivilized tribes, therefore no policy to base their wishes on. Their only way of handling established treaties in the past was already established; therefore it was continued as a line of least resistance.

With the execution of the Treaty of the DELAWARES in 1778 until the discontinuance of the practice of making treaties with the Indians many years later, a uniform course has been followed. The tribe was first recognized as an independent nation, and the title to its land was extinguished by treaty. Tribal lands have been taken by right of conquest only in the case of the SIOUX of Minnesota, and in this instance the Indians were provided with a reservation and given the proceeds from the sale of their lands.

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cies. This club is designed to recognize people who have benefited from their decision to wear safety belts.

Dennis also received a "Saved by the Belt" license plate bracket.

### PUT TAX-SMART INVESTING MOVES TO WORK

The tax return deadline has been extended until mid-July, but you may have already filed your taxes. If you were not entirely happy with the results, you might start seeking ways to change the outcome for next year. And one area to look at may be your investment-related taxes.

To help control these taxes, consider these moves:

Take full advantage of tax-deferred investments. As an investor, one of the best moves you can make is to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-deferred accounts - your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan - every year. If you don't touch these accounts until you retire, you can defer taxes on them for decades, and when you do start taking money out, presumably during retirement, you may be in a lower tax bracket.

Look for tax-free opportunities. Interest from municipal bonds typically is exempt from federal income tax, and, in some cases, from state and local income tax, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.) And if you qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA - eligibility is generally based on income - your earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you've had your account for at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2. Your employer may also offer a Roth 401(k), which can provide tax-free withdrawals. Keep in mind, though, that you contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA and 401(k), unlike a traditional IRA and 401(k), in which your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars.

Be a "buy and hold" investor.

Your 401(k) and IRA are designed to be long-term investments, and you will face disincentives in the form of taxes and penalties if you tap into them before you reach retirement age. So, just by investing in these retirement accounts, you are essentially pursuing a "buy and hold" strategy. But you can follow this same strategy for investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). You can own some investments - stocks in particular - for decades without paying taxes on them. And when you do sell them, you'll only be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which may well be less than your ordinary income tax rate. But if you're frequently buying and selling investments you've held for less than a year, you could rack up some pretty big tax bills, because you'll likely be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Be prepared for unexpected taxes. Mutual fund managers are generally free to make whatever trades they choose. And when they do sell some investments, they can incur capital gains, which will be passed along to you. If this is a concern, you might look for funds that do less trading and bill themselves as tax efficient.

While taxes are certainly one factor to consider when you invest, they should probably not be the driving force. You need to build a diversified portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Not all the investments you select, and the moves you make with them, will necessarily be the most tax efficient, but by working with your financial and tax professionals, you can make choices that can help you move toward your long-term goals.

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**THE LOCK IN**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This is Tuesday morning of April 7th. According to the ABC News this morning, the COVID-19 at the NY Epic Center seems to be slowing up a little. Like maybe the curve might be flattening out a little.

Well, everybody is glad of that. That doesn't mean this flu is over, it means it might slow down a little in NY.

There are a number of other Epic Centers, like Detroit, New Orleans, LA... well any city is going to have their share of sick people. But from the chaos and weeks of sickness in NY we all have learned a little.

Oh yes, we have many weeks yet before this plague wears out. Maybe till next spring and time for a new and different strain of influenza. I hope not!

The American people are doing as good as possible taking in all sides, facts and what life brings. See ya!

**AS I SEE IT**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The President says we are at war. He is pretty close to being right. I agree with all of the restrictions put on by the governor and the state to try to stem the tide of this virus, etc.

I was a senior in high school when WWII started. There was a lot more commotion at that time than there is now. Everybody wanted to fight and kill Japs, and they meant it.

Right now, we soft Americans are a little upset when

parts of our daily rights and habits are taken away. I, myself, am a little grumpy about losing some of my daily habits and I will be glad when this virus runs its course, and it will.

We had rationing in WWII and it lasted 4 years. I hope this present fiasco is over soon.

Sugar, meat, gas, tires, shoes, anything rubber and other things, you had a stamp in your ration book for each of these. If you could find said item on the market, the item was poorly made.

Then there was the Black Market. I will bet that we have some of those kind of folks yet.

I had been in the army for a few months and I wanted a pair of brown dress shoes. I had to write home to mom and ask for a shoe stamp. Then I went into Newport News and got me a fine pair.

I want to add here, while I was in Virginia, I visited a lot of old historic places. There is a lot of history around there.

Getting back to the years of the war, after you lived it a while, it was still living. That's the way with this lock down stuff, we will get along and the first thing you know, it will be gone.

See ya!

**THE BIG PICTURE**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Well, it has been about 4 weeks now that the powers that be have closed most things down. Every little bit, they have added more "don'ts" to that list.

They have helped us to exist in other ways, such as drive thrus (Ex: McDonald's) have been permitted to serve people as usual...at the window.

I, and most common people, would like to hear more truth about this whole COVID19 stuff. Yes, of course it is bad, but how extra bad is it comparing it with any other flu season? Millions of every day workers are going broke, but there are other sides beside financial.

We all know that thou-

sands will die from this flu, but is it all that hysterical, chaos and emotional? Over the news reports, the doctors all say the same thing, nothing new...wear a mask, stay at home...too much and too long of this 'stay at home', 'don't go' way of life could have some bad results. Americans are use to a more freer life style.

I am not complaining. I am just thinking of "Joe American" and his family.

See ya!

**BAT MASTERSON**

**By: Stan Jordan**

Crystal punched up Wikipedia on the net and gave me the "Life and Legend of Bat Masterson".

I am very glad to bring it to you, because I know you will enjoy reading it, especially if you are a lover of the 'Old West' as I am. It will be in about six issues and this is the first one.

**Bartholemew William Barclay "Bat" Masterson** (November 26, 1853 - October 25, 1921) was a U.S. Army scout, lawman, professional gambler, and journalist known for his exploits in the 19th and early 20th-century American Old West. He was born to a working-class Irish family in Quebec, but he moved to the Western frontier as a young man and quickly distinguished himself as a buffalo hunter, civilian scout, and Indian fighter on the Great Plains. He later earned fame as a gunfighter and sheriff in Dodge City, Kansas, during which time he was involved in several notable shootouts.

By the mid-1880s, Masterson moved to Denver, Colorado, and established himself as

**1935 FOOTBALL TEAM**



**By: Stan Jordan**

I was in the 7th grade when this picture was taken. I am right on most on them.

Front Row L to R: Bob Hartmann, Bill Hartmann,

Ed Parrett, Dick Reeb, Max Seslar, Willard Friend, Dick Rhoad. Back Row L to R: A.O. Bell (coach), John Putman, Bob Carr, Joe Mattingly, Orest Cole, Lee Hook,

Howard Monroe, Gerald Kemerer, Budd Smith, Wayne Fleck, Bill Horney (coach), #45 unknown, Paul Smith.

a "sporting man" or gambler. He took an interest in prize-fighting and became a leading authority on the sport, attending almost every important match and title fight in the United States from the 1880s until his death in 1921. He moved to New York City in 1902 and spent the rest of his life there as a reporter and columnist for the New York Morning Telegraph. His column covered boxing and other sports, and it frequently gave his opinions on crime, war, politics, and other topics, as well. He became a close friend of President Theodore Roosevelt and was one of the "White House Gunfighters" who received federal appointments from Roosevelt, along with Pat Garrett and Ben

Daniels.

By the time of his death in 1921, Masterson was known throughout the country as a leading sports writer and celebrity. He is remembered today for his connection to many of the Wild West's most iconic people, places, and events, and his life and likeness are frequently depicted in American popular culture.

In his late teens, Masterson and brothers, Ed and Jim, left their family's farm to hunt buffalo on the Great Plains. In July 1872, Ed and Bat Masterson were hired by a subcontractor named Raymond Ritter to grade a five-mile section of track for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. Ritter skipped out without paying the Masterson brothers all of the wages to which they were entitled. It took Masterson nearly a year, but he finally collected his overdue wages from Ritter, at gunpoint. On April 15, 1873, Masterson learned that Ritter was due to arrive in Dodge City, Kansas, aboard a Santa Fe train and that Ritter was carrying a large roll of cash. When Ritter's train pulled in, Masterson entered the car alone and confronted him and marched him out onto the rear platform where he forced him to hand over the \$300 owed to him, his brother Ed, and a friend named Theodore Raymond. A loud cheer then went up from a large crowd which had witnessed the event.

Masterson was once again engaged in buffalo hunting

on June 27, 1874, when he became an involuntary participant in one of the Wild West's most celebrated Indian fights: a five-day siege by several hundred Comanche, Kiowa and Cheyenne warriors led by Quanah Parker at a collection of ramshackle buildings in the Texas panhandle known as Adobe Walls. Masterson was one of just 28 hunters who defended the outpost during the attack. The Comanche suffered the most losses during the battle, though the actual number killed is not known, with reports ranging from a low of 30 to a high of 70. The defenders of Adobe Walls lost only four men, one of whom shot himself by accident. After being fought to a standstill, Quanah Parker and his followers rode off.

In August 1874, Masterson signed on as a U.S. Army scout with Colonel Nelson Miles, who was leading a force from Fort Dodge to pursue Comanche and Apache war parties across the Cherokee Strip and into Texas. The force was eventually engaged to recover four sisters—ranging in age from 9 to 15—who had been captured by a group of Cheyenne Dog Soldiers. The sisters were part of a family that had been attacked outside of Ellis, Kansas, on September 11, 1874, while migrating to Colorado Territory. Their parents, brother, and two older sisters had been killed and scalped. All four sisters were recovered alive by Miles' force over a period of about six months.

**A RELIC OF TIME**



**By: Stan Jordan**

The above picture is of an old circus wagon, it belongs to our Chief of Police George Clemens.

Let me tell you a little bit about its life.

This wagon had a soul, it was darn near human. It carried a steam boiler and was big enough for three steam kettles. That was to feed the circus workers three times a day, and even had some hot water for dishes and for cleanliness.

It was painted bright red and white, with the Cole Brothers Circus ads all over it. Even the attendees and the children loved this wagon as it went by in the parade. It also had some blue and orange colors.

Now this happy wagon with its 3 soup kettles fed these people for years until Cole Brothers Circus folded up in 1951.

This wagon was pushed off back in the back yard of the Paul Kelly farm. It sat there for years and slowly settled into the earth and weeds and vines grew up around it.

What an end to the Cole Brothers Circus #2 Cook House Boiler Wagon. It sat there for years in the Peru area. They had an auction in 1996 for the equipment but the wagon didn't sell. It just settled deeper into the ground.

Mr. Clemens went to Peru and actually dug it out of the ground. He couldn't stand to see that grand old wagon that fed the people for years, just rot and rust away. The chief has been an animal lover all his life. On his farm he has all kinds of wild life with a license for all. He has somewhat restored the #2 Cook House, so far it is enjoying a retired life out at the chief's place. The chief will not part with it. It is quite a valuable relic.

George has been interested in this type of relics for sometime and he just wants to keep it and it blends in with his wild life. He has a lot of animals in his Hillbilly Acres, as his friends call it. It is situated on Twp. Rd. 21 just off of 424.

See ya!

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 The application form can be found at our website. [antwerpconservationclub.com](http://antwerpconservationclub.com)

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**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](mailto: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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### LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

#### MOWING

Now that the grass is growing, we would like to share with you a few guidelines on mowing. Many homeowners take mowing for granted not realizing how much impact it has on the health and appearance of the lawn. Each of the following tips play an important part in your lawn's appearance.

1. Sharpen your mower blades. Do this at least once a

year or as frequently as needed to keep them sharp for the best cut. Sharp mower blades give a clean even cut to your lawn. Additionally they help prevent tearing and shredding the grass blades, which can give your grass an off-color appearance.

2. Adjust the cutting height on the mower throughout the season. For spring and fall, mower settings should be at a medium height. By doing this in early spring, mowing at medium height will remove the top brown part of the blades and let more sunlight reach the grass plants to encourage early green-up. Avoid mowing too low which causes stress to the lawn. Mowing too low eliminates the leaf surface. Losing leaf surface reduces the plants' ability to perform photosynthesis. During summer or drought, higher adjustment settings should be used during the hotter months when the grass growth is slower. This also helps your lawn maintain better drought tolerance with hotter temperatures and less rain. Remember, the hotter and drier, the higher you should set your mower.

3. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass height. Cutting off more than a third creates a physiological shock that can make it more susceptible to disease. Frequent mowing with a regular mower or using a mulching mower will avoid the necessity of bagging your lawn clippings; however, you may catch the clippings if you prefer. The important thing is not to

let the grass get so high that mowing removes more than one-third of the grass blade. For best results, mow your lawn approximately every five days.

4. Mow when your lawn is dry to avoid clogging your mower. Wet grasses stick to your mower, and clogs can cause problems. However, if you absolutely have to mow when it is wet, make sure to wash out the cutting area of the mower immediately when you are finished. This makes it much easier to keep the mower problem free and clean.

5. Alternate mowing direction. This aids in achieving a quality appearance. For instance, if you mowed horizontally last time, mow diagonally next time. Cutting in different directions tends to keep the grass blades more erect and ensure a more even cut.

Jim Gerig,

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### WE SHOULD FIND WAYS TO GROW, LEARN FROM THE COVID-19 SHUTDOWN

By: Casey Kolkman

These are unusual and unprecedented times for all of us. It's certainly a test for our ability to adapt and live according to normal routines.

But, like we always do - we adjust and change and make it work. I don't know how long this is going to last. I'm more concerned about the lasting impact this will have on us as a people. If we are using this to grow or just complain.

It's disappointing. It's frustrating. It's overwhelming at times. But, we can't change it. But we can change it is our response. We can grow.

Life is disappointing. We don't get what we want, a lot.

And the Covid-19 shutdown is one of those situations for sports.

My job isn't just to coach football. I can't just focus on designing and calling plays. Sure, I'm building a program, but more importantly I'm building young people into leaders for a lifetime.

You see, sports are just another education opportunity, just another vehicle to drive us further in life. Sports will end for everyone who plays the game, but the lessons are eternal.

If you ask me, it's time we as adults, not just us coaches, realize this has to be done. We have to grow. The bigger issue goes beyond the effects

of COVID-19 and will last long after.

The big picture question, are we becoming team players? Are we willing to sacrifice enough so we ALL can succeed?

These are dangerous - me first - times. Now more than ever we need to work together to find solutions.

Hopefully we all change for the better as a result of these historic times.

—Casey Kolkman, Head Coach, Heritage High School Football

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The United States Postal Service is committed to delivering your mail and packages throughout the current pandemic. We are proud of our role in providing an essential

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Herbicide application helps INDOT combat invasive species and noxious weeds along state roadways. Selective types of herbicide are applied to specific sections of right-of-way to aid in roadside management between mowing cycles. Application timelines are set to reduce impact on nearby crops and allow for development of desirable vegetation.

Motorists should watch for possible lane and shoulder closures along state routes as crews perform roadside management activities. Drivers should slow down, move over and avoid distractions as they encounter active crews. INDOT maintains more than 60,000 acres along Indiana's highways. Additional information on INDOT's roadside management program may be found at [www.greenercrossroads.com](http://www.greenercrossroads.com).

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service to every community. The one constant throughout this crisis has been our commitment to fulfilling the vital mission of the Postal Service.

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- We know it is a challenge to find ways to connect with family and friends at this time. Please remember anything without postage and

not related to USPS business should not be placed in mailboxes.

It is important to note the CDC, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Surgeon General have all said there is very low risk that this virus is being spread through mail.

Our mission to bind the nation together is achieved through the tireless efforts and sacrifices of our dedicated employees. The outpouring of support you have shown has had a great impact on everyone at the Postal Service. Knowing how much you care means everything to us. On behalf of all employees at the XXX Post Office - Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Scott VanVlerah,  
Postmaster

### VAN WERT LIVE AT THE NISWONGER SHOW CANCELATION & RESCHEDULING ALERT

Due to the State of Ohio ban on mass gatherings and necessity for social distancing, the Van Wert Live events scheduled at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center through May 3, 2020 have been canceled or rescheduled. Canceled shows include The Isaacs & Terry Bradshaw (4/17.) Here Come The Mummies (4/25,) Paul Keels (4/26,) Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure (5/3.) Canceled shows will be refunded in full by check that will arrive by mail. Patrons can contact the Box Office to ensure correct mailing address at [boxoffice@npacvw.org](mailto:boxoffice@npacvw.org) or 419-238-6722.

Rescheduled shows include I Am, He Said Celebrate the Music of Neil Diamond on Sunday, June 14 at 2 & 7:30P and Broadway's An American In Paris on June 28 at 7:30P. Rescheduled shows will honor all tickets previously purchased and are subject to the entertainment industry standard, non-refund policy.

Of special note are our event sponsors of canceled events and our Season Sponsors. Their commitments, season after season, make it possible for us to bring the shows and also offset the ticket prices to

make it affordable for our patrons. We encourage our patrons to show great gratitude to these Sponsor Partners: Statewide Ford-Lincoln, Chuck & Karen Koch, Central Insurance Companies, Belna Petroleum, Ciao MedSpa, Lee Kinstle GM Sales & Service, JoAnne Wolford, 1st Federal of Van Wert, Williamson Insurance Agency, Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry, Betsey's Boutique Shop, and Dark Horse Production.

The Van Wert Live Box Office, located at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, is closed to visitors but is accessible as a remote operation by phone. Orders and questions can continue to be made at 419-238-6722. There will no in-person orders at this time. Our website is always open and ready to serve you 24/7. The Van Wert Live professional team, powered by the Van Wert County Foundation, ardently works through this unique time to continue the deliverance of the performing arts to our revered patrons. The Enrich Series 20-21 has been unveiled, Fountain Park Summer Music Series is on the way and The Grandstand at the Van Wert County Fair concert with Big\$Rich awaits. We believe in the power of entertainment and are honored to serve you in the days, months and years to come. For more information, visit [NPACVW.ORG](http://NPACVW.ORG).

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**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

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**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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# EASTER BUNNY MAKES HIS ROUNDS!



Mr. & Mrs. Bunny ready to give treats to the children of village of Payne.

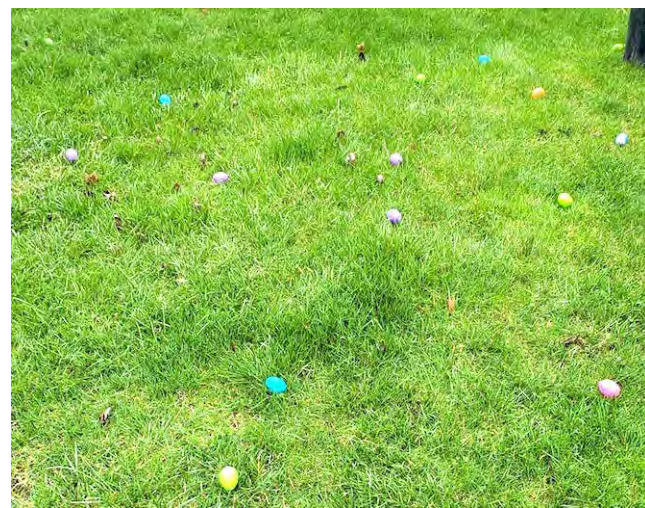
This Easter is certainly one for the history books. No going to the mall for pictures with the Easter Bunny; no getting dressed up in

your Sunday best for church; no going to grandmas for an Easter egg hunt.

Even though age old traditions were shattered for



Mr. & Mrs. Bunny drove through some of the streets in Payne to visit children to keep their social distance.



## Evidence of the stealthiness of the Easter Bunny in Antwerp.

this year's holiest of holidays, several communities made new traditions that will be remembered for years to come.

Churches have stepped up their game to tend to their flocks during this time of crises and it shined even brighter on this year's Resurrection Sunday. From drive through services with communion, to Facebook live and video streaming -- all who were seeking some Hope this past weekend were sure to find it. The messages were all of one mind -- "My Hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."

The Easter Bunny came before first light on Easter to the children of Antwerp and left eggs in their front yards for them to find. So many ecstatic children raided their yards as soon as they woke & saw their front lawns sprin-

kled with the telltale bright colored eggs.

In Payne, the Easter Bunny made a public appearance with Mrs. Bunny. They paraded in their vehicle to downtown Payne to visit children there. They did a little strolling of the streets in Payne to say "Hi" to the children of the neighborhood -- making sure to keep their distance, of course.

In the fine wise words of Dr. Seuss, I will modify, a quote of the Grinch's to fit this year's Easter:

"Maybe Easter, the Grinch thought, 'doesn't come from a store. Maybe Easter ... perhaps... means a little bit more?'"

Whether you stayed in, did a window visit, a drive thru church service, a live stream service, saw the evidence of the Easter Bunny, Easter 2020 will definitely not be long forgotten.

## NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northwest State Community College will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. for discussion and review of agenda items in preparation for their regular Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, April 24, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and H.B. 197, NSCC will meet via ZOOM: call 301-715-8592 and use meeting ID 138 696 320.

No action will be taken at this meeting.

## OHSAA ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE DETAILS FOR SPRING SPORTS SEASONS

If school facilities reopen in early May, season schedules are in place

The Ohio High School Athletic Association provided new details to member schools on April 8th regarding spring sports schedules and tournament information if school facilities reopen in early May.

School facilities are closed through May 1 due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. If the closure is extended beyond May 1, the OHSAA will provide updated information. If school facilities do not reopen this school year, there will not be a spring sports season.

State tournament venues listed below are subject to change.

"If the Governor and Ohio Department of Health deem it safe to reopen school facilities in early May, then we will have a shortened spring sports season that extends

your efforts to keep students engaged," Snodgrass wrote to school administrators in the memo. "This crisis has heightened the awareness that students want to be back in the classroom. Teachers want students back in the classroom. In our solid belief that school-based athletic programs are an extension of the classroom, we hold that same belief for our student-athletes and coaches. Getting kids back with coaches is much more than winning and we feel it a vital part of returning life to normalcy."

## SPRING SPORTS OVERVIEW

- If school facilities are closed for the remainder of the school year, spring sports will be cancelled.

- The dates below for each sport are tentative and are based on the Governor's optimistic direction that schools will reopen May 4. We will adjust accordingly.

- The mandatory no-contact period remains in place through May 1. No practices or group workouts may occur through this date, but the OHSAA encourages coaches to maintain electronic correspondence with their student-athletes.

- With a current return on May 4, the schedules below have been adopted for spring sports. Specific information relative to sectional and district tournaments, playing dates, seeding procedures, game sites, will all be provided in communications from the respective six District Athletic Boards.

- State tournament venues listed below are subject to change.

- If for any reason specific sites are shut down due to Governor's orders, ALL sites will be shut down and tournaments will not be held.

## BASEBALL

State tournament dates determined by availability of Akron Canal Park.

- Acclimation Period - May 4-8
- Season Begins - May 9
- Tournament Entry/Withdrawal - May 11
- Tournament Draw/Coaches Meeting - May 17
- Sectional Tournaments - May 23-30
- District Tournaments - June 1-6
- Regional Tournaments - June 11-12
- State Tournament at Akron Canal Park (subject to change) - June 19-21
- Season Concludes (regular-season games can be played up until this date) - June 27

## SOFTBALL

- Acclimation Period - May 4-8
- Season Begins - May 9
- Tournament Entry/Withdrawal - May 18
- Tournament Draw/Coaches Meeting - May 24
- Sectional Tournaments - May 30-June 6
- District Tournaments - June 8-13
- Regional Tournaments - June 15-20
- State Tournament at Akron Firestone Stadium (subject to change) - June 25-27
- Season Concludes (regular-season games can be played up until this date) - July 4

## LACROSSE

- Acclimation Period - May 4-8
- Season Begins - May 9
- Tournament Entry/Withdrawal - May 18
- Tournament Draw/Coaches Meeting - May 25
- Regional Qualifying - May 26-30
- Regional Tournaments - June 1-7
- State Semifinals - June 8-10
- State Championships at Ohio Wesleyan University (subject to change) - June 13
- Season Concludes (regular-season games can be played up until this date) - June 13

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Acclimation Period - May 4-8  
Season Begins - May 9  
Tournament Entry/Withdrawal - May 18  
Tournament Draw/Coaches Meeting - May 24  
Sectional Tournaments - May 30-June 6  
District Tournaments - June 8-13  
State Tournament at Hilliard Davidson High School (subject to change) - June 18-20  
Season Concludes (regular-season contests can be played up until this date) - June 27

**TRACK AND FIELD**

Athletic facilities at The Ohio State University will not be available in June, so the state tournament will be split into three different sites, per division. Details are below.  
Acclimation Period - May 4-8  
Season Begins - May 9  
Tournament Entry/Withdrawal - May 25  
Tournament Draw/Coaches Meeting - May 31  
District Tournaments - June 9-13  
Regional Tournaments - June 17-20  
State Tournament - June 26-27

State Tournament Sites (subject to change): Division I at Hilliard Darby; Division II at Pickerington North; Division III at Westerville North  
Season Concludes (regular-season meets can be held up until this date) - June 27

**PURDUE FORT WAYNE STUDENTS USING 3D PRINTING SKILLS TO PRODUCE NEEDED PARTS FOR CRITICAL CARE**

For the past week, three student workers at Purdue University Fort Wayne have been allowed to return to the university's 3D print lab to use their training to help medical professionals serving on the front line. Covering solo shifts to ensure appropriate social distancing, the team has been printing respiratory protection equipment attachments for Parkview Health.  
The request began with a small group of engineers from L3Harris, a global aerospace and defense technologies company, who looked to team with local individuals and groups capable of quickly preparing 3D printers to meet this unique need.  
Producing attachment parts for respiratory protection equipment has become

more urgent in recent weeks as the nation's need for critical care has grown.  
"I love the fact that 3D printing can be used to help in such an important way," said Noah Peterson, a junior majoring in computer engineering technology. "This is an opportunity I didn't anticipate when I began working for the university."  
The engineers provided files containing exact specifications for the parts, and the student workers took it from there. Since starting seven days ago, the team has produced 16 hood assemblies and 12 hose connector pairs, with each taking approximately 2.5 hours to complete. Multiple printers run simultaneously during the day.  
"Applying what they've learned at Purdue Fort Wayne to support those who care for seriously ill patients isn't something our students were thinking about even a few weeks ago," said Brian Spaulding, 3D print lab manager, Purdue Fort Wayne. "Identifying new ways like this to utilize the advanced technologies we have on campus is just one example of the university's commitment to supporting the well-being of our community."

The first batch of finished parts, which are transferred with sterile gloves to a sealed bag, are being delivered to L3Harris today, with all ultimately destined for Parkview Health. Once this need is fulfilled, the 3D print lab team at Purdue Fort Wayne will turn to producing face shields. A prototype has already been completed.  
Please contact Peterson at petenp01@pfw.edu to learn more from a student's perspective.  
Spaulding may be contacted at spauldib@pfw.edu to discuss the overall capabilities of Purdue Fort Wayne's 3D print lab and how they are being used for this project.

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**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES MEET VIA TELECONFERENCE**

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees April 10, 2020 approved two measures in response to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on students and the healthcare community. The board held the meeting via teleconference out of respect for current recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and ordered by the Governor of the State of Ohio related to limiting in-person gatherings, and in accordance with guidance outlined by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and authorized by HB 197 related to holding virtual public meetings during this time of a COVID-19 declared emergency.  
The board approved the early awarding of medical degrees for students who have completed all requirements to graduate and have elected to make the commitment to engage in the current health crisis as quickly as possible. The degrees will be awarded on April 12 instead of May 3. One hundred and seventy five of 184 MD students have met the graduation requirements and 54 have declared their intention to join the healthcare work force upon graduation and requested the early date. (See related story.)  
Grading policy changes approved  
Trustees approved temporary changes to the Rules of the University Faculty for spring semester 2020. Because of the pandemic, the university has transitioned to virtual modes of teaching and learning for the remainder of the semester and closed campuses to any non-essential activity.  
To provide students with additional flexibility in light of the extraordinary circumstances, they may take elective and general education courses pass/no pass instead of a letter grade, and will have additional time to resolve incomplete grades - from six to 10 weeks from the start of the next term. (See additional information.)

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY TO HOST SPECIAL SPRING COMMENCEMENT, VIRTUAL & LIVE STREAMED**  
On April 3rd Ohio State President Michael V. Drake announced that the university will hold a historic virtual commencement on May 3 with Apple CEO Tim Cook delivering the commencement address.  
The live streamed event will occur at the originally scheduled time, beginning at noon on Sunday, May 3. Approximately 12,000 diplomas are expected to be awarded.  
In light of COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings, there will be no students or

guests in Ohio Stadium. The graduates will receive their degrees by mail, and, importantly, the university will hold a physical recognition event at a later date. Members of the Class of 2020 will be actively involved in the scheduling and planning of that event.  
"We are so proud of everything you have accomplished -- and how you have stepped up and remained strong during this time of uncertainty," Drake said in a video announcing the event. "Just as you were headed into the homestretch and looking forward to walking across the field in Ohio Stadium on May 3, the world changed for you and for all of us. But you adapted and persevered."  
"While we will not be able to link arms in Ohio Stadium right now, we will recognize your achievements virtually with your families and friends as we confer your degrees."  
The ceremony broadcast will include Drake and university officials in traditional commencement regalia at Ohio Stadium (practicing social distancing), musical performances, special guests, and the commencement address.  
"I am delighted to welcome Tim Cook as our spring commencement speaker," Drake said. "We are grateful for Mr. Cook's participation in this important tradition and know his unique insights will guide Buckeyes as they continue to innovate the future."  
As CEO of Apple, Cook has overseen the introduction of some of the world's most innovative products and services. A champion of the right to privacy and an advocate

**SCHOOL LUNCHES STILL SERVED WEEKLY!**



Antwerp Lunchroom staff have been working hard to prepare a week's worth of breakfasts and lunches for their students. The staff deliver many meals to Antwerp students and families can pick it up at the school as well.

for equality and opportunity through education, he has shown how one of the world's leading businesses can lead with its values. As part of its COVID-19 response, Apple has sourced and delivered over 10 million masks to medical workers in the United States and has committed tens of millions of dollars in donations to support the medical response and recovery efforts.

Ohio State has a unique technology-enhanced education and research partnership with Apple through the university's Digital Flagship initiative. The collaboration has led to a comprehensive, university-wide digital learning initiative that supports educational innovation for students and economic development opportunities for the community.

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Isidoro Andros, Abil Vergara, Ella Zimmerman, and Maddalayna Mullis.



Owen Stoller, Brody Pease, and Mason Gutierrez.



Leah Leslie, Javvon Stiltner, Ridge Hunt



Destiny Aldred, Addison Smith, and Audrey Stoller.

Paulding Elementary School announced their students of the month for March recently. Because school has not been in session, the faculty of Paulding

Elementary School had to get creative with their group pictures for this announcement. Congratulations students - you look great!

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## CHOW LINE: KEEPING FOOD FRESH LONGER AMID CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

I'm only shopping once or twice a month now, as I abide by the Ohio Stay at Home Order during the COVID-19 pandemic. How can I make sure my food lasts as long as possible so that I don't have to keep going back to the store?

Your question is on the minds of many people nationwide, as the majority of the country continues efforts to flatten the curve and lessen the spread of COVID-19. In Ohio, for example, on April 2, the Stay at Home Order was extended to May 1.

With that in mind, many grocery retailers are or have implemented regulations to manage social distancing measures, including making grocery aisles move in one direction and lessening the number of shoppers in the stores at the same time.

With these limitations, consumers should first shop their cupboards and develop recipes that use up foods that are the oldest but still safe eat, said Brian Roe, a professor of agricultural economics for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Then, turn to create a list of all the foods that you need to buy before you get to the store," Roe said. "This allows for more efficient shopping, cuts down your shopping time, and allows you to be more strategic about ensuring you get what you need so that you don't need to make an additional shopping trip to pick up missed items."

With that in mind, it's important to be aware of what the date labels on food actually mean. Having a better understanding of what the sell-by date, use-by date, or best-by date on food products means can help you avoid food waste and help ensure that the food you buy lasts as

long as possible. Understanding date labels on food products is key, especially considering most people aren't sure what those date labels on food actually mean, said Irene Hatsu, state specialist in food security for Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' outreach arm.

In fact, according to a study by Harvard University's Food Law and Policy Clinic and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, more than a third of consumers throw away food once the date on the label has passed, because they mistakenly think the date is an indicator of food safety, she said.

But for most foods, the date label is a manufacturer's best guess as to how long the product will be at its peak quality. With only a few exceptions, the majority of food products remain wholesome and safe to eat long past their label dates, the study authors said.

"Some of those exceptions include key perishable items that are typically consumed without first going through a cooking or kill step, such as deli meats and soft cheeses," Roe said.

Infant formula is the only food product that must carry product dating under current federal law and should not be fed after the date on the label.

Raw meat, poultry, and fish should also be cooked or frozen by the date on the label, said Barbara Kowalczyk, a food safety expert and a CFAES assistant professor of food safety and public health.

"If it smells bad, it should be thrown out," Kowalczyk said. "When in doubt, throw it out. I would be particularly cautious right now, because the last thing you want right



now is to get a serious food-borne illness and have to go to the hospital."

For guidance on when to keep or toss particular food items, consumers can turn to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's FoodKeeper app or website at [foodsafety.gov/keep-food-safe/foodkeeper-app](https://foodsafety.gov/keep-food-safe/foodkeeper-app).

The USDA says most food products—excluding for example, deli meats, soft cheeses, and infant formula (see the FoodKeeper resources for a full list)—should still be safe and wholesome after the date passes if handled properly until the time spoilage is evident. Spoilage is indicated if the food has an odor or has mold, for example.

An additional caution Kowalczyk advises for consumers when going to the grocery store is to leave their reusable bags at home.

"Most grocery stores aren't allowing them right now," she said. "But if you must use them, disinfect them between trips and be prepared to bag your own groceries."

"People also don't need to disinfect their groceries or quarantine them in the garage. Just be sure to wash your hands after handling the items and before you handle food—and don't touch your face."

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](mailto:turner.490@osu.edu).

## OHIO SMART MOBILITY SUMMIT MOVED TO JULY 2021

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), DriveOhio, the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, and the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber will postpone the 2020 Ohio Smart Mobility Summit in the interest of public health during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The 2021 Ohio Smart Mobility Summit will take place July 15 and 16 at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown, Ohio. The Eastgate Regional Council of Governments will be in contact with all 2020 ticket holders to issue a refund.

"We're fortunate to have a great leader like Governor Mike DeWine, who continues to put the health and safety of Ohioans first," said Patrick Smith, interim executive director of DriveOhio.

The 2021 event will feature live demos, vendor exhibits, and guest speakers focused on automated and connected smart mobility solutions on the ground and in the air.

"Though it's now farther out than anticipated, this summit will be a great opportunity for local communities, government, industry, and research institutions to discuss collaborative initiatives around automated, connected, electric, and shared technologies in Ohio," Smith said.

For 2021 Summit details, please visit: <https://bit.ly/34sXY2b>

## PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTING NEW VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

Paulding County Hospital (PCH) has currently been operating under visitor restrictions for several weeks. These restrictions have been increased at this time to further protect our patients, staff, and community. PCH Medical/Surgical Unit and Emergency Department will now be al-

lowing zero visitors into the facility. However, there are special circumstances that will be considered. These include the following: patients under the age of 18, hospice patients, individuals who may have difficulty communicating with medical staff, and individuals with special needs provided by a caregiver.

Screening procedures currently taking place at Paulding County Hospital and its clinic locations will continue to occur upon entering any one of the facilities. Help us continue to help you, please share the symptoms you are experiencing by calling prior to your arrival or upon entering any one our facilities. As per the CDC recommendations we are asking anyone entering one of our facilities to please wear a mask. Additionally, we are encouraging all patients entering the facility for a scheduled appointment or testing to come alone. If an individual accompanies a patient to assist, we are encouraging them not to wait inside the facility until the appointment/testing is complete.

Paulding County Hospital will keep you informed of any additional changes made to our hospital or any of our clinic locations. We greatly appreciate your adherence to these changes as they are put in place for the safety of the community, our patients, and staff. We remain here for you...close to home!

For up to date information please reference: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus), [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov), or [paulding-countyhealth.com](https://paulding-countyhealth.com)



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SIX LOCAL STUDENTS WIN \$6,000 FROM NORTH WESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Fairview High School's Adrianna Roth and Bryan High School's Joseph Kimble captured top honors in the 2020 North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC) Children of Members scholarship competition, selected by Defiance College judges. Each senior was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the cooperative.

Robert and Rebecca Kimble of Bryan.



Courtney Cox



Adrianna Roth



Levi Baus



Joseph Kimble

Adrianna will go on to represent NWECC in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives statewide scholarship competition this spring, where a total of \$38,200 will be distributed. She is the daughter of Charles and Jennifer Roth of Ney. Joseph is the son of

Second-place winners Courtney Cox (Tinora High School) and Levi Baus (homeschooled) will receive \$750 scholarships. Courtney is the daughter of Carla and Ben Lucas of Defiance. Levi is the son of Chad and Beth Baus of Archbold.

Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship



Casey Leppelmeier



Emily Woodbury

Casey Leppelmeier (Edgerton High School) is the winner of the \$500 Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship, awarded by NWECC and the Edgerton Area Foundation. The scholarship honors the memory of the longtime member noted for attending all of NWECC's annual meet-

ings throughout her lifetime. Casey is the daughter of Ray and Robin Leppelmeier of Edgerton.

Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship Emily Woodbury (Tinora High School) is the winner of the \$1,000 Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who has overcome a significant challenge in pursuit of his or her goals. Emily is the daughter of Bethanne and Jeffrey Woodbury of Defiance.

NWECC is committed to empowering the communities it serves through one of its cooperative principles, "Education, Training, and Information," which aims to uplift the next generation of leaders and help them with career preparation expenses. Each year, scholarship applications become available in December. Visit NWECC's website at https://nwecc.com/justforkids for a full list of youth opportunities.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Jeffrey F. Wagner, Antwerp, OH; OVI/refusal; Case dismissed at state's request

Jeffrey F. Wagner, Antwerp, OH; OVI/under the influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Jeffrey F. Wagner, Antwerp, OH; Stop sign; Case dismissed at state's request

Jeffrey F. Wagner, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Megan Carney, Wallingford, PA; Speed (87/65); Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Antoine R. Allen, Tomball, TX; Speed (78/65); Guilty; Defendant paid all fines and costs

Brianna M. Murray, Decatur, IN; Speed (83/65); Guilty; Defendant paid in full

Diana L. Lyons, Oakwood, OH; Speed (74/55); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandon C. Bollinger, Loranger, LA; Stop sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lakanyere Harrison, Indianapolis, IN; Speed (88/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amy Higashihara, Canton, OH; Speed (82/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lawrence E. Jimerson, Ecorse, MI; Speed (89/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dhruval N. Patel, Austin, TX; Speed (90/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Crystal L. Smith Evans, LaFayette, IN; Speed (91/65); Guilty; Defendant paid all fines and costs

David A. Migdal, Chicago, IL; Speed (70/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carla M. Sargent, Avon, IN; Speed (82/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lizabeth F. Megelsh, Jackson, TN; Speed (78/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian P. King, Rocky River, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua N. Jones, Leipsic,

OH; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Victor Razo-Rojas, Detroit, MI; Speed (83/65); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas J. Longardner, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Douglas E. Lortie, New Haven, IN; Speed (65/55); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kristina M. Devries, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Taylor M. Beach, Spring Arbor, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BENTON TWP 4/7/20 Denning Michael L Denning Jody K To Denning Jody K; 6268 Rd 39 Payne Oh 45880; 5.598 Acres; Pt Sw1/4 Nel/4 Benton Twp Sec 3

BLUE CREEK TWP 4/9/20 Placke Virginia To Placke Timothy Dale; 12325 Blaine St; 0.2 Acres; Lot 26 Norvel Add Scott Vill

BROWN TWP 4/7/20 Keller Gary To Lakeview Loan Servicing Llc; 307 E Main St; 0.1 Acres; Lot 73 E1/2 O.p. Oakwood Vill

4/7/20 Keller Gary To Lakeview Loan Servicing Llc; Main Rear St; 0.1 Acres; Lot 60 N 1/3 O.p. Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP 4/9/20 Pollard Joseph R To Helle Christopher A; 205 W Washington St; 0.2 Acres; Lot 3 Jones Add Antwerp Vill

4/7/20 Coleman Andrew C Etal To North Bradley North Janet; 301 W Washington St; 0.1788 Acres; Lot 5 Jones Add Antwerp Vill

CRANE TWP 4/6/20 Sukup Stephen M Sukup Christine To Sukup Stephen M Sukup Christine; Rd 83; 136.755 Acres; E1/2Ne1/4Sofcan&Pte1/2 Se1/4 Crane-Ant Sec 29

HARRISON TWP 4/7/20 LINDER JAMES R Sr To Linder Riley K; 8148 Rd 51 Payne Oh 45880; 1 Acre; Pt W1/2 Sw1/4 Sw1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 25

4/8/20 Mumby Nila K Trustee Watson Lonnie L Trustee To Heck Thomas E; Sr 49; 77.2 Acres; N1/2 Nw 1/4 Less 1.5A Harrison-Antwerp Sec 11

PAULDING TWP 4/8/20 Ruschel Shannon Wythe To Pittman Nicholas; 733 N Cherry St; 0.2 Acres; Lot 27 Gasser Subdiv Paulding Vill

4/8/20 Ruschel Shannon Wythe To Pittman Nicholas; N Cherry St; 0.0909 Acres; Lot 26 N 30Ft Gasser Subdiv Paulding Vill

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Purdue University Fort Wayne was notified late Monday afternoon, April 6, by the Allen County Department of Health that a Purdue Fort Wayne staff member had tested positive for COVID-19. The employee lives in Fort Wayne.

Indications are that the individual had only limit-

THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ed contact with anyone on campus. Public health officials conducted an investigation with the staff member to establish relevant personal contacts. Each individual has been contacted to discuss precautions and any additional steps, if necessary.

Students, faculty, and staff are reminded to practice social distancing and adhere to the state's ongoing stay-at-home directive. Additional information about Purdue Fort Wayne's response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found here.

About Purdue University Fort Wayne

Purdue University Fort Wayne is the largest university in northeast Indiana and is part of the Purdue University system. Purdue Fort Wayne is uniquely positioned to serve the region as a crossroads of intellectual, social, economic, and cultural advancement. Rigorous academics are combined with a focus on student success across prestigious degree programs taught by more than 300 full-time faculty. 10,208

students of diverse ages, ethnicities, and nationalities pursue their education on the nearly 600-acre campus. A majority of the university's 61,000 alumni live and work in Indiana contributing significantly to the state's economy, vitality, and intellectual strength. The university has joined the Horizon League athletics conference, effective fall 2020, and fields 16 NCAA Division I sports teams. For more information, visit pfw.edu.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Council of the Village of Antwerp Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp will hold its regular council meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. but the meeting will not take place in Council Chambers, 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio. As allowed by Sub. H.B. 197, the meeting will take place through a Zoom meeting platform. Any person that wishes to observe the meeting is asked to contact Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty at (419) 258-2241 no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting to obtain the necessary information to join the Zoom meeting. If any person would like to be included on the agenda for the April 20th meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer Lichty no later than Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting agenda will be available to view on the Village's website (https://www.villageofantwerp.com) and on the Village's Facebook page no later than Friday, April 17, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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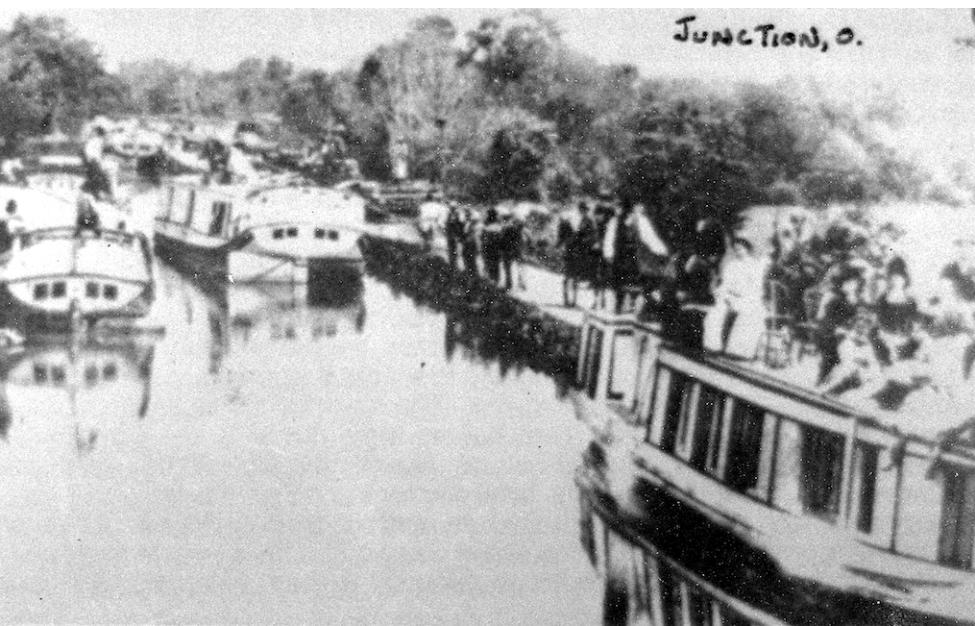
Please take notice that motion to modify child support has been filed in the above captioned action with Lisa A. Wright as the Plaintiff and Johnny Wright as the Defendant seeking a modification to child support

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] Deputy. Respectfully submitted, [Signature] Joseph R. Burkard, #0059106 Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 South Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO - Juvenile Division- Case No. 20203004 IN THE MATTER OF: NOELIA C. GONZALES, ALLEGED DEPENDENT CHILD To: Noel Hernandez LAST KNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN; Mexico Please take notice that an amended complaint for dependency regarding Noelia C. Gonzales has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Adjudicatory hearing on April 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m by contacting the Deputy Clerk at 419-399-8255 to obtain instructions to attend. Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879, however, attendance is by telephone conference only. FILED APR 8 2020 JUVENILE COURT PAULDING COUNTY, OH By: [Signature] Deputy. Respectfully submitted, [Signature] Sally Wannemacher, Deputy Clerk Juvenile Court Paulding County, Ohio

# CANAL CONSTRUCTION IN PAULDING COUNTY



The Miami & Erie Canal and the Wabash & Erie Canal met in Paulding County at the town of Junction, which was planned in the early days of canal construction. Junction was one of the busiest canal towns. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

**GENERAL SUMMARY of Tolls, Water Rents and Fines collected at the several offices on the Ohio Canals, and paid into the State Treasury during the year ending Nov. 15, 1854, as presented in the foregoing detailed statement.**

Name of Canal and Office.	Fines.	Water Rents.	Tolls.	Total.	Tolls for Fuel.	Collector's Salary.	Lawyer's Salary.	Prisoner's Salary.	Prisoner's Expenses.	Prisoner's Fees.	Total.
<b>Ohio Canals:</b>	<b>\$337 50</b>	<b>\$45,092 78</b>	<b>\$45,450 38</b>	<b>\$90,820 66</b>	<b>\$1,231 00</b>	<b>\$1,247 00</b>	<b>\$85 98</b>	<b>\$43,068 83</b>	<b>\$45,561 87</b>	<b>\$3,524 21</b>	<b>\$143,194 42</b>
<b>Wabash &amp; Erie Canals:</b>	<b>895 00</b>	<b>3,627 27</b>	<b>33,841 54</b>	<b>34,763 81</b>	<b>80 14</b>	<b>1,200 00</b>	<b>599 99</b>	<b>87 15</b>	<b>31,887 09</b>	<b>35,834 21</b>	<b>71,697 02</b>
<b>Miami &amp; Erie Canals:</b>	<b>317 50</b>	<b>11,053 27</b>	<b>11,841 47</b>	<b>12,171 24</b>	<b>36 45</b>	<b>659 91</b>	<b>379 55</b>	<b>10 28</b>	<b>11,084 75</b>	<b>11,944 47</b>	<b>24,115 71</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,550 00</b>	<b>52,973 26</b>	<b>50,133 39</b>	<b>103,106 65</b>	<b>156 59</b>	<b>2,159 90</b>	<b>1,058 09</b>	<b>107 58</b>	<b>43,978 93</b>	<b>47,023 89</b>	<b>148,284 13</b>

Junction led the state in canal tolls collected in Ohio in 1854. Paulding County boasted of nearly 40 miles of canals within its borders – the most of any county in the state.

By: Jane Nice, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee

Part of a series PAULDING – When Paulding was established as a county in 1820, transportation in northwest Ohio was dismal. Natural waterways allowed for boat travel, but movement over land was nearly impossible. Muck and mire ruled under the canopy of trees that formed the Great Black Swamp, and horses struggled to progress through

the mud as their narrow legs sank with each step.

For that reason, northwest Ohio was the last area of the state to be settled, and the canal system, more than anything else, made it happen.

In order to understand the canal system, one has to slow down. Way down. The planning and funding for the man-made waterway slogged through the Ohio legislature. A quarter of a century passed between when the canal system of transportation was introduced in the state legislature in 1818 until the first boats passed through Paulding County in 1843.

Surveys of potential canal routes in the 1820s were slowed by illness and death among the corps of topographical engineers, who fell victim to the diseases of the

forest covered valleys. Once the routes were established, the arduous construction began. Men dug the canals with shovels, pickaxes and wheelbarrows. Oxen were used to drive large wooden scoops of dirt to hollow out the earth to the desired depth and width of the canal bed.



Crews of immigrants – mostly from Ireland, Germany and France – had to be organized, managed and paid. So many immigrants came to northern Paulding County from Ireland that Emerald Township was named for the association with Emerald Isle's vales of green.

During canal construction, delivery of building supplies and provisions for the laborers was slow and difficult by means of pirogues, which are small and narrow boats, on rivers and streams, adding to the expense of the project.

Disease ran rampant among the canal workers. The canals were sometimes called “The Irish Cemetery” because legend estimated that one Irishman died for every mile of canal built.

In Paulding County, timber on the canal courses had to be cleared first. In fact, the last leg of the Miami & Erie Canal to be completed was between St. Mary's in Mercer County and Junction in northeast Paulding County, where one half or more of the route was through an unbroken forest where no trace of civilization existed.

Stone was quarried from a farm one-half mile east of Junction to construct many of the nearby aqueducts and culverts along the canals. Many of the locks were made from wood.

Paulding County, which is arguably the only county entirely within the Great Black Swamp, had more miles of canal to build than any other in Ohio, because two canals were constructed within its borders – the Wabash & Erie from the west, and the Miami & Erie from the south.

Counting the portion of the Miami & Erie Canal that was lost to Defiance County when it was formed in 1845, nearly 40 miles of canal were built within Paulding County's borders.

The village of Junction was named for the fact that it was where the two canals met, and it became an important hub of activity on the canal route.

Up to 50 canal boats carrying people, goods and mail could be found docked in Junction at one time. The village bustled with businesses and people in the heyday of canal transportation, and was one of the largest and most important communities in the region.

According to the Ohio state auditor's “Detailed Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Public Money at the State Treasury

during the Fiscal Years 1854 and 1855,” Junction toll collector James G. Haley collected more tolls in 1854 than any other port, not only on the Miami & Erie Canal, but on any other canal in the state of Ohio.

Tolls totaling \$71,759.86 – over \$2 million in today's money – were collected at Junction that year, while only Cincinnati and Toledo came near that figure. Much of what was exported from Paulding County was timber, of course, and the tolls were calculated by the weight of the freight.

Next: Paulding County towns on the Miami & Erie Canal.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200](http://www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200).

## VWCF ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Van Wert County Foundation serves as a philanthropic vehicle for individuals, corporations, and organizations by administering grants to charitable organizations. Together we create a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community.

Executive Secretary Seth Baker shares, “We are in a period of time that creates many unknowns for our non-profit organizations. Grant funding during this time is even more important for organizations that are doing the deep philanthropic work of the community. While we are actively seeking grantees for our normal Spring grant cycle, emergency needs directly related to COVID-19 will be accepted any time and will be evaluated immediately.”

This grant cycle unveils a new application process and program. The Online Grants Manager compiles information and support materials for The Van Wert County Foundation's software system for managing online applications and grants. This new process allows grantees an easy way to see the status of a grant, check due dates, and submit electronic grant reports (if required).

“We recommend that applicants carefully read the instructions and reference materials found on our website before registering and

starting their first application. If an applicant encounters issues or has questions, we ask that they email [info@vanwertcountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@vanwertcountyfoundation.org),” states, Amanda Miller, Marketing & Resource Development Manager.

Grant applications and all requested materials must be submitted by the close of business, Friday, May 1, 2020, to be considered eligible for potential funding in the current grant cycle.

## NWC ANNOUNCES SCHOLAR ATHLETES 2019-20

Northwest Conference Scholar Athletes are determined as follows:

- Must be a letter winner in the sport.
- Gold Level – GPA of 3.5-4.0 during the season
- Silver Level – GPA of 3.00-3.49 during the season

ADA: Cheerleading: Gold – Molly Zimmerman, Courtney McLaughlin, Nora Dellifield, Barrette Jones

Silver – Madison Deatherage Boys Basketball: Silver – Cayden Murphy, Zac Swaney, Phil Coulson, Jacob Rayl

Girls Basketball: Gold – Courtney Sumner, Selena Jordan, Megan Light, Miranda Wills, Timber Blankenship, Kirsten Poling

Silver – Kylie Acheson Wrestling: Gold – Reece Evans Silver – Cole Anspach Swimming: Gold – Klava Katayama, Isaac Spar, Hunter Wells, Brayden Miller, Kayla Wince, Connor Daugherty, Kaitlyn Bowden, Madison Archer, Riley Ferguson

Silver – Jeff Bassitt, Dylan Hartman ALLEN EAST: Cheerleading: Gold – Callie Carter, Hayley Closson, Ryanne Lehman, Amanda Moore, Olivia Parker, Danielle Redman, Anamya Truex, Abigail Whitaker, Layla Dotson

Boys Basketball: Gold – Garrett Newland, Keaton Lehman, Logan McCluer, Mason Dotson, Tyler Clum Silver – Kadin Koontz, Gavin Hutchinson

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Wrestling: Gold - Nathan Brown, Ben McKee, Kane Plescher, Taylor Thompson, Sabastian Umfleet, Joseph Dailey, Emma Dailey, Serinity Sites Silver - Dylan Anthony, Jonathon Brooks, Owen Miller, Anthony Bodine, Isaac Cross, Cody Redmon, Tanner Jones, Eli Kill, Don Riordan

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Silver - Brad Korte, Drew Motycka, Alex Wyatt Girls Bowling: Gold - Madelynn Dunn, Shiann Kraft, Shania Profit, Hanna Scaggs

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**PAULDING:**  
Cheerleading: Gold - Taelyn Etzler, Victoria Burtch, Selena Yates, Alivia Perl, Kaylyn Cox, Jordyn Merriman Silver - Haley Burtin, Madalyn Griner Boys Basketball: Gold - Alberto Martinez-Calderon, Caleb Manz,

**SPENCERVILLE:**  
Cheerleading: Gold - Makenzie Brown, Tori Buggert, Hope Dicke, Makenna Lehman, Adelyn Martin, Dylan Wierwille

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Silver - Jamie Balliet,

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**ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS**

On April 7th, the Antwerp Police Department assisted the Antwerp EMS  
On April 7th, Antwerp

On April 2nd, a report was made of loud music coming from 102 Shaffer Rd. The person playing the loud music was asked to turn the music down.

On March 31st, a resident of Railroad St. reported the theft of several items from their shed and around the property. The items were located around the railroad tracks. The suspects are believed to be children.

Officer responded, Antwerp EMS was contacted and the person was transported to the hospital.

On March 27th, Antwerp Police Department received an anonymous letter by someone stating the Oasis Bar & Grill was operating and not in compliance with restrictions set forth by the governor and wanted the news to know. The police department contacted the owner and made him aware of the letter received. The Oasis was found to be in compliance and is open for carry out only.

On March 26th, a domestic violence case was reported on West River St. The case was investigated, the male was arrested and transported to the Paulding County Jail

On March 23rd, a hit-skip accident was reported at the old Country Time gas station. A man in a red and black Dodge truck with a tool box in the back, struck the ice machine. The driver and vehicle left prior to the police arriving.

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

**FOOD TRUCKS TEMPORARILY ALLOWED AT ODOT REST AREAS**

To address one of the biggest challenges truck drivers face, access to a hot meal, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is temporarily opening the state's 86 rest areas to food trucks.

"Truck drivers are the lifeblood of the economy and their jobs have never been more critical than now," said Governor Mike DeWine. "I've heard from many in the trucking industry that finding a place to eat while they're on the road has been tough, but we're here to help."

Federal regulations prohibit commercial activity at rest areas, with limited exceptions. Last week, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced they would temporarily suspend enforcement of those regulations.

"Truck drivers are delivering food and goods essential to our homes and medical supplies to health-care providers. They should be able to have easy access to a hot meal," said ODOT

**Sudoku solution from page 7**

8	7	1	9	4	2	9	8	6
6	9	2	1	8	7	4	5	3
8	4	5	9	6	3	2	1	7
9	6	7	4	2	8	1	3	5
1	9	6	7	8	5	3	4	2
5	1	4	3	9	6	8	7	2
2	3	8	7	5	1	6	9	4
9	2	3	6	1	9	7	4	8
7	8	9	2	3	4	5	6	1
4	6	8	7	5	3	2	9	6

Director Jack Marchbanks. "We thank FHWA for recognizing these are unique times."

Mobile food vendors must download a permit from the ODOT website and display it at all times while operating. They must also abide by state and local food service regulations as well as social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure the safety and health of staff and customers. The Ohio State Highway Patrol will regularly monitor rest areas to enforce compliance with all Ohio laws and regulations by the commercial food truck vendors who elect to set up operations.

"Vending at Ohio's rest areas is provided by sightless and visually impaired merchants. They rely on the sale of beverages and snacks for their income. In order to ensure they are not directly competing with these vendors, mobile food trucks will not be permitted to sell prepackaged snacks or any drinks other than coffee," Marchbanks said.

It is important to note that this temporary permission for food truck vendors to set up in ODOT-administered rest areas is intended to help provide options for truck drivers, not to replace the goods and services offered by retail operations along Ohio's interstates.

**Help Wanted**  
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# NEW WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AT 4-H CAMP PALMER IS COMPLETED



The 4-H Camp Palmer staff and board are very thankful for additional grants and donations that have supported a new water system project at camp. The project was completed in mid-March and fully funded.

The following organizations should be recognized for their generous donations to this project: Cooper Family Foundation-\$15,000, Power in the Purchase Program (PIP)-\$5,625, Fulton County Dairy Association-\$3,000, and Williams County Fair Foundation-\$2,000.

This project upgrades our water camp-wide infrastructure. Ballmer Construction built a 256 square foot facility that provides the new storage. Culligan Company installed the water softener system. Watson Well Com-

pany upgraded the well pump to a constant water pressure, re-routed waterlines from current well to the new water building.

Our future campers and consumers will benefit from better drinking water and cleaner restroom facilities. The water softening system will help keep showers, bathrooms and sinks free of brown, rusty stains due to the current high iron content. This improvement will streamline the hours of our housekeeping, maintenance and kitchen staff. With better water quality and more efficient staff hours, 4-H Camp Palmer can truly focus on its mission of positive youth development.

For more information about this project or camp, please call 419-237-2247 or

email goodson.34@osu.edu is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

## BBB ALERT! LATEST CORONAVIRUS TELEMARKETING SCAMS

“You are getting \$ 1,200 immediately from the government!” News of this government relief payment has been welcomed by consumers, but also by scammers, who are now using it to cheat folks who don’t know the details.

FACT: The payments will be \$1,200 per adult or \$ 2,400 for joint taxpayers (plus \$500 per child) if you qualify. They should take about three weeks if the IRS has your direct deposit information from your 2018 or 2019 tax return. The money will be direct deposited in each taxpayer’s checking account. The Treasury is creating a web-based system for consumers where IRS doesn’t have their direct deposit information. Consumers can upload it so that they can get the money immediately as opposed to checks in the mail. Those who don’t qualify will be sent traditional paper checks, but this will probably take months.

SCAM: Consumers already report getting phone calls or emails claiming to be from CDC or Homeland Security. They are told that they qualify for the \$ 1,200 payment, however they must give the caller their name, address, Social Security Number and bank account number so the money can be sent. This is a complete lie and these crooks want to steal money and possibly consumer identities.

SCAM: The FTC warns that scammers call senior citizens and tell them to call a fake “Coronavirus Hotline” They say, “We are first taking Medicare members and offering a free at-home Coronavirus testing kit.” They then get personal information from the senior. Some calls claim that taking the at-home Coronavirus test is required to continue to receive Medicare or Social Security benefits.

SCAM: Robocalls which come to seniors claim that they are the Social Security Administration. They state that, as part of the Coronavirus situation, “We have got an order to suspend your socials (sic) due to suspicious and fraudulent activity found on your socials.” They require you to call them back at an 888 toll free number which usually ends up in an offshore phone room which demands personal information.

SCAM: A fake robocall message is targeted at small businesses: “If you are a small business that has been affected by the Coronavirus, press 1 to insure that your Google listing is correctly displayed.

Otherwise customers may not be able to find you during this time. Press 2 to be removed from our list.” These calls do NOT come from Google. BBB WARNS – Do NOT press 2! It notifies the scammers that you have an active phone number and they will then sell your number to other crooks.

SCAM: The FBI is warning the health care industry of an increased fraudulent activity dealing with the purchase of COVID-19-related medical equipment. Scammers may promise equipment they do not have. The FBI asks the medical community to exercise caution when dealing with unfamiliar or unknown vendors and when relying on unidentified third-party brokers in the supply chain. They advise to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity, to include:

Unusual payment terms (e.g., supplier asking for upfront payments or proof of payment)

Last-minute price changes  
Last-minute excuses for delay in shipment (e.g., claims that the equipment was seized at port or stuck in customs)

Unexplained source of bulk supply

IMPORTANT ALERT FROM NATIONAL PAYMENT CORPORATION (NPC):

Friday, March 27 our office was informed by one of our Back End Processors (Worldpay FIS) that businesses are being contacted by callers claiming to be representatives of a merchant services provider.

These callers are telling merchants that their current provider is shutting down due to the COVID-19 situation. They then proceed to tell the merchant they will need to switch processors immediately or risk losing the ability to accept electronic payments.

If you receive a call regarding any aspects of your processing account, confirm the call is from your current payment processor!

Prior to discussing any aspects of your account, please confirm the legitimacy by requesting that the caller confirm one of the below pieces of information:

- Your current Merchant Account Number
- Date & Amount of Your Last Batch
- Last 4 Digits of Tax ID #
- Bank Account Details (last 4 of primary acct. #)

## RECYCLING UPDATE AS OF APRIL 1, 2020

Due to the Covid19 Virus, all recycling activity and pickups provided by the Paulding County WMEA Program have been suspended until further notice. The exception to this directive is the Paul-

ding County Fairground’s and Cecil Fire Station pickups that occur the first Saturday of the month from 9-11am.

We had to suspend the Program because it was determined that we cannot maintain the sanitizing and social distancing procedures required to keep those that process the recycling, safe. This includes our Boy Scout Troop #315 and Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club and many others.

If you are unable to store your material until our services re-open, take it to Erie Recycling in Antwerp or Kohart Salvage in Broughton, we must regrettably suggest placing it in your regular trash. As passionate recyclers, I know the thought of doing that is almost unthinkable, but at this time, we are left with few options.

Moving forward, we will be implementing safety protocols that will keep those assisting with the program as safe as possible. What we are trying to eliminate is referred to as “touches” of the materials being recycled. With our trash, we contain it in a garbage bag that is then touched either once or not at all. Recycling is unique in that it must be sorted, which requires many touches. We are hoping this new protocol can be implemented immediately thereby ensuring everyone’s safety. If it comes to us appropriately divided and sorted then the risk remains very low for undesirable transmission of something harmful. The list will be updated as time goes by, but this is what we have so far.

1. All cardboard must be flat. Boxes that are not flattened will not be accepted. The exception will be those boxes that are made of the extra thick cardboard and basically cannot be collapsed with a utility knife and those containing other recyclables, such as newspaper

2. Steel cans and aluminum cans must be rinsed out and placed in either a paper sack, box or plastic sack. These are not recycled together so MUST be separated.

3. Newspaper should be bundled and placed in a box, paper or plastic sack

4. Shred needs to be in a garbage bag and NOT mixed with other paper

5. Regular paper needs to be confined in some sort of container, such as a box or garbage bag

6. Shiny paper, such as magazines, catalogs, periodicals, etc., need to be confined just like regular paper. These tend to get heavy quickly, so please place these in a box if you have quite a few

7. Plastics 1 & 2 (check the triangle on the bottom of the container) need to be separated.

8. The clear/opaque milk jugs need to be separated from the other No. 2 plastics

9. ABSOLUTELY NO DROPPED OFF/DUMPED RECYCLING WILL BE COLLECTED. WE NEED YOU TO COME IN PERSON TO TRANSFER YOUR MATERIAL TO OUR HANDLERS THAT WILL THEN PLACE IT IN THE APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS IN OUR TRAILERS

With these new protocols in place, we believe our Paulding County Recycling Program (WMEA) can ramp back up and get back to providing recycling opportunities for our residents in the

SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

Please contact Shannon Ruschel at the WMEA office with questions 419-399-3630 or shannon@paulding-countywmea.com

## BWC BOARD APPROVES \$1.6 BILLION DIVIDEND FOR OHIO EMPLOYERS

The Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation’s Board of Directors approved to send up to \$1.6 billion to Ohio employers this spring to ease the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on Ohio’s economy and business community.

The Board met in a virtual emergency session this morning in response to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine’s call for state agencies to do all they can to help the state’s business community withstand COVID-19’s challenges, which include temporary business closings, stay-at-home orders, and a record number of Ohioans applying for unemployment assistance.

“We are all in this together, and I’m just grateful we can contribute in this way,” said BWC Administrator/CEO Stephanie McCloud. “We wouldn’t be in this position without the employers who work hard to increase workplace safety, reduce injury claims, and pay their premiums on time.”

Thanks also to strong investment returns, the dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018. Of the \$1.6 billion dividend, approximately \$1.4 billion would go to private employers and approximately \$200 million would go to local government taxing districts, such as counties, cities, townships, and schools.

Checks will be mailed in batches to employers later this month.

This dividend follows other recent moves by BWC to ease COVID-19’s strain on employers. In late March, BWC told employers they could defer their monthly premium installment payments for March, April, and May until June 1. BWC also waived or postponed some requirements and deadlines for several programs that reduce employer premiums and applied the discounts automatically.

The dividend is BWC’s sixth of \$1 billion or more since 2013 and seventh overall in that time. It also continues BWC’S trend of lowering workers’ comp costs for employers. The agency has repeatedly lowered premium rates in recent years, including a 10% cut for public employers that took effect in January and a 13% cut for private employers that begins July 1.

In total, BWC has saved employers approximately \$10 billion in workers’ comp costs through dividends, credits, rate reductions and greater efficiencies since 2011.

For more on COVID-19 as it relates to BWC, visit this Frequently Asked Questions page. For other questions about COVID-19 related to BWC, email BWCCOVID19@bwc.state.oh.us.

For the latest on COVID-19, visit the Ohio Department of Health website coronavirus.ohio.gov, or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).



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