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## PATROL FOCUSES ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IN MAY DURING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol would like to remind motorcyclists to ride trained and sober. As summer approaches, motorists should be aware of an increase in motorcycles on the roadways.

In 2019, there were 3,585 traffic crashes involving mo-

torcycles that resulted in 165 deaths and 3,245 injuries. Overall, 79 percent of motorcycle-involved crashes resulted in at least one injury or death.

Taking a training class, wearing safety equipment and riding with proper endorsements will help you pro-

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## ANTWERP MANOR PARADE CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY



On Saturday, May 9 the Antwerp Manor held a Parade to celebrate mothers and all of their residents. Residents lined the sidewalk and participants lined up around the block to drive past their

loved ones. These new normals are giving family and friends a chance to connect with their loved ones who live at the assisted living facility. Many people showed up on this chilly Saturday to say

"Hello".

With the restrictions that the COVID-19 lockdown has brought upon nursing homes and assisted living facilities,

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## Community Calendar

May 12

- New Haven Plan Commission Virtual Meeting, Facebook Live @ 7pm

May 18

- Free Community Meal @ Divine Mercy Hall, Payne, 4:30-6:30pm

May 23

- Woodburn Lions Club Donut order pick up, Woodburn Plaza, 7-11a

May 24

- AHS Virtual Graduation, online @ 2pm
- Antwerp Senior Parade, starting @ Field House Drive, 4pm

May 26

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

May 28

- JPHS general meeting @ 6:30pm

June 4

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

June 6

- Les Weidenhamer & Todd Switzer Memorial Bike Run @ JPHS, 9:30am

June 9

- FW Community Band @ Foellinger Theater, FW

July 10

- Paulding Chamber Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am

July 17

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

July 18

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

July 29

- VW Chamber 2020 Chamber Golf Classic @ Hickory Sticks GC, 11am



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## WOODBURN RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE UTILITY CREDIT

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and residential accounts alike and will be added to the bills for service provided from April 15th to May 15th that will arrive in the mail by approximately May 20th. There is nothing that you need to do except pay your bill per usual. We hope this action will alleviate some of the burden created by the last several weeks.

Also, in a continuing effort to protect the health and general wellbeing of our elderly residents, City Hall will remain closed to the public until May 25th, unless additional postponement becomes necessary. Stay up to date at [www.cityofwoodburn.org](http://www.cityofwoodburn.org), and the Mayor's Facebook page. Questions? Call City Hall at 260-632-5318.

## AHS HOLDS 2020 VIRTUAL GRADUATION

Antwerp High School would like to invite everyone to attend the Class of 2020 Virtual Commence-

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## NEW HAVEN PLAN COMMISSION WILL MEET VIRTUALLY FOR MAY MEETING

The City of New Haven Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be held in a virtual format. The meeting is being held virtually because City Hall is still closed to the public. The meeting will be held in accordance with Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-22 and 20-25.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City of New Haven Facebook page. We will accept public comments till 12:00 PM, Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Please include your name and address with your comments. Since City Hall is closed to the public, we are recommending you use the following methods to submit your comments:

By phone (260) 748-7040  
By email [rgutierrez@NewHaven.IN.Gov](mailto:rgutierrez@NewHaven.IN.Gov)

By mail - Department of Planning, PO BOX 570, New Haven, IN, 46774

Drive up drop box located in the east parking lot of City Hall located at 815 Lincoln Highway East

The Plan Commission will be conducting a public hearing on the following items:

Development Plan Amendment # 20-DV-03; a request to amend Development plan PC-02-2003 to allow for additional residential units and increase the overall area included in Phase I of the Turnpointe Woods develop-

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# OBITUARIES

## HICKSVILLE, OH:

**Lynn Robert Blalock**, 87, of Hicksville, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance. Lynn was born on July 10, 1932, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of the late Forrest "Jack" and Helen (Derck) Blalock. He was a 1950 graduate of Hicksville High School. After graduation, Lynn joined the United States Army where he served from 1952 to 1954. On January 14, 1989 he married Judith (Koehling) Driver at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp, Ohio, and she survives. Lynn was as a Line-man for the Ohio Power Company his entire working career and retired after 36 years of service in 1994. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, where he served on the church council, the VFW and the Horseman's Association. Lynn enjoyed his morning coffee at local restaurants, mowing his lawn and driving the newest model truck but his true passion was horse racing.

Surviving is his wife, Judy of Hicksville; two stepdaughters, Pam (Mike) Bailey of Hicksville and Deb (Rich) Tavierne of Fort Wayne, Indiana; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, E. Sue (Don) Coughlin of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville with Father Dan Borgelt and Pastor Rich Tavierne officiating. Military Graveside Rites will be accorded by the Hicksville American Legion Post 223. Arrangements are under the care of Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Hicksville Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CHP Hospice of Defiance. Online condolences may be shared at [www.oberlinturnbull.com](http://www.oberlinturnbull.com)

Brenda K. (Bradley) Jones on February 14, 1992. He fought a long, brave battle with cancer.

He was raised in Antwerp, OH and graduated in 1981. Todd moved to the Warsaw area in 1989 and was employed at Zimmer Biomet for 30 years.

He loved his family and friends immensely. Todd also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and history. One of his most prominent characteristics is the giving nature of his spirit. Todd would do anything to help out family, friends, or neighbors.

A special thank you to Lori Lucas for being a crucial help in Todd's journey leaving this world. God bless you.

*Todd is preceded in death by:* Maternal Grandparents - Verla and William Bromagem; Paternal Grandparents - Marion and Wayne Shuherk; Daughter-in-Law - Danielle (Salwolke) Wampler; *Todd is survived by:* Wife - Brenda Shuherk of Warsaw; Mother - Sue Beck of Paulding, OH; Father & Step Mother - Dennis & Nancy Shuherk of Humboldt, TN; Son - Ryan (Danielle) Wampler of Monroe; Two Grandchildren - Seth Wampler & Sarah (Jared) Lehman; Two Brothers - Con (Ann) Shuherk of Payne, OH & Chad (Kelly) Shuherk of Dayton, OH; Several Nieces & Nephews

A Celebration of Life service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Living Hope Ministries, 595 E. 350N, Warsaw, IN with Pastor Roger Reece officiating. A gathering of family & friends will follow the services on Saturday at the church. Burial will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery at a later date. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. St. Rd. 15, Warsaw, IN is in charge of all arrangements.

Preferred memorials may be given to the Kindred Hospice, 1476 W 18th St, Rochester, IN 46975 or Antwerp Conservation Club, 17814 Rd 53, Antwerp, OH 45813.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Todd Alan Shuherk, please visit our floral store.

## CHOW LINE: FRESH PRODUCE AND COVID-19

*Is it safe to buy and eat fresh fruits and vegetables in light of the coronavirus pandemic? Can I get COVID-19 from eating fresh fruits such as apples?*

Eating fresh fruits and vegetables is a great choice that promotes a healthy diet, so it's important that you don't let fears of the coronavirus pandemic prevent you from eating these healthy foods. In fact, they provide considerable nutritional benefits that help maintain personal health and can enhance the ability to fight off infections. As such, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines suggest that you should fill half your plate with colorful fruits and

vegetables at each meal.

With that in mind, it's important to know that food safety experts consider the risk of acquiring COVID-19, the disease caused by coronavirus, through handling fresh produce extremely low. In fact, there is no evidence at this time that COVID-19 can be transmitted through consumption of contaminated foods, said Sanja Ilic, food safety state specialist with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

"COVID-19 is not a foodborne disease," she said. "Rather, COVID-19 transmits person-to-person through droplets that are produced when an infected individual coughs or sneezes. The virus is most often transferred to another individual when droplets directly reach their nose, mouth, or eyes, or through close contact such as a handshake.

"The virus can also transmit when a person touches an object or surface with the virus on it and then touches their mouth or eyes before washing their hands."

But, because fruits and vegetables can sometimes harbor harmful bacteria, it is important that you rinse all produce under running water before preparing or eating it. That includes fresh produce that was purchased from a grocery store, a farmers market, or even grown at home.

And, some fruits and vegetables that have skin need to be rinsed under running water before preparing or eating them, even if you do not plan to eat the skin.

For example, cantaloupe skin has nooks and crannies that can house dirt particles. You should give cantaloupes a good rinse and scrub them with a clean brush before you cut through them with a knife. That is because peeling or cutting unwashed produce can transfer dirt or other contaminants from the surface of the fruit or vegetable you plan to eat.

In fact, firm produce such as melons, apples, and cucumbers should be scrubbed with a clean produce brush before peeling or cutting into them. They should then be dried off with a clean paper towel or cloth to further reduce harmful bacteria that might be present on the skin, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

"However, you should never use soap, a bleach solution, or other sanitizers to wash produce," Ilic said. "De-

tergents and bleach solutions are not meant to be consumed or used on food. Using them to wash your fresh produce can be dangerous and lead to other health issues."

Here are some other recommendations from Ilic:

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water before and after food preparation.

Rinse produce thoroughly under running water before eating, cutting, or cooking it, whether it's grown at home or purchased from a grocery store or farmers market, and whether it's grown conventionally or organically.

Promptly refrigerate pre-packaged lettuce and other produce labeled "ready to eat." Although the washing during processing removes soil particles and does a good job minimizing the risk of foodborne pathogens, it doesn't hurt to give it an extra rinse just before eating it.

Carefully handle produce with a rind, such as cantaloupe and watermelon. Scrub it with a clean produce brush under running water before being cut into it. If you laid it on a cutting board or other surface before washing it, clean and sanitize the surface before cutting into the fruit to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

When preparing fruits and vegetables, cut away any damaged or bruised areas because bacteria that cause illness can thrive in those places. Immediately refrigerate any fresh-cut items such as salad or fruit for best quality and food safety.

Vegetables such as broccoli, lettuce, and leafy kale should be rinsed under cold water just before you intend to eat them. However, don't wash berries before putting them in the fridge, because that will increase moisture and accelerate growth of spoilage bacteria and molds.

It is important to note that most fresh produce is eaten uncooked and there is no way to kill any harmful bacteria that might be present, Ilic said.

"This is where proper food safety handling comes into play," she said. "To lessen your chance for contracting foodborne illness, it is important that you not only wash fresh produce before preparing or eating it, but you should also wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water before and after preparation."

Chow Line is a service of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and its outreach and research

# SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

*Ephesians 4:32 NIV*

# LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK CELEBRATES NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



Nurses play a significant role in every patient's journey to healing, bringing medical expertise along with a comforting touch, listening ear, warm smile and so much more. National Nurses Week provides a special opportunity to highlight the dedication, sacrifice and commitment that nurses demonstrate on a daily basis.

"Nurses are remarkable people," says Natalie Seaber, RN, MHA, CNML, Regional Chief Nursing Officer, Lutheran Health Network. "They have a passion for caring and a commitment to quality and patient safety. They work tirelessly to ensure that our patients' needs are met, and strive to make a difference in other people's lives."

National Nurses Week (May 6 - 12) recognizes the more than 3.1 million registered nurses who help save lives and maintain the health of people around the country. This annual recognition,

sponsored by the American Nurses Association, begins with National Nurses Day on May 6 and concluding with Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12. Florence Nightingale is regarded as the founder of modern nursing and is most widely known for her service during the Crimean War, where she organized care for wounded soldiers.

"Lutheran Health Network nurses play an integral role in helping patients heal, keeping our community healthy, and developing enduring relationships. We appreciate all that our nurses do to care for our patients, their families and the community," said Mark Medley, FACHE, Regional President and CEO, Lutheran Health Network.

Visit the Lutheran Health Network Facebook page or website at [lutheranhealth.net/nursesrock](http://lutheranhealth.net/nursesrock) to learn more about National Nurses Week and to read stories and advice from LHN nurses across the network.

arms, Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Send questions to Chow Line, c/o Tracy Turner, 364 W. Lane Ave., Suite B120, Columbus, OH 43201, or [turner.490@osu.edu](mailto:turner.490@osu.edu).

## BREASTFEEDING MOMS' EXPOSURE TO NICOTINE LINKED TO INFANT SKULL DEFECT

Lactating mothers who use e-cigarettes or nicotine replacement therapies may be putting their breastfed babies at risk for skull defects, a new study in animals suggests. Cigarette smoking has

already been linked to increased risk for these abnormalities in previous research. This study tested the effects of nicotine alone on head and face development.

Researchers added nicotine to the drinking water of adult female mice that were nursing litters of newborn pups. The nicotine exposure was the equivalent of about one-half to a full pack of cigarettes per day.

Scientists found in 15-day-old pups that the skull joints across the top of their heads were narrowed, putting them on a path to fuse earlier than normal. Because mouse pups at this age don't drink water, breast milk was the only pos-



WARSAW, IN:  
**Todd Alan Shuherk**, 57, of Warsaw, IN passed away at 11:44 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020 in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was born on April 11, 1963 in Paulding, OH to Dennis Wayne & Sue A. (Bromagem) Shuherk. Todd was married to

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protect yourself and others. In 2019, the Patrol issued a total of 1,552 citations to motorcyclists, 65 percent included a speed violation, 21 percent were for operating a motorcycle without a proper license and 6 percent were for OVI.

"Being trained and wearing the proper equipment are two ways motorcyclists can be responsible when riding this summer," said Lieutenant Jonathon Gray, Van Wert Post commander. "All motorists should share the road and be aware of their surroundings, as well as other vehicles using the roadway."

Motorists should give motorcyclists a full lane of travel and look for motorcyclists

at intersections and while changing lanes. Always allow plenty of space in front of the vehicle you are driving and do not follow a motorcycle too closely.

Ohio law requires helmets for riders under 18 and drivers with less than one year of motorcycle experience. Passengers on motorcycles must wear helmets when the driver is required to do so.

For more information visit [www.motorcycle.ohio.gov](http://www.motorcycle.ohio.gov).

A statistical map detailing citations and other motorcycle related information can be found at [https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/links/Motorcycle\\_Bulletin\\_2020.pdf](https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/links/Motorcycle_Bulletin_2020.pdf).

In memory of  
**Curtis Hatlevig**  
July 19, 1957 - May 13, 2019

*In your life you touched so many,  
In your death many lives were changed.  
We have cried many tears,  
And laughed at so many great memories, you have left us with.  
You were the greatest husband, dad, and grandfather, and we all miss you so much. I pray you watch over us to help us get through this next year without you.*

*-Love & Miss You always, Vicki  
Shaun & Jessica, Brock & Jami Randi & Dustin,  
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**Thank You!**

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*—Joe Burkard*

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it has been difficult for visitations. This makes for a somewhat lonely life for Antwerp Manor residents as they miss having regular visits with their family and friends. Jen-

nifer Ramsier, Antwerp Manor Activities Director, has been planning this parade for several weeks to ensure that they would get to see their families in a safe, social-dis-

tanced, manner.

The residents had a great time and so did the participants! They know they are loved at the Antwerp Manor!

visible source of their nicotine exposure.

In human babies, this skull abnormality not only changes the shape of the head but can require neurosurgery to make room for the brain to grow.

The study builds upon previous work by the Ohio State University researchers that showed in mice that nicotine exposure during pregnancy altered offspring's craniofacial growth and development.

"We knew based on previous data in pregnancy that we'd see some changes, but we were a bit taken aback to find there were discernible differences when the nicotine exposure was occurring only during lactation," said James Cray, associate professor of anatomy in Ohio State's College of Medicine and senior author of the study.

"Our data suggest that nicotine alone can alter development of the head and face. That means mothers who vape are likely exposing their unborn children or infants to an amount of nicotine and its metabolites that can disturb growth in the same way cigarettes can."

The research was scheduled to be presented at the April 2020 American Association for Anatomy Meeting held as part of the Experimental Biology conference, which was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of that presentation, the abstract was published in The FASEB Journal.

The disorder seen in these studies is called craniosynostosis, which results from premature closure of joints, or sutures, that connect sections of the skull and remain flexible early in life as the brain continues to grow. One or more of the sutures can be affected.

"Where there is supposed to be a growth site to allow for expansion of the brain, the joints are locked together. The brain can't push those skull sections apart, so it grows in other directions," Cray explained.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in every 2,500 babies is born with craniosynostosis. A definitive cause

is unknown, but the disorder has been linked in studies to genetic mutations and mothers' use of certain medications.

Craniosynostosis can alter the shape of the head and impair the development of the eyes and vital organs and, if not repaired in surgery, may lead to developmental delays. Symptoms include altered head shape, projectile vomiting, poor feeding, high-pitched crying and sleepiness caused by increased pressure on the brain. Children with the disorder who don't need surgery live normal lives with uncorrected abnormalities.

Based on previous work, Cray and colleagues targeted the nicotine dose in this study at 100 micrograms per milliliter, expecting mice to drink 3 to 5 milliliters of water per day. The researchers confirmed the mouse moms' level of exposure by measuring chemicals that are metabolites of nicotine in their blood.

When the pups were 15 days old, which roughly equates to age 1-2 years in humans, the scientists used micro-CT scanning to measure their heads. They found abnormalities in development of the pups' coronal sutures, joints that span the top of the head from ear to ear.

Cray is continuing this work, next planning to vaporize nicotine in mouse studies to mimic the effects of e-cigarettes on head and face development in offspring. His lab is also studying nicotine's effects on bone cells, looking for potential mechanisms to explain the damage. Early results suggest nicotine increases cell division and also puts so much stress on cells in the skull that they prematurely discard components that contribute to their normal function.

"The broader implication of this work, simply put, is that nicotine cannot be viewed as a relatively safe chemical that acts only on addiction," Cray said. "We know a lot as a scientific community about cigarettes. But we don't know as much about the components in cigarettes. The need to better understand the effects of nicotine alone is our

specific aim."

This work is supported by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

The study was led by first author Amr Mohi, a graduate student in Cray's lab, and also co-authored by Rajiv Kishinchand and Emily Durham.

### HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2020

#### Defiance County:

U.S. 24 just east of Maumee river, near city of Defiance, will have left lane closures in both directions for work to construct an emergency turnaround. Work is being performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

River Drive and Fort Street in the city of Defiance: The Clinton Street bridge, which carries state Routes 15, 18, and 66 over the Maumee River in downtown Defiance, has been replaced with a structure that carries four lanes of traffic. The new structure also provides better access across the bridge for pedestrians, bicyclists and those with disabilities. The new structure was dedicated as the Purple Heart Bridge and reopened on Dec. 2, 2019. Additional work around the structure will continue through summer 2020. The Great Lakes Construction Company, Hinckley, serves as the general contractor. For more information see the project page.

#### CONTINUING IMPACTS

West River Drive west of Clinton Street is closed.

East River Drive from Clinton Street to High Street is closed with access maintained to Pontiac Park.

Fort Street from Clinton Street to Wayne Avenue is closed.

State Route 18 in the village of Hicksville will close for railroad repair on Tuesday, Mar. 31 through May 2020. Safety Services Supply, Cloverdale, serves as the general contractor.

#### CONTINUING IMPACT

Detour: Elm Street to Meuse-Argonne Road/Hicksville Edgerton Road to Industrial Drive to SR 49 to SR 2 back to SR 18

#### Paulding County:

State Route 500 between the Indiana state line and the village of Paulding will be restricted through the work zone for crack sealing operations. The work will be performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 637 between county Road 111 and State

Route 111 will be restricted through the work zone for drainage repairs. The work will be performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

#### Van Wert County:

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and the city of Van Wert will have lane restrictions for drainage maintenance. The work will be performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

State Route 697 between state Route 116 and the city of Delphos is open following a closure for pavement repairs.

Jefferson Street between Main Street and Crawford Street, just south of Central Avenue in the city of Van Wert will close on May 11 for approximately 90 days for a bridge replacement. The work will be performed by Eagle Bridge Co., Sidney.

#### NEW IMPACT

Detour: Main St. to Jefferson St. to Central Street to Washington Street to Crawford Street.

For more detailed traffic information, and to get personalized traffic alerts for your commute, download the OHGO app or visit OHGO.com.

### AMERICA'S MEATPACKING FACILITIES PRACTICING SAFE REOPENING TO ENSURE A STABLE FOOD SUPPLY

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue applauded the safe reopening of critical infrastructure meatpacking facilities across the United States. These meatpacking facilities have resumed or plan to resume operations this week following President Trump's Executive Order directing the facilities to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines specifically created for the meat and poultry sector response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in conjunction with the CDC and state and local health officials have been working around the clock to ensure a safe and stable supply of protein is available for American consumers all while keeping employees safe.

"President Trump took decisive action last week to ensure America's meatpacking facilities reopen in a safe way to ensure America's producers and ranchers will be able to bring their product to market," said Secretary Perdue. "I want to thank the patriotic and heroic meatpacking facility workers who are returning to work this week so the millions of Americans who depend on them for food security can continue to do so."

The following major meatpacking facilities are resuming operations across the United States this week:

Tyson Perry, IA ; Tyson Waterloo, IA ; Tyson Logansport, IN ; JBS Worthington, MN ; Smithfield Monmouth, IL ; Smithfield Sioux Falls, SD ; Indiana Packers, IN (pork)

Tyson Robards, KY ; Jennie-O Turkey Store, Wilmar, MN (poultry)

Tyson Portland, ME (further processor)

Tyson Pasco, WA ; Tyson Dakota City, NE ; Aurora Packaging, Aurora, IL ; JBS Green Bay, WI (beef)

### BACKUP IN MEAT PROCESSING LEADS FARMERS TO PAINFUL DECISIONS

The COVID-19 pandemic has led farmers to some excruciating decisions to cut their losses, including euthanizing animals.

There's a financial toll, for sure, but an emotional one as well.

"They're cringing," said Lyda Garcia, an assistant professor of meat science with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). "It really hurts to have to do that."

With meat processing plants partially or fully closed or backed up with orders, some Ohio farmers who raise pigs and chickens for slaughter are reluctantly turning to reducing their flocks or herds.

It's not a decision they want to make, nor a decision they ever expected to make.

This is happening amid other hurdles. Commodity prices continue to sink, and just last year, many Midwest farmers could not plant corn or soybeans because of unprecedented rainfall. For some farmers, knowing options to stay financially sound is as important as knowing how to get help for anxiety and emotional slumps.

"The way we explain it is that taking care of yourself, including your mental health, is like changing the oil on your tractor," said Sarah Noggle, an educator with CFAES' Ohio State University Extension outreach arm in Paulding County. "If you don't do it routinely, things become unbalanced."

And there are many reasons for imbalances now.

In the meat industry, COVID-19 has led to a logjam. Though livestock raised on the farm is ready for market, many meat processors are unable to accept it—at least not at the same pace they had been before the coronavirus

arrived in the United States. The pandemic has led to a lot of sickness and time off work at processing plants, and though the nation's major plants are opening up, shifts are limited.

Ohio has about 400 smaller meat and poultry processing plants, but most have a backlog of orders, some of which are typically funneled to the nation's largest plants out of state, Garcia said. About 25% of Ohio's pigs are processed out of state, and trying to find an Ohio meat processor to take them is challenging.

Farmers in Ohio have been forced to euthanize some pigs and chickens primarily because the animals can't be held on the farm long after they reach market weight without declining seriously in value or losing value entirely, Garcia said.

"The farmers are really upset because this is what they devote their lives to," Garcia said. "It's happening frequently enough that many of us are gathering resources for farmers on mental health. This is serious."

Keeping pigs and chickens on a farm for longer times means they'll weigh more when they're sold. But sometimes a processor won't buy an animal if it's too large, or the processor will pay the farmer a lot less for the animal because the additional fat could mean it sells for less.

Typically, cattle can be kept a bit longer on the farm after they reach market size and still be OK for sale. But if a cattle producer has to seek out a smaller processor instead of a major one, they often earn less for that meat, Garcia said.

"At the end of the day, it's all about losing money," she said.

Most often, farmers with hogs and chickens are eliminating the youngest or unborn in their flocks or herds, rather than the fully grown animals that they've already invested in.

Farmers can't easily donate their livestock to a food bank because it has to be taken to a meat processor, and the processors are backed up with orders for the next six months to a year, Garcia said.

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ment. The property is located at 3846 Turnpointe Blvd in New Haven, Indiana.

Primary Plat and Rezone # 20-SUB-01/20-Z-01; a request to rezone the property located at 6748 Moeller Road New Haven, Indiana from MH, Manufactured Housing to RSP-1, Single-Family Residential Planned and also a request for approval of a primary plat for a new residential subdivision to be called Quail

Creek Country Subdivision consisting of +/- 55.34 acres and will total one-hundred and sixty-seven (167) lots.

#### CONTACT

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# ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS

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**Pictured is Mrs. Ruth Witt enjoying her delicious ice cream sundae.**

well as fresh strawberries, bananas, sprinkles, whipped cream, nuts and a cherry if they desired! Needless to say this was a sweet way to spend part of their Saturday!

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## YOU CAN MAKE IT

**By: Doris Applegate**

There is no time like the present to pray. So many are sick and dying that the least we can do is pray that God will comfort those caught in the crisis of this global virus.

In the 1980's a man named David Wilkerson "saw" that we would have a plague in our country that would be followed by a "great awakening". He helped drug addicts by the organization "teen challenge". A DVD of his ministry can be obtained called "The cross and the switchblade."

When we speak of a great awakening it is very simply a return to God and away from our sins and rebellion. We understand from history that the other two awakenings our country had caused people to repent of sin, pray earnestly, attend worship, fear God, love God and each other caus-

ing crime to go down so that the judges had none to prosecute. We went back to what our country was founded on: God's word and evangelizing the lost. We sent many missionaries to other countries to help.

When prayer and the Bible plus the Ten Commandments were taken from our schools, etc., we started to slide backwards. We soon put laws on our books overriding the laws of God and allowing 'political correctness' to rule. Now comes the turning and the refreshing. Take heart and be glad for we are waking up to see what God can do when we see our need of HIM. We all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. (Romans 3:23).

We are now about to see God's wonderful Glory revealed (Isaiah 40:5). Our best days are ahead of us so look up and rejoice. God knows what we need and is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1) Please read the rest of this Psalm for encouragement. Just as we wake up from a heavy sleep, so we will wake up to a new day in God. Rub the sleep from your eyes and see clearly all that is on our new horizon. Amen!

## PARSON TO PERSON

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
*Dear Parson,*

*Revelation 21:8 indicates the fearful, murderers, whoremongers, etc., including all liars, will end up in hell. That would also include King David and even me. How can that be?*

All sin carries the penalty of the first and second death. "For whosoever shall

keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." - James 2:10. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." - Romans 6:23. We all deserve hell, according to God's justice. However, His mercy and grace provide an opportunity to still go to heaven by the substitutionary death and resurrection of His righteous Son, Jesus. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." - 2 Corinthians 5:20. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." - 1 Peter 3:18.

He is available to all who will receive Him by faith. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." - John 1:12. That makes us an overcomer of our sin's deserving destination. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." - Revelation 21:7.

Note 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 where there is also a list of similar sinners who won't be in heaven. However, verse 11 says, "And such WERE some of you: but ye are washed (now made clean), but ye are sanctified (now set apart by and for God), but ye are justified (possessing Christ's righteousness instead of your own)... In God's eyes you are no longer one of those sinners.

If you have not already received Christ by faith, do it today. "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." - 2 Corinthians 6:2b

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## GOT FINANCIAL QUESTIONS? ASK A FINANCIAL EXPERT

Many Ohioans struggling financially have questions, and The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) might have the answers.

With Ohio's unemployment rate hitting a five-year high as the nation continues to deal with the health and financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic, numerous consumers statewide have financial questions as many try to manage the biggest economic challenge they've ever faced.

More than 1.1 million Ohioans have filed for unemployment benefits since March, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Nationwide, some 33.5 million Americans are out of work, with 14.7% of the population unemployed, the highest since the Great Depression, economists said today.

That's left many people seeking answers to questions such as how to pay credit card bills, how to file for unemployment, and how to access federal stimulus checks if they receive social security benefits and aren't required to file taxes, said Amanda Woods, an Ohio State University Extension healthy finances program specialist. OSU Extension is

the outreach arm of CFAES. To help answer some of those questions, OSU Extension is offering free financial education to assist families with improving both their present and future economic well-being, Woods said. Consumers can submit questions anonymously to the Ask a Financial Expert site at go.osu.edu/financialadviceurvey and get responses emailed to them within five days, she said.

"OSU Extension family and consumer sciences healthy finances professionals are sensitive to the economic challenges families and their communities are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic," Woods said. "For some, the loss of jobs has greatly affected families and their communities.

"For others, it is declining health along with inadequate health insurance coverage that puts their economic well-being and quality of life at risk."

A team of FCS educators statewide manage the site, researching and answering questions on topics including budgeting, trouble paying bills, unemployment, debt and debt collections, bankruptcy, mortgages, saving money, and protection from consumer fraud.

Since the program's inception on March 30, more than 37 consumers have reached out with questions. Ohio consumers have submitted questions in top categories such as how to pay bills or deal with mounting debt; how to navigate Ohio's unemployment system; how to get help with paying mortgages; and what resources are available to help struggling small businesses, said Courtney Woelfl, an FCS educator in Cuyahoga County.

One consumer submitted the following question: "I have a large credit card debt I know I will never repay. Should I contact the credit card companies directly or contact a debt relief company? If so, which one? There are so many debt relief companies advertising now."

Here's another submitted question: "Can you get financial help (unemployment) if your salary is reduced or hours are cut without pay due to companies cutting back because of the economic shutdown, but you're not technically laid off?"

People statewide are worried right now, and they are trying to figure things out that many have never experienced before, Woods said.

"These are uncertain times for everyone right now," she said. "The pandemic has turned into the great equalizer, resulting in people who've never had financial issues, but who now find themselves impacted.

"People are wondering how to take stock of where

they are, and how to move forward."

That's why the site was created, Woods said. It's staffed by FCS healthy finances educators whose work focuses on financial education across the lifespan: financial education and literacy for youth, financial education for adults, fraud protection, homebuyer education, housing education, and financial literacy.

"We're offering this program as part of Ohio State's land-grant mission to bring the resources of the university into the community to effect change and impact Ohioans," she said. "With OSU Extension having offices in counties throughout Ohio and the relationships that we've established statewide, we are uniquely positioned to facilitate this program."

"We want people to know that they're not alone. We're all dealing with these issues, and we're here to offer support. This is an unprecedented event, and we've adapted to continue to serve the public. We don't want people to let the stress take over and make them feel they are alone."

## VILLAGE OF ANTWERP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/4/20

The special meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Ray DeLong. Council persons present: Rudie Reeb, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Mike Rohrs, Keith West, and Jan Reeb.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, Administrator Sara Keeran. Visitors: None

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2020-08: An ordinance authorizing emergency measures in response to the covid-19 virus and declaring an emergency.

- Motion made by West, seconded by Rohrs, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2020-08. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rudie Reeb, seconded by Jan Reeb, to accept ordinance no. 2020-08. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved.

First reading of resolution no. 2020-02: A resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a replacement with an increase of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of maintaining and operating a cemetery (r.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(T), 5705.191, 5705.192, And 5705.25)

- Motion made by Rohrs, seconded by West, to adjourn the meeting. 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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### WHAT CAN INVESTORS LEARN FROM CYCLISTS?

May is National Bike Month. Of course, millions of Americans enjoy biking, so there's reason to celebrate. But even if you're not much of a rider, you can apply some of the guidelines and lessons of bicycling to other areas of your life - such as investing.

Consider taking some of these ideas for a spin:

Tune up your portfolio. When bicyclists tune up their bikes, they adjust their brakes, clean and lubricate the chain, tighten nuts and bolts, and check the tire pressure, among other tasks. Such a tune-up keeps their bikes running smoothly and reduces the chances for breakdowns. And by "tuning up" your investment portfolio, you can help it stay in line with your goals and risk tolerance, while also preparing it for a "breakdown" in the financial markets, in the form of sharp downturns. To tune up your portfolio, look for ways to increase diversification, which can help reduce the effects of volatility, and watch for investments that may have chronically under-performed or are no longer suitable for your risk tolerance. You might be better off selling these and using the proceeds to invest in new opportunities.

Know when to shift gears. Bicyclists move into higher or lower gears in response to changing road conditions and elevations. As an investor, you, too, may need to "shift gears" or adjust your investment strategy when your personal financial environment changes. So, for example, in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may want to move some - but certainly not all - of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones. That way, you can lock in some of the gains you may have achieved while lowering your portfolio's overall risk level. This is important, because once you reach retirement and you need to start withdrawing from your retirement accounts - which essentially means liquidating some of your investments - you don't want to worry too much about having to sell when prices are down. However, keep in mind that, even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your holdings to help yourself stay ahead of inflation.

Protect yourself. Smart bicyclists always wear their helmets - they know that an unexpected bump in the road could cause a dangerous spill. And on the journey toward financial security for yourself and your family, you can also expect that some hard knocks could come your way - which is why you need the proper protection. To safeguard your family in case anything should happen to you, you must have the appropriate amount of life insurance. And to help ensure your financial independence - and avoid becoming a potential burden to your grown children - you may want to consider some type of long-term care coverage, which can help cover many of the costs of a lengthy nursing home stay. You could choose a long-term care insurance policy or a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term care protection with the death benefit of traditional life insurance. A financial advisor can recommend the option that's most suitable for your needs.

You may want to observe National Bike Month by taking a few rides yourself. But in any case, making these cycling-inspired moves can help you keep rolling along toward your financial goals.

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### CORONAVIRUS FUNNIES

Tomorrow is the National Home-school Tornado Drill. Lock your kids in the basement until you give the all clear. You're welcome!

2019: Stay away from negative people.

2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will

be run by people home-schooled by day drinkers...

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!

Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood! Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!

Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit, and stay healthy.

We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweat-pants. I say we use them!

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

Me: Alexa what's the weather this weekend?

Alexa: It doesn't matter... you're not going anywhere.

Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this corona virus and be done?! I feel like a kindergarten who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.

When this is over... what meeting do I attend first... Weight Watchers or AA?

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

### OSU EXTENSION ANNOUNCES AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES MADNESS: A TOURNAMENT OF EDUCATION

Did your usual conference get canceled? Looking to fill the void of the big basketball tournament? Ohio State University Extension is here to help with a new virtual education program for the agricultural community. "Agriculture and Natural Resources Madness: A Tournament of Education" will include 64 educational events broken into daily brackets. Each day, a virtual educational session will be held at 9 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. The educational tournament is free of charge and will likely continue until mid-May.

"This effort is a direct response to providing a variety

of useful and timely sessions for farmers and families across the state during Gov. DeWine's stay-at-home order," said Jacqueline Wilkins, interim director of OSU Extension. "While our 'tournament' is being loosely tied to March Madness, it's not a competition, and people can join in at any time for as many or as few sessions as they desire."

The tournament opened on Wednesday, March 25, with the eFields 2019 Results webinar. Learn how the eFields program used modern technologies to help Ohio farmers learn new practices and techniques to improve farm efficiency and profitability. Tip-off is at 9 a.m., and registration is required at go.osu.edu/eFieldsWebinar.

Also in this bracket was a March 25 noon webinar from Sam Custer, interim assistant director of OSU Extension's agriculture and natural resources program, to discuss how educators are working remotely to continue serving Ohioans during these uncharted waters of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

Tournament "brackets" will change daily. Topics will cover a variety of subjects and be presented in a variety of virtual platforms. When possible, question-and-answer opportunities will be included.

To find complete details on the tournament's educational opportunities and other event and webinar links, visit go.osu.edu/ag-madness.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Madness is just one example of how OSU Extension is employing its online resources during this challenging time to remain engaged with Ohioans. "The intent is to reach the agricultural community in a time of high stress," Custer said. "OSU Extension has also updated its Ag Crisis website to include a toolbox of resources related to COVID-19. Those can be reached at go.osu.edu/AgCrisis."

Clients, stakeholders, and other community members can continue to connect with any OSU Extension staff member via phone or email as usual. To contact your local Extension office, visit for office phone numbers and a direct link to each office's website and staff directory. If you reach voicemail, please leave a message with your name and contact information, and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), and works to share knowledge with every county in Ohio. Its four major program areas are family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, community development, and agriculture and natural resources.



### LET US KNOW WHAT YOU DID DURING THE 2020 PANDEMIC

#### Penny For Your Thoughts by: Nancy Whitaker

The Covid19 virus of 2020 will go down in the history books as one of the worlds biggest pandemics in modern times.

This new virus came



in with a vengeance and wreaked havoc on the world.

Businesses were closed; schools were cancelled; churches did not worship; restaurants closed; and we were issued "Stay at home" orders.

This pandemic interfered with life as we knew it and it seemed as if the whole world

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ment Ceremony on Sunday, May 24th. The video will be available at 2:00 PM on Antwerp Local School's website, Facebook page, and ALSTV Archers Live YouTube channel. Seniors will also receive an e-mail with a link to the video.

The virtual ceremony will include as many of the traditional elements of graduation as possible, including the processional, honors addresses, the senior video, presentation of diplomas to each student, and the turning of the tassels.

During the weekend of May 15, students will come to the school with their parents during an assigned time slot to receive their diploma, film video segments for the virtual ceremony, and have a professional

had just stopped.

At first, it did not seem bad to either work from home or just stay in. I know I have been Inside for over a month and now I am ready to claim some of the amenities I once took for granted.

So what did you do during this time of Staying at Home?

Did you cook something special, make face masks, binge watch TV, play with and educate your children, read, make a video, clean house, work out, and how did this pandemic effect you?

Have you got any photos or stories of what you did to stay busy? What are you looking forward to doing after this is over?

Email your experiences or photos to info@westbendnews.net or nancywhitaker@yahoo.com and years from now you can look back and say, "This is what I did."

Your stories just may be shared at a later date in Penny for Your Thoughts.

picture taken. In doing so, Antwerp High School will meet Ohio Department of Education guidelines and recommendations concerning this year's graduation in light of the COVID-19 circumstances.

After viewing the virtual graduation on May 24, seniors are invited to line up in vehicles on Field House Drive at 4:00 PM for a procession to be led by police through Antwerp.

Please partner with Antwerp High School in honoring its 48 seniors on May 24, 2020, by viewing the virtual graduation and the procession through town. We hope the community will join us to make this less than ideal situation a memorable time for Antwerp High School's graduates in the Class of 2020.

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**OUR WILD LIFE**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
In the West Bend News issue of April 28th, a press release from the Ohio DNR was printed about the Eagles' existence in Ohio. I hope you read it, because it is very informative about their existence.

It said that back in 2012 there in Ohio there was 281 eagles' nests recorded in Ohio, but lately in the Citizens Scientist Report there was 707 nests that they knew of...yes the eagles are doing well.

Counties along Lake Erie have the most bald eagle nests: Ottawa 90, Sandusky 50, Erie 32.

In the report it says Paulding County has 3 nests. I think that is too low, as I know of 5 nests here on the Maumee River from the bridge on SR 49 to the Cecil bridge, and rumor of a nest southwest of Paulding and one along the State Line south of Payne.

That is a very good story in the West Bend News issue of April 28th.

See ya!

**BAT MASTERSON**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
**Prizefighting**

Masterson maintained an interest in prizefighting and other sports, and was known as a frequent attendee at boxing matches across the country. He frequently placed bets on the fights and occasionally served in an official capacity as a second or a timekeeper. He knew—and was known by—the heavyweight champions of the era, from John L. Sullivan and James J. "Gentleman Jim" Corbett to Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey. The sports-minded Masterson was ringside during the John L. Sullivan - Jake Kilrain heavyweight championship fight at Richburg, Mississippi, on July 8, 1889. He was the designated timekeeper for Kilrain and came under fire from some sources for how he handled his role. Reportedly, Masterson saw to it that Luke Short, Johnny Murphy, and "twelve other good men

were scattered around the ring where they would do the most good in case of an emergency."

In early 1892 Masterson moved to the silver boomtown of Creede, Colorado where he managed the Denver Exchange gambling club until the town was destroyed by fire on June 5, 1892. On September 7, 1892, Masterson, Short, and Charlie Bassett attended the Sullivan-Corbett championship fight in New Orleans. According to a Dodge City paper, Masterson bet on the winner, while noting, "Charlie Bassett and Luke Short were among the notables in attendance. Bassett bet his money on Sullivan." Masterson was in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 25, 1894, acting as a second for Charlie Mitchell during Mitchell's heavyweight title shot at the champion, James J. "Gentleman Jim" Corbett. Mitchell was knocked cold in three rounds.

**Last years in Denver**

Masterson moved to New York City in 1895 to briefly serve as a bodyguard for millionaire George Gould. He wrote to his Denver friends glowing accounts of fishing trips "with the Goulds on their yacht," and announced his intention to remain in New York City indefinitely. On June 6, 1895, a Denver paper quoted a friend of Masterson's, who observed that "Bat has at last fallen into a dead easy game."

Masterson returned to Denver for several more years. On April 6, 1897, serving as a deputy sheriff of Arapahoe County, he got into a dispute on election day with a Tim Connors. Masterson drew his pistol and Connors attempted to seize it. During the scuffle, the gun discharged and C.C. Louderbaugh was shot in the left wrist.

On April 9, 1899, Masterson became a partner in a boxing club called the Colorado Athletic Association. Within a few days, Masterson was excluded from the organization by his partners. Masterson retaliated on April 18 by founding a rival club, the Olympic, with himself as president. Masterson received favorable media coverage from a Denver newspaper called George's Weekly, where he was employed as sports editor.

In September 1900, Masterson sold his interest in the Olympic Athletic Club and made another visit to New York City. Masterson had decided to settle in New York City, but had a sudden change

of heart and returned to Denver, with humiliating results. Two conflicting versions are given for what caused his final departure from Denver. Masterson's story was that an irate woman belted him with an umbrella on May 2, 1902, when she took exception to an "undesirable" such as Masterson trying to cast his ballot at a local election. An alternate version states that Masterson had become a dangerous drunk who was run out of Denver for being a public nuisance. Whatever actually happened, Masterson left Denver and never returned.



**By: Stan Jordan**

Years ago, before 2000, there was a Ford dealer down at the corner of South Main and Daggett St., his name was Keith Davis. I think every once in a while about a little card that was fastened on his cash register...it read: Our credit manager is Helen Waite, so if you want credit, go to Helen Waite."

I was walking down Main St. and I looked across the street and there was some ladies in a group talking and the one lady looked like my old school chum, Helen Greene, and by golly I would like to talk to her about old times. So, I cut across the street to see her. She was looking the other way so I tapped her on the shoulder. When she turned around I was dumb founded. I stuttered and stammered and said, "I am sorry but you look like Helen Greene." She said, "I know it and I don't look any better in blue either."

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



**By: Stan Jordan**

This is a picture of a church here in Antwerp after a bad storm in 1909. I have seen this picture before, but I never knew where it was located.

Someone left me a drawing of that area and with that,

the plat map in Mr. Ehrhart's book. I have settled with the idea that it is close to the end of Main St. the next lot past where Heather Barnhouse now lives. I know that is a poor set of directions, but that is what I have.

This was called the Chris-

tian Church and I don't think it was rebuilt on that lot, because I first remember that Major Harris and Pete Post lived in a little cottage there in the early 1930's.

I won't guarantee any of this.

See ya!

**HUB AND SPOKE**



**By: Stan Jordan**

This fine picture is a blown up shot from the Erhart Collection. I am really glad to get it and I will tell you what I know about that factory and that area.

This factory was on the east side of Antwerp on the north side of Canal Street about across from where Pudge Kennedy lives.

The first factory in Antwerp was the Antwerp Furnace. It was started about 1864 because of all the timber in the area was burned to make charcoal for their smelter.

This Hub & Spoke Factory

was started in 1872. That was the first factory owned and operated by Antwerp people. Doering, Hill, Harris and Gordon. It was a very successful operation and had about 50 employees. In the year of 1890 they shipped out 120 car loads of their products to different locations.

They owned about 2 square miles of timberland to the south and they built a tramway to get the logs into the canal. This factory was in good shape till the timber was all gone about 1895.

If you look at the picture it shows a little barricade to hold the logs under control

because that is the tow path right here in front and the canal.

Just off to the right and out of the picture is the Oar Factory. It made oars for boats and canoes. It opened in the 1880's.

Then just to the east of that, was the small canal and narrow gauge railroad track to the furnace which was over north by the railroad and which later was US 24.

By the time I was 5 and moved to East Canal Street all the buildings and debris was gone and that was a corn field, farmed by Tom Reeb.

See ya!

hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her.

I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always

correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grand-

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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:

**P.O. Box 215, Paulding, OH 45879**

Veterans who are in need of a ride to the VA can call our office and will be scheduled through the Senior Center. You must give advanced notice of at least one week. This service is for scheduled appointments through the VA only and NOT for when a veteran is simply not feeling well. If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please cancel your appointment with us and call your physician directly.

Thank you,

**Jonathon Lichty, VSO**  
jlichtyvs@pcoho.us  
**Carol Kortokrax, Admin.**  
pcvsc@pcoho.us

ma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

**OVER THE WEEKEND**

By: Stan Jordan

This is Monday morning, May 11th. The news is the same, some places are better with this Covid stuff and some show an improvement.

Lots of states are easing up on some of the restrictions and I am in favor of that. It is time to get this nation back to work.

Lots of people disagree with this, but it has to be done. Yes, there is a risk, but there is a bigger risk if we just sit here and let this 19 stuff run the country.

In my way of thinking, if we just keep this lock down on for a couple of months, the end result will be a catastrophe...life style, financially and a lot of other ways.

**RAILROADS AND THEIR FORGOTTEN TOWNS**



By: Kim Sutton  
Paulding County Bicentennial Committee  
Part of a series

PAULDING - All aboard as we travel through a brief history of Paulding County's railroads and some of the communities that sprang up beside them. Over time, the names of the railroad companies changed through mergers and acquisitions. To avoid confusion, this article will limit the names to those most commonly known and referred to on maps.

Let us start with the Toledo, Wabash & Western, the first railroad built through our county. Most commonly known as the Wabash RR, it passed through the townships of Emerald, Crane, Carryall and Harrison. The line was built from Toledo, west to the Indiana state line, then to connect with the Great Western Railroad and on to the Mississippi River.

This line was constructed

mainly due to the determined efforts of the citizens of Defiance, who recognized the advantages of having a railroad through Defiance. It also had beneficial results for Paulding County as well, opening the first railroad commerce with the large commercial centers of the country both east and west.

The line running from Toledo to Fort Wayne was completed in 1856. Paulding County's portion was completed in 1855. General W.H. Gibson and General James B. Steedman had charge of its construction between Defiance and Fort Wayne.

The Wabash Railroad entered Paulding County at Section 1 of Emerald Township and continued in a southwesterly direction to the Indiana state line at Section 7 in Harrison Township. The trains passed through the following communities: Renollet, Emmett (also known as Emerald), Cecil, Knoxdale and Antwerp. Three of these towns no longer exist. They are the forgotten towns and will be the focus of this article.

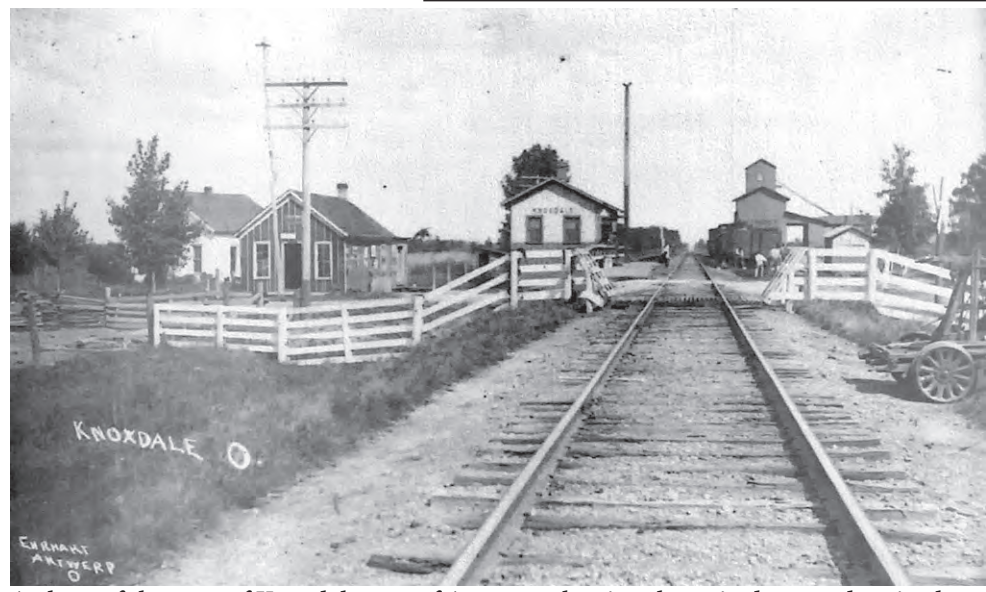
Our first stop will be a small community known as Renollet in Section 2, Emerald Township, located at the crossroads of Roads 139 and 236. This little burg was named for the Renollet family who were landholders around this location.

The settlement was never incorporated so it is difficult to say exactly when it started; however, an article found in the Paulding Democrat newspaper of December 15, 1910, states as follows: "Renollet Station. The new station on the Wabash railroad in Emerald Township, 3 miles east of Emmett, is now in shape for business as a grain and produce shipping point. The railroad has put in a side track, and Nutter & Russell of Paulding, grain dealers, have erected a grain warehouse for the buying and shipping of grain there. They got their scales for the weighing in of grain finished and in position for use last Friday. Renollet will also be available as a shipping point for sugar beets. John Nutter has moved his family over there from here and will make his home there for business purposes."

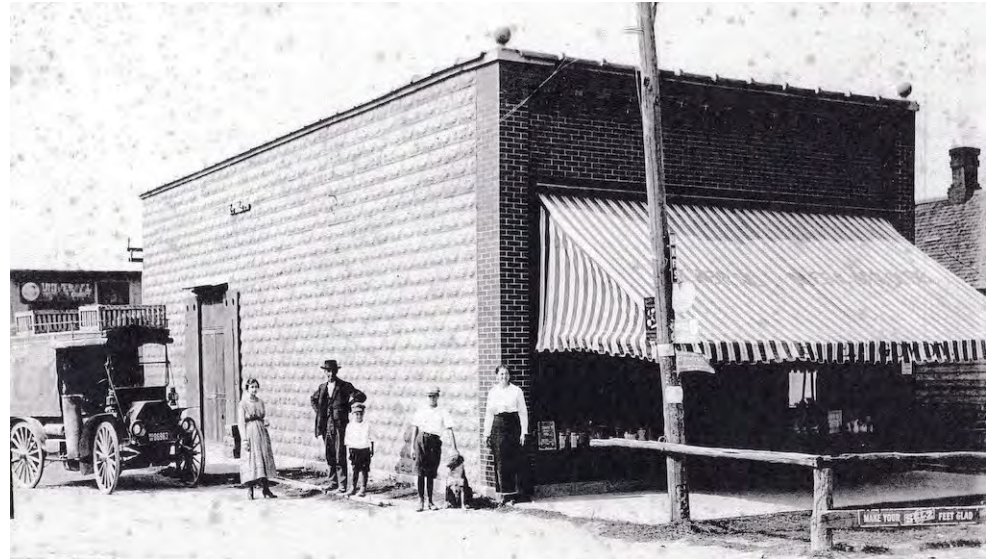
Renollet continued to expand and within a few years it consisted of the elevator, a general store, blacksmith shop and several residences. Tragically, Renollet was literally wiped off the map by a tornado on Sunday evening, March 28, 1920. Six lives were claimed, including four of John Nutter's children. Once a happy, little community with hopeful anticipation of growing, Renollet would not survive the horrific disaster that leveled the settlement.

Our next stop along the Wabash Railroad will be Emmett; however, only the post office carried this name. The settlement was known as Emerald or Emerald Station. The name is for Ireland, the Emerald Isle, and the homeland of many Emerald Township settlers.

This little village was established about 1857 along the tracks at the crossroads of CR 115 and TR 228. Although never incorporated, it was quite a flourishing community. It served as the closest railroad station and operated a daily hack line to the village of Paulding, the county seat. A hack line was simply horse-



A photo of the town of Knoxdale, east of Antwerp, showing the train depot and grain elevator circa 1910.



The Gowdy family is pictured at their general merchandise store at Emerald (Emmett). Eldridge, and his wife, Frances, opened for business in 1903. Eldridge obtained the position of Emerald Station Agent for the railroad company that same year. After Eldridge's death, in 1935, his wife operated the store until 1943.

drawn wagons and carriages for hire. Nearly all of the freight and passenger traffic for Paulding came through Emerald Station. The town had a telegraph and express office, a hotel, two general stores, a post office and several homes. The post office was active from 1858 to 1905.

The railroad not only created the towns of the county, but also roads. In the Paulding Independent newspaper of March 1, 1860, the editor tells us: "We notice with pleasure, that the road from Emerald Station to the canal is being improved... We hope that a liberal outlay of funds may be made on this road, which without exaggeration we may say is a very important one to the interest of Paulding County..." This road ran between Emerald Station and Tate's Landing on the Wabash & Erie Canal. Today, we know this road as County Road 115 or Emerald Road.

When the Paulding & Cecil railroad line opened in 1880, connecting Paulding to the Wabash Railroad, Emerald fell into decline. The telegraph and express office was moved to Cecil and the hack line from Emerald to Paulding was discontinued. By 1892, only one small grocery store and the post office were still open. The other merchants had turned to farming for their existence. While the headline of the Paulding County Republican on January 12, 1905, read "Ohio Electoral College Votes for Roosevelt," the other news was: "The post office of Emmett has been discontinued. The patrons of this office will be served by rural route carrier from Cecil." The Gowdy family continued to run the small store until the 1940s.

As we continue our ride along the Wabash Railroad, after passing through Cecil and before arriving in Ant-

werp, we will stop at Knoxdale (sometimes called Knox), located on TR 69 at the railroad tracks. The unincorporated community had a train station, general store, blacksmith shop, school, a small elevator and about 69 families resided here. The Paulding Democrat newspaper dated August 16, 1888, states: "A post office has been established at Knox, a small station on the Wabash railroad, in Crane Township, this county, to be known as Knoxdale with Frank Shaw as postmaster."

The Knoxdale community news was kept track of by the Antwerp Argus with a column called "Knoxdale Notes." However, many newspapers reported the huge fire on April 9, 1910. The Knoxdale elevator caught fire and burned to the ground. A westbound fast passenger train started it with a spark from the locomotive.

On June 10, 1911, the post office was discontinued and the residents were notified that they would receive their mail by rural mail delivery. By 1920, all the businesses of Knoxdale had closed their doors. However, the little town hung on in memory for another 30 years as the newspaper's society columns commonly referenced people as being "from Knoxdale," or events taking place "over near Knoxdale," as if everyone in the county would know exactly where that is. Today, there are no signs the town

had ever existed. The Wabash Railroad started its decline in the 1960s when railroad passenger services were no longer popular. The tracks still remain today and are owned by R&W Ventures LLC.

Next time: We will continue with part two of the Railroads and Their Forgotten Towns. Special thanks to Walter Lang, president of History Matters, for his help in researching the information for this article.

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

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## FAIRVIEW FFA DELIVERS COOKIES TO FARMERS



Carrie Zeedyk delivering to Bruce Brown.



Clair Shinger delivering to Glenn Newcomer.

Throughout the 2020 planting season, Fairview FFA Members delivered cookies to farmers. Over 20 farmers received a small bag of cookies and a note from the Fairview FFA Chapter.

The Fairview FFA Chapter is proud to support those farmers who support us. "Once in your life you need a doctor, lawyer, policeman, or preacher but every day — three times a day — you need a farmer."

## PANDEMIC PART OF MERCY COLLEGE HISTORY

When the Sisters of Mercy came to Toledo 102 years ago, in the midst of the Spanish Flu pandemic and countless challenges, they recognized the importance of preparing healthcare providers and began the Mercy School of Nursing while simultaneously starting a hospital. Just as it was then, the demand for healthcare workers was as apparent as it is today. Mercy College of Ohio has been

meeting this need for over 100 years. The transition to becoming a college was made in 1993 and Mercy has expanded to offer healthcare programs at the certificate, associate, bachelor's, and master's level in nursing and a wide array of allied health options both on-campus and online. Generations of Mercy College graduates are now on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mercy College has offered healthcare programs in the online learning environment

for 12 years. "There have been challenges but we are fortunate that we have experience delivering healthcare education online and the technology in place so when face-to-face classes had to be moved to the online format, we had the platform and people to do it. We have a strong distance education and teaching resources team and seasoned online educators who provided guidance and best practices," said Dr. Trevor Bates DHSc, AT, ATC, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "I was proud of who we are and what we do before the COVID-19 pandemic and I'm even prouder now seeing everyone come together and adapting to working, teaching, and learning remotely. Healthcare higher education has always required rapid change, that has been especially true this semester," Dr. Bates adds.

Unlike many new college graduates, Mercy College's class of 2020 is not likely to have difficulty finding employment. Mercy graduates not only can easily find jobs, but they enter the workforce with higher salaries with an average annual income above \$50,000. Mercy College scored near the top for return on investment in a study released by Georgetown University in November 2019. Among 4500 colleges and universities, Mercy College was ranked in the top 2% for Return On Investment (ROI) after ten years and the top 5% for ROI after 40 years.

\*The report released by Georgetown University, Center on Education and the Workforce ranked 4500 colleges and universities in the United States based on return on investment (ROI) titled A First Try at ROI: Ranking 4,500 Colleges. Georgetown used Net Present Value (NPV) to determine the rankings. Net Present Value is a way to compare the cost of investing in college now against the potential gains over time. Mercy College's NPV at ten years is \$248,000, and the NPV at 40 years is \$1,206,000.

## #HOWICOMPETE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY OHSAA AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

Inspiring student-athletes to continue training during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has launched the #howicompete campaign, which will collect and promote messages

and videos posted by OHSAA member schools, media and the OHSAA's allied organizations.

With school facilities shuttered, student-athletes are not permitted to gather together, therefore the #howicompete campaign encourages training on their own at home and with instructions sent electronically by their school coaches.

Student-athletes and teams are encouraged to set goals and compete against themselves and others while complying with social distancing guidelines. Content will be promoted through the OHSAA's social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) on its handle @OHSAASports.

"The health and safety of all Ohioans is our top priority, but we also want student-athletes to stay focused and motivated to pick up where they left off when school sports return," said OHSAA Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass. "There are so many things that kids can do on their own or with their parents and siblings. Especially something like running and walking, which is a habit that can stay with them for a long time and keep them healthy as adults."

Organizations such as the Ohio high school coaches associations, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) and many more are asked to help encourage and promote content from student-athletes and tag the OHSAA using #howicompete. The OHSAA is also excited to share this campaign in support of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, which is encouraging stories from competitors whose resilience is helping them Live Forward during this unprecedented health crisis.

In addition, links can be emailed to [webmaster@ohsaa.org](mailto:webmaster@ohsaa.org).

## OSU EXTENSION TO CONTINUE TELEWORKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING STAY SAFE OHIO ORDER

Ohio State University Extension will continue operating via its teleworking plan for all employees and will keep physical OSU Extension offices closed to the public until further notice.

This remains in accordance with The Ohio State University's decision that all university employees, with the exception of essential facilities workers, are to contin-

ue teleworking and remain off campus, physical distancing and taking all other precautions to stay safe.

Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton recently extended Ohio's Stay Safe Ohio order through May 29. While some businesses and organizations in the state are starting to reopen as of early May, the guidelines for reopening offices via the governor's office require personnel to work from home when possible.

OSU Extension has invested in technology that allows personnel to work from their homes. Programs intended to be held face-to-face have been adjusted to a virtual format, and personnel can still be contacted by phone or email. The physical Extension office in each county will remain closed through July 6, unless a decision is made by Ohio State to return sooner.

"While we are considering the guidance from the governor's office and are paying attention to how our local community leaders are planning for reopening businesses, we are following the university's lead on the transition planning process and are still intending to telework for the near future while ensuring we are meeting the needs of our clientele and community partners," said Jackie Kirby Wilkins, OSU Extension interim director.

"We are looking at a phased transition over time, and we have a transition team in place to ensure we have a comprehensive plan for the safe return of our employees and clientele," said Wilkins.

Per previous Ohio State decision, all university in-person events are still canceled through July 6, and Extension activities planned through July 6 will continue to be held virtually or canceled. Ohio State will continue to evaluate and update plans based on evolving conditions with COVID-19.

OSU Extension's recent investment in the technology needed to facilitate effective teleworking for the organization has helped Extension staff remain in continual contact with Ohioans during this challenging time. "Our clients, stakeholders, and other community members should continue to connect with any OSU Extension staff member via phone or email," said Wilkins.

"Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and collaboration related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Like Ohio State, OSU Extension remains committed to the health and well-being of our community and serving our communities in each county as this situation evolves. These are unprecedented times, and we sincerely appreciate your flexibility and support," said Wilkins.

Questions? Visit [extension.osu.edu/lao](http://extension.osu.edu/lao) for office phone numbers and a direct link to each office's website and staff directory.

## OHIO SENATE AUTHORIZES \$350 MILLION IN RELIEF FUNDING FOR OHIO'S LOCAL COMMUNITIES

State Senator Rob McColey (R-Napoleon) announced that the Ohio Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 310, authorizing the distribution of \$350 million of federal CARES Act funding to local communities across Ohio for COVID-19 pandemic-related expenses.

This funding will be made available to counties, municipalities and townships for necessary expenses associated with the current public health emergency and will be distributed based on the proportion of Local Government Fund revenue allocated to them in 2019.

"In these unprecedented times, the Senate has passed legislation to provide \$350 million of relief to our local communities who are being hit hard by this pandemic," McColey said. "Our local communities, particularly small towns, are receiving the brunt end due to this virus. I'm happy to vote in favor of providing this much needed support to our local communities"

The County Commissioners Association, Ohio Mayor's Alliance, Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Township Association voiced their support for S.B. 310.

The funding authorized today excludes Ohio's six jurisdictions with populations over 500,000 because they already qualify for a direct payment from the CARES Act; this includes the city of Columbus and Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery and Summit county governments. Municipalities and townships within these counties, however, are still eligible for the funding appropriated in S.B. 310.

The legislation passed with an emergency clause, making the bill effective immediately upon being signed by the governor.

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**FAIRVIEW STUDENT WINS STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP FROM OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES**



Fairview High Schooler Adriana Roth was awarded a \$1,400 scholarship in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Children of Members Scholarship competition.

Roth, the daughter of Charles and Jennifer Roth of Ney, was sponsored by North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC). She is a senior at Fairview High School.

Twenty-four students representing each of Ohio's electric distribution cooperatives competed for \$41,800 in scholarship awards. Finalists competed in local scholarship competitions before advancing to the statewide competition.

Each year, NWECC's scholarship applications become available in December. Visit NWECC's website at <https://nwec.com/justforkids> for a full list of youth opportunities.

*North Western Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric utility serving nearly 5,900 members in Williams, Defiance, Henry and Paulding counties. To learn more about the cooperative and its programs and services, please visit [www.nwec.com](http://www.nwec.com).*

**NSPA JOURNALISM HONOR ROLL NAMED 1,300 STUDENT JOURNALISTS RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

MINNEAPOLIS — National Scholastic Press Association, the nation's largest association for high school, junior high and middle school journalists, has inducted approximately 1,300 high school scholars and student journalists into its 2020 Journalism Honor Roll.

Locally, the following students from The Archer yearbook staff at Antwerp Local School were honored: Madison Boesch, Morgan Boesch, Kate Farr, Siera Octaviano, and Chloe Saul. The Archer yearbook staff is advised by Mrs. Amy Sorrell.

"These outstanding students excel in both the classroom and in their school newsrooms," associate director Gary Lundgren said. "The future of journalism is bright if these students are any indication."

In addition to serving for at least two years on a student media staff, in broadcast, newspaper, magazine, online or yearbook, the students have earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Senior inductees are eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship, and NSPA will announce the scholarship winner in May.

All Honor Roll inductees will receive a certificate of recognition and will be listed in the association's Best of the High School Press, a yearly publication showcasing the winners in the association's student media competitions. Inductees are also eligible to wear a special honor cord at graduation.

Through education, training and recognition programs, NSPA promotes the standards and ethics of good journalism. Its educational programs, both on-site and virtual, train thousands of student journalists and advisers, and its awards programs include the Pace-maker Award, the nation's preeminent publication honor. It celebrates 100 years of service in 2021.

**DEAN'S HONORS LISTS ANNOUNCED FOR FALL SEMESTER 2019**

Each semester, Defiance College recognizes students who have attained an outstanding level of academic excellence by naming them to either the Dean's list or the school honors list.

The honors list is for students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and enrolled in 6-11 semester hours for which letter grades are given. Students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and are enrolled in 12 or more semester hours for which letter grades are given are named to the Dean's list.

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**OHIO STATE LIMA CONGRATULATES STUDENTS EARNING BACHELOR & ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

The Ohio State University at Lima is pleased to recognize its students who are graduating seniors and those who have earned an associate of arts degree.

Students from Ohio State Lima at spring 2020 commencement graduated as part of the largest-ever graduating class in The Ohio State University history. According to published university reports, Ohio State awarded a record 12,967 degrees and certificates. Typically, about a third of Ohio State graduates began their higher education journeys at a regional campus. A similar number is expected for this historic class.

Graduates will receive their degrees and a copy of the commencement program in the mail at their permanent address. A virtual commencement ceremony with speaker Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, was held May 3. The university will hold a physical recognition event at a later date when it is safe to do so.

The following students completed all or most of their Ohio State coursework at Ohio State Lima and earned the degrees below.

**Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science:**

*Defiance County* - Taylor Estrada-Guerrero, Defiance  
*Paulding County* - Victoria Bradford, Paulding  
*Putnam County* - Victoria Edelbrock, Rebecca Meyer, Amanda Shafer, Columbus Grove

*Van Wert County* - Samantha Farler, Sean Flanagan, Alaina Utrup, Delphos; Hayley Bradford, Ohio City  
*Williams County* - Kyley Stokes, Bryan

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

*Putnam County* - Kylie Alvarado, Emily Blankemeyer, Chassidy Oatman, Alyssa Ridinger; Columbus Grove  
*Van Wert County* - Hol-

ly Dellinger, Delphos; Morgan Bracken, Middle Point; Brayden Cox, Van Wert; Brady Nolan, Venedocia

**OHIO STATE CFAES NAMES 2020 DISTINGUISHED SENIORS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Twenty-five students have been named 2020 Distinguished Seniors at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The award honors top graduating seniors on the Ohio State Columbus campus who exemplify the CFAES mission in areas such as academics and scholarship, research and innovation, service and involvement, and influence and leadership.

"The Distinguished Senior Award is the most prestigious undergraduate award in CFAES," said Steven Neal, CFAES professor and associate dean for academic programs. "Recipients are our future innovators and leaders who have already made an impact within the academic environment at this university and beyond."

Listed below are the Distinguished Seniors, including their academic units, majors, and hometowns.

**Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership:**

Caleb Hickman, agriscience education, Mount Vernon, OH; Meredith Oglesby, agricultural communication, Hillsboro, OH; Marlee Stollar, agriscience education, Marietta, OH; Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics; Mary Buehler, agribusiness and applied economics, Anna, OH; Katie Garen, agribusiness and applied economics, Mount Sterling, OH

**Department of Animal Sciences:**

James Constantino, animal sciences, Poughkeepsie, New York; Kady Davis, animal sciences, Carrollton, OH; Caleb Rykaczewski, animal sciences, Mentor, OH; Emilia Sgambati, animal sciences, Farmington Hills, MI; Hai-

ley Snyder, animal sciences, Boardman, OH

**Department of Entomology:**

Hannah McKenzie, entomology, Westerville, OH; Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering; Asaad Ahmad, construction systems management, Columbus, OH; Matthew Klopfenstein, food, agricultural and biological engineering, Marysville, OH; Tanner Matthews, agricultural systems management, Ohio City, OH; Louis Mezzopera, construction systems management, Chardon, OH; Rex Tietje, agricultural systems management, Deshler, OH

**Department of Food Science and Technology:**

Simone Fishel, food science and technology, Dublin, OH; Jenna Fryer, food science and technology, North Syracuse, NY; Megan Gregg, food science and technology, West Chester, OH; Amber Zehring, food business management, Greenville, OH

**Department of Horticulture & Crop Science:**

Patrick Lynch, professional golf management, Marysville, OH; Rose Vagedes, sustainable plant systems, agronomy, Fort Recovery, OH; Department of Plant Pathology; Isaac Knowles, plant health management, Marysville, OH

**School of Environment and Natural Resources:**

Callia Tellez, environmental policy and decision making, Dayton, OH; Lauren Trapani, environment, economy, development and sustainability, Old Orchard Beach, ME

*An awards dinner was planned for March 25, but had to be canceled.*

"The safety of our community is our top priority," Neal said. "We are deeply sorry the planned celebration will not occur; however, this honor and these students remain an important focus of our college. Their commitment to their education and dedication to their time as an undergraduate student will still be recognized with a special award package that will be mailed to each student."

Joshua Garmater  
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**NEW HAVEN ROADMAP TO MOVE FORWARD**



Governor Holcomb announced the stages to get Indiana back on track and the City of New Haven will follow those guidelines. We will continue the closure of City Hall to the public till Sunday, May 24, 2020. All essential personnel continue to report to work. This includes public safety (Police/Fire/EMS) along with other Department Heads, other Senior Staff, and most full-time employees. We will continue to monitor COVID 19 and take additional action as needed. We continue to follow guidelines and recommendations from the local health department along with state and federal experts and authorities.

When we shift to stage three, city facilities will be open by appointment. This includes City Hall, Community Center Office, New Haven Police Department, and New Haven - Adams Township Fire/EMS. Currently, stage three begins Tuesday, May 26, 2020 unless Governor Holcomb changes the date. Whenever practical, these meetings should take place outside or in a com-

munal area to decrease the potential of contaminating multiple areas. All areas where appointments are to be held, will have hand sanitizer, and wipes available as well as markings to promote social distancing.

When we shift to stage four, city facilities will open without restriction. Currently this is planned for Monday, June 15, 2020. All public areas will continue same sanitization and social distancing protocols mentioned above in stage three. City Council, Board of Works and other meetings will be open for public attendance. We will continue livestreaming public meeting to provide access to citizens who do not want to attend in person.

We continue to encourage everyone to remain proactive and prepared. As a reminder all essential services of the city of New Haven continue to operate including our 911 dispatch center, Police, Fire and EMS. If you have an emergency call 911. For non-emergency, you can reach the New Haven Police Department at 260-748-7080. The Neighbor Helpline is still available. Please call (260) 748-7079 or email us at Info@NewHaven.IN.Gov.

We will continue to take proactive measures to protect our city employees and the public and guarding against any disruption of city services. New Haven will continue to follow the guidance from the State of Indiana and CDC to ensure the health and safety of our employees and the public.

Temporary Closures to the Public Through May 24, 2020  
Utility Payments: The City of New Haven Utility

Office continues to be closed to the public. We are urging you to use one of the payment options below:

Pay online on our website ([www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov))

By phone (1-866-670-3036)

Check or money order can be mailed or placed in the drive up drop box

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We want to continue providing the best service we can and will maintain regular hours (8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00pm - 5:00pm) to answer your phone calls and e-mails. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Community Center:** The Community Center in New Haven continues to be closed to the public. This includes the Fitness Center, Senior Room and public meeting rooms. The City of New Haven Park Office will not be open to the public but will take telephone calls. For any questions, please contact the Park Office at (260) 749-2212.

**New Haven Police Department:** The Police Training Room at New Haven City Hall continues to be closed to the public. This includes all public group meetings. Fingerprinting will no longer be performed until further notice. We are encouraging the public not to come into the office in person to protect the community and staff so that we can continue business as usual. Background checks that can be completed online at <https://www.in.gov/ai/ap-files/isp-lch/>.

**Fire/EMS:** The Training room will not be available to the public. Member of the public are not able to walk-in and have their blood pressure checked.

**New Haven Planning Department:** The Planning Department will continue to accept applications for Improvement Location Permits and other planning services. Applications may be obtained online at [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov). Payment may be made via check at the utility drop box Attn: Planning Department.

**New Haven City Council and Board of Public Works:** We will update the city's facebook page with all scheduling changes. In the event of the need of either of these meetings the public will be able to watch via facebook live, as City Hall will continue to be closed to the public.

**Waste Collection Protocol:** Garbage and recycling crews will collect only Republic Services issued containers. Workers will not pick up additional items left outside the containers. Additionally, workers will not pick up personal containers, yard waste, bags, boxes, or bulk items. We are continuing to suspend the large item and bulk sticker program for the month of May. Please do not place any items at your curb that do not fit in the 96-gallon dumpster as they will not be picked up.

**Contact**  
New Haven: We have many government services available online at [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov) including utility bill payments, permitting and access to City Council and Board of Public Works meetings.

If you have any questions or non-emergency issue, please contact the City of New Haven at (260) 748-7000 or by email at [info@newhaven.in.gov](mailto:info@newhaven.in.gov).

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

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:** Center We will continue to follow the CDC to ensure the health and safety of city employees and the public. This is our top priority. You can visit their website at [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov).

**Allen County Health Department:** For questions throughout Allen County, visit their website at [www.allencountyhealth.com](http://www.allencountyhealth.com). For further information, please contact Elizabeth Hoffman at the Mayor's Office at 748-7019.

**OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WILL NOT CALL YOU ASKING FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) is receiving reports of spam calls to Ohioans from individuals claiming to be from the Ohio EMA and requesting personal protected information, such as a Social Security number.

"The Ohio Emergency Management Agency is not calling Ohioans and asking for their protected personal information," said Executive Director Sima Merick. "If you receive such a call, it is a scam. Please hang up the phone."  
Ohio Attorney General

Dave Yost and Ohio Department of Commerce Director Sherry Maxfield offer these tips to protect yourself from other scams:

- Watch out for emails claiming to be from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other expert sources offering special advice or information about coronavirus disease 2019. Legitimate information is available for free from the CDC [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov) or from the Ohio Department of Health at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

- Ignore advertisements promoting cures for COVID-19. There currently are no vaccines, prescription medications, or over-the-counter products available to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19.

- Refrain from investing in businesses touting products, services or cures for COVID-19. Scam artists try to use the market downturn and the pandemic to scare investors into so-called "safer, guaranteed investments."

- Research nonprofit organizations and crowdfunding campaigns before donating. A database of registered charities is available on the Ohio Attorney General's website. Avoid groups that pressure you into donating and never donate via cash, gift cards, wire transfer, or prepaid money card. These are the preferred payment methods of scammers.

- Be watchful of anyone going door to door offering coronavirus testing or temperature readings and/or requesting personal information. Call law enforcement immediately if you see a suspicious person. Never let strangers into your home.

- Beware of emails and other attempts to "phish" for your personal, financial, and/or medical information. When in doubt, do not share. If the source claims to be your bank or a government agency, confirm they are legitimate by calling the organization at a phone number you have verified.

For information on government stimulus checks, visit the Federal Trade Commission website and stay tuned for updates from reliable news sources. The government will not ask you to pay anything to receive this money and will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account number, or credit card number. Never give this information out.

- When online, avoid clicking on unknown links or pop-ups and never download any suspicious email attachment. Doing so could infect your devices with malicious software designed to steal your personal information or lock your computer until you pay a ransom.

The Department of Commerce asks consumers to ask yourself these questions to help spot red flags:

- Has someone contacted you unexpectedly about an investment opportunity or asked for payment on an unfamiliar account? If you weren't expecting a phone call or didn't initiate the contact, hang up. If you can put a block on the incoming phone number, do so to avoid additional calls.

- Has someone promised you something? If you are offered something that seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- Has someone asked you to do something? Were you asked for banking, credit card, or other financial account information? If you didn't initiate the conversation, don't provide it.

- Is an investment being offered with a guaranteed high return with little or no risk? All investments carry risk. No one can guarantee an investment return.

- Is there a sense of urgency or limited availability surrounding an investment? If the offer is legitimate, it will be there later. If someone offers you a "can't miss" investment opportunity and puts you on the spot, don't be afraid to walk away.

- Is the person offering the investment, and the investment itself, properly licensed or registered? For the same reasons you wouldn't go to an unlicensed doctor or dentist, you should avoid unregistered investment salespeople and their products.

- Consumers who suspect an unfair or deceptive sales practice should contact the office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost at [www.OhioProtects.org](http://www.OhioProtects.org) or 1-800-282-0515.

**Price Gouging**

- Attorney General Yost's Consumer Protection Section is receiving complaints of price gouging for items such as surgical masks and toilet paper. State law bans unconscionable sales practices, which could include dramatically increasing the price of products solely in response to current events.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

*If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.*

**OHIO HUNTERS HARVEST MORE THAN 11,000 WILD TURKEYS AFTER FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SEASON**

The first two weeks of wild turkey hunting in Ohio ended with 11,292 birds checked through Sunday, May 3. Hunters harvested 12,427 wild turkeys during the same time in 2019.

The top 10 counties for wild turkey harvest during the first two weeks of the 2020 hunting season include: Belmont (368), Guernsey (355), Meigs (348), Monroe (343), Tuscarawas (336), Washington (307), Muskingum (306), Harrison (300), Brown (297) and Coshocton (297).

See the complete release here: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/news-announcements/post/ohio-hunters-harvest-more-than-11-000-wild-turkeys-after-first-two-weeks-of-season>

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just got done reading the latest West Bend News. I was so sad to see that the Trump mentality has taken over Sen. Rob McColley, Rep. Craig Reidel, and has even attacked our best historian...Stan Jordan.

While I am somewhat in agreement that it has really sucked being told to stay home, I believe the scientists, and doctors, nurses and healthcare experts over these other guys! It's a proven

fact that the distancing and closure of public places has slowed down the pandemic, but without a clear shot of killing the virus, opening up the country to spread this COVID-19 is NOT the right thing to do, it's a death sentence for many more than the 70,000 plus it's already claimed!

I will put it into English that the only thing the republicans care about is \$money! more \$money! McColley and Reidel don't give a crap if it kills you, as long as their campaign contributors collect a large profit, and donate their money to re-elect these 2, then THEIR life is all good!

As far as Stan goes, the MAGA ideals are wrong for the pandemic our nation is suffering through. Stan knows I love him and enjoy his history lessons, but I want him to hang around a few more years! I have a daughter in law who's a nurse, the stories she tells breaks your heart! And the stories of people who are working across the nation in healthcare have expressed the sadness of watching a patient die without being with their family or loved ones! Or the wife of a front line emergency doctor's loss of a husband to her, and a father of their children!

So many republicans ignore these realities, and are only worried about their bottom lines! Trump says hurry up...open the nation! Reason being his empire is crashing to the huge debts held by U.S, Russian, German and even Chinese banks! He's a paper billionaire without assets,

only huge debts that are about to come due! Without golf, hotels and resorts bringing in cash, he's got nothing! He's a lot like many Americans, living paycheck to paycheck! Look it up, it's common knowledge on the internet!

Heard anything from Bob Latta? At least he's hiding from all this in Washington! Only thing he's done lately is to have a robot call to my house about some teleconference (using our tax dollars) about who knows what. Sounded like a campaign conference...Click. Tax dollars saved! My wife heard Gov. Gretchen Wilson from Michigan say the perfect statement, and told me...6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under! I might not be the most "religious" person, but I pray that you all stay healthy, and start listening to the scientists and doctors, and turn off Fox News! Watch something that has a scientific value instead of bunch of Trump parrots! Oh, and Clorox and Lysol are very bad for you! Read the labels!

—Mike Porter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to express my appreciation to David and Mary Lou Fisher, Jim and Clairhilda Hunt, and all the others who have for years prepared the wonderful Thanksgiving meal at the Methodist Church for many years. Although they are canceled now, I greatly appreciated your many Thursday meals at the Methodist Church.

Also, the same goes to the fine folks who, for many months, prepared the Wednesday night meals at my home church, the Presbyterian Church.

—Lynn Lichty  
7478 Road 424  
Antwerp, OH

McCOLLEY, ROEGNER ISSUE STATEMENTS ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 1

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) applauded the Ohio House of Representatives for passing Senate Bill 1, a bill they sponsored to reduce the regulatory burden on Ohio businesses. S.B. 1 requires state agencies to reduce regulatory restrictions by 30% by 2022 and to establish inventories outlining all restrictions established by state agencies. If the required reductions are not achieved, the bill specifies that they must eliminate two regulatory restrictions for each new restriction they create.

"As one of the most highly regulated states in

the nation, passing Senate Bill 1 would drastically improve Ohio's economy and job growth by eliminating unnecessary and burdensome administrative rules. Cutting this red tape will positively impact businesses in our community, many of which are struggling because of the pandemic," said McColley.

The bill was passed out of the Ohio House State and Local Government committee Wednesday, May 6th, with an additional amendment. The changes to the bill establish common-sense limitations on the Director of Health's discretion to issue orders such as stay-at-home or stay-safe directives during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I feel the House amendment addressing the Director of Health's ability to issue an order is appropriate given the circumstances. Our government was not set up for one branch to have the authority to disrupt the general public's lives and businesses for this long without some form of check or balance. The time has come to reflect the will of many Ohioans by restoring balance to our government," said Roegner. "The amendment added to Senate Bill 1 in the House supports the spirit of the underlying bill, which is to control big government overreach. I am fully supportive of these changes and hope my Senate colleagues will concur."

While current law prescribes no limit to the length of such directives, the amendment caps the duration at 14 days. If necessary to protect the public safety, the Director of Health can request that the legislature, through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, extend the order as needed. The House passed the amended bill during Wednesday afternoon's session.

"This has gone on long enough. Ohioans came together to flatten the curve of this pandemic and we did it successfully. Now we need to open our state before the damage is irreparable," Roegner added. "I believe that Ohioans, if given the freedom, will rise to the occasion and take the necessary

steps to keep their families, employees and customers safe, while conducting the commerce that is so critical to our economy."

Senate Bill 1 now awaits Senate approval to changes made in the House.

ALERT: INDIVIDUAL POSING AS OCR INVESTIGATOR

It has come to OCR's attention that an individual posing as an OCR Investigator has contacted HIPAA covered entities in an attempt to obtain protected health information (PHI). The individual identifies themselves on the telephone as an OCR investigator, but does not provide an OCR complaint transaction number or any other verifiable information relating to an OCR investigation.

HIPAA covered entities and business associates should alert their workforce members, and can take action to verify that someone is an OCR investigator by asking for the investigator's email address, which will end in @hhs.gov, and asking for a confirming email from the OCR investigator's hhs.gov email address. If organizations have additional questions or concerns, please send an email to: OCRMail@hhs.gov.

Suspected incidents of individuals posing as federal law enforcement should be reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI issued a public service announcement about COVID-19 fraud schemes at: <https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200320.aspx>.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: STATE BUDGET IMPACT

STATE BUDGET IMPACT:

Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, Governor DeWine announced \$775 million in reductions to Ohio's General Revenue Fund for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020 which ends on June 30.

At the end of February and prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, state revenues for the fiscal year were ahead of estimates by over \$200 million. As of the end of April, Ohio's revenues were below the budgeted estimates by \$776.9 million.

Because Ohio is mandated to balance its budget each year, and in addition to identifying areas of savings, the following budget reductions will be made for the next two months:

- Medicaid: \$210 million
- K12 Foundation Payment Reduction: \$300 million
- Other Education Budget Line Items: \$55 million
- Higher Education: \$110 million
- All Other Agencies: \$100 million

The new budget reductions will not apply to critical services available to Ohioans or COVID-19 pandemic services. Money to balance the Fiscal Year 2020 budget will not be drawn from Ohio's Budget Stabilization Fund, otherwise known as the "rainy-day fund."

"I know that I have said that 'it's raining,' but we do not want to tap into the rainy-day fund yet," said Governor DeWine. "The 'rain' is not a passing spring shower - it could be a long, cold, lingering storm, and we should not use the fund until it is necessary."

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

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

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

**Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond

**Charloe:** Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store

**Ney:** Marathon

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

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

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

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

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

**Scott:** Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS**

On April 22 Job and Family Services requested the department to do a welfare check on a juvenile child. The officer arrived at the residence and found the juvenile was fine.

On April 26 A domestic dispute was reported on North Main Street. The officer investigated the incident and arrested an adult female and transported her to the Paulding County jail. A report was forwarded to the Prosecutor.

On April 28 a resident reported that his soon to be ex-wife had taken several of his belongings. A report was taken and forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

On April 28 while on patrol an officer saw a vehicle parked along the gravel berm

on East River Street. When the officer investigated he found it was the Railroad Company that left the vehicle overnight.

On April 28 a resident reported that their neighbor's dog barked all day long. The officer spoke to the dog owner and explained that the village has an ordinance in reference to dogs barking.

On April 29 a resident reported that a trailer was parked illegally on Kroos Drive and the officer contacted the owner of the trailer and had them move the trailer.

On April 29 a resident contacted the Sheriff Office in reference to his wife taking his belongings. The sheriff's office contacted the police and the officer explained to the Sheriff's office that the incident was handled but the prosecutor decided it was a civil matter.

On May 2 the officer on patrol stated that the stop sign at the Napa store had been knocked over. The Village Administrator was notified about the damaged sign.

On May 2 a resident reported seeing a handgun laying in the southbound lane on south main street. The officer went to the location and found the gun and discovered it was a BB Gun. The gun was

brought back to the office and a report was filed.

On May 2 a resident on West River Street reported they could hear gunshots near the village limits. The officer patrolled the area but could not find anyone shooting guns.

On May 3 a person reported that there was an ATV driving through the Maumee Cemetery. Officers went to the cemetery and located two people with ATV's and both acknowledged driving by the cemetery but claimed they did not drive in the cemetery.

On May 3 a resident reported that her ex-boyfriend was at her residence and she was not at home and would like him to leave before she went back. The officer investigated and found the man there who said he was gathering his belongings and left without incident.

On May 4 the Police Department was contacted by a resident that she had information of two juvenile boys, ages 14 and 15, were sneaking out after curfew and wandering around the village.

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

**Donovan B. Jadan**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 93/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**AUGLAIZE TWP**

5/6/20 Grant Wanita M Le Grant Troy L Le to Grant Wanita M Le; 15332 Rd 149 Defiance Oh 43512; 10 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Se1/4 Auglaize Twp S-24

**BENTON TWP**

5/4/20 Van Erk Dairy LLC to Van Erk Dairy Llc; 3543 Sr 114 Payne Oh 45880; 160.669 acres; Se1/4 S-21 Benton Twp Easement Vol594 P2441

**BROWN TWP**

5/4/20 Owens Ruby to Owens Jeffrey Etal; 8768 Sr 66 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1 acre; Pt S1/2 N1/2 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-26

5/4/20 Harmon Kirsten A to Shelton Ishmael W Shelton Thelma J; 7760 Sr 66 Oakwood Oh 45873; 3.25 acres; Pt N1/2 Ne1/4 E Of Rd Brown Twp S-34

**CRANE TWP**

5/4/20 Rager Alice I to Ross Chelsie D; Rd 180; 116.919 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Less Rr Crane Twp Sec 26

5/4/20 Ross Chelsie D to Goyings Jeremy D Goyings Jessica S; Rd 97; 25 acres; S Pt Ne1/4Crane Twp S-34

**PAULDING TWP**

5/4/20 Goyings Douglas A & Goyings Diane S to Goyings Jeremy D Goyings Jessica S; Sr 613; 78.52 acres; S1/2Nw1/4Less2a S-26 Pldg Wt

**OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING CRASH ON US 30**

Washington Township - The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a five vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, May 8, 2020, on U.S. 30 which began near milepost 22, and ended near milepost 26 in Van Wert County.

At approximately 2:57 p.m., the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol took a call of a reckless driver eastbound on U.S. 30 near the Middle Point - Wetzell Road exit. The vehicle was reported as unable to maintain lanes and at times, driving the wrong direction and in the grass median. Troopers were dispatched and approximately 3 minutes later, State Troopers observed the vehicle. While attempting to stop the vehicle, the suspect vehicle struck a guardrail just east of State Route 66.

The driver of the suspect vehicle, a 2012 GMC truck, driven by Michael J. Grundy, age 63, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, was uninjured. From the initial report of reckless driving to the location where Troopers made contact with the suspect, a total of five vehicles sustained damage as a result of being struck by Mr. Grundy. No injuries were reported by the other motorists involved.

The Van Wert Post was assisted on scene by Delphos Fire Department and EMS personnel, Big Daddy's Towing and Knippen Towing.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their seat belts and never drive distracted or impaired.

**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition**

**Thomas S. Birdsall**, Columbus, OH; Forgery; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

**Bobby J. Thompson**, Scott, OH; Speed 65/45; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Thomas J. Carr**, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Dismissed; Pay or collection

**Joshua K. Bell**, Zephyrhills, FL; Speed 60/55; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collect 4/3/21

**Arreall C. Coney**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 100/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kori A. Wolfrum**, Defiance, OH; Stop sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kori A. Wolfrum**, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brandon M. Shafer-Zatko**, Middleburg Heights, OH; Speed 90/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jason L. Banks**, Payne, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

**Whitney West**, Oakwood, OH; Failure to register a dog; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jason L. Banks**, Payne, OH; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Angela R. Eblin**, Antwerp, OH; Possession of drugs; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Evaluation at Westwood and complete and recommendations

**Leanna M. Boylan**, Toledo, OH; Speed 81/65; Guilty; Defendant waived traffic citation

**MICHIGAN DRIVER**

**ARRESTED AFTER HIGH SPEED PURSUIT**

On May 1, 2020, troopers from the Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, along with Allen County Sheriff's deputies, apprehended a Michigan woman after she led law enforcement on a high speed pursuit for several miles.

The driver, Mary Ann Pallito-Warnick, 51, of Newport, Michigan, was driving south on Interstate 75 in a 2016 Dodge Charger when she passed a marked Ohio State Highway Patrol vehicle near Bluffton at speeds near 100 mph. The trooper activated lights and sirens in an attempt to stop Ms. Pallito-Warnick, but she fled at speeds in excess of 140 mph.

Troopers and deputies made multiple attempts to use tire deflation devices to stop Pallito-Warnick, successfully doing so just north of State Route 81. Pallito-Warnick pulled onto State Route 81 and was taken into custody after failing to comply with several orders by law enforcement. "I think this is just one more example of how effective the communication and interagency cooperation is between Allen County law enforcement agencies" said Lt. Tim Grigsby, Lima Post commander. "This could have had a tragic ending, but instead, due to the tactical and measured approach by deputies and troopers, this dangerous driver was caught and will face justice."

Pallito-Warnick was incarcerated in the Allen County Jail and faces third degree felony charges for her dangerous and irresponsible actions.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to remain vigilant when driving and always pull to the side of the road when observing emergency lights and sirens.

**FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS**

**Central Ohio - Wildlife District One**

During the deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Josh Elster, assigned to Pickaway County, was contacted regarding a possible deer hunting violation. Two subjects were observed walking across a field carrying guns,

and only one subject was wearing the required hunter orange. Officer Elster arrived and observed the subjects walking out of a creek bottom. Only one of the subjects was wearing the required hunter orange clothing as required by law. The second subject was issued a summons for hunting during the statewide deer gun season without wearing the proper hunter orange clothing and ordered to pay \$110 in fines and court costs to the Circleville Municipal Court.

While on patrol at Buckeye Lake State Park in April, State Wildlife Officer Tony Zerkle, assigned to Fairfield County, noticed an increase in fishing and enjoyment of the area. At the same time, Officer Zerkle was contacted by area residents who have seen an increase in litter left along the banks of the lake and in the parking areas. While the public is encouraged to use this public property, they are also asked to respect the resource and keep the area clean. Officer Zerkle is planning litter enforcement projects with ODNR Parks and Watercraft in problem areas to reduce the amount of litter violations.

**Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two**

While conducting sport fish enforcement on the Sandusky River in April 2019, State Wildlife Officers Antoinette Joliff, assigned to Hancock County, and Greg Wasilewski, assigned to Richland County, responded to a report of four individuals snagging walleye and a possible over-bag. The officers arrived at the scene as the suspects were preparing to leave. The suspects denied snagging walleye and over-bagging.

One individual indicated that he had not over-bagged but was helping another angler net a fish because to the current of the river. After further investigation and inspection of the fish, it was determined that several walleyes had been snagged and kept by two of the four anglers. Officers Joliff and Wasilewski seized the fish as evidence and issued two summonses for the snagging violations. Both suspects pleaded guilty and paid \$260 in fines and court costs.

During the 2019 spring wild turkey hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putman County, observed

**PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL MEDICAL HALLWAY RENOVATION**

Construction Documents Project No. 20013

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in duplicate:

**By:** Ronald Goedde  
Paulding County Hospital, 1035 West Wayne Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879

**For:** Paulding County Hospital Medical Hallway Renovation 1035 West Wayne Street Paulding, Ohio 45879

**At:** Paulding County Hospital 1035 West Wayne Street Paulding, Ohio 45879

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

Until 2:00 p.m., local time, on June 1, 2020. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened.

The work will be conducted under a single prime contract through the General Contractor with the Owner.

**Complete and detailed bidding documents for the work are on file and may be examined at the following locations:**

Vintage Archonics, Inc. 8205 Lima Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818 Phone (260) 489-3543 Fax (260) 489-1293 frontdesk@vintagearchonics.com	Eastern Engineering 1239 North Wells Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 Phone (260) 426-3119 Fax (260) 426-3101 jamie@easternengineering.com http://distribution.easternengineering.com
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The Owner is: Paulding County Hospital  
1035 West Wayne Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Owner's Authorized Agent: Ronald Goedde  
Chief Executive Officer  
Paulding County Hospital  
1035 West Wayne Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
(419) 399-1104  
rgoedde@pauldingcountyhospital.com

The work for which proposals are requested includes all services, labor, materials, tools and equipment as required to complete work in accordance with the contract documents prepared by Vintage Archonics, and local, state and governing agencies.

Bidding documents may be obtained by bidders after May 11, 2020, from the office of Eastern Engineering, 1239 North Wells Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808, phone (260) 426-3119, fax (260) 426-3101, upon receipt of a refundable deposit check made payable to the Vintage Archonics, Inc., in the amount of \$100.00 per set.

Bidding General Contractors may obtain up to three (3) complete sets of bidding documents. All subcontractors each may obtain a single set of bidding documents. Requests for mailed bidding documents will be sent via UPS (ground) at the expense of the Contractor. Deposits will be refunded in full upon return of bidding documents, in good condition, within ten (10) days of bid opening date. Note that digital downloads of bidding documents are at the Contractor's expense. Bidder list information may be obtained on the Eastern Engineering website, www.easternengineering.com.

Bidding documents are not to be separated for the purpose of bidding scopes of work by Contractors or Subcontractors. A full and complete set of drawings and project manual with all addenda and related project documents are to be available to Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers to insure coordination with all facets of the project requirements. Only full sets of documents will be available and issued to bidding Contractors.

Ohio State Gross Retail and use Tax is not to be included in the bid price as the Owner is tax-exempt. The Owner will furnish Tax Exempt certificates to successful bidders.

Bidding General Contractors will submit a list of subcontractors and major equipment and material suppliers with their bid form.

No bidder shall withdraw or cancel his bid or any part thereof for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid date. Bids are required to be executed on the Bid Form prescribed by the Contract Documents and Specifications. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at Paulding County Hospital.

**END OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**PUBLIC REVIEW NOTICE**

**MAUMEE TOWNSHIP 5-YEAR PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**Review/Comment Period: May 12, 2020 to June 5, 2020**

**Maumee Township Trustee Ph: (260) 632-9977**

The Maumee Township Park Board is inviting local residents and park users to review and comment on the final draft of the Maumee Township Five-Year Park Master Plan. The Park Board and Advisory Committee has been working on the development of a comprehensive plan since July 2019. Through information gathered from a community survey and public participation, the Park Board was able to identify deficiencies and improvements that are needed at the Woodburn Park to better serve the community. The Park Master Plan contains a prioritized action plan with the implementation schedule of projects and activities to be conducted over the next five years.

To ensure that the plan accurately represents the needs and desires of the community, the Board will provide copies of the Park Master Plan and comment sheets at the Woodburn City Hall, located at 22735 Main Street, Woodburn, IN 46797 (by appointment from May 11 thru May 25, 2020, or without an appointment from May 25 thru June 5, 2020). A copy will be available at the Woodburn Library upon official reopening to the public (to be determined), located at 4701 S.R. 101 N. Woodburn, IN 46797. Additionally, web versions of the Park Master Plan will be available on the City of Woodburn's website at: www.cityofwoodburn.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/, the Woodburn Youth League website at: www.woodburnbaseball.com/, and the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) website at: www.nircc.com/park-planning.html. For additional questions or comments, please contact Kristine Christlieb, Community Development Planner, by phone at: 260-449-7309 or email: Kristine.Christlieb@co.allen.in.us not later than June 5, 2020.

By the Order of Vicki Thompson, Trustee  
And the Park Board of Maumee Township

a turkey hunter leaving the field with a turkey slung over his shoulder. Officer Porinchok contacted the hunter. Upon inspection of the bird, he found no beard. Officer Porinchok determined the bird was a beardless hen. The subject stated that he believed the bird had a beard when he shot. Ohio law states that during the spring turkey season, only bearded birds may be harvested. Officer Porinchok seized the bird as evidence and issued the individual a citation for harvesting a beardless bird. The subject pleaded guilty and paid \$200 in fines and court costs in the Putnam County Court.

**Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three**

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received information that an individual had killed a bobcat on Fernwood State Forest. Officer Porter arrived on scene and located an individual matching the description of the suspect. The man admitted to shooting the bobcat, stating that it had attacked him. Officer Porter and the suspect walked to the site and retrieved the carcass. Officer Porter located physical evidence contradicting the man's story. The results of the investigation revealed that the man was squirrel hunting when he saw the bobcat and shot it. The suspect was charged and ordered to appear in the Jefferson County Court. He was later convicted and paid a \$500 fine plus court costs. In addition, his hunting privileges were revoked for two years.

**Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four**

State Wildlife Officer Roy Rucker, assigned to Gallia County, received a call from an individual who wanted help identifying two fish that he caught at Tycoon Lake. Officer Rucker wanted to confirm the fish were not invasive species, so he met the angler at the lake to look at them. The man pulled a stringer from the water with two fish on it. Officer Rucker was able to identify the fish as bowfin and explained that although they are native to Ohio, they are not commonly caught. The angler was happy to know what they were, and returned the fish back to the lake.

**Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five**

State Wildlife Officer Brad Buening, assigned to Mercer County, was on patrol at the spillway at Grand Lake St. Marys. Officer Buening observed an individual who was fishing alone using three poles, one above the legal limit. The individual was also drinking from beverage cans and tossing the empty cans into the river. Officer Buening contacted the man and issued him a summons to appear in the Celina Municipal Court for the stream littering violation. The individual subsequently pleaded guilty to the stream littering violation and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine along with \$116

in court costs. In addition to the fines and court costs, the individual was also sentenced to three days in jail that was suspended.

**SECRETARY PERDUE STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS BEING AVAILABLE TO U.S. AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue applauded the announcement that agricultural producers, for the first time, are now eligible for the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs.

"America's farmers, ranchers, and producers need the same help that other American businesses need during this unprecedented time," said Secretary Perdue. "This significant new authority signed by President Trump will make a tremendous difference for America's agricultural community."

SBA's EIDL portal has been closed since April 15. However, the Agency is able to reopen the portal today, in a limited capacity, as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. The legislation, which was signed into law by the President one week ago, provided additional critical funding for farmers and ranchers affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In order to help facilitate this important change to EIDL Loan and EIDL Advance assistance eligibility, SBA is re-opening the Loan and Advance application portal to agricultural enterprises only. For agricultural producers that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted prior to April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

For more information, please visit: [www.sba.gov/Disaster](http://www.sba.gov/Disaster).

**GLACIAL ICE WILL LIKELY HOLD RECORDS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, RESEARCHERS SAY**

Ice from glaciers around the world, undisturbed for centuries, show changes in how societies functioned throughout history - and will likely hold a record of the current impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for future generations.

The story of how the pandemic is affecting societies

around the world is still unfolding, but ice accumulating on high-elevation ice fields around the world, as well as in Greenland, is almost certainly collecting physical, chemical and biological evidence of this time, said two researchers who have devoted their professional lives to studying ice.

"These records will be locked into the ice and preserved," said Lonnie Thompson, distinguished professor of earth sciences at The Ohio State University and a senior research scientist at Ohio State's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center. "And that means that 100 or 200 years from now, that ice will be showing anything that is in the atmosphere now, and that will tell future generations about what is happening now."

There are signs already that the current COVID-19 pandemic is affecting Earth's atmosphere: As people stayed home and drove less, nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide levels dropped over China and throughout much of the United States. Both are potent pollutants that primarily form by burning gas and oil - the fossil fuels that power most of our vehicles.

That decrease in nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide levels will be evident in the nitrate and sulfate levels in ice cores retrieved by future glaciologists, Thompson said. There might be other signs of the pandemic that future scientists find in ice that is forming now - signs that today's scientists don't know about yet.

"Of course, this assumes that glaciers will continue to exist in the future," Thompson said.

Thompson for decades has led teams of scientists into some of the world's most remote areas to drill long columns of glacier ice, called cores. Snow and ice form each year on glaciers around the world. In the coldest parts of the planet, snow and ice don't melt - it all just accumulates year by year, stacking one year's snow and ice on top of all the previous years and on and on over thousands of years.

Snow and ice trap whatever is in the atmosphere at the time it forms. Researchers know that includes chemicals, minerals, as well as microbes such as bacteria and viruses, and other organic materials like the stems and leaves of plants.

That means the cores act as a timeline of sorts, in some cases showing changes in the atmosphere year-by-year, much like the rings of a tree.

In 2018, the ice core research team - which also includes microbiology professors and researchers from Ohio State - published a protocol for evaluating the cores for bacteria in the scientific journal *Frontiers in Microbiology*. A second paper describing a protocol for evaluating the cores for viruses is under review now.

The ice cores show environmental changes, both natural and those induced by humans. They show the onset of the Industrial Revolution in the late 1700s, and they point to the time when humans began adding chemicals, such as sulfate and nitrate, to the atmosphere and adding lead to

gasoline. Ice cores also document the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970, after which atmospheric sulfate concentrations have declined.

The cores also show the Plague, also known as the Black Death, a pandemic during the mid-1300s that remains the deadliest in recorded human history. On some glaciers the ice that formed during the years of the Plague contains less lead than ice that formed during preceding years, likely because mining and smelting activities sharply dropped off during that time, just as today, some industrial activities have stopped.

The cores show evidence of other disasters that severely affected the way humans live. During a major drought that lasted from around 1345 to 1390, Earth experienced the Black Death that peaked around 1350. As a result of the drought, lakes and other inland waters dried up and the chemical composition of the atmosphere changed - less moisture, more dust.

"The drought reduced the thickness of tree rings, but it also shows up in the ice cores in China and from Quelccaya ice cap in the Andes of Peru as decreases in the thickness of annual ice layers," Thompson said. "And we see higher levels of mineral dust and chloride and fluoride, which originate from evaporation as lakes dry up."

The cores show in part the way humans and the environment are connected, Thompson said. Because of that drought, people moved away from the farmlands where they'd lived for centuries and into cities. When the populations concentrated - and before humans developed better treatments and sanitation - illnesses, including the Plague, began to spread more easily.

The cores show physical changes, which can explain some of the science behind what happened around the world, but the researchers also need written histories from humans in order to understand exactly what happened. The cores show that in the mid-1300s something happened to increase dust in the atmosphere. But knowing exactly what occurred requires an understanding of what was happening in the world at that time.

"It's like being a detective as we are with the ice cores - if all you have are the ice core records, and you don't have the human history, you might miss the connection," said Ellen Mosley-Thompson, distinguished university professor of geography and a senior research scientist at the Byrd Center. "For example, if you are looking for evidence of old viruses, then you have to know precisely where to look in the cores."

Even more interesting, ice cores gathered from different places around the world show similar changes at the same times. For example, ice from the Huascarán in Peru and ice from the Tibetan Plateau in the Himalayan Mountains, as well as ice from Kilimanjaro in Africa, all show evidence of a drought around 4,200 years ago - the same signature of changes in dust, chemicals and isotope levels, half a

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world away.

The cores show the drought, but it is only with recorded histories that researchers see what happened: The drought, many scientists believe, led to the collapse of cultures around the world - the Akkadian empire in Mesopotamia, societies around the Indus River and the Yangtze River in Asia, and the Old Kingdom in Egypt. "The ice core records, along with many other paleoclimate records, show evidence of a major drought throughout the low latitudes around the world," Mosley-Thompson said. "And at the same time, a number of societies collapsed, even though these societies were not physically connected at

all."

The history in the cores - of humankind changing the environment, adjusting to those changes, and dealing with hardship as well as causing problems and trying to fix them - can remind us that we've dealt with issues like the COVID-19 pandemic before, Thompson said.

"To me, it's always: Can we look at our past history and determine how we behaved and how cultures survived these major events?" he said. "I suspect there are some lessons here that would be useful today."

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/glacial-ice-will-likely-hold-records-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-researchers-say/>

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**2020 PAULDING COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, until 10:15 A.M., D.S.T. on May 20, 2020

**PROPOSAL:**

**Chip sealing various County and Township roads within Paulding County, Ohio.**

**Engineer's Estimate = \$425,246.66**

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

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All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for the Paulding County.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations.

All materials shall conform to the 2013 revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

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

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Paulding County and on file in the Offices of the Paulding County Engineer and Commissioners.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, and bids on the above named items to be marked:

**PROPOSAL: "2020 PAULDING COUNTY CHIP SEAL PROJECT"**

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Heather Barnhouse

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08 on May 4, 2020, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance authorizes the implementation of emergency measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, giving the Mayor authority to declare a state of emergency.

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

# VINTAGE PHOTOS NEEDED FOR BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK



The three-story Central House hotel building in Grover Hill also contained a bank and was home of the local Knights of Pythias lodge. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

Photos are needed for Paulding County, Ohio: A Pictorial History Volume III, which is planned for publication by the John Paulding Historical Society later this fall.

The book committee is asking for images - including photographs, snapshots, slides, drawings, maps, paintings and printed memorabilia - covering circa 1820 to 2020 from the public to help make this project a success.

With so many people complying with stay-at-home orders, it's a perfect time to dig out your old photo albums and storage boxes and search for images that contribute to a comprehensive history of the county and the stories of its residents to com-

memorate the county's 200th birthday.

Subject areas needed include:

- Businesses - Interiors, people at work, drug stores, general stores, blacksmiths, livery stables, banks, print shops, professional offices (doctors, dentists, lawyers etc.), photographers, feed mills, sawmills, tile mills, retail shops, restaurants, drive-ins, factories, etc.

- Churches - Buildings, church picnics, baptisms, revivals, Sunday school groups, church anniversaries, ice cream socials, activities, etc.

Other categories include agriculture, farming, disasters, organizations and clubs, events and activities, military and veterans, families,

schools and transportation. Images are needed from every area of the county and every decade up to the present time.

Urgently wanted subjects are early towns and vanished towns, canals, Reservoir War, railroads, pre-1900 court-house photos, covered bridges and building interiors.

Images may be color or black-and-white. Individuals may scan their photos and email them as an attachment to Kim Sutton at dkmax@windstream.net, Bob Iler at ethanm@twc.com or Melinda Krick at tmekrick@yahoo.com. For details and guidelines about scanning ads, visit facebook.com/jphsmuseum or facebook.com/Paulding-County200.

Indiana, it became stagnant and swampy with several thousand acres of land turned into a "frog pond" of swamp that was mosquito laden. Residents were becoming sick with MALARIA from the mosquito. It was called the "ague". Dead fish were becoming a big problem and rotten vegetation. The whole mess was making Paulding Countians sick and they wanted to be rid of it.

The term MALARIA originates from Medieval Italian: mala aria - "bad air"; the disease was formerly called ague or marsh fever due to its association with swamps and marshland. The term first appeared in English literature about 1829. Malaria was once common in most of Europe and North America where it is no longer endemic though it imported cases do occur.

Malaria is an ancient disease going back to ca 1550 BC in the Orient. Since it was believed that fevers rose during the sickly summer seasons from vapors emanating from marshes, over the centuries Malaria was brought by the 14th century into England from Spain and Russia and into the New World by European explorers, conquistadors, colonists, and African slaves. By the 1800s it was found worldwide.

"Bad Air" was also considered one of the causes of malaria until 1880. By the 1880's scientists proved that mosquitoes transmitted malaria. Although some 170 kinds of malaria have been described, only 4 are specific for humans.

Alexander the Great, having conquered most of the known world, did not extend his conquests over the entire subcontinent of India in large part because in 323 BC he died of MALARIA at age 33. Malaria kept foreign invaders from sacking ancient Rome and Caesar's campaigns were disrupted by malaria. Even up into the 12th Century Rome was attacked because of the "bad air".

Malaria was prevalent and played a hard role for American Colonial settlers and the new farming population. It attacked the new American Colonists with no mercy. Every war the United States Military has fought in has lost U.S. Forces to Malaria.

The World Health Org. estimates that in 2018 there were 228 million new cases of malaria resulting 405,000 deaths. Children under 5 yrs. Old are the most affected, accounting for 272,000 of those deaths in 2018. Africa has a high number of deaths, about 10,000 cases per year in Western Europe, and 1300-1500 in the U.S. The United States eradicated malaria in 1951. A vaccine called RTSS was approved by European regulators in 2015. It is undergoing pilot trials in select counties in 2016. There are other experimental drugs.

PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO BITES IS THE BEST PREVENTION OF EXPOSURE TO THE ILLNESS. Only the female mosquito bites. Stagnant and standing water even in containers is an invitation to mosquito breeding grounds. Pesticides and insect repellent are advised to be used

with caution for prevention of insect bites. This will help combat and eliminate insects so they cannot transmit diseases.

Malaria was eliminated from most parts of the United States in the early 20th Century by water management practices and advances in sanitation in the wetlands and the use of the pesticide DDT and other means that cleaned up the pockets in the South in the 1950s as part of the National Malaria Eradication Program.

In 2015 the WHO targeted a 90% reduction in deaths from Malaria by 2030 and Bill Gates said in 2016 that he thought global eradication would be possible by 2040.

Note: Malaria was eradicated in the United States in 1951. However, it appears from the research that I have found that it came back through some other channels because of carelessness? How does our Health Organizations keep track of these diseases when the population is so careless on the borders? Thanks for anyone's input on this very important and timely subject.

PS - Please follow the COVID-19 Rules every day. Be sure to wear your mask!

## MUD AND MORE MUD

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Rain creates mud, and mud creates angst for farmers kept from doing what they value most: getting out in the fields.

2019 ended what was the wettest decade in Ohio on record. This winter has not been as wet as the last one, but it has been warmer, so the ground has not frozen for long, leaving fields saturated. And this spring is projected to bring above-average rainfall to Ohio, which will bring on more mud.

And mud is not simply a gooey mess for the animals and people who trudge through it. Mud can keep farmers from planting and harvesting, lower crop yields, put livestock at higher risk for some diseases, and make it tougher for livestock to gain weight.

Drive on wet soil with heavy equipment such as a planter or harvester and the pore space between the soil particles becomes compressed, leaving the soil less able to support crop growth.

The mud from Ohio's plentiful rain has led to 10 fewer days when it's suitable to work in farm fields—five in April, when planting typically occurs, and five in October, the typical harvest period.

"That's more than a week's worth of work—time that's no longer available," said Chris Zoller, an educator

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

"It squeezes the time you have in the spring, when you have to plant, and in the fall, when you have to harvest."

Farmers certainly found that out last year. In 2019, rain led to an unprecedented number of acres that never could be planted. This spring is projected to also bring above-average rainfall, which might bring similar challenges for farmers.

Trudging through the mud is hard work. Cattle, pigs, and other livestock burn more calories stepping through mud and staying warm when cold mud sticks to them. And burning more calories means they weigh less when they go to slaughter, so cattle often have to be fed food that's higher in nutrients if the animals are dealing with a lot of mud.

"Cattle can handle cold weather better than mud," said Stephen Boyles, cattle specialist with CFAES. "We complain about cold temperatures, but there can be some benefits because then at least the ground is frozen."

Weight gain for beef cattle in mud becomes even tougher. Shin-deep in mud, cattle experience a 14% decline in their ability to take on weight. If the mud is up to their bellies, there's a 35% decline, federal statistics show.

Out on the pasture and sometimes in the feeding areas, ruts and reseeding often are necessary.

Laying down concrete in a feeding area or creating a slope in that area so rainwater rolls off can help, Boyles said.

"If not, about all you can do is reseed and level the feeding area," Boyles said. "Admittedly, I have not found a perfect answer."

Winters in Ohio have gradually been warming—and are doing so quicker than summers are—and this winter the ground hardly stayed frozen at all.

"Typically we would still see soil temperatures close to freezing," said Aaron Wilson, climate specialist with CFAES. "We just haven't had much of that, overall. It's been too warm for that to happen."

Given that the ground is saturated in much of Ohio and the forecast is for a rainier-than-average spring, Wilson advises farmers to take advantage of any day that's suitable for fieldwork.

"I tell them, 'Be prepared and ready to roll when you get those windows to plant in the spring. Don't take them for granted.'"

## WORLD DISEASES - MALARIA

By: Caroline Longardner

Since Corona virus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) became a current and daily serious possible illness for everyone in all the countries in the world, people are becoming more aware of what causes illnesses and deaths from these viruses. COVID-19 may even be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. (1) We are warned to avoid close contact with people who are sick. (2) Stay at home as much as possible. (3) Distance yourself from others. (4) Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizes that contains at least 60% alcohol. (5) Avoid touching

eyes, nose, and mouth. (6) Wear a mask if you do go out. THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT ILLNESS IS TO AVOID BEING EXPOSED TO THIS VIRUS.

As you may know, Paulding Co. is one of the few counties totally contained in what was known as "The Great Black Swamp" in Ohio. It was a prehistoric glacial swamp that was a left-over puddle of marshy, muddy, heavily wooded, centuries old area that could barely be penetrated by man or beast. It contained so many insects that it would "take an animal down to defend itself from them" so the story tellers say. Therefore, there is no doubt that MOSQUITOS were there to attack people when they

came to clear the Great Black Swamp in Paulding Co. "Ague" and MALARIA were probably familiar with those early pioneers and early Native Americans.

Sulphur water is extremely prominent in Paulding Co. It stinks and was considered "big medicine" for the Native Americans. (By 2020 there are a lot of farm ponds for drinking water that is piped into the house instead of using the Sulphur wells. This writer has always lived where there was "Black Sulphur" since 1943 in Paulding Co.)

Paulding Co. is not unfamiliar with severe diseases in its history. In the 1870's when the Six Mile Reservoir was cut off from having a fresh supply of water from

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**SOIL INOCULANTS**



As planting season starts, some farmers are applying soil bio-inoculants to promote improved plant growth. Dr. Jay Johnson (retired), former OSU fertility specialist, touted inoculating soybeans with Rhizobium bacteria yearly to increase soybeans yields 1-2 bushels. The Rhizobium bacteria increased nitrogen in soybean nodules which improved crop yields. Today, many farmers are experimenting with soil bio-inoculants with variable results. Evaluating and using soil inoculants requires some careful management to be successful.

Underneath a single footprint exists more soil microbes than humans in the world! Soil microbes and plant roots evolved together, feeding each other, and require certain environmental conditions to flourish. Most beneficial soil microbes and plants require well aerated soils with high levels of soil organic matter (SOM). Farmers converting from conventional tillage systems to no-till generally get the most benefit from soil bio-inoculants. Conventional tilled soils may be too wet, lack enough oxygen or be low in SOM to support the soil microbes long-term.

Long-term no-till soils may benefit from inoculation but if cover covers have been used regularly, it may not be needed. Once the soil heals itself, most beneficial microbes will come back. Generally, once farmers get the right soil conditions, soil bio-inoculants are only needed for 1-3 years because they reproduce quite rapidly.

There are several types of soil inoculants including Rhizobium bacteria, Arbuscular Mycorrhizae Fungi (AMF) and beneficial bacteria. AMF increase nutrient availability and these products use spores or root fragments to inoculate seed. Unfortunately, with 150-250

AMF species, farmers need to know several things: What AMF species are present, which species do I need (what does each AMF species do), and what AMF species can I buy? In most cases, these are hard questions to answer.

Many companies do not list the AMF species on their label. The easiest AMF species (Rhizophagus) to reproduce are common and does not require soil inoculation. Every gram of soil has 8-90 AMF spores or up to 40,000 AMF spores per pound of healthy soil. A test of AMF inoculant products found that only a few had live AMF spores and those had mainly Rhizophagus species, which are not needed. The Rhizopagus species are numerous, they thrive in tilled soils, are mostly beneficial, but if they become too dominate (which they often do) may reduce crop yields. Regular crop rotation and multi-specie cover crops use reduces Rhizophagus domination and crop yield loss by diversifying AMF species that improve crop yield.

There are several AMF products on the market, so it pays to read the label. Look for AMF species and spore concentration? Sunlight (UV light) and high temperatures reduces spore viability (store bio-inoculants below 550F out of direct sunlight). One product (Valient's MycoApply EndoPrime) lists 4 AMF species (one species has been proven to increase soybean yields 10%), has a full label, and a money back guarantee IF a test strip is used to verify yields. In a test strip, always plant the control (no inoculant) first, followed by the inoculated seed to avoid microbial contamination. When applying bio-inoculant products as a spray, use a large nozzle size with at least a 50-mesh screen (or no screen) and apply at 55 psi or less. Adding a humic substance or molasses as a food source helps to improve bio-inoculant survivability.

Some farmers are now experimenting with static compost as a seed treatment to improve beneficial aerobic bacteria, actinomycetes, and good soil nematodes. Static compost uses common carbon sources (leaves, sawdust, straw) composted under aerobic (high oxygen) conditions without regular turning. The process takes 60 weeks to complete and is a combination of composting and vermiculture using red wigglers (worms). The red wigglers inoculate the carbon residue with thousands of beneficial species (no AMF species, that is a different process) and slow-

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ly decompose the organic material. This bio-inoculant can be applied as a seed treatment (1-2 pounds per acre) and it's a cheap easy way to reinvigorate a "dead" or unhealthy soil.

Scientist are just now starting to understand some of the benefits of these beneficial soil microbes. Pseudomonas is a gram-negative bacterium known to produce plant hormones that increase plant growth. Pseudomonas also produces antibiotics that have anti-fungal characteristics, reducing soil-borne fungal disease organisms like Pythium and Fusarium. Bio-inoculants can be used to improve plant and soil health, but the microbes will not thrive unless your management improves the environmental conditions necessary to create a healthy soil.

**OHIO STATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AIMED AT AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**COLUMBUS** - Two new Ohio State University certificate programs, aimed at farm labor management and animal health and handling, are moving forward after a successful grant competition in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The initiative was awarded \$12,525 from the inaugural Spring 2020 Faculty Advisory Council and the Dean of CFAES Grant. The monies will fund the new project from May 1, 2020-March 31, 2022.

"Three of our agricultural and Extension educators identified a knowledge gap on dairy farms that relat-

ed to management training and animal handling," said Cathann A. Kress, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "This gap limits the ability of farm managers to retain employees and potentially leads to animal welfare and human safety concerns."

The new non-credit certificate programs will be designed and implemented by Maurice Eastridge, professor and Extension dairy specialist in the Department of Animal Sciences; Shaun Wellert, veterinarian and senior lecturer at the Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster; and Chris Zoller, associate professor and Extension agriculture and natural resources educator in Tuscarawas County.

Managing labor on Ohio's farms is a critical role for farm owners and middle managers. "Employee retention is often a struggle for farmers," said Eastridge. "Frequently, high employee turnover rates are caused by improper recruiting, training, compensation, and inadequate communication by the management team."

Eastridge and Zoller will offer the labor management certificate with a combination of online teaching and in-person Extension programming. A two-day in-person program, will be followed by assigned online content, with a final meeting of participants via Zoom.

The workshop will focus on the five functions of management: planning, organizing, staffing, leading, and controlling. The workshop will also address the human and legal agricultural risks.

Eastridge said, "Farm managers often express frustration about the lack of qualified and trained individuals able to fulfill the daily labor requirements on dairy farms. The situation is further complicated by Ohio's low unemployment rate and competitive wages, which are often higher than current agriculture wage rates."

In addition to training farm owners and managers, the new certificate program will offer a way to train animal handlers. "Working with and handling large livestock can be dangerous. As dairy farms consolidate, more of the daily interactions between cows and people fall to employees who often have little or no experience with modern animal husbandry procedures, animal handling techniques, or identification and treatment of diseases," said Wellert.

Learning how to properly handle large animals and identify and treat disorders on a dairy farm is essential for providing proper animal welfare and ensuring sustainability of the industry. "Unfortunately, there are very few options to obtain formal training in these areas. This certificate program provides an affordable and accessible way for individuals to obtain skills that not only benefit the animals and profitability on the farm, but also meet social expectations for animal care."

The animal health and handling certificate will also be a non-credit program. Conducted on the OSU Wooster campus, the workshop will focus on proper animal handling, antimicrobial stewardship, recordkeeping and residue avoidance, drug administration, calf health, and dystocia management.

These certificate programs will contribute to ensuring viable agricultural production and providing rural families with steady income. According to Eastridge, they will also provide a model for future CFAES workforce development certificate programs focused on farm systems management.

James Stefanak, an animal health dairy sales professional from Streetsboro, Ohio, noted that "an

**Sudoku solution  
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Extension-based certificate program will not only benefit the individual dairy that may send employees to the training, but also serve society as a whole. We know that when individuals receive certification in other areas such as manure management, pesticide application, and Beef Quality Assurance, compliance in these areas goes up, and a positive impact for both our environment and food supply is realized. Such programs are a continued investment in the industry, and allow Ohio to remain in the top dozen dairy-producing states in the country."

Original plans were to offer the labor management workshops from January to March 2021, and the animal health and handling workshop in March 2021 on the ATI campus. Current circumstances with COVID-19, may require a delay in the work until the university has lifted research activity restrictions.

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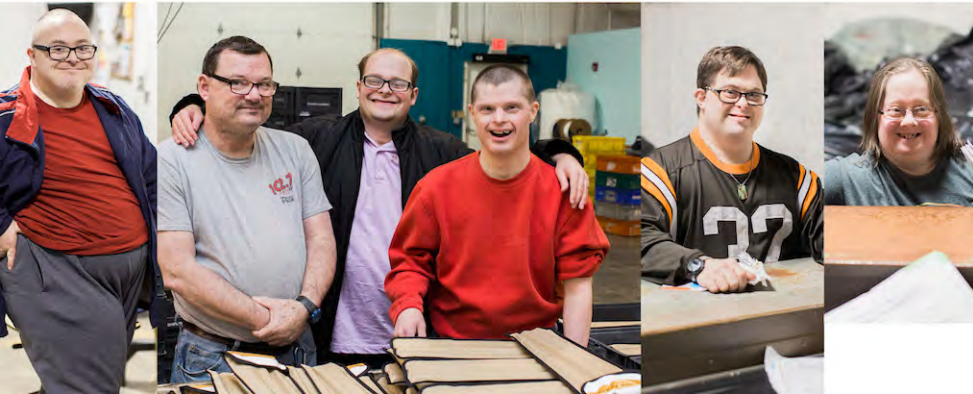
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During a pandemic wouldn't be the typical time, when a new business venture would roll out. However, with plans already in the works to launch at the beginning of April, it was decided to move forward despite major obstacles—ie, the Coronavirus.

The new business is called the Rural Route Mercantile and for the moment it's only

online. The goal is to raise enough capital via the online website called RuralRouteOnline.com or RuralRouteMercantile.com, in order to develop a small town/agri-tourism based themed business to be located in Paulding County, Ohio one day.

"We plan to create a destination by selling Small Town America and Farming as a brand! Not only that, but we'll also showcase local items made by individuals who have often felt dismissed by the typical workforce. We thought about postponing our launch because of shipping times, etc. but after further review, we decided, now was exactly the time we needed to launch and it has everything to do with giving individuals hope during this pandemic crisis," stated owner Erika Willitzer.

From the very beginning of the formation of this business, a partnership has been intertwined with the PC Workshop in Paulding, Ohio. The Workshop, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit serving people with disabilities to embrace their limitless potential through job and self-development. The clients and staff have created their own clothing line called Limitless Designs by PC, which will be housed and featured on the online mercantile. The designs are created and inspired by the clients of the PC Workshop. The hope is that this new line can be the start of something new for those individuals yearning for a creative outlet, or even marketing and office positions.

Prior to COVID 19, the PC Workshop's main focus has been manufacturing and cleaning. Plans have been in the works for a while to diversify, but with this pandemic, it became clear we needed to launch our new line sooner rather than later due to the

hiatus in funding. The message of this line is needed now more than ever," said Megan Sierra, PC Workshop Executive Director.

Sierra went on to say that Willitzer and her hope this new opportunity will one day result in a brick and mortar location, where individuals from the PC Workshop will be able to work and truly be integrated into the community.

For the entire month of May and June, 50% of the profits will be donated to the Paulding County Crisis Fund, managed by the Paulding County Area Foundation to help those most impacted by the Coronavirus. The rest of the profit will go toward the eventual purchase/creation of the physical location for the Mercantile. All purchases for the PC Workshop's clothing line will go directly to the Workshop to support their clients.

Our hope is that we will see a transformation of Paulding County by embracing what has been in front of us, all along—our Rural Roots! Our initiative aims to embrace our rural heritage and market what makes us who we are. And who we are is... "Small Town-Rural...America. That's despite an already underdeveloped county, and a nasty plague. Our goal is to literally take the Rural Route and help others find hope along the way!" stated owner Erika Willitzer.

The website is www.RuralRouteOnline.com. Please note, shipping times may be delayed and your purchases all go toward an amazing cause...the revitalization of Paulding county and the people living within it.

**HISTORIC OLD FORT REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Governor Holcomb has established a roadmap to safely reopen Indiana. According to those guidelines, Historic Old Fort will remain closed to public events and tours until July 4th. Therefore, the Siege of Fort Wayne 1812 scheduled for June 6 and 7 has been cancelled. The safety and well-being of the volunteers and patrons is of utmost importance to Historic Old Fort. The board will make additional decisions regarding the remaining summer events pending any further information from all city and state resources. We anticipate reopening for the

Five Forts Timeline Event on July 11-12. We greatly appreciate your support. For more information: www.oldfortwayne.org or call (260) 437-2836. The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.

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

**RHODES STATE HOSTS VIRTUAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Rhodes State will host Virtual Admissions Information Sessions as more students look to attend Rhodes State this summer and fall. These sessions will help students navigate the enrollment process to also include an overview of available online services, financial assistance and majors/programs. The next three Admissions Information Sessions will be on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m. Students interested in participating can register at www.RhodesState.edu.

Fifteen additional Health

Science Program Briefings will be offered in May for students interested in the health-care field. The briefings provide students direct access to Program Chairs to learn more about their career of choice, qualification requirements and application process. Registration for the Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Exercise Science, Medical Assisting/Medical Coding, and Radiographic Imaging sessions can be done at www.RhodesState.edu

Summer classes begin June 1 and fall semester begins August 26.

**EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Paulding County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP is a federally funded grant program that is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Paulding County will receive \$17,909 for Phase 37 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Paulding County. Paulding County will also receive \$10,487 for Phase CARES to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Paulding County to aid during COVID-19 crisis.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Paulding County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies. The local board is responsible for recommend-

ing agencies to receive these funds.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be privately voluntary non-profits or units of government
- Have an accounting system
- Practice nondiscrimination
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs
- If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Lora Lyons at 419-399-8240 or pcuwdirector@gmail.com to request an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 22nd by 3:00 p.m.

**PAULDING BAND BOOSTERS INC. ANNUAL NOTICE OF ELECTIONS**

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions at this time, the Paulding Band Boosters will be electing five members to the Board of Directors via a Google Form from June 8, 2020 through June 17, 2020.

Those interested in being on the ballot for this election must be current on their fees and will need to announce their intention either in person at the meeting or via an email to pauldingbands@gmail.com by June 2, 2020.

Contact pauldingbands@gmail.com or t\_rupp@pauldingschools.org with any questions.

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**NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK MAY 10-16, 2020**

In recognition of National Hospital Week we extend our sincerest gratitude to all of the Board of Directors, Medical Staff, hospital employees, and volunteers. Each of these dedicated men and women play an important role in our success of providing excellent care to our neighbors, friends, and families.

During these difficult times we find ourselves in, you can really see how a community comes together and cares for one another. We are proud to be part of a community that fosters generosity, compassion, and hope. We appreciate the countless hours spent sewing cloth masks, creating face shields, fabricating intubation boxes to help protect our staff.

**THANK YOU** for your continued commitment and dedication to making Paulding County Hospital our communities' healthcare choice.



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