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## “THIS STINKS!” – PROTESTERS GATHER IN HAVILAND



On Monday, June 8 the Haviland Town Council gathered at the town hall at Maple and Vine. Peaceful Protesters were carrying signs that brought attention to a problem that Haviland residents are experiencing. The signs held by the protesters claim the town stinks due to issues with a Quasar Energy Group facility that is on SR 114 just west of the Haviland Village limits.

Resident Amber Scarberry stated that other town people have experienced health issues and believe it has to do with the intense odors that hit the town during the time the flame burns at the facility and when the wind is from the west.

What is it like? The concerned citizens said it's very difficult to get any work done

or even to enjoy the outdoors during this time. Amber stated that kids, including hers, are vomiting while waiting to be picked up by the bus to go to school. It's very painful to watch and not be able to help the children. Others who were at the protest said when the wind is wrong, you cannot enjoy your pool and the smell can go right through the walls and air conditioners in their homes. Cooking on the grill is completely out on most days, and it's very difficult to enjoy your swimming pool.

The Quasar Energy produces energy from animal and human wastes by fermenting the product in a digester tower. Not too long ago the digester was leaking, shown by pictures the protesters carried, running down from the top.

If all things are operating correctly there should be little to no smell in the 60# Methane and 40% Carbon Dioxide that is produced.

The town council has said they are listening, according to Councilwoman Cindi Moser, “The council said your voices are heard.” However, Cindi said she has not gotten

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## MAKE A CHANGE IN PAULDING COUNTY PROTEST



Paulding County showed up for a Peaceful Protest on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

The Paulding County Courthouse was the site of the first ever Inequality Protest in Paulding County history on Sunday June 14, 2020. Organizers, Andrea Schleuter and Jazmin Smith, brought together everyone in the county and surrounding area to the courthouse to share and be a part of the changes that are beginning to happen around our country. Signs were held by attendees with Black Lives Matter, We Can't Stay Silent, We Will Not Move Forward

In Race Relations If We Remain Comfortable, Eternal Lives Matter, Equality – Justice 4-All, Love NOT Hate Makes America Great, ... and the list continues of people expressing their convictions on cardboard for all the County to see.

The attendees included Paulding County residents and their friends, Paulding's mayor, Greg White, Judge Tiffany Beckman, Pastor Dwayne Richardson, and as well as media coverage from

both County newspapers. The purpose of this protest, as stated by Schleuter, to speak about Justice and Unity for us all. Even though Schleuter herself received threats about hosting this protest – signs were stolen from her yard, magnets were taken off of her vehicle in her driveway – they proceeded with the events of the day. She stated in her opening remarks that this was to be a day of peace, unity, love and to give everyone a

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## STORM CLEAN UP IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, IN - The damage from the severe weather storm on June 10, 2020 may take a week or longer to clean up. Many trees and branches were scattered across the city and we are very grateful for the response by our residents and city crews in the clean-up effort.

We want residents to know that our crews are working daily on the continued clean-up. This most recent storm created many tree branches and limbs down and we are asking residents for their patience while the city crews go neighborhood by neighborhood to collect debris. Some damage which is larger,

such as complete trees, will take longer.

Debris Pick-Up  
If you have fallen branches and limbs, please make sure they are less than 4' long, are bundled and taken to the curb. Residents should then report their address by contacting the city at (260) 748-7049 or by email at [Info@NewHaven.In.Gov](mailto:Info@NewHaven.In.Gov). Please make sure you include your name and contact information.

We want to remind residents that the city will remove debris taken to the curb, but city crews will not remove debris on private property. The city will remove “city trees”, those which are located between the curb and the sidewalks. All other trees that are on

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## GET YOUR LIONS CLUB DONUTS

Lions Club Donuts will be available on June 20 from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Woodburn Plaza the proceeds for all donations go to community projects & programs. Drive through or walkup available.

If you would like to join the Lions Club, ask how to join this community organization on June 20.

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## Community Calendar

### June 16

• Campfire Hangout @ Cecil Comm Church, 4-6pm

### June 17

• Pickleball @ Tennis Court, Antwerp, 6pm

### June 20-21

• ODNR FREE Fishing Days, in Ohio

### June 21

• Father's Day Breakfast @ Cecil Comm Church, 9am

### June 23

• Paulding Chamber Off the Clock @ Wagner Metals TBD, 5-6:30pm

### June 24

• Pickleball @ Tennis Court, Antwerp, 6pm

### June 27

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

### June 28

• Bluegrass Praise Band Concert @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

### July 1

• Pickleball @ Tennis Court, Antwerp, 6pm

### July 8

• ~~PC Retired Teachers Assoc.~~ Hall of Fame Luncheon

### July 10

• Paulding Chamber Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am

### July 17

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

• John Paulding Summer Blast, downtown Paulding

### July 18

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

— = Canceled event

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## OBITUARIES

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ANTWERP, OH

**Dennis Leander Brinkman**, 80, of Antwerp passed away at home on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Denny was born in Cloverdale, Ohio on October 11, 1939, a son of the late Evelyn (Eickholt) and Raymond W. Brinkman.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army; was a valued employee at B.F. Goodrich for 41 years; Chief Supermarket, Country Inn Enhanced Living and the Fort Wayne Auto Auction. Denny also owned Denny's Market in Antwerp for 15 years. Denny thoroughly enjoyed fishing, gardening, doing antique and collectible shows, college football and basketball.

Denny was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish; Knights of Columbus Hicksville Council 1043 and 4th Degree Bishop Rapp Assembly 824.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Rita (Duling) whom he married Dec. 2, 1961; son, Jeffrey; siblings, Margaret (the late Ernie) Dickman, Maryann (Omer) Calvelage, Ellen Rupert, Raymond Jr., Lawrence (Susan) & Darwin (Deborah) Brinkman and sister-in-law, Joan Brinkman.

He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Kenneth & Steven Brinkman.

His funeral mass was Monday, June 15, 2020, 10 am Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 303 Monroe Street, Antwerp.

Viewing was Sunday, 2 - 6 pm and Monday, 9 - 9:30 am at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp

He will be laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials are to Divine Mercy Catholic School, 417 N. Main St, Paulding, Ohio 45879 or CHP (Hospice), 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

## DONATED PPE SHIPPED TO AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

Fifty-five pallets of donated hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment (PPE) have been shipped to Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) around the state to protect home and community-based providers and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 among older Ohioans, Governor Mike DeWine announced on June 8, 2020.

"Even during these tough times, Ohioans and Ohio companies continue to be generous. We thank all of the businesses who donated these important items," Gov. DeWine said. "We are making sure these donations are getting into the hands of our older Ohioans and the people who help care for them."

"These donations are valued and will be used by our direct care providers," said Ursel J. McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging. "Through our network, we continue to provide vital services to keep our older Ohioans healthy."

The Ohio Department of Aging led the effort and directed the distribution of the supplies to Ohio's 12 AAAs. Several businesses provided donations of hand sani-



a positive response from the EPA when she called them.

Amber, who served in Iraq, said, "The ditches in Iraq smelled better than this!"

"I understand the citizens concerns, but they (Quasar Energy) are outside the city limits." Mayor Ed Ruger said.

Mary Friend, another resident, said they are protesting to bring awareness and of the pungent chemical smells. She also said property values have dropped since the facility was built.

Approximately 25 of city residents and people outside of the city showed up at the peaceful protest, all trying to make their village better for everyone.

We have reached out to Quasar Energy for a response as of yet, the corporation has not responded to requests.

Quasar has a phone number on their website. Nearby residents who are experienc-

ing offensive odors may call 1-888-990-6367 (ODOR) and file complaints. You can also call the Ohio EPA Northwest District office in Bowling Green — 419-352-8461. Or call the Environmental Response, Investigation & Enforcement staff at OEPA—Mike Eberle is the supervisor - 330-963-1126

**LAST MINUTE ADDITION BEFORE PRINT:** The Mayor of Haviland, Ed Ruger, brought in a letter where he conversed with the owner and he would like to get this added:

This is Edwin Ruger the Mayor of Haviland. In reporting on the protest of the Haviland Citizens, I wanted to post that Wednesday, June 10th I received a phone call from Mr. Craig Stoller. Mr. Stoller is the Owner and operator of the Quasar Waste Recycling Plant here in Haviland. During the phone

conversation, a meeting was planned and set up for Thursday June 11th to discuss operations at the Quasar Plant. Mr. Stoller gave me a tour of the plant and surrounding area. He fully explained the process of the plant and the improvements that are being put forth! Mr. Stoller as well as the Quasar plant ARE aware of the odor problem and are in the process of correcting the situation. Mr. Stoller made it known to me, that the problem and complaints of the citizen's of Haviland has been heard and He is personally addressing this situation. It is my hope that this odor problem is corrected and headed into a more positive conclusion for the Village of Haviland as a whole.

Any precise questions need to be answered by Mr. Stoller!!!

ered meals, transportation, personal assistance, long-term care, and more.

To learn about available assistance for yourself or a loved one, contact your area agency on aging. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community, or visit [www.aging.ohio.gov/findservices](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/findservices) to look up agency contact information.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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

### ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS PROGRAM ABOUT PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering a class to help Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers identify different activities that can be fulfilling for a person with dementia.

Spending time with a family member or friend in the middle or late stages of Alzheimer's can be meaningful and fun—especially if the caregiver takes a cue from the person living with the disease. On June 11, June 19 and June 22, the Alzheimer's Association will be offering a

one-hour virtual class to help caregivers identify activities that best fit everyone. During the class, Activities at Home, the presenter will share many different activities and talk about the best way to plan and implement them.

The class is free and open to the public and presented as a webinar. Classes are available in the morning and late afternoon to accommodate people's schedules. To register and find out the time that is best for you, call 800.272.3900.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. In Ohio, more than 600,000 Alzheimer's caregivers provide care for more than 220,000 loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.

### VITAMIN D & COVID-19

*My wife heard that vitamin D can help with symptoms of COVID-19. Is that true?*

Your question is on the minds of many consumers, as more people have been reaching for vitamin supplements to boost their immune system amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Vitamin D, which plays a wide variety of roles in boosting the immune system, is one of those supplements that has seen increased sales in recent

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."

Proverbs 23:24 NIV

weeks.

It helps the body absorb calcium, which builds strong bones and prevents osteoporosis. Vitamin D's effect is significant: If you don't get enough, your body absorbs only 10% to 15% of the calcium you consume. With vitamin D, absorption jumps to 30% to 40%.

In addition, muscles, nerves, the immune system, and many other bodily functions all require vitamin D to do their jobs properly. Vitamin D also offers benefits against a whole range of illnesses and chronic diseases including reducing your risk of developing multiple sclerosis and heart disease, reducing blood pressure, and reducing your likelihood of developing the flu.

Several research studies have been or are currently under way looking at the correlation between vitamin D deficiency and mortality rates from COVID-19.

For example, one such study by led by Northwestern University analyzed data from medical centers in China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It found that patients from countries with high COVID-19 mortality rates had lower levels of vitamin D compared to patients in countries that were not as severely affected.

Another study done by the University of Chicago Medicine found that people who were vitamin D deficient before the pandemic began were 77% more likely to test positive for COVID-19 compared to people who had normal levels.

However, it's important to note that many of the studies looking at the relationship between vitamin D levels and COVID-19 are observational studies that do not prove causation, medical experts say.

With that in mind, if you want to start taking a vitamin D supplement, its best that you consult with your doctor to see if you have a vitamin D deficiency and are in need of vitamin D supplements, said Jenny Lobb, a family and consumer sciences educator for Ohio State University Extension.

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

She said the recommended amount of vitamin D for most people is 600 IU (inter-

national units) per day. Infants up to 12 months need less, 400 IU, and adults 71 or older need more, 800 IU.

So, besides a vitamin supplement, what are other sources of vitamin D?

Nearly all milk in the United States is fortified with vitamin D, at a rate of 400 IU per quart, but that equals just 100 IU per cup. Other dairy foods, including cheese and ice cream, are usually made with non-fortified milk, so they often don't provide any vitamin D. Fish that's high in fat, such as salmon, tuna, and mackerel, is a good source. Beef liver, cheese, and egg yolks have small amounts. Many breakfast cereals and juice are often fortified with vitamin D.

However, there are factors that can impact your levels of vitamin D, including where you live, your age, your skin color, your weight and the foods you.

For example, people get vitamin D from the sun. One type of ultraviolet radiation converts a chemical in the skin into vitamin D3, which the liver and kidneys transform into active vitamin D. But people with darker skin and older people have more trouble converting the sun's rays into vitamin D. And most people don't soak up the same amount of sun in the wintertime or if they are using sunscreen.

Also, certain health conditions can impact your vitamin D levels. People with conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease, liver disease, or cystic fibrosis, among others, may have trouble absorbing vitamin D, which can lead to deficiencies, according to Harvard Medical School.

The best way to know if your vitamin D level is low is to get a blood test. Your doctor can then tell you whether you should take a vitamin D supplement.

Experts caution, however, about taking too much vitamin D, because excess vitamin D is stored in fat tissue. Over time, medical experts say, too much vitamin D can become toxic and lead to hypercalcemia, a condition in which too much calcium builds up in the blood, potentially forming deposits in the arteries or soft tissues.

It's also important to note, in addition to vitamin D, there are many vitamins and minerals found in a nutritious diet that can help boost your immune system, Lobb said.

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Nova Kaobaná Saigo



Pastor Dwayne Richardson



Protesters attended the first ever Paulding County Black Lives Matters Protest.

voice. A recording of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, "I Have A Dream", played over the loud speaker before the mic was opened up for people to come forward and give themselves a voice for all to hear.

Next to come to the mic was Organizer, Jazmin Smith. She expressed her hopes that this Protest would spark the conquest of striving for further change for Black Lives and all for the better of our world. Smith also wanted to impress upon the crowd the importance of equality and

the way to do that is to vote. A voter's registration table was set up — this is a way to make change in our world.

A mother of bi-racial sons spoke about how it made her feel to see Mr. George Floyd on the ground with a knee pressed into his neck. She expounded her distress that all she could visualize was her sons' faces in place of Mr. Floyd's and she could not bear to think it. Things need to change — and it can start with you.

West Bend News owner, Bryce Steiner, spoke about

the importance to protect the 1st amendment of the Constitution — freedom of speech. All citizens of the United States of America has the freedom to speak. There may be differing opinions — some opinions may be starkly different than your own — but that is your freedom. That is what's great about the USA. All voices HAVE to be heard. Steiner went on to encourage unity by stating, "We can't come together if we are fighting apart." He also impressed upon the listeners that Love and Hate are opposites and they both cannot live in the same soul.

A local man, Nova Kaobaná Saigo, then came to the mic. He is a member of the Redrum Motorcycle Club & Society. He heard about this Protest from a friend and decided to come out and see what it was all about. He felt blessed to be a part of change in Paulding County.

Pastor Dwayne Richardson of House of Love Ministries, was the guest speaker for the Protest. He began with having the audience chant J-E-S-U-S and later respond with "Not On My Watch". Pastor Dwayne emphasized that we are the Keepers of the Light, the Keepers of the Love. Our words have power — make sure your hearts stay positive, always walk in the Light. Your responsibility is to bring THE Light into the room. The only way to rectify this is through love. Richardson believes Paulding County is a praying county and stated that we are all on holy ground and to love at all costs — stand until you can't stand no more. "There is power in prayer", Pastor Dwayne stated, "we need powerful prayer of love for the victims' families, for our police officers and for the United States of America."

Paulding County made history on this day with its first ever Inequality Peaceful Protest. From the organizers: this day was a complete success, the beginning of change, the start to solving the problems in our society's thinking. Paulding County — Be The Change You Want To See.

**NSSC AMONG FIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO JOIN "ACHIEVING THE DREAM" NATIONAL NETWORK**

Northwest State Community College is one of five colleges from five states across the country to strengthen their commitment to improving student success by becoming part of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) National Network. These colleges are joining ATD at a time when COVID-19 has caused unimaginable disruptions that can only be met with resilience, innovation, and a deepened commitment to student success and equity, a response seen across the nation by ATD's Network of community colleges.

"Transformational change is difficult under normal circumstances, and it's particularly pronounced during such a challenging time. We are encouraged by the commitment of these five institutions who have shown that student success is at the core of their work," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. "We look forward to

working with these colleges on building their capacity for change over the next three years, and we are excited to welcome them to the Network this summer."

Teams from each of the five colleges will convene at a Virtual Kickoff Institute in July, which will set the stage for their work as ATD Network institutions. During Kickoff, college teams will meet virtually with their ATD coaches and begin to organize their student success work for the year, including preparing for campus-based Kickoff work in the fall. Their Kickoff experience will include an introduction to ATD's approach, a capacity-building framework and companion self-assessment Institutional Capacity Assessment Tool, that enables colleges to pinpoint their strengths and areas for improvement across seven institutional capacities that are needed to facilitate change. This framework integrates and aligns efforts that the colleges may have already begun to implement, such as guided pathways, integrated planning and advising, developmental education redesign, and assesses readiness for other large-scale change work.

NSSC President Dr. Michael Thomson added, "NSSC is proud to join the 277 community colleges in the Achieving the Dream movement. We share a common commitment to increase student success and completion. While we are very accessible, many Northwest Ohio learners face incredible barriers to reach our life-transforming educational environments. ATD will help us identify and close equity gaps that exist in all six counties in our service area."

Thomson continued, "ATD will help use a data-informed decisional method to identify and reduce gaps so that every one of our 77,000 families can access our services. In today's interconnected world, high-performing organizations adapt proven best practices to the culture and history of the area they serve. We have a strong track record adapting best practice as evidenced by our recent work in custom training and RAPIDS."

The Achieving the Dream 2020 Cohort includes:

- Central Arizona College (AZ)
- Compton College (CA)
- Milwaukee Area Technical College (WI)
- Northwest State Community College (OH)
- Wake Technical Community College (NC)

**ABOUT ACHIEVING THE DREAM**

Achieving the Dream (ATD) leads a growing network of 277 community colleges committed to helping their students, particularly low-income students and students of color, achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity. ATD is making progress in closing academic achievement gaps and accelerating student success through a unique change process that builds each college's institutional capacities in seven essential areas. ATD, along with 75 experienced coaches and advisors, works closely with Network colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

**CAN YOU INVEST FOR RETIREMENT AND EDUCATION?**



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Typically, this time of year is filled with graduation ceremonies and celebrations. But with the coronavirus pandemic, not much has been typical lately. Eventually, though, things will return to normal and schools will reopen for in-person learning. And if you have young children, you may want to save for their higher education, whether that be college or trade school. At the same time, though, you're moving ever closer to retirement. Can you save for your kids' education and a comfortable retirement for yourself at the same time?

It is indeed possible, although you may need to prioritize somewhat. Specifically, you may not want to put off saving for retirement in favor of education. But by viewing these goals together and investing as early as possible in each of them, you can take advantage of one of your biggest assets — time.

Of course, you'll still have to budget your resources. You want to invest as much as you can, but not so much that your monthly cash flow is crimped. Consequently, you may have to consider retiring later, contributing less to your child's education, or a combination of the two. But in terms of logistics, you can make saving and investing easier.

First, consider your retire-

ment accounts. If you have a traditional 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions come out of your paycheck before you even see the money — so it's about as painless a way of building your retirement fund as possible. Put in as much as your budget allows and consider increasing your contributions when you receive a raise at work. You can also direct your bank to move money each month from your savings or checking account into your IRA.

Now, let's move to your other key goal: education. Several education funding vehicles are available, but one of the most popular is the 529 plan. Your earnings grow tax-deferred and withdrawals are free from federal tax, provided the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan withdrawals not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may earn a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan.

You can set up recurring contributions from a bank account to a 529 plan. And you don't have to fund your 529 plan on your own. Instead of gifts for birthdays, holidays, graduations and other occasions, why not ask friends and relatives to contribute to the 529 plan you've set up for your child? They're all eligible to participate — and their contributions may earn them tax benefits if they live in your state and you've invested in your own state's plans.

A financial advisor can help you plan for more than one goal, understand the benefits and tradeoffs of your decisions, and make the process of saving for those goals easier. So, get the help you need to stay on track — or rather, two tracks — toward the important objectives of education and retirement.

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# PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS CELEBRATION



**Pictured left to right-Front Row: Ann Walker; 2nd Row: Diane Dasher, Rebecca Fulk; 3rd Row: Audrey Chavez, Eileen Stoller, Laura Donaldson, Deborah Woodring, Deborah Stevenson, Tina Myers; Back Row: Pam Crone, Tracy Medford, Amanda Retcher, Brandy Roughton, Kelli Schlatter, Joseph Fisher, Thomas Melchor.**

Thursday, June 11th Paulding County Hospital celebrated their Annual Years of Service Awards. The celebration is normally held in March, but had to be re-scheduled due to COVID-19. The event was celebrated at the Black Swamp Nature Center, and social distancing guidelines were enforced.

This year Paulding County Hospital had 22 individuals that reached a years of service milestone. 5-years of service

awards recipients included: Pam Crone, Michelle LaForest, Nathan Sunday, Molly Roehrig, Thomas Melchor, Joseph Fisher, Amanda Retcher, Tracy Medford, Janet Zedydyk, Angela Wolford, Brandy Roughton and Kelli Schlatter.

PCH had one 10-years of service award recipient for 2020, Audrey Chavez. 15-years of service awards recipients included: Nicole McClure, Eileen Stoller and Deborah Stevenson. 20-years of

service awards recipients included: Deborah Woodring, Tina Myers and Laura Donaldson. 25-years of service awards recipients included: Diane Dasher and Rebecca Fulk. PCH had one 30-years of service award recipient, Ann Walker.

Thank you to all 2020 Service Awards recipients for your continued service to Paulding County Hospital and to the community. You truly make a difference!

## EVIL HAS AN END

**By: Doris Applegate**

During these times of turmoil, violence, rioting and burning our stores, etc. (which is lawlessness) we are also perplexed that many government leaders seem to encourage the evil instead of standing for the Constitution and for the rights of 'we the people.'

We can pray the following prayers that David prayed in Psalm 28:4-5 "Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors; give them after the work of their hands; render to them what

they deserve. Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

In Psalm 21:8-10 we see where David prayed; "Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies and those that hate thee, thou shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger; the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them, their fruit shall thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men!"

In Psalm 11:5 we read that "the wicked and them

that love violence, God's soul hateth." Wickedness will have an end but in the meantime we must keep our eyes on Jesus Christ and the promises of God given to us in His word.

In the book of JOB 20:5-7 we read: "The triumphing of the wicked is short and he shall perish forever like his own dung!"

Please let these verses encourage you and remember that: "The righteous shall bring forth his friend in his season, his leaf shall not wither and whatsoever he does shall prosper!" "The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the

wind driveth away!" (Psalm 1:3-4)

A verse to dwell on: "A great new day is coming, we can hardly comprehend. For it will be so glorious, made especially for man! God soon will blast away the old, and earth will once again become the place of paradise, where there will be no sin. Everyone will then obey commandments of the Lord. For God will truly have his say...Jesus will rule, it is His day!"

Amen

## PARSON TO PERSON

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,  
In Job 42:10 it says the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. In verses 12-13 he got twice as many animals but only the same number of children as it said he had in chapter one, verses two and three. Why?*

We know that God cannot lie. "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promises before the world began;" (Titus 1:2) He is faithful to His promises. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

People have souls that live on through eternity. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28) Job's previous ten children were still his and presuming they, like Job, were saved by putting their faith in the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ, Job would spend eternity with all twenty of them in heaven.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

## OHIO STATE SOIL SCIENTIST AWARDED WORLD FOOD PRIZE

A soil scientist at The Ohio State University whose research spans five continents has been awarded this year's World Food Prize for increasing the global food

supply by helping small farmers improve their soil.

Over five decades, Rattan Lal, a Distinguished University Professor in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), has reduced hunger by pioneering agricultural methods across the globe that not only restore degraded soil but also reduce global warming.

"Every year we are astounded by the quality of nominations for the Prize, but Dr. Lal's stellar work on management and conservation of agriculture's most cherished natural resource, the soil, set him apart," said Gebisa Ejeta, chair of the World Food Prize Selection Committee and 2009 recipient of the award.

"I am absolutely thrilled to learn that Distinguished University Professor and Ohio State alumnus Dr. Rattan Lal has received the World Food Prize," said President Michael V. Drake. "This tremendous honor is fitting recognition for the many ways he has uplifted people and communities around the world throughout his extraordinary career as a scientist, advocate and educator."

The award is issued by the World Food Prize Foundation, which is based in Iowa.

"The impact of his research and advocacy on sustainability of agriculture and the environment cannot be overstressed," Ejeta said.

Beginning in the 1970s with his research in West Africa, Lal has discovered ways to reduce deforestation, control soil erosion, and enrich soil by managing a critical element in the soil: organic carbon.

His research has provided the scientific foundation to show that soil can not only solve the global challenge of food insecurity but also global warming.

As the 2020 winner of the World Food Prize announced today via webcast, Lal was awarded \$250,000, which he will donate for future soil research and education. He is the first at Ohio State to receive the award.

"It is a privilege and honor to be of service to the many small farmers from around the world because I was one of them. They are stewards of the land. They are the ones with the tremendous challenge of feeding the world," said Lal, who is founding director of the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center in CFAES at Ohio State.

Lal was listed by Thomson Reuters as among the top 1% of the most-cited scientists in agriculture for the 2014 to 2019 period and among the world's most influential scientific minds in 2015.

A faculty member at Ohio State for 33 years, Lal was recognized for his contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

In 2019, Lal became the first soil scientist and the first person at Ohio State to receive the Japan Prize. A year before, he received the 2018 World Agriculture Prize and the 2018 Glinka World Soil Prize.

Beyond Lal's worldwide contributions to soil health, one of his more remarkable aspects is the trajectory of his life.

At age 5, he and his family left west Punjab, resettling in northern India, as refugees, in a village without electricity. There, he and his family worked a small 7-acre farm using oxen. While his elder siblings ran the family farm, Lal was the only one who had a chance to go to school, the only one in his family who learned to read and write.

"Those of us at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences are extremely proud of our colleague, Dr. Rattan Lal, and his incredible achievements. He has a prolific research portfolio and is one of the most influential scientists in the world," said Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of CFAES Cathann A. Kress.

In the 1990s, Lal co-wrote the first documented report showing how restoring degraded soil by taking in carbon dioxide from the air not only improved the soil but also defended against rising levels of carbon dioxide.

In the decades before and since, Lal has promoted agricultural practices that optimize the soil's ability to act as a sponge, soaking up carbon dioxide in the air through photosynthesis, and returning it to the soil when the plant decomposes. This in turn enriches the soil, making it more conducive to growing crops.

The techniques Lal has advocated include eliminating plowing, retaining crop residue left after harvest, planting cover crops, minimizing the use of chemical fertilizers, and setting aside land and water for nature, rather than for agriculture or other purposes. Each practice comes at low cost, affordable even to farmers in the developing world.

The agricultural practices Lal has advocated are now at the heart of efforts to improve agriculture systems in the tropics and globally.

Along with his research, Lal has partnered with international and national policymakers as well as industries to increase carbon in the soil and prevent fields from eroding, keeping both sediment and chemicals from getting into nearby waterways.

All of Lal's work has been guided by one principle: The health of soil, plants, animals, people, and the environment all depend on each other.

"When the health of soil degrades, it creates a domino effect," Lal said. "Restoring soil health is essential to restoring human health."

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/ohio-state-soil-scientist-awarded-world-food-prize/>

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**JUST FOR A VISIT I DON'T WANT TO LIVE THERE**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

by: Nancy Whitaker  
It has been said, "The past is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there."

Of course the reason I would like to go back is to regain some of my youth. Plus, I would like to revisit some of the familiar things I grew up with.

Now the things we had growing up are either gone or extinct.

But, to go back and be that little girl again for a day might be fun.

I thought to back then and thought that sometimes it was so boring living in the country.

We did not have cell phones, computers, running water, TVs or air conditioners.

So, how did we ever entertain ourselves?

I remember playing games like Jacks, Red Rover, Hop Scotch and Freeze tag.

I recall paper dolls and how I cut out their clothes, named them and even made little cardboard houses for my dolls to live in.

I also remember helping grandma in the garden where we ate big juicy tomatoes, fresh green beans and corn on the cob.

I remember washing up out of a wash basin and taking a bath in a big metal tub on Saturday nights.

I remember the smell of sheets hung on the line in the sun, the old Maytag washer and the smell of lye soap and starch. This was the smells of a Monday. Back in The day, doing laundry was an all day job.

Not only that, but on Tuesdays all those clean clothes were sprinkled down and ironed.

Grandma and Mama used to iron everything from sheets to handkerchiefs.

One item today is probably very collectible and that is the old crank telephone. Oh what fond memories I have of those.



Whenever we heard two longs and a short ring, we knew that was our ring. (However, we all had party lines and we could hear everyone's ring.

You could sneakily pick up the receiver and listen to the latest gossip.

Well, today I look at my young grand and great grandchildren and they all have cell phones, play games on them and I think they are attached too their bodies.

However, I seriously doubt if any of my grand or great grandchildren would have an idea of what a dial phone looks like.

I was surprised to find out when Christmas shopping, there are toy cell phones for toddlers who are 2 years old. Did I buy one? Of course.

Another thing that has changed is TV. Of course, we didn't get a TV until I was a teen, but I sure loved Groucho Marx, the bird and that secret word he also had each week.

We also only had 3 channels and no such thing as a remote.

Don't get me wrong, I love the technology and what we have mastered in this day and age.

We have come a long way in the past few decades and I would like to see what new technology will come around.

Look around you, and see how new technology has impacted your life.

Do you ever want to go back to the years of yesterday? Would you miss being young and living in a world without our luxuries?

If you let me know I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts

I might get through a couple of hours, but my cell phone is ringing and I gotta see who it is.

**DIANNE COOPER - BOBCAT COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENT**

Paulding, OH: The Dianne Cooper - Bobcat Community Award scholarship is given to an Oakwood Elementary student and Paulding High School graduate residing in the Oakwood boundaries. The recipient is also an excellent role model in the classroom. This year's recipient of the Dianne Cooper scholarship is Mackenzie Weible, the daughter of Rob and Darcy Weible. Mackenzie played varsity soccer for three years, was involved in 4-H for six years, took rabbits and sheep to the county fair, was involved in FFA for a year, and was a member of the National Honors Society. She plans to attend The University of Toledo to major in nursing. Good luck in your future endeavors Mackenzie!

**ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2020**

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert Counties. All outlined work is weather permitting.

**DEFIANCE COUNTY**

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 (truck detour only) will close for railroad repair on Tuesday, Mar. 31 through mid-June. Safety Services Supply, Cloverdale, serves as the general contractor.

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

State Route 18 (Main Street) in the village of Hicksville will close June 22 for approximately two months for railroad repair. Safety Services Supply, Cloverdale, serves as the general contractor.

**UPCOMING IMPACT**

Detour: Meuse-Argonne Road to Elm Street back to SR 18 (see map).

State Route 249 at Openlander Road (Road 124), between Farmer and the vil-

lage of Ney, will close June 8 for four days for a culvert replacement. The work will be performed by the ODOT Defiance County maintenance garage.

**CONTINUING IMPACT**

Detour: SR 2 to U.S. 6 to U.S. 127 back to SR 249

**PAULDING COUNTY:**

U.S. 24 just west of U.S. 127, in both directions, will have lane restrictions beginning June 15 for approximately four months an erosion repair project. Miller Contracting Group, Inc., Ottoville, is the general contractor.

State Route 500 between the Indiana state line and the city of Paulding will have lane restrictions for pavement repairs. The work will be performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

State Route 637 between State Route 111 and County Highway 111, near the area of Junction will have lane restrictions for drainage repairs. The work will be performed by the ODOT Paulding County maintenance garage.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

U.S. 30 between State Route 66 and State Route 190, near Delphos, will have lane restrictions beginning June 22 for drainage repairs. Shelly Company, Findlay, is the general contractor.

State Route 12 between Road 7-1 and State Route 696, just east of Pandora, will close June 15 for five days for a culvert replacement. The work will be performed by the ODOT Putnam County maintenance garage.

**NEW IMPACT**

Detour: SR 65 to U.S. 30 to SR 696 back to SR 12.

State Route 189 within the village of Fort Jennings will close June 15 for five days for drainage repairs. The work is being performed by the village of Fort Jennings.

Detour: SR 190 to SR 634 to U.S. 224 back to SR 189.

**VAN WERT COUNTY**

U.S. 30 at State Route 127 in both directions, at the city of Van Wert, will have lane restrictions for pavement repairs. The work will be performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

State Route 637 between C-12 and Feasby Wisner Road, approximately two miles south of the village of Grover Hill, will close on June 8 for two weeks to replace three culverts. The work will be performed by the ODOT Van Wert County maintenance garage.

**CONTINUING IMPACT**

Detour: S. 224 to SR 66 to SR 114 back to SR 637.

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.

**ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**



Pictured is Alex Campbell, Gary Mabis, Nicole Walter and Steve DeVeau.



Pictured here is Gary Mabis, Joshua Swift and Alex Campbell.

Antwerp Conservation Club would like to congratulate our 2020 scholarship winners. Nicole Walter of Woodlan Jr/Sr High. Nicole will be going to Ivy Tech this fall pursuing a degree in nursing. Joshua Swift of Hicksville High School. Joshua will be going to the University of Toledo majoring in mechanical engineer-

ing. Thank you to all the graduates that filled out our application form. It is always a tough decision to make. A Thank You also goes out to our scholarship committee who is tasked with making this tough decision. Steve, Jo, Alex and Gary. We are looking forward to reading the class of 2021 applications.

The work will be performed by Eagle Bridge Co., Sidney.

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

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your property and are damaged are the responsibility of the property owner.

Debris can also be taken to the Utility Shop located at 2455 Summit Street; the debris pile is on the east side of the building.

Electric Power

If you are having electricity issues, Paulding Putnam customers can find

information at <https://bit.ly/2UAj4rL> and AEP customers can find information at <https://bit.ly/3dXpY1W>.

For updates, residents can visit the city's website at [www.newhaven.in.gov](http://www.newhaven.in.gov) and be sure to follow our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/newhavenin](https://www.facebook.com/newhavenin).

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**RIGHTS, RIOTS & RECKLESSNESS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

The Book says there is some good in everybody and I think that it true, but what I see on TV about these riots in the nation about a policeman causing the death of a black man out in Minnesota, I don't know. I agree that man is guilty of something, but let the courts do the punishing. A riot is just another case of vengeance like in the old west, they had committees to hang someone without a trial and that is wrong all the way. Now this is 2020 and our nation is in turmoil over this COVID19 stuff. Nearly everyone is tired of this nationwide lockdown and I think that is part of this pent up feelings. One just feeds the other.

Most of those yelling crowds turn into a full blown riot and I am certainly against that. They eventually start fires, plunder, destroy and steal.

A businessman in that city has his store burned or looted and he's out of business and all his hired help.

To me a rioter is a guilty of destruction and should be locked up. Yes, they complain about their civil rights, but they are treading on other people's rights. All of this is taking place in Minnesota, because the courts are moving too slow.

I just imagine that their courts and government buildings are locked up just like every other town during this lockdown and justice gets held up, but to riot is wrong, that is not the answer, and it helps no one. I think most people just use a riot as a vehicle.

See ya!

**WOE IS US**

**By: Stan Jordan**

This is Tuesday morning, after four days of rioting, stealing, burning, beating and down right mayhem under the guise of a peaceful protest.

I'm here to say this kind of behavior has to stop. This is

not Americanism. That was hundreds of thousands of hooligans out raising hell after two months of lock down. They wore masks and they knew that they couldn't be recognized. If they would act like that in Russia, they would get a one way ticket to Siberia.

I have said before, this kind of using those three words "My civil rights" will be the death of America as we know it.

I'm glad that I am old and will not see our country torn asunder, but it is going to happen. I think everyone has a firearm and there will be a lot of spotty wars.

Here in America we have people and groups from every country in the world. Black, white, brown, yellow... all good people, mostly. We have success stories, workers and non-workers, haves and have nots and people who exist on hand outs. All of these people have civil rights.

Some times that leads you to think these are troubled times. I think this is the best country in the world. We lead the best life in the world, we will get straightened out, it will take time, but we all have to work for it.

See ya!

**LUKE SHORT CONTINUED**

**Duel with Jim Courtright**

On the night of February 8, 1887, another argument broke out between Luke Short and Jim Courtright about the latter's persistence in demanding money from Luke's establishment for 'protection'. An infuriated Courtright stormed from the saloon, but later returned with two pistols visibly holstered in his pockets. He yelled for Luke Short to come out but Jake Johnson, a friend of both men, tried to calm Courtright down. Short met with the two men outside and talked about their dispute as they walked through the street. The group however, suddenly stopped at Ella Blackwell's Shooting Gallery. Luke Short was facing Courtright three to four feet away when the latter suddenly went for his pistol, making the former draw his own in return. In the celebrated gunfight that followed, Short was the last man standing. In his own words, Short described what happened:

Early in the evening...I was at the bar with a couple of friends when some one called me. I went out into the vestibule and saw Jim Courtright and Jake Johnson...I walked out with them upon the side-

walk, and we had some quiet talk on private affairs. I reminded him of some past transactions, not in an abusive or reproachful manner, to which he assented, but not in a very cordial way. I was standing with my thumbs in the armholes of vest and had dropped them in front of me to adjust my clothing, when he remarked 'Well, you needn't reach for your gun,' and immediately put his hand in his hip-pocket and pulled his. When I saw him do that, I pulled my pistol and began shooting, for I knew that his action meant death. He must have misconstrued my intention in dropping my hands before me. I was merely adjusting my clothing, and never carry a pistol in that part of my dress.

The showdown was also witnessed by Bat Masterson who was with Luke Short at the time. In 1907, Masterson published his own account of the events where he stated that it was Jim Courtright, carrying a "brace of pistols", who challenged Luke Short to a duel:

No time was wasted in the exchange of words once the men faced each other. Both drew their pistols at the same time, but, as usual, Short's spoke first and a bullet from a Colt's 45-calibre pistol went crashing through Courtright's body. The shock caused him to reel backward; then he got another and still another, and by the time his lifeless form had reached the floor, Luke had succeeded in shooting him five times.

Investigations of the gunfight concluded that while it was Courtright who went for his pistol first, it was Short who ultimately outdrew and killed him. Courtright's inability to fire off a shot was due to a number of possible reasons; one was that his pistol broke when one of Short's bullets struck it and his thumb, or that his pistol got caught on his watch chain for a second as he drew it, which Western historian DeArment considered to be unlikely or a "feeble excuse".

The gunfight became well known due to the notoriety of both men. Courtright's funeral was attended by hundreds of Fort Worth residents. Short was arrested for the shooting and though he was almost lynched after the shootout, he was never brought to trial. Finally, Short was able to settle his legal problems with the court in Dallas. All of the cases against him were dismissed with no explanation.

**Marriage to Hattie Buck**

Following the resolution of his legal problems, Short was now financially stable. He traveled to Kansas, where he married Hattie Buck (born October 5, 1863) in Oswego, Kansas, on March 15, 1887. Harriet Beatrice Buck was born in Coles County, Illinois on October 5, 1863. She was the fourth of eight children born between 1858 and 1878. Buck's family later moved to Emporia, Kansas, where her father died a few years prior to her marriage. Short and his wife went to Fort Worth, Texas shortly after their wedding but soon boarded a train "for a brief stay in Hot Springs." A.G. Arkwright later recalled, "Luke Short came there, to the hotel where I was staying, with his wife, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of an Emporia banker, whom he married under romantic

**AN OLD STORE**



Coon Long - Grocery Cor. Main & Railroad Street

**By: Stan Jordan**

This old picture is from our collection here at West Bend News. Now looking at the store and the people in this old tin type photo, I'll bet there is a dozen stories here.

You see they all had to stand very still, no motion nor talking. Now this is what

circumstances."

**Horse racing and the Palais Royal**

"Doing the racing circuit" was a large part of Short's career as a sporting man. He and his friend, Jake Johnson, along with their wives, attended the inaugural running of the Futurity Stakes on Labor Day 1888. That event was held in New York at the Sheepshead Bay Race Track on Coney Island. By October 1888, Short and Johnson were back in Fort Worth. Short was no longer connected with the White Elephant, and Johnson had decided to open what the local paper headlined as a "super resort" called the Palais Royal, which was designed to rival the White Elephant. Short may have been part owner but if so remained a silent partner.

**NORTHWEST STATE TO HOST YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS IN JUNE AND JULY**

Northwest State Community College will host a series of interactive summer camps for area youth, beginning on June 30 with the first Agriculture is STEM camp (for grades 7-9). The camp season will wrap up on July 30. This year's summer camp topics include many of Northwest State's academic divisions, including STEM, Industrial Technologies, Arts & Sciences and Allied Health, Business & Public Service. All camps will be hosted at the Archbold campus, and campers can expect fun, hands-on learning activities as part of their action-packed camps.

**SAFETY FIRST/FOLLOWING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

The NSCC summer camps will closely adhere to the local, state and federal safety protocols to ensure campers have the best-possible experience, while maintaining a "safety first" environment. Measures such as temperature-taking, hand washing upon entry and exit, face coverings for all campers (unless other circumstances prevent it), and even bottled

water and packaged snacks will be in place. Safety is of the utmost importance for all involved, but there will also be a strong emphasis on making the camps fun and educational.

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Some of the 2020 NSCC summer camps are made possible in part by generous contributions by the following businesses and organizations: The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, Parker-Hannifin Foundation, FMTC, bright.net, and the Foundation for Rural Service.

For a complete listing of the Northwest State summer camps, including dates, times, ages and registration information, please visit NorthwestState.edu/Events beginning June 10th. Interested parents or campers can also contact Kaleigh Nofziger at NSCC at 419.267.1394, or by email at knofziger@NorthwestState.edu.

**CAMP OVERVIEW**

Agriculture is STEM: June 30-July 2 (grades 7-9); July 14-16 (grades 4-6)

Discovering STEM: July 6-9 (grades 5-6); Let's Build a Robot I; July 6-9 (grades 5-8)

Entrepreneurship Camp:

they would call a "goins on", everyone showed up for the occasion.

There was a number of Longs in Antwerp history. Frank Long was mayor three different times. Look close and you will see there is a barber shop next door. Right beside the store door that lit-

tle sign says 'yeast foam'. I've seen that product advertised before.

I suppose that man at the door is Frank Long. "Coon" was just a nickname. It was under Mayor Long's term that we bought the park in 1886.

See ya!

July 13-16 (ages 12 & up); Let's Build a Robot II; July 13-16 (grades 5-8) - Camper needs to have completed Beginning Robot Camp or completed one year on a FLL team.  
Cyber Camp: July 14-16 (ages 14-18)  
Exploring STEM: July 20-23 (grades 7-8)  
Filmmaking Camp: July 20-23 (grades 8-10)  
Make-It Camp: July 27-28 (grades 4-7)  
Robots and Drones: July 27-30 (grades 5-8)  
eSports Camp: July 27-30 (grades Rising 8-12)

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# LOOK BACK AT THE PAULDING COUNTY FAIR DURING TROUBLED TIMES



These past Paulding County Fair books and racing programs are part of the collection at the John Paulding Historical Society. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

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



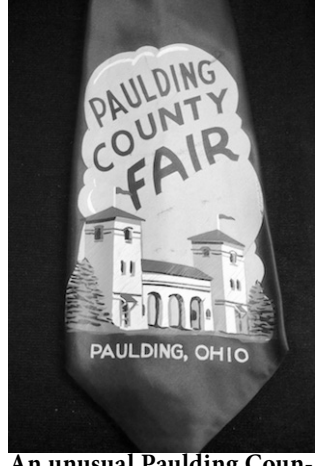
PAULDING - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Paulding County Fair has been canceled for the year 2020. The Paulding County Fair Facebook post says it all: "This was the most difficult decision most of us have ever had to make. We came together as one, to make this tough decision for the best interest of the community. Paulding Strong!"

It is disappointing for 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, all of the many other participants, and for those of us who enjoy and look forward to our county fair each year. However, the citizens of Paulding County understand. Many people have wondered if this is the first time the county fair has been canceled. Let's take a brief look at the history of the Paulding County Fair during national and global catastrophes.

The Paulding County Agricultural Society held its first fair on a farm near Junction, on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26, 1860. Horatio N. Curtis was the president; Robert Shirley was vice-president; B.L. Wentworth was treasurer and Fielding S. Cable was the secretary. The original fair was truly a "Farmer's Fair" - a place for the farmer to display his finest in the plant and animal kingdom. There also was a class for wood working, leather goods and blacksmithing. The farmer's wife also would show her skills in areas such as her best quilt, loaf of bread, butter, hand stitched gentlemen's coat, or ladies dress. Premiums were paid to the winners.

The Paulding Independent newspaper of November 8, 1860, gave this review: "Our County Fair at Junction, October 25th and 26th, for the first effort of the kind, more than justified our expectations. The numbers in attendance showed an interest that is seldom manifested at commencement of exhibitions of this kind. The number of articles on exhibition was not large, and we hope to see next year a better display."

By April 1861, the Civil War had commenced. President Lincoln called for a volunteer army from each state to serve for three months. It was believed that it would take no more than three months to suppress the re-



An unusual Paulding County Fair souvenir is this painted silk tie on display at Gorrell Bros. Auctioneers in Paulding. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

bellion. Over 100 Paulding County men signed up, including the secretary of the fair board, Fielding S. Cable. This was quite a number of men considering the county's population at that time was less than 5,000.

The Paulding County boys returned home from their 90-day service on July 25, 1861 and immediately Fielding S. Cable put a notice in the paper of a meeting at the courthouse to make arrangements for the county fair to be held that fall. The dates would be September 19 and 20 and would be held at Junction.

No records of the fair can be found for the year 1862, so it is uncertain whether the fair went on as the country continued in horrific battle

to save the union. The next reporting of the Paulding County Fair was in October 1863. The fair was held in Antwerp on October 1 and 2, but was a disappointment because of bad weather. The Civil War was still raging on and would continue until 1865. No records could be found regarding the Paulding County Fair and it seems to have faded away.

In 1870, the newspapers encouraged Paulding County residents to attend the Defiance County Fair in hopes of inspiring the citizens to hold a fair in Paulding County. In the spring of 1871, the Paulding County Agricultural Society started to revive its activities. Members held a meeting to elect officers and make the necessary arrangements to hold a fair in Paulding on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 11, 12 and 13. The location of this fair is believed to be south of town along the bank of the Flat Rock Creek at the site it is today; however, the agricultural society did not own the land at that time.

In 1872, the Paulding County Agricultural Society purchased 25 acres, which is the present day location of the fairgrounds. The 1872 fair would be held at this location on October 15-17. The Paulding County Fair has continued at this location and has been held each year since.

The fairground was enlarged in 1888 with the purchase of an additional 10 acres, for a total of 35 acres.

The grandstand you see today was built in 1906. It replaced the old one that stood in the same location. At the time of construction, this was the envy of other counties. The grandstand is 132 feet long and 86 feet wide and has a seating capacity of 1,200. Underneath was a dining room, 70 x 36 feet, and three small rooms, two of which were occupied by the secretary and his force, and the third rented as a refreshment stand. The year "1872" painted on the north end of the grandstand represents the first year the fair was held on the fairgrounds property as owned by the Paulding County Agricultural Society rather than the date the structure was built.

By April 1917, the United States entered WWI. The fair was held that year on September 10-14. An advertisement announced there would be a genuine German submarine. "You can look through the periscope and see everything that's going on, races and all!" The fair continued each year, although it was reported that due to war conditions, not as many concessions and side shows were present.

In 1918, not only was WWI still being fought, but the Spanish Flu pandemic had overtaken the world. There were 50 million cases and 50 million deaths worldwide from this pandemic. The Paulding County Fair was held from September 11-14 and the only complaint was wet weather. The Paulding Democrat published September 19, 1918, tells us: "The rain fell in torrents Wednesday night and showers copiously on Thursday afternoon added to the volume of water, rendering the grounds a sea of water and soft mud. In spite of it however, quite an attendance of people braved the elements and paid ad-

mission to the grounds both days."

The next tragedy to face the nation and Paulding County was the Great Depression of the 1930s. The 1929 fair went off just prior to the financial collapse and boasted that the 4-H livestock exhibit was the largest in the history of the club.

In 1932, a new ruling from the board limited the exhibits to residents of Paulding County only. Whether this was due to the Depression or not is unknown. Up until this time, it seems Defiance and Van Wert were running away with the premiums.

At the height of the Great Depression in 1933, the fair board decided to continue the fair largely as a junior show including boys and girls' 4-H clubs and county schools. Although it was necessary to suspend premiums in the adult classes this year, they felt an obligation to the children.

The United States entered World War II with the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The 1942, the Paulding County Fair would be a one-day free fair, with exhibits from 24 4-H clubs and many commercial and civic exhibits. Because of the uncertainties of gas and tire rationing, the fair board called off the regular five-day event and instead the fair would be centered on the work of the 4-H clubs.

As WWII continued, the fair resumed its normal schedule in 1943, and in 1944 the fair set new records in gate and grandstand admissions. The Beauty Contest on the last day of the fair in 1944 saw 1,196 paid admissions to the grandstand! Miss Lou Ann Welch, 16, of Grover Hill, was named "Miss Paulding County Beauty Queen."

Unfortunately, there are been other wars and global pandemics since WWII, but the Paulding County Fair continued on. So what makes Covid-19 so different? Scientists are studying this virus and trying to get a handle on it, but it appears to be deadlier and has affected more people over a particular period of time as compared to other viruses.

This virus has never been seen in humans, so no one is immune. It is easily spread and infects the respiratory system. Something unique to Covid-19 is its 14-day incubation period, which is significantly longer than other viruses. It can take up to two weeks for a person to develop symptoms; therefore, an infected person without symptoms can unknowingly infect others. The Covid-19 virus is also stickier and has the ability to adhere to surfaces for a longer period of time.

This year's Paulding County Fair would have been the first fair in Ohio this season. With the state government suggesting gatherings be limited to 10 people, many other fairs, as well as festivals and events, have been canceled this summer.

We will miss our fair this year, but it is better to be safe than sorry. The Paulding County Fair Board made the best decision in order to protect the children and our community.

More information on the bicentennial can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PauldingCounty200.

# WORLD DISEASES - "BLACK PLAGUE" (BLACK DEATH)

By: Caroline Longardner

As we continue on with the COVID-19 VIRUS in this country there seems even to be a rise in cases most recently. The weather is warming up and people are getting out more and perhaps are not as careful as they should be about wearing masks and "distancing". Many of the our social affairs have been canceled for the summer.

A correction is to be made in the column on "Tuberculosis". It was written that over "93 Million people" have died in the United States by May 20, 2020 of the Covid-19 Virus. It should have read: "93 Thousand people". Sorry for the typo.

The BLACK PLAGUE - "BLACK DEATH" was a terrible global epidemic of bubonic plague that struck in Europe and Asia in the mid-1300s. Actually it was thought to have originated in Asia over 2,000 years ago and was likely SPREAD BY TRADING SHIPS, though recent research has indicated the pathogen responsible for the Black Death may have existed in Europe as early as 3000 B.C. The first plague arrived in Europe in October in 1347, when 12 ships from the Black Sea docked at the Sicilian port of Messina. People gathered on the docks and were met with a horrifying surprise: Most of the sailors aboard the ships were dead, and those still alive were gravely ill and covered in black boils that oozed blood and pus. Sicilian authorities immediately ordered the fleet of "death ships" out of the city harbor, but it was too late: Over the next 5 years, the Black Death would kill more than 20 million people in Europe - almost one third of the continent's population. The Bubonic Plague attacks the lymphatic system, causing swelling in the lymph nodes. If untreated, the infection can spread to the blood or lungs. It was a horrible disease, causing swelling at the beginning, either on the groin or under the armpits, becoming as big as an apple or an egg, and these were called the vulgar named "plague-boils".

Blood and pus seeped out of these strange swellings, which were followed by a host of other unpleasant symptoms - fever, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, tenible aches, and pains-- and then, in short order, DEATH. The Black Death was extremely contagious. "Persons who seemed perfectly healthy when they went to bed could be dead by morning! Were you aware that the nursery rhyme "Ring around the Rosy" was written about the symptoms of the Black Death? Scientists know that the Black Death, "know known as "THE PLAGUE", is spread by a bacillus called YERSINIA PESTIS. They know that the bacillus travels from person to person through the air as well as through the bite of infected fleas and rats. Both of these pests could be found almost everywhere in Medieval Europe (and aboard ships). This was how it traveled from port to port. Soon it was in France, Africa, Italy, England and all over the world. Physicians used crude and dangerous techniques on the Black Plague. Blood-letting and boil-lancing, bathing in rosewater or vinegar and burning aromatic herbs were among a few. Many people fled the cities to live in the country, however, the livestock also got the disease. In fact, so many sheep died that there was a shortage of European wool. It was thought that it could be DIVINE PUNISHMENT FROM GOD. Jews were purged from many communities and thousands were massacred in 1348 and 1349. Many Jews fled to sparsely populated regions of Europe to be safe from the mobs. Public flagellation (even by upper class people) was done by persons who traveled from town to town engaged in displays of penance and punishment. They would beat themselves and one another with heavy leather straps studded with sharp pieces of metal while the townspeople looked on. For 33 1/2 days the flagellants repeated this ritual 3 times day. Then they would move on to the next town and repeat the process over again.

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# CoRP RAISES MONEY FOR COMMUNITY FIREWORKS



Paulding, OH: CoRP (Community Revitalizing Paulding) is raising money for the crowd favorite fireworks to be held the night of the John Paulding Summer Blast on Friday, July 17th. 2020 has been a tough year for many businesses and individuals, but 2020 is also the county's bicentennial which is something definitely worth celebrating! Fireworks have become part of the county's summer traditions and are loved over by many. The fireworks display costs \$8,000 and CoRP is working hard to raise money to be able to give the community the firework display they love and deserve! \$8,000 is a lot of money and the task is daunting, but with the support and generosity of the community, CoRP knows it can be done.

"The community has shown time and time again their generosity, and it's so appreciated! This is our bicentennial year, a year that's so significant it should be celebrated the right way; with fireworks lighting up our downtown and shining a light on our community and the beautiful courthouse," says Dave Burtch, CoRP chairman.

To make a contribution to the fireworks you can do so on Facebook through a GoFundMe account found on CoRP's Facebook page. You can also send a check directly to the

organization. Mail all donations to PO Box 237 Paulding, OH 45879, made out to CoRP with 'fireworks' in the memo line. CoRP is a 501 c 3 organization so all donations are tax deductible. If the \$8,000 is not raised in full then all donations will be refunded to the donors. If by God's grace more than \$8,000 is raised, then the excess funds will be used for next year's firework show.

CoRP thanks the community in advance for their support and will be working hard to make it happen!

## 7 WAYS TO TEST THE WATERS OF SUMMER TRAVEL NEARBY

Fort Wayne - a city known for its affordability, nearby location, and quality family-friendly activities - is the perfect destination to test the waters of summer travel! With these seven summer adventures, you'll be able to enjoy an affordable adventure close-to-home safely.

### 1. Promenade Park

Opened in August 2019, Promenade Park is the perfect place to start your close-to-home adventure. This riverfront attraction is situated just north of downtown Fort Wayne along the St. Marys River, one of three rivers that meet in downtown Fort Wayne. Promenade Park is a

one-of-a-kind park that joins natural rivers to a vibrant urban center, and features a variety of activities including a kids' canal, ping pong and corn hole games, a tree top canopy trail, porch swings, and river access!

### 2. Riverfront Connectivity

Fort Wayne's great natural features meet in the heart of the downtown area, where there is an unbelievable amount of fun you can enjoy along the 8 miles of riverfront via Fort Wayne's unique riverfront connectivity. You can explore the historic Old Fort, located just steps away from Headwaters Park, the cultural and festival center in the summer. A short walk or bike ride provides easy access to Promenade Park via Fort Wayne's Rivergreenway trail that follows along the riverfront (hence the name!)

### 3. Nationally ranked Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

Home to 40-acres of animals, rides, and beautifully landscaped grounds, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is a must-see on any visit to Fort Wayne. Discover life in four distinct sections that range from the African Journey to Australian Adventure and the Indonesian Rainforest each featuring rides and interactive activities around every turn. Plus, the zoo is affordable with rides only costing \$2, and parking is FREE!

### 4. Picture Perfect Picnics

You can safely dine in the City of Restaurants by enjoying carryout and a picnic in one of the more than 80 award-winning parks including Promenade Park, which is conveniently located near many downtown restaurants.

### 5. Outdoor Spaces for Everyone

No matter your adventure level, there is something for every outdoor enthusiast in Fort Wayne. Get out on downtown Fort Wayne's 8 miles of water trails or discover other water access points along Fort Wayne's three rivers.

Adventure along more than 120 miles of trails by bike or foot. Fort Wayne's trail system enables you to easily explore our parks and attractions with a city-view ride itinerary.

With more than 80 city parks and several county parks and preserves, Fort Wayne's outdoor spaces offer a variety of activities including trails following along rivers, ravines, flower gardens, and marshland.

### 6. Public Art for All

Free to all, Fort Wayne is exploding with public art around every corner, alleyway, and park. Tour this creative city's murals spanning whole alley walls in downtown, discover sculptures representing the city's past and future, or enjoy 50 unique downtown sculptures that also double as bike racks!

And mark your calendars for an 11-day mural festival, September 8-18. The Make It Your Own Mural Fest will feature 11-high-quality murals from local, regional, and national artists in 11 counties of Northeast Indiana - all unveiled on September 18th!

### 7. Historical Sites

Fort Wayne is known for being a city that has connected the east to the west through the Erie Canal, which can now be experienced in the newly revitalized area of downtown Fort Wayne called the Landing. Fort Wayne offers numerous historic sites for you to explore, including

the Old Fort - a replica of the third and final Fort Wayne, and the gravesite for John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed.)

We may all be itching to get out and affordably explore, but we are still worried about our health and safety. In Fort Wayne, this convenient, affordable, and safe destination offers ample opportunities for nearby adventures you can take with your family and still be safely distanced from others! Learn more about Fort Wayne attractions' safety precautions and Indiana's "Back on Track" plan at VisitFortWayne.com/TravelerInfo

## PEOPLE MAY KNOW THE BEST DECISION - AND NOT MAKE IT

When faced with a decision, people may know which choice gives them the best chance of success, but still take the other option, a new study suggests.

People may choose based on a "gut feeling," a habit, or what worked for them last time, rather than on what they have learned will work most often, said Ian Krajbich, co-author of the study and associate professor of psychology and economics at The Ohio State University.

The results run counter to the belief that people make the less optimal choice because they just don't know any better.

"In our study, people knew what worked most often. They just didn't use that knowledge," Krajbich said.

The research, published today (April 20, 2020) in the journal Nature Communications, was led by Arkady Kononov, a former graduate student at Ohio State who is now at the University of Zurich in Switzerland.

Krajbich gave an example of how the study's findings may work in real life. Say Main Street is usually the fastest way home from work for you. But yesterday there was an event that was going to slow traffic on Main Street, so you took Spruce Street instead and it got you home a few minutes faster than normal.

Today, do you take Main Street - which you know is usually the better route - or take Spruce Street because it worked so well yesterday?

Krajbich said the results of this study suggest that many times we will take the route that worked yesterday and ignore the evidence of what normally works best.

"There's this tension between doing what you should do, at least from a statistical perspective, versus doing what worked out well recently," Krajbich said.

In the study, participants played a simple computer game in which noticing and exploiting patterns could make them more money. The researchers tracked their computer mouse movements to detect whether they picked up on those patterns.

For example, participants would choose one of two symbols on the top half of the screen - one on the top left and one on the top right. They would then move the cursor to the bottom half of the screen and a symbol would appear on the bottom right or bottom left. They would click on that to see their reward.

Participants repeated this game dozens of times. The

researchers could determine if the participants learned the pattern between what they chose at the top and what they got at the bottom (for example, choosing the top left symbol usually led to the bottom right symbol with the largest reward) by watching their mouse movements.

"We could tell where they thought the next symbol was going to appear by where they moved the cursor," Krajbich said.

"And we found that nearly everyone - 56 of the 57 participants - learned the pattern. That was no problem for our participants."

But the researchers designed part of the study so that the pattern that usually led to the largest reward didn't work 10 to 40 percent of the time.

So the question was: After one of the trials in which the pattern that usually led to the largest reward didn't work, what would participants do? Would they stick to the pattern or choose something else?

Results showed that participants followed the plan that gave them the best chance of success - which was following the pattern that worked at least 6 out of 10 times - only about 20 percent of the time.

In other parts of the study, the pattern that produced the biggest reward always worked the same way. Here, where the pattern was consistent, participants followed it about twice as often as in the other cases: about 40 percent of the time.

Why don't people follow the best strategy more often? While the answer to that is beyond the scope of this study, Krajbich said it likely takes a lot of mental energy and planning to always make decisions based on your knowledge of the environment.

And the rewards of following the best strategy aren't always obvious - especially if following that strategy increases your success by only a small percentage, he said.

This tension between using a statistical-based strategy versus going with your "gut" comes up a lot in sports, Krajbich said. Coaches and managers must decide whether to go for it on fourth down in football or walk a batter in baseball. The decision that has the best chance to succeed statistically is often only a bit more successful than the other choice.

"It can be hard to judge whether you made a good or

bad decision based just on the outcome. We can make a good decision and just get unlucky and have a bad outcome. Or we can make a bad decision and get lucky and have a good outcome," Krajbich said.

In those situations, it is easy for people to stop being disciplined and just choose whatever decision got them rewards most recently.

The lesson from this study, Krajbich said, is that people often do learn what works best. "They just have to put that knowledge into practice."

## MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL DESIGNATION AWARDED TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

For the 11th year in a row, Purdue University Fort Wayne has been named a Military Friendly School by VIQTORY, publisher of G.I. Jobs magazine.

The Military Friendly designation is the measure of the commitment, effort, and success of an organization's creation of sustainable and meaningful benefits for the military community. Earning Military Friendly status every year since 2010, Purdue Fort Wayne offers education and assistance with applications for benefits, changes in status or enrollment, referrals for tutoring, counseling, and help with issues involving financial aid, admissions, bursar, and other administrative units on campus.

"Consistently working to be a Military Friendly School continues to show the dedication our team has made to veterans, returning service members, and active duty personnel," says Kristina Creager, vice chancellor for student affairs. "We have had some incredible staff members serve this population over the last decade and we are poised to continue to do so as we reimagine and strengthen our support to those most deserving of our efforts for decades to come."

VIQTORY determines Military Friendly designations and awards through public data sources, student veterans, and responses to proprietary, data-driven surveys from participating institutions.

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# VANTAGE ADULT EDUCATION ENROLLING NOW



are continuing their training and gaining advanced skills for their professional endeavors! Featured is Police Academy student Devin Sanchez (Paulding) and Advanced Welding student Jeff Bender (Van Wert).

The Vantage Adult Education division has reopened its doors! Students in Practical Nursing, STNA, Police Academy, Welding, & EMT walked back in their labs &

Vantage Career Center Adult Education programs continue to enroll students in full-time and short-term programs beginning in the fall of 2020. Individuals interested in jumpstarting or redefining their career paths will gain basic and advanced skills, through in-the-field and classroom instruction by experienced industry experts.

Full-time programs beginning in the fall, such as Police Academy, Medical Assistant, and Practice Nursing, can be completed in just one year, preparing students for an essential professional career and continued education. Several of these full-time programs are offered in the evening, allowing adult students to balance work and family responsibilities with their educational goals.

Vantage Police Academy provides students with training required by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) to pursue a career in law enforcement. Successful completers will receive a certificate of completion and are eligible to take the State of Ohio Exam. Passing the state exam entitles graduates to certification by the State of Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

The Medical Assistant Program provides students with 1000 hours of academic and hands-on training, which prepares them to perform certain clinical and administrative duties in hospitals and physician offices. Medical Assistants are employed in private medical practices, clinics, hospitals and medical laboratories. Specific jobs held by Medical Assistants include, but are not limited to, physician's medical assistant, medical office receptionist,

billing clerk, office manager, and clinical supervisor.

The Practical Nursing Program consists of classroom, clinical and laboratory components. Clinical experiences will take place at local hospitals and long-term care facilities. All graduates of this program will receive a certificate of completion and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Practical Nurses to become licensed as a practical nurse (LPN).

Short-term programs can be completed in just a semester for a nominal cost. Firefighter 1, EMT, STNA, Welding, and Trade and Industry offers students the opportunity to improve or gain new skills for a better career, earning a competitive wage.

Vantage Career Center Adult Education offers a variety of on-campus or online courses to continue helping students achieve their professional goals! Enroll today by calling Maria Diltz, Vantage Adult Education Enrollment Coordinator, at 419.238.5411 x2118. To learn more about course and program offerings at Vantage Career Center Adult Education, simply go to <https://www.vantagecareer-center.com/ProgramsandClasses.aspx> and get started on your future today!

## VANTAGE STUDENT EARNS CERTIFICATION, SCORES IN TOP 10 PERCENT NATIONALLY

Gage Smith (Paulding), a senior in the junior Network Systems class at Vantage Career Center, earned his Test Out Linux Pro Certification, which normally takes an entire school year to complete, but he achieved it in less than one semester and scored in

the top 10% of all test takers for Linux Pro in the United States, including college students and industry professionals.

The passing score for Linux Pro is 1360 out of 1800. Gage's score was 1748. The average score for high school students is 677 with a 30% passing rate, and for college students it's 1144 with a 59% passage rate, according to Test Out, and these students spend an entire year studying and practicing for this test. Gage did it in 15 weeks & passed.

"Gage spent every extra minute in class working on this elective, but also skipped breaks to keep working on it, and even studied at home without any homework being assigned, which was not an easy task," says Network Systems Instructor Larry Regedanz.

Students in the 2-year Net-



Gage Smith (Paulding), Network Systems posing as the Network Systems program "Help Desk," where program students have the ability to provide customer service to Vantage employees and other students who need I.T. support.

work Systems program are required to complete the PC Pro (hardware and software) course their junior year, and the Network Pro (networking) course their senior year. Each course takes about 1 year to complete, and students can earn industry credentials for each course. In addition, both juniors and seniors can pick an elective course for extra industry certifications. Most students pick IT Fundamentals their junior year which is a pretty basic course and Computer Security their senior year which goes along well with their Networking course. Some students choose more advanced courses such as Routing and Switching or Linux Pro.

Gage chose the harder Linux Pro course in addition to the required PC Pro course, along with a second elective for semester two so he can finish his senior year Vantage strong with several Information Technology certifications. When asked why he dedicated every free moment to these electives, Smith replied, "Because I can."

"Gage was a student in Interactive Media his junior year. Although he wanted to enroll in Network Systems, the class was full, so when an opening came up his senior year, he jumped on the opportunity and is taking full advantage of getting as much training as he can," says Regedanz. "Getting all of these certifications in one year is amazing."

Gage's accomplishments earned him a national spotlight through a congratulatory Facebook post from TestOut (@TestOut), which included a photo of Gage, along with submitted information by Instructor Larry Regedanz saying, "Congratulations to Gage Smith of Van-

tage Career Center in Ohio! He finished out the school year with a fistful of our Pro certifications."

TestOut is an information technology and Office certification company offering TestOut Pro Certifications and innovative courseware solutions. With LabSim, students get a broad range of hands-on experience in a safe, simulated environment.

Gage has completed his senior year with PC-Pro, Network Pro, Security Pro, Linux Pro certifications, and is currently working on the Routing and Switching Pro certification. He will also be completing the CompTIA A+ and Network+ certifications soon after graduation through Vantage's Adult Education Program.

Gage is the classroom president, regional Business Professionals of America (BPA) secretary, and has been awarded the Vantage Network Systems program Award of Distinction.

## SPECIAL AUDIT ISSUES OVER \$300,000 IN FINDINGS AGAINST FORMER CHIEF DEPUTY OF LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT

Auditor of State Keith Faber's office released a special audit of the City of Lima Municipal Court, which issued \$334,270 in findings for recovery against former Chief Deputy Sue Barnett.

"Diligent local officials and the hardworking people of our Special Investigations Unit brought justice to this gross abuse of public trust," Auditor Faber said. "The City of Lima deserves better and I trust that better checks in balances have been put in place."

On May 31, 2017, the Auditor's office declared a special audit of the Lima Municipal Court after receiving a credible allegation of theft by the current Clerk of Court, Jim Link. Based on preliminary investigations, auditors determined the scope of the audit should be from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

As Deputy Chief, Barnett was responsible for managing the cashiers working for the court. As manager, her job was to ensure each cashier's batches for the day agreed with their respective cash drawer. She would then prepare a Daily Cash Drawer Worksheet, which listed the date, batch number, batch totals, list of checks received, total checks received, cash in drawer amount, and total deposit. She would then take the deposit to the bank. This allowed Barnett to have control over all phases of each transaction.

The audit period contained 655 deposits, totaling \$6,667,336. Of the 665 deposits, 495 of them included misappropriated cash totaling \$96,009. The following breaks down this amount by year.

2009: 144 days misappropriated, \$30,678 misappropriated cash; 2010: 159 days misappropriated, \$35,0338 misappropriated cash; 2011: 132 days misappropriated, \$19,628 misappropriated cash; 2012: 90 days misappropriated, \$10,670 misappropriated cash

The court conducted their own audit of Barnett, which included an audit period from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2008. That audit identified \$238,699 in misappropriated cash.

On April 18, 2019, Barnett appeared before Judge Jeffery L. Redd and pled guilty to Theft in Office, a felony of the third degree, and to telecommunications fraud, a felony of the third degree.

On September 5, 2019, Barnett agreed to a restitution amount of \$331,706 based on both our audit and the internal audit conducted by the court.

On October 18, 2019, Judge Reed sentenced Barnett to 36 months in prison for each count, to be served concurrently. In addition, Reed ordered restitution of \$331,706 against Barnett and in favor of Lima Municipal Court.

In accordance with the facts uncovered in the special audit and pursuant to the court order, Auditor Faber issued a finding for recovery

for \$95,571 against Barnett for misappropriating cash during the period the Auditor's office examined.

Auditor Faber also issued a finding against Barnett for \$238,699 for misappropriated cash covering the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2008.

Former Clerk of Court Robert Holmes was responsible for paying over and accounting for these funds coming into the court as required by law from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2007. Therefore, Robert Holmes is jointly and severally liable for \$198,569 total. Also, Ben Diepenbrock, the Clerk of Court who held the same responsibilities as Holmes from January 16, 2008 to June 30, 2012 is jointly and severally liable for \$134,284.

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### TRACTORS-FARM EQUIPMENT-TRUCK MECHANICAL & WOOD TOOLS -VAN

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Stan, I can't sit back and stay quiet after reading your letter to the editor from last week. I don't understand your anger about George Floyd. This man was mercilessly and slowly killed on video by a cop. This happens so often that it seemed to have become normal until protests started to get radical changes made.

Now I understand that you're white and grew up in an almost all-white town because I grew up in the same town, so you may not understand what's really happening. But for you to be angry enough to call the Governor out and send a letter to the newspaper for everyone to see makes me wonder why? It seems that you are showing an example of 'white privilege'. You've never had to worry about walking out of your house and jogging, driving, or shopping because of your skin color.

No, George Floyd was not a war hero and yes, he had made some mistakes in the past. Does that make it ok that he was killed? He had come to terms and had made changes in his life. George Floyd did not come up with a cure for cancer. Is it ok that he seems to be targeted and was murdered for trying to use a counterfeit bill? There is counterfeit money in circulation and we would never know if we had one. It is said that it was most likely a bill that he unintentionally was given and tried to use. No, George Floyd was not a Sunday School teacher. Is that the bar you hold up for good people? I don't know many people that are; I'm certainly not and some 'Christians' have been the biggest hypocrites I know.

You called him a 'meatball' and called 'a spade a spade'. This is an unfortunate term and I don't know if you realize its racist history but as a 'wordsmith' I would hope you will think twice before using it again. You didn't know George Floyd, but friends, family, and co-workers have called him gentle, kind, and he was a father to a loving 6-year-old daughter.

George Floyd IS a martyr.

I'm sure he'd rather be living than be a martyr. Black families are enduring this reality every day and shouldn't be. His name is now forever tied to a new global civil rights act. Just because someone's skin isn't the same color as yours doesn't mean they're not a human being. Just because someone's hair style isn't your style doesn't mean they're not a person. Just because someone doesn't have the same abilities as you doesn't mean they're not someone's child, mother, uncle, or friend.

I could not stay quiet after reading your letter because I am, quite frankly, disgusted by your anger, and silence is complicity. If you ever have to endure something as life-changing as losing a loved one to violence for matters that a white person would never bat an eye at, maybe you'd change your mind. You have an entitled attitude, saying that we 'have our goals and marks a lot higher'. I guess you mean that anyone that has ever done anything wrong should not be held up as an example or doesn't have a life that matters. Well, George Floyd is an example of the oppression of non-white people and the story needs told. George Floyd's murder was the straw that broke the camel's back. I beg of you to do some reading on the subject of black history, watch a documentary+, or anything else that informs you, as your letter made you look ignorant of the truth. Please look deep inside your soul to see why this has made you so angry and find some empathy and peace.

As an aside, I can imagine a lot of people in this area probably share the same ideals as Stan. I implore you to stop being angry about the protests and the idea that black, brown, yellow, red, and white people should all be treated the same. "Black Lives Matter" really means "Black Lives ALSO Matter As Much As Other Lives". Please live your life; go spread kindness, not hate.

—Denise Reeb, Antwerp, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I have always asked the younger generation to stand tall for their beliefs- be proud of who you are and stand up for the things you believe in. In writing this response, I am practicing what I preach and I wish I had done so earlier.

I sat silent when an employee of the West Bend News, Stan Jordan, wrote on October 2, 2018, that he didn't "care if they [addicts] die of infection, overdose, or any drug related usage." This was not long after my husband's cousin died of an overdose and our family was reeling in pain. Watching a loved one suffer through addiction is a pain I wish on no one. Each death represents a loss for someone. To have the paper and its employee publish such insensitive material is jaw-dropping. Yet it was printed and there are people following the paper who believe in the printed word. Is this really the example we want to set for future generations? Should they be taught that some lives aren't worth fighting for?

As Mr. Jordan added about a habitual addict on December 24, 2018, "Look at all the

families that went out of their usual life and helped him live. He didn't give a hoot, he just wanted more drugs. Now, I didn't know that man, but I just assume that he didn't do too much for society in his way of life." Mr. Jordan said in his own words that he DID NOT KNOW THAT PERSON. Every human has a backstory and we should have the grace and wisdom to realize life is not fair nor easy for everyone. My husband's cousin was a father, a brother, a beautiful artist and musician, someone who always had a smile on his face. Yet according to Mr. Jordan, an addict can be reduced down to someone who just wants more drugs. To brush off a death due to addiction not only forgets that person is human but also loses sight of the love and pain that a person's family has felt.

And yet, here we are again with the June 9th edition of the West Bend News and an open letter by the same Mr. Jordan. This time he targets George Floyd, who was killed after almost nine minutes of having a knee applied to his throat. Mr. Floyd could have been the most angelic person ever, or someone who lived a life full of regrets; either way, he did not deserve to die in the way that he did. Even if you do not agree with Governor DeWine's moment of silence in George Floyd's honor, calling someone less than a "pimple on a good Buckeye's butt" is extremely heartless and disrespectful.

Yes, George Floyd served time in the past. Yes, George Floyd used drugs. George Floyd was not perfect (no person IS perfect), but according to his family members, he was trying to be a better man. Following the Golden Rule, we should try to treat one another the way we want to be treated. That includes those who are gone. Calling Mr. Floyd a "meatball" and "hoodlum" is cruel; I wouldn't let my own children speak that way. Mr. Jordan wrote of our "triangle" as having high "goals and marks," but I do not consider insensitivity to be a character trait worth following. I have personally found our communities to be filled with people always willing to help those in need. Mr. Jordan's article would convince an unaware outsider that we do not care for other's pain. We do and always have.

I will end by saying I did not want to write this letter. I know that Mr. Jordan has done many positive things for our community and he truly loves Antwerp. His articles about the history of Antwerp are interesting and often enlightening. However, his writings as mentioned above do not fall into the category of "Good News for Good Com-

munities" (The West Bend News motto). I want us all to treat one another with respect and dignity. But if we stay silent in instances like this, those who speak will be the only voices heard. Yes, we have freedom of speech and freedom of the press, but those freedoms are not without consequences. I would hope that we Americans realize that America is hurting and that each American citizen matters, or none of us matter.

A concerned citizen,  
—Jasmine Reyes, Antwerp, OH

**PLEASE READ THIS**

**By: Stan Jordan**

In last week's issue of West Bend News I wrote a Letter To The Editor about the people's choice of a hero, now that is their choice of a hero, but it is my right to say I don't agree with their choice.

For those to call that criminal a hero is their right, but I think that is a bad choice. There are thousands of black men who could be called heroes. Let's name a few. Back in WWII, America supplied all the food, gasoline and armament to the troops in Europe. Well, after it got to Europe those supplies had to get to the front and right now. That was call The Red Ball Express and most of those boys were black. They had to drive day and night with little or no lights with a truck loaded with gasoline on a road full of shell and bomb holes. Everyone of those boys were heroes.

Then you had those Turkey airmen - all good pilots, and there are hundreds of good athletes that are black. I am proud of them because they use their God-given ability and went to college, got an education and some a lifetime profession. Basketball, baseball, football and other sports.

I just can't accept that George Floyd as a hero, a martyr and I also think that a lot of other people don't accept him as a hero, people of all races. I have known and heard of Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Leonard, Muhammed Ali, George Foreman, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Chase Young, JK Dobbins, Kobe Bryant, Ezekiel Elliott, Tyreek Hill, Michael Jordan. Some went from Ohio State to the NFL. Jordan was a stand out in basketball... a fine fellow.

See ya!

**A CRITIQUE ON MY COLUMN**

**By: Stan Jordan**  
This is Friday, the 12th of June and about my column

on Mike DeWine's issue of all Buckeyes have a moment of silence for George Floyd, the "hero". The returns are 7-1 that they agree with me.

I have not changed my mind, to me he is no hero, he is still a criminal. In my generation just because a man dies it does not change anything. He is still guilty and probably stepped on some people's rights.

I have a letter from an Antwerp lady who certainly does not agree with me, but she wrote her name and that tells me she is real. She wrote a page telling me about my anger with Governor Mike DeWine, but doesn't she realize it shows her anger over my anger on Mike's suggestion?

She tore me apart on a couple of other things that she said I was wrong about. She said that term to "call a spade a spade" is racist. If she would look it up, it is from an old English term and I didn't use anything, ever, as racist.

My forte is history and wild life, well, this is history right now, day and night. We will always remember these last couple of weeks and yes, it is mostly bad. Please look back to January 1st, 2020. This land was as close to utopia as it ever was or will be. I will never see it again, and maybe you won't either.

People are demanding and getting a lot of changes, but to me this degrading of a policeman and their power is very wrong. Where you don't have police protection and discipline, you have a mob. People are going stir-crazy and blame it on the police and ask for demand...that to me is the wrong way.

There will be a trial on those policemen that went too far and killed George Floyd and that is what should be, but if I was the presiding judge at that trial, I would level a fine of millions on the news networks. They constantly showed those boys killing George over, and over and over, day and night and people soon got sick of it. To me the news people made George Floyd a hero, sorrow and sympathy because of the news.

Yes, another old saying, "The more you stir a bucket

of crap, the more it is going to stink" and that is what we got here.

The lady has a right to disagree with me, but I won't lower my standards to a lower degree.

That is one good thing about this great country, we can all say what we want.

See ya!

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To Those Who Would Stand Against Liberty:

Recently, the West Bend News received a letter to the editor criticizing the paper for an opinion that has appeared in its pages. This person felt that it had abandoned its motto of "Good News for Good Communities". I would like to remind everybody that opinion pieces are neither news nor reflect the views of the West Bend News, its owners or employees. In the same way that this person's letter was not the opinion of the organization, however it will be published anyways, because the West Bend News believes in protecting the freedom of speech for all citizens. That doesn't mean you have to like somebody's opinion. But, if we all resort to oppressing other people's views because we don't like them, you will only create resentment.

If an opinion is so obviously incorrect, then sunlight is the best disinfectant. Only by exposing the bad opinions can we show that they are wrong. To attack the West Bend News for allowing that forum for discussion to take place is simply foolish. If somebody makes a post on Facebook, you don't assume that their post reflects the views of Facebook. In the same way, the West Bend News is providing a place for the community discussion of ideas.

In summarization, please continue to share ideas with one another. Let's all talk more and have better and healthier discussions. To attack the paper for allowing somebody to have a voice is silly. Simply provide your counter-opinion. The only way to get rid of bad ideas is to defeat them with good ideas, not suppress them, only tyrants suppress ideas —Jarrison W. Steiner

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**COVER CROPS AFTER WHEAT**

Wheat harvest may start in 3-4 weeks and it is time to order cover crop seed. A long growing season after wheat allows for many options. Warm season cover crops grow in the summer but die with the first frost while cool season species generally survive the winter. Major categories include brassicas, grasses, legumes, and other broadleaves with over 60 species. Cover crops offer many advantages including adding carbon and soil organic matter (SOM), improving water infiltration and soil structure, tie up soluble nutrients, weed fighters, and improve soil health.

Brassica cover crops are small seeded, fairly inexpensive, and include daikon radish, kale, rape seed, and turnips. Radish, kale and rape have deep roots which reduce soil compaction, help control weeds, and add soil microbial diversity. Radish should be planted in mixtures (2#/A or less) because when it dies (200 F) it smells bad and may allow soluble nutrients to leach. Turnips are shallow rooted and planted for grazing. All brassicas are non-mycorrhizal meaning they are not a host for beneficial mycorrhizae soil fungus.

Kale and rape seed are planted (by themselves) at 3-5#/A, very small seed, large tap roots and are often planted in mixtures at low rates. Kale and rape are cool season, great pollinators, improve water infiltration, but may be difficult to terminate and should be planted only in mixtures before corn. Planted alone, they may cause 5-10 corn bushel yield loss, but are much less of a problem in mixtures.

Warm season grasses include sorghum, Sorghum Sudan, Sudan, millets (pearl, fox, German etc.) oats, and Teff (forage). Warm season grasses fix carbon, add SOM and have many fine roots to improve horizontal water infiltration. Cool season grasses include cereal rye, annual ryegrass, barley, and wheat. Grasses absorb soluble nutrients, improve soil structure, and can be harvested for hay or haylage.

Sudan or sorghum varieties break up soil compaction if mowed or harvested, allowing new roots to add SOM. Oat varieties include spring oats (most common), forage oats, and winter oats (survives tempos down to single digits) which are highly mycorrhizal, improving soil structure and soil health. Cereal rye is a common cool season grass planted late after corn and before soybeans. Cereal rye scavenges soluble nutrients, its deep roots improve water infiltration and soil structure, can be used for grazing or forage, and is the best all round weed fighters; out competing marestail, wa-

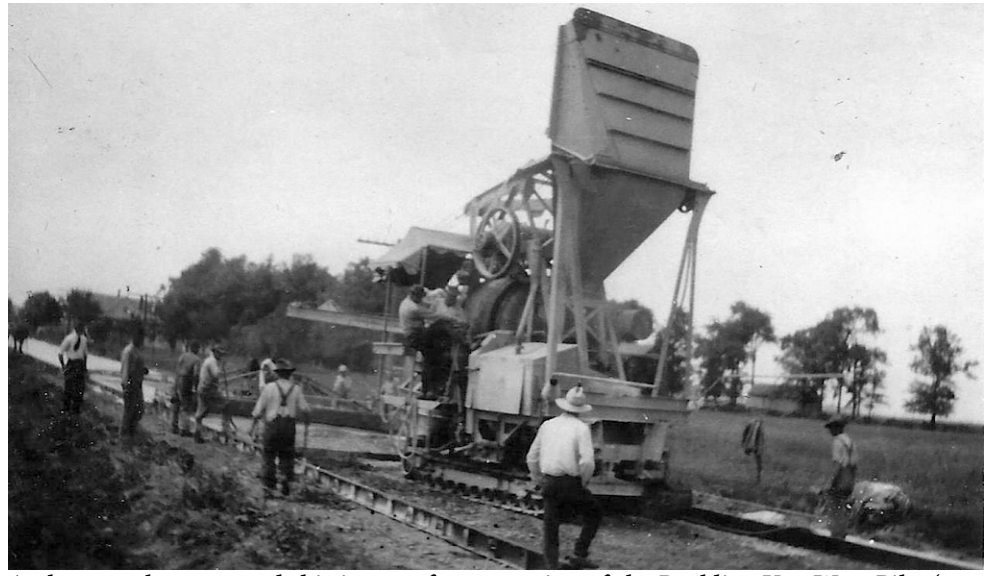
terhemp, pigweed and many other weeds. New no-tillers should be careful planting cereal rye in front of corn, due to its high lignin content and ability to tie up nitrogen.

Legumes and clovers are high nitrogen fixers before corn and are slightly more expensive. Warm season legumes include cowpeas, Austrian winter peas, and Sunn Hemp while cool season legumes include true winter peas and vetches (hairy, wooly, common, etc) which may add 50-150#N/A if allowed to bloom. Cowpeas require very little moisture while winter peas require more moisture to germinate and grow. Austrian winter peas generally are planted early and may produce up to 150#N/A but will die with the first frost. True winter peas are planted in September, will generally survive the winter, but must be allowed to grow in the spring to get 75-100#N/A. Hairy vetch or common vetch create a thick matt to reduce weeds, and can produce up to 150-200#N/A, but have hard seed.

Cool season clovers include red, sweet, crimson, and Balansa clover. Red clover produces 75-125# N/A, tolerates wet soils but can be hard to terminate and the nitrogen is available late in the growing season. Crimson and Balansa clover have deep fibrous roots and may produce 100-150#N in the spring. Balansa clover tolerates wet soil, is a great weed fighter, and survives cold Ohio winters better than Crimson. Other warm season broadleaf cover crops include buckwheat (shallow rooted) and sunflower (deep rooted) which are great pollinators.

Cover crops can be planted singularly or in mixtures. A simple formula for mixtures is to take the full seeding rate for each species divided by the number of species planted. A common three-way mixture of oats, radish and Balansa clover would be oats (33# per acre/3= 11#/A) plus radish (3#/3 = 1#/A) plus Balansa (5#/3= 1.5-2#/A) for a total of 15#/A for this three-way mix. For more information on cover crops, look up the Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide, 2nd ed (\$5), Appendix A: Cover Crops on the NRCS website, or visit Hoorman-SoilHealthServices.com.

**PHOTOS OF PLANES, TRAINS, AUTOMOBILES AND MORE NEEDED FOR UPCOMING BOOK**



A photographer captured this image of construction of the Paulding-Van Wert Pike (now U.S. 127) in 1921. Photos of modes of transportation and related items, such as roads and bridges, are wanted for a new bicentennial history book.



This photo shows a unique form of transportation - a railroad hand car - next to a parked freight train at Broughton. Photos, slides and other images of transportation in the county are wanted for an upcoming bicentennial history book.

PAULDING - 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. Subject areas needed include: • Transportation - Horse or mule teams, buggies and other horse-drawn vehicles, automobiles, road construction, rivers, bridges, canals, railroads, depots, trains,

boats, trucks, ambulances, airplanes, passenger buses, police cars, bicycles, motorcycles, bookmobiles, etc. Other categories include agriculture, farming, businesses, churches, disasters, organizations and clubs, events and activities, military and veterans, families and people, and schools. Images are needed from every area of the county and every decade up to the present time. The book committee is looking for photos of several subjects. Do you have any of these: Paulding County Fair, vanished towns (ghost towns), canals, railroads, pre-1900 courthouse photos, covered bridges, building and store interiors, early indus-

tries, people at work. Now is a great 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 commemorate the county's 200th birthday. 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 tmeckrick@yahoo.com. For details and guidelines about scanning images, visit facebook.com/jphmuseum or facebook.com/PauldingCounty200.

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- Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital
- Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
- Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Office, Napa
- Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop
- Hicksville:** Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway
- Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center
- Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General
- Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Court-

- house, Paulding Co. Bookmobile, Susie's Bakery, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. OSU Extension Office, Paulding County Historical Society, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Past Time Cafe, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital
  - Payne:** Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Maramart, Payne Branch Library, Puckerbrush Pizza
  - Sherwood:** Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
  - Scott:** Scott Post Office
  - Van Wert:** Family Video, Orchard Tree, Lee's Ace Hardware, Main Street Market - Chief, Walmart
- 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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# FREE FISHING DAYS 2020



The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) sets dates annually for the free fishing days here in Ohio. This year's dates are June 20th and June 21st. This is a great opportunity to introduce your family, friends or to re-introduce yourself to the sport of fishing. It's time to grab those fishing poles and tackle boxes from out of the garage, shed or attic.

One thing you should do before heading out is to check out your fishing poles. A reel that is not functioning properly or a fishing line that kinks or breaks easily can make for a bad experience. Here are a

few things to check. The reel. Does it crank smoothly? Does it release the line freely? Is it secured to the pole? How old is the line and what condition is it in? Is the fishing pole in good condition? Are all the eyelets there? Does the reel seat firmly secure the reel? Any cracks or missing components on the rod or reel? There are a lot of videos online to help you learn how to clean/re-string a reel and inspect fishing poles if you have any issues or questions.

A simple set up is all that is needed to make a day of fishing fun. The proper size hook for the target fish, a simple split shot weight, a bobber and some bait. Live bait is the easiest to use and the most readily available. Several area gas stations, hardwares, convenient stores and bait shops carry the classic live bait, the worm. The selection of worms will vary by location, but most carry nightcrawlers, leaf worms, red worms or wigglers.

The last thing to do is find a place to go. Here in North-

west Ohio we have a number of options with the public lakes, reservoirs, creeks and rivers. In the Paulding county area we have Carr Lake west of Antwerp, the Maumee River, the Auglaize River, the Little Auglaize River, Flat Rock Creek, Black Swamp Nature Center by the Paulding County Fairgrounds and Paulding Reservoir to name a few. You can do an online search to see what is available in your area.

One final note, take the time to check out the latest fishing regulations by going to [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov) website. There you will find daily limits and size requirements. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Hope to see you along the water's edge soon.

—Gary Mabis,  
President, Antwerp Conservation Club

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

**Caleb Rocha**, Wauseon, OH; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collect 9/25/20

**Gerardo Antonio Reyes Mendez**, Indianapolis, IN; No operator license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Gerardo Antonio Reyes Mendez**, Indianapolis, IN; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Alice M. Williams**, Ypsilanti, MI; Speed 79/65; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Brett W. Miller**, Latty, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay or collection 7/31/20

**Jia Yao**, West Lafayette, IN; Speed 94/65; Guilty; Pay or collection 6/30/20

**Max R. O'Hara**, Owingsville, KY; Speed 70/55; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Yousuf Sirajeldin**, Orchard Lake, MI; Speed 70/65; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Christopher P. Adkins**, Haviland, OH; Assault; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jamal Dudley**, Palatine, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Michael Knapp**, Antwerp, OH; Fishing without a license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Russell L Cain IV**, Bryan, OH; Speed 86/55; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jennifer T. Thomas**, Sterling Heights, MI; Speed 83/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dawn R. Shelton Barksdale**, Indianapolis, IN; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brikena Thaut**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 81/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jacob A. Grewe**, Goshen, IN; Speed 78/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Karl E. Elam**, El Cajon, CA; Speed 83/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Paul G. Rorick**, Northville, MI; Failure to yield to emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Clifford A. Markland**, Toledo, OH; Speed 81/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Clifford A. Markland**, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Cory A. Loftin**, Defiance, OH; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Hasiba H. Avdibasic**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 88/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Luke R. Townsend**, Fremont, OH; Speed 90/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Ayrton B. Olsen**, Indianapolis, IN; Speed 74/65; Guilty; Pay or collection 8/28/20

**Patrick Dillard**, Ashdown, AR; Speed 82/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Fidel M. Contreras**, Ontario, CA; Speed 82/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Robinson W. Clarence**, Laquey, MO; Driving under suspension - non fra; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Robinson W. Clarence**, Laquey, MO; Speed 78/65; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Savannah C. Crosser**, Bellevue, MI; Speed 88/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jamel D. Jones**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 84/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Rodney C. Vaughn**, Whitehouse, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Camara C. Singleton**, Bloomington, IN; Speed 88/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Chia W. Liu**, Bloomington, IN; Speed 88/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Wade Bissell**, Paulding, OH; Speed 70/55; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Dawn D. Young**, Southfield, MI; Speed 89/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joshua C. Reichert**, Grover Hill, OH; Speed 68/55; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tyler M. Schnipke**, Ney, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; ALS vacated immediately; DIP must be completed by 2/26/21; 4 yrs community control two; Repay SCRAM; Evaluation at Westwood; Thinking For A Change; Third Millenium; Secure a valid driver's license

**Tyler M. Schnipke**, Ney, OH; Marked lanes; Case dismissed at state's request

**Tyler M. Schnipke**, Ney, OH; Display plates; Case dismissed at state's request

**Tyler M. Schnipke**, Ney, OH; No tail lights; Case dismissed at state's request

**Barton W. Taube Jr.**, Paulding, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay or collections 12/18/20

**Barton W. Taube Jr.**, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs 12/18/20

**Jonathan C. Leatherman**, Oakwood, OH; Stop sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nicholas S. Herrold**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 91/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Cheng F. Lin**, Wabash, IN; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Patty A. Ragas**, Indianapolis, IN; Speed 89/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Andrew S. Ascitutto**, Riverview, MI; Speed 80/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Emily M. Inde**, Fort Wayne, IN; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Alysha A. Valdez**, Defiance, OH; Speed 76/55; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Siddhartha Sharma**, Pittsburg, PA; Speed 89/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Damon Easley**, Warren, MI; Speed 104/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Adi Kurti**, Wixom, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Carmen I. Husereau**, Clarkston, MI; Speed 81/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Abigale E. Baum**, Romulus, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Krista R. Allen**, Littleton, CO; Speed 85/65; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Leigh P. Smith**, Canton, MI; Speed 95/65; Case was waived by defendant

**Jordan M. Elick**, Paulding, OH; Speed 71/55; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**BLUE CREEK TWP**

6/9/20 Stoller Charlene L to Nohl Heidi J Trustee

**BROWN TWP**

6/8/20 Wilkin Roger L Le to Wilkin Roger L Le; 6086 Rd 205 Oakwood Oh 45873;

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff,

vs. MICHAEL SAVAGE, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-20-052 Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman TO: Michael Savage and Diana L. Savage

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 201 N. Harrison Street, Haviland, Ohio 45851

Please take notice that an amended complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Michael Savage and Diana L. Savage seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Michael Savage and Diana L. Savage to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed by them.

The real property in question is situated in the Village of Haviland, and the State of Ohio and more fully described as follows:

Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Haviland: Lot Number One Hundred One (101) and Lot Number One Hundred Two (102) in the Original Plat of the Village of Haviland, Paulding County, Ohio. The aforementioned premises are

Blume Holly M Trustee; Rd 71; 80 acres; W1/2Nw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-8

6/9/20 Poston Jeanette S Et Al to Poston Jeanette S Poston Timothy A; Rd 72; 59.113 acres; Pt W1/2Ne1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-12

6/11/20 Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc to Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc; Rd 87; 87.581 acres; W1/2Sw1/4&Sw1/4Nw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-22

6/11/20 Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc to Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc; Sr 114; 158.5 acres; E1/2Sw1/4&W1/2Se1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-22

6/11/20 Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc to Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc; Sr 114; 160 acres; Nw1/4 S-27 Blue Creek Twp

6/11/20 Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc to Klopfenstein Alvin & Sons Inc; Rd 87; 400 acres; Ne1/4 & E1/2 Nw1/4 & Sw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-28

**BROWN TWP**

6/8/20 Wilkin Roger L Le to Wilkin Roger L Le; 6086 Rd 205 Oakwood Oh 45873;

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subject to all easements, apparent or of record and all legal highways.

Parcel Nos. 06-06S-001-00/06-06S-002-00

Property Address: 201 N. Harrison Street, Haviland, Ohio

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

Respectively submitted,

*[Signature]* Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Paulding County Hospital Board of Trustees will have a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:45 pm in the Paulding County Hospital Education Room.

By order of the Board of Trustees,  
Ronald Goedde,  
Chief Executive Officer

## LEGAL NOTICE

### PAU-C.R. 151-4.34; BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER PRAIRIE CREEK PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of Paulding County Commissioners, Paulding County Courthouse, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879, until **July 1, 2020 at 9:45 am.** at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. **Bids will be for the construction of a new single span (80' c/c of bearings) bridge with a noncomposite prestressed concrete box beam superstructure supported on concrete abutments. There will also be the reconstruction of approximately 250 linear feet (0.05 mile) of C.R. 115 (not including bridge limits). Engineer's Estimate = \$601,467.42**

Bids will be accepted only from Contractors who are prequalified for this type of work with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, per Section 102.01 of the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

No contract shall be entered into unless the bidder possesses a valid Certificate of Compliance with Affirmative Action Programs, issued by the State EEO Coordinator, Certification Section, 77 South High Street, 24th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, dated no later than 180 days prior to the fixed bid opening date.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 and 153.571 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.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the Proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity and a complete listing of all subcontractors to be used. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than **June 30, 2021**.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County, Ohio as determined by the Davis-Bacon Act (Davis-Bacon Wage Determination Database).

Construction plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained from the office of the Paulding County Engineer, 801 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

All bids shall be sealed and addressed to the Board of Paulding County Commissioners, Paulding County Courthouse, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879 and marked **"SEALED BID - PAU-C.R. 151-4.34** on the outside of the envelope.

No bidder shall be permitted to withdraw its bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the time of bid opening.

The Board of County Commissioners, Paulding County, Ohio reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted or to waive any irregularities pursuant to Section 9.31 of the Revised Code.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Heather Barnhouse  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

CASE NO. CI 20 034

JUDGE: TIFFANY R. BECKMAN

**LEGAL NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMUNITY FIRST BANK AND TRUST**

PLAINTIFF VS

PEGGY I. WOLFLE, et al. Defendants

To: Unknown Spouse, if any, of Peggy I. Wolfle, name unknown you will take notice that on the 13th day of March, 2020, Plaintiff, filed a Complaint for foreclosure in the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, Courthouse, 115 North Williams Street, Paulding, OH 45879, being Case No. CI 20 034, alleging that there is due to the Plaintiff the sum of \$28,364.80, plus interest at 4.75% (variable) per annum from May 19, 2019, plus late charges and attorney fees applicable to the terms of a Promissory Note secured by a Mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 202 South Coupland Street, Paulding, OH 45879, being permanent parcel number 30-

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Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of a default in payment of said Promissory Note, the conditions of said Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

Plaintiff prays that the Defendant named above be required to answer and assert any interest in said real property or be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, for foreclosure of said mortgage, marshalling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied according to law.

Said Defendant is required to file an Answer on or before the 21 day of July 2020.

By Ricardo Johnstone Attorney for Plaintiff First Financial Bank successor in interest to Community First Bank and Trust c/o Weitman, Weinberg Reis Co.,L.P.A. 525 Vine Street, Suite 800 Cincinnati, OH 45202

23.46 acres; Pt E S Se1/4 Brown Twp S-1

CARRYALL TWP

6/11/20 Piersma Phillip to Smith Charles Smith Pamela; 112 Shaffer Rd; 0.309 acres; Pt Se1/4 S-27 Outlots Antwerp Vill

CRANE TWP

6/10/20 Ringler Edward P Ringler Mari Beth to Ringler Edward P; 11041 Rd 180 Paulding Oh 45879; 16.223 acres; W1/2 W1/2 Sw1/4 Crane Twp Sec 23

6/11/20 Headley Brandon Glenn to Brown Jacob M; 17447 Rd 73 Cecil Oh 45821; 1 acre; Pt Secor Ne1/4Ne1/4Se1/4 Se1/4 & S1/2 Se1/4 Ne1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist S-7

JACKSON TWP

6/10/20 Bussing Steven L & Bussing Beverly M to Greener Gareth I Greener Daphne P; 13171 Rd 126 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.486 acres; Lot14&Lot15-W1/2 Temple Allot Jackson Twp S-18

6/8/20 Proxmire Bradley to Kline Vince Renzi Rayana; 705 Johnson Rd; 0.2927 acres; Lot 72 Noneman Em Ac Allot#1 Paulding Village

LATTY TWP

6/8/20 Paulding County Land Reutilization Corporation to Leithauser Jeffrey; Monroe St; 0.0644 acres; E 1/2 Lot 1S-26 Grover Hill Villgh Lumber Co Sub

6/8/20 Paulding County Land Reutilization Corporation to Leithauser Jeffrey; 304 S. Monroe St; 0.1515 acres; Lot 1 S-26 Kinkade 3Rd Grover Hill Vill

PAULDING TWP

6/11/20 Krick Dennis R to Tritsch Norman E Jr; 626 N Dix St; 0.197 acres; Lot 47 Noneman 2Nd Add Paulding Vill

6/11/20 Krick Dennis R to Tritsch Norman E Jr; 626 N Dix St; 0.1864 acres; Lot 48 Noneman 2Nd Add Paulding Vill

6/9/20 C&K Paulding Holdings Ltd to Dangler Excavating LLC; 130 Dooley Dr; 0.2381 acres; Lot7&S30'Campbell Ave Campbell Subdiv Paulding Village

6/9/20 C&K Paulding Holdings Ltd to Dangler Excavating LLC; 130 Dooley Dr; 0.2381 acres; Lot8&S30ft Campbell Av Campbell Sub Div Paulding Village

6/9/20 C&K Paulding Holdings Ltd to Dangler Excavating LLC; 130 Dooley Dr; 0.2381 acres; Lot9&S30'Campbell Ave Campbell Subdiv Paulding Village

WASHINGTON TWP

6/8/20 Sharp Aaron L Sharp Tamara J to Sharp Aaron L Sharp Tamara J; 4499 Rd 197 Cloverdale Oh; 0.038 acres; Se Pt Of Ne1/4 & Ne Pt Of Se1/4Washing-ton Twp S-15Easement V595 P1130easement V595 P1142

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (25) persons on Thursday, June 11, 2020.

Mark A. Shaw (12/14/96), Oakwood, OH; Sexual offender registration, F4; Intimidation, F3; Aggravated menacing, M1

Deandre Warr (4/10/91), Address unknown; Possession of drugs, F2

Dalton J. Johnson (4/24/95), Paulding, OH; Felonious assault, F2

Michelle R. Spears (6/29/98), Oakwood, OH; Unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, F4 (three counts)

Mary J. Whited (10/02/86), Huntington, IN; OVI, F3; Failure to appear, F4

Elmeco R. Crisp (1/19/76), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Joshua L. Base (5/09/85), Paulding, OH; Trafficking methamphetamine, F3 (three counts); Trafficking methamphetamine, F4; Trafficking methamphetamine, F5; Receiving stolen property, F5 (three counts)

Justin R. Meglich (9/09/83), Paulding, OH; Pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, F4; Pandering obscenity involving a minor, F2

Leybi Antonio Melgar Romero (4/02/87), Antwerp, OH; OVI, F4 (2 counts)

Adam T. Tracy (6/21/71), Paulding, OH; Having weapons while under disability, F3

Thomas M. Baum II (8/03/81), Antwerp, OH; Possession of cocaine, F5; Possession of Oxycodone, F5

Freda L. Lane (12/01/80), Paulding, OH; Burglary, F4

Michael A. Smith (6/4/58), Melrose, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Sarah E. Hodson (4/04/83), Latty, Ohio; Possession of methamphetamine, F5; Domestic violence, M1 (2 counts)

Sarah M. Krohm (2/15/62), Paulding, OH; Theft, F4

Patrick D. Stilson (5/08/95), Bryan, OH; Unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, F4; Corrupting another with drugs, F4

Eugene Lane (7/09/83), Paulding, OH; Felonious assault, F2; Assault, F4 (2 counts)

Adam A. Wright (10/29/97), Cloverdale, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F5

Lauro C. Sanchez Jr. (10/11/70), Melrose, OH; Assault, F4; Escape, F3

Brenda S. Combs (9/07/67), Payne, OH; Tampering with records, F3; Theft, F4

Jodie J. Diven (2/16/70), Cecil, OH; Robbery, F2; Burglary, F2; Theft, F5; Felonious assault, F2

Angela D. Dewig (8/08/01), Paulding, OH; Receiving stolen property, F4; Complicity to theft, M1

Evelyn R. Wilson (2/09/01), Fort Wayne, IN; Breaking & entering, F5

David E. Addis (10/22/00), Antwerp, OH; Breaking & entering, F5

Joshua D. Finfrock (3/01/85), Paulding, OH; Aggravated robbery, F1; Theft, F5

OSHP INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN FULTON COUNTY

Clinton Township - On June 11, 2020, at approximately 5:55 P.M., Troopers from the Toledo Post responded to a crash that occurred on County Road B at State Route 108, Clinton Township, Fulton County.

John Warren Reeb, 37 years of age, of Archbold, Ohio, was driving a Buick minivan west on County Road B when he failed to stop at a stop sign at State Route 108. Mr. Reeb en-

tered the intersection into the path of a Ford pick-up truck driven north on State Route 108 by Nathan Earl, 35 years of age, of Wauseon, Ohio. Both vehicles traveled off the west side of State Route 108. Mr. Reeb's vehicle overturned and he was partially ejected.

Mr. Reeb was transported by EMS to the Fulton County Health Center. He was taken by Life Flight to St. V's Hospital. Mr. Reeb suffered serious injuries.

Mr. Reeb was not wearing his seat belt.

Mr. Earl suffered minor injuries and was treated on scene.

Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in this crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Fulton County Sheriff's Department and K K Collision.

The crash remains under investigation.

OSHP INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

Brown Township - On June 15, 2020, at approximately 10:01 A.M., Troopers from the Van Wert Post responded to a crash that occurred on State Route 66 south of County Road 166,

Brown Township, in Paulding County.

Anthony B. Baxter, 20 years of age, of Payne, Ohio, was driving a 2001 Ford Taurus northbound on State Route 66 when he drove off the right side of the roadway into a bean field. Mr. Baxter continued to drive north and failed to take evasive action. After several hundred feet, Mr. Baxter struck an occupied residence causing severe disabling damage to his car and obvious structural damage to the residence. Mr. Baxter was trapped in the vehicle until extricated by Oakwood Volunteer Fire/EMS personnel.

Mr. Baxter was transported by Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Regional Hospital. He suffered serious injuries. Mr. Baxter was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash.

Alcohol and drug use are suspected to be factors in this crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Paulding County Sheriff's Department, Oakwood Volunteer Fire and EMS, and R & O wrecker service.

The crash remains under investigation.

ANTWERP VILLAGE 2019 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The Village of Antwerp receives its drinking water from wells. The Village has three (3) wells in operation. They are located on the southeast side of the village by the water treatment plant. Well water required minimal treatment. In case of a power outage the Village of Antwerp has a generator that can properly supply the village with power to pump and treat water. The Village aquifer (water-rich zone) that supplies water to Antwerp has a low susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on the following: The presence of a thick protective layer of low permeable material overlying the aquifer, significant depth (34-56 feet below the ground surface) of the aquifer, no evidence to suggest that ground water has been impacted by any significant levels of chemical contaminants from human activities.

Source water assessment and its availability

The sources of drinking water both tap water and bottled water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Additional information for lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Antwerp Village PWS ID: OH6300012 is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water

Drinking Water Hotline. (1-800-426-4791)

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

You can be involved in public participation by attending any monthly Council of Antwerp meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at town hall located at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, OH 45813 or following the Village's website at: villageofantwerp.com

Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
• Underground lawn sprinkler system
• Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
• Additional source(s) of water on the property
• Decorative pond
• Watering trough

Other Information

We have a current unconditioned license to operate our water system. Public participation and comment is encouraged at regular meetings of the Council of the Village of Antwerp which meets every month on the 3rd Monday at 5:30 p.m. at town hall located at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, OH 45813. For more information on your drinking water contact Curtis Nestleroad, Antwerp Water Operator at 419-506-1203 or the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

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Table with 2 columns: Term, Definition. Lists important drinking water definitions like MCLG, MCL, TT, AL, MRDLG, MRDL, MNR, and MPL.

has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. A list of laboratories certified by the State of Ohio to test for lead may be found at http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw or by calling 614-644-2752. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. Water Quality Data Table In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table. Contact Name: Sara Keeran Address: P.O. Box 1046, Antwerp, OH 45813 Phone: 419-258-2371

**BIOLOGY PROFESSOR AT OHIO STATE LIMA EARNS UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARD FOR RESEARCH MENTORSHIP**



Dr. Ryan Norris has been awarded the Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry at The Ohio State University. The award honors Ohio State faculty members who have demonstrated success in mentoring undergraduates in their research and/or creative inquiry endeavors. Norris is one of 31 in the 2020 class of winners.

Norris was nominated by students in his teaching lab at The Ohio State University at Lima, where he is an assistant professor of evolution, ecol-

ogy. "Without a doubt, I will use the lab work and scientific writing skills that I learned in the future and will be forever grateful for the mentorship of Dr. Norris."

Weller will begin a PhD program in Environmental Health Science at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro in the fall. She met her future PhD advisor through Norris after he encouraged her to present her undergraduate research at the American Society of Mammalogists annual meeting.

"The work that I conducted in the Norris lab was very influential in my decision to pursue a PhD in this field," Weller said. "Developing a project with Dr. Norris showed me that I was capable of achieving the level of research that I was unsure about at the beginning of my undergraduate degree."

**REP. JIM BANKS INTRODUCED BILL BLOCKING U.S. INVESTMENTS IN CHINA'S MILITARY**

House Armed Services Committee and China Task Force member, Rep. Jim Banks, introduced H.R. 7064 the "Stop Funding the PLA Act" last week that would block U.S. investments—including investments from pension funds—in China's military industrial base. Reps. Gallagher and LaMalfa joined as original co-sponsors.

"On one hand, Congress is asking taxpayers to help grow our military so we can compete with China. On the other hand, large U.S. investment funds are dumping U.S. dollars into China's military industrial base. We need to end our cognitive dissonance and stop funding the rise of our chief global adversary," said Rep. Jim Banks.

Rep. Jim Banks first drew attention to the issue of U.S. pension funds investing in China's military in May 2019 when he introduced H.R. 2903, the Blocking Investment in Our Adversaries Act. That bill would prevent TSP savings from being invested in Chinese or Russian companies.

Last month, in a story reported by Reuters, Reps. Banks and Gallagher called on Secretary Eugene Scalia to take a look at this jurisdiction into the TSP. Soon after, President Trump ordered the halt of federal retirement money investment in Chinese equities to be pulled, according to a report by Fox Business.

In January, Rep. Banks

also raised the alarm that state pension funds like CalPERS were already investing heavily in Chinese companies affiliated with the Chinese military and connected to human rights abuses. CalPERS quickly dismissed those warnings.

Additional background on the bill:

The Treasury Department will work in consultation with the State Department, DOD, Intelligence Community and experts in the civilian sector to build a list of blacklisted companies with substantial ties to the People's Liberation Army and update that list annually.

The list and a comprehensive report is due to the Senate and House Financial Services Committees.

The bill would prevent U.S. individuals, entities, companies, banks and financial institutions from investing in blacklisted companies.

**SLC AND SAG HOLD FIRST MEETING**

The Student Leadership Council (SLC) and Student Advisory Group (SAG) of the New Heights Educational Group, Inc. (NHEG) had their first meeting of the year on May 30th, 2020.

The meeting consisted of an introduction to all new members of the Council along with a brief overview of positions. The students voted for the new SAG and SLC International Groups to have their own officers also. The SLC and SAG are excited to help further NHEG's cause.

Student Leadership Council Members: Allene Yue, Student Leadership Council - President; Aayush Gauba, Student Leadership Council - Vice President; Alina Sheikh, Student Leadership Council - Secretary; Caroline Chen, Student Leadership Council - Treasurer; Doyoon "Dean" Kim, Student Leadership Council - News Reporter; Fatima Saad, Student Leadership Council - Recreation Leader; Rhone-Ann Huang, Student Leadership Council - Photographer; Anagha Sri-dharan, Student Leadership Council; Charlotte Picardo, Student Advisory Group-International Student, Educational Writer; Michelle Alwin, Student Leadership Council - International Student; Diya Sharma, Student Leadership Council - International Student

New Heights Education Group T-Shirt Fundraiser is happening soon! 100% of these funds will be distributed among the student members. Stay tuned to purchase a shirt (\$15) and help out!

NHEG's Recognition Day will be held on June 27th, Saturday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM ET as a virtual event through Zoom this year. The event is dedicated to staff and volunteers to recognize their hard work to improve affordable and accessible education for students.

NHEG students, families, staff and volunteers, sponsors, partners/affiliates are all welcome. Feel free to share a video or recording of your children sharing a special talent or a project.

For more information, contact Pamela Clark at NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or 1-419-786-0247. Visit <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org> for future updates

**CLARK NOMINATES HUANG FOR 2020 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) Executive Director, Pamela Clark, has nominated Rhone-Ann Huang, a member of NHEG's Student Leadership Council who serves as photographer, for one of the 2020 Leadership Initiatives Virtual Youth Development Programs. These programs provide opportunities for students to gain real-world experience, explore future careers, develop leadership skills, prepare for college life and transform the lives of others around the world. Leadership Initiatives is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to providing students with internships to help them stand out on their college applications and advance in their careers. In their new virtual internship programs, students are able to hold internships with businesses in the developing world, work with DC law firms on impending court cases of national importance, partner with doctors to diagnose patients in sub-Saharan Africa or develop security strategies to protect developing communities from terrorism—all through a virtual format.

They offer two-week online internships; students commit to five-hour workdays with optional online workshops and one-on-one meetings in the evening to ensure students do not feel overwhelmed or unengaged during the program. Leadership Initiatives uses a blended approach to produce highly effective virtual learning by including enriching one-on-one mentorships with top professionals around the globe to create engaging, interactive and meaningful online programs that go beyond lectures to immerse students in the career of their choice, all while maintaining the academic quality and rigor you expect. This past year, students like Zakie Sahady, Kira Bui, Hugh Brown, and Arielle Peralte partnered with doctors to diagnose patients in sub-Saharan Africa, held internships with businesses in the developing world, worked with law firms on impending court cases of national importance and apprenticed with Dr. James Giordano, Chief of Neuroethics Studies at Georgetown University.

Click on each name to see their individualized website and what they accomplished. Rhone-Ann Huang has been awarded a \$1,000 Future Leaders Scholarship to attend the Advanced Medical & Public Health Summit, where she will design a public health campaign for rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa and diagnose a real patient in the developing world. This scholarship is provided by Leadership Initiatives' sponsors, which include Microsoft's Youthspark Program, the Starbucks Foundation, GlobalGiving, the International Youth Foundation, TestRocker and the Future First Foundation.

NHEG Earns GuideStar's Highest Seal of Transparency

**NHEG EARNS GUIDESTAR'S HIGHEST SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY**

New Heights Educational Group earned a 2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE EARNS TREE CAMPUS USA® HONOR FROM THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**



Purdue University Fort Wayne has achieved the designation of a Tree Campus USA® from the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The program recognizes colleges and universities for successful campus forest management and for engaging students and staff in conservation goals. Purdue Fort Wayne joins more than 380 campuses across the country with this distinction.

To obtain the honor, the university met the foundation's five core standards for effective campus forest management:

- Tree advisory committee
  - Campus tree-care plan
  - Dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program
  - Arbor Day observance
  - Student service-learning project
- "This is great achievement for both our students and campus," noted Tad Smith, director of grounds. "This will give our students educational opportunities to learn about the approximately 10,000 trees we have on our nearly 700-acre campus. We

are proud that this honor also helps us showcase our sustained commitment to environmental stewardship."

In spite of restrictions the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated on campus, the facilities management department did observe Arbor Day by planting more than 70 trees over the past few weeks. The new plantings include species such as Ann Magnolia, Dogwood, Redbud, Scotch Pine, and Umbrella Magnolia, to name just a few.

As part of Tree Campus USA's goals, Purdue Fort Wayne has also started taking an electronic inventory of all the trees on campus.

"Tree Campuses and their students set examples for not only their student bodies but the surrounding communities showcasing how trees create a healthier environment," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Because of Purdue University Fort Wayne's participation, air will be purer, water cleaner, and your students and faculty will be surrounded by the shade and beauty the trees provide."

The Arbor Day Foundation has helped campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus USA colleges and universities invested more than \$51 million in campus forest management last year. This work directly supports the foundation's Time for Trees initiative, an unprecedented effort to plant 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspire 5 million tree planters by 2022.

For more information about the trees on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus, visit Native Trees of Indiana River Walk.

For more information about the Tree Campus USA program, visit Tree Campus USA.

world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight the progress NHEG is making toward its mission, the organization is helping donors move beyond simplistic such as overhead ratios.

"In accordance with our long-held belief in being transparent about our work," said NHEG Executive Di-

rector Pamela Clark, "we are excited to continually convey our organization's results in a user-friendly and highly visual manner. As we continue our annual recognition from Guidestar, we value the opportunity that Guidestar provides to nonprofits like ours. By updating our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile to earn a Platinum Seal, we share a wealth of up-to-date orga-

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ogy and organismal biology. Part of the nomination included the ways Norris helps his students grow intellectually and reach their academic and personal goals.

"From our first meeting I received patience, knowledge, and tools that I could use to become a better researcher and scientist," said Amanda Weller, a recent graduate with a Bachelor of Science in biol-

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To reach the Platinum level, NHEG added extensive information to its GuideStar Nonprofit Profile: basic contact and organizational information; in-depth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies and capabilities; and quantitative information about results and progress toward its mission. By taking the time to provide this information, NHEG has demonstrated its commitment to transparency and to giving donors and funders meaningful data to evaluate nonprofit performance.

"I encourage you to visit our Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar to see what we're all about," added Pamela Clark. "We're thrilled that our Platinum Seal of Transparency and the associated benefits help us better communicate our organization's exciting initiatives on a global scale."

**Organizational Mission**  
New Heights Educational Group, Inc., promotes literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include the following: assisting families in the selection of schools; organization of educational activities; and acquisition of materials. We promote a healthy learning environment and various enrichment programs for families of preschool and school-age children, including children with special needs.

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**REPS. BANKS, TIFFANY INTRODUCE REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS ACT**

Rep. Jim Banks (IN-03), member of the House Education and Labor Committee, and Rep. Tom Tiffany (WI-07) introduced a piece of legislation that would halt a school's federal funding if they refuse to reopen for in-person learning in the fall. The legislation's title is Reopen Our Schools Act.

"We need to change the subject from 'our schools might not reopen in the fall' to 'our schools will reopen in the fall and here's what we need to do it,'" said Banks. "America is the land of opportunity where education is guaranteed to all children. We're not living up to that guarantee at the moment."

"These open-ended school shutdowns have set students back, made it harder for teachers to teach, and pushed parents to the breaking point," said Tiffany. "It's time to reopen America and get back to school."

The Reopen Our Schools Act is introduced on the heels of a Wall Street Journal report explaining remote learning this spring "didn't work." Research suggests remote schooling resulted in ~70% of learning gains in reading and below 50% in math relative to traditional schooling. Attempting to implement virtual learning also revealed America's "digital divide." Children from rural or poorer families lack access to high speed internet and could not complete classwork.

Moreover, school lunch programs are losing millions trying to find and feed hungry students outside of the classroom, and reports suggest they could be "broke by fall."

"Reopening our schools is the lynchpin to reopening our economy. Many parents rely on their kids going to school so they can go to work. To get our society up and running again, we need our children back in school," continued Rep. Banks.

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Research suggests that children are at a relatively very low risk of becoming infected by coronavirus. If they do become infected, the risk of serious illness is extremely rare. As of May 20, only 48 children were admitted to the ICU for COVID. They are also less likely to spread the virus to adults when they get infected.

**ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- The bill prohibits schools (elementary to university) from receiving FY20 funds unless they reopen by September 8th
- Schools must provide a plan to reopen \*safely\* per their normal operations pre-coronavirus
- The Secretary of Education can create a waiver process at her discretion
- Only in-person classes count as re-opening
- Maximum liability protection for schools

**OHIO'S WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON CONCLUDES IN SOUTH ZONE**

Hunters have harvested 15,718 wild turkeys after four weeks of Ohio's 2020 spring hunting season. Wild turkey hunting ended Sunday, May 17 in Ohio's south zone. The season continues until Sunday, May 31 in the northeast zone (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Trumbull counties). Hunters harvested 17,619 wild turkeys during the first four weeks of the 2019 season.

The top 10 counties for wild turkey harvest following the completion of the 2020 south zone hunting season include: Belmont (486), Monroe (460), Guernsey (459), Tuscarawas (458), Meigs (446), Muskingum (434), Washington (429), Harrison (411), Coshocton (404) and Brown (393).

Youth hunters harvested 1,843 wild turkeys during Ohio's youth season on April 18-19.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife began an extensive program in the 1950s to reintroduce wild turkeys to the Buckeye State. Ohio's first modern day wild turkey season opened in 1966 in nine counties, and hunters checked 12 birds. The total number of harvested turkeys topped 1,000 for the first time in 1984. Turkey hunting was opened statewide in 2000.

Editor's Note: A county list of all wild turkeys checked by hunters after four weeks of the 2020 sea-

**Sudoku solution from page 13**

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7	6	1	4	9	8	8	7	9
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4	8	7	1	7	9	8	9	6

son is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2020, and the 2019 numbers are in parentheses. Harvest numbers below are raw data and subject to change.

Adams: 379 (397); Allen: 69 (69); Ashland: 151 (194); Ashtabula: 284 (450); Athens: 345 (441); Auglaize: 50 (37); Belmont: 486 (527); Brown: 393 (377); Butler: 213 (180); Carroll: 336 (361); Champaign: 97 (95); Clark: 13 (16); Clermont: 336 (310); Clinton: 77 (68); Columbiana: 351 (294); Coshocton: 404 (509); Crawford: 56 (65); Cuyahoga: 5 (6); Darke: 60 (44); Defiance: 204 (180); Delaware: 116 (109); Erie: 39 (46); Fairfield: 104 (115); Fayette: 12 (12); Franklin: 19 (21); Fulton: 95 (109); Gallia: 362 (376); Geauga: 138 (211); Greene: 21 (24); Guernsey: 459 (486); Hamilton: 141 (103); Hancock: 41 (33); Hardin: 94 (87); Harrison: 411 (438); Henry: 43 (53); Highland: 371 (366); Hocking: 245 (269); Holmes: 204 (254); Huron: 104 (110); Jackson: 321 (373); Jefferson: 376 (386); Knox: 283 (319); Lake: 48 (54); Lawrence: 209 (218); Licking: 288 (339); Logan: 104 (106); Lorain: 129 (131); Lucas: 46 (66); Madison: 11 (9); Mahoning: 180 (166); Marion: 41 (28); Medina: 100 (142); Meigs: 446 (517); Mercer: 26 (16); Miami: 22 (22); Monroe: 460 (586); Montgomery: 25 (25); Morgan: 286 (375); Morrow: 125 (129); Muskingum: 434 (556); Noble: 348 (435); Ottawa: 1 (5); Paulding: 66 (67); Perry: 250 (290); Pickaway: 27 (22); Pike: 184 (224); Portage: 229 (241); Preble: 117 (130); Putnam: 50 (59); Richland: 204 (297); Ross: 303 (278); Sandusky: 20 (19); Scioto: 244 (276); Seneca: 100 (141); Shelby: 35 (36); Stark: 250 (288); Summit: 76 (74); Trumbull: 234 (354); Tuscarawas: 458 (521); Union: 43 (54); Van Wert: 18 (18); Vinton: 259 (302); Warren: 95 (97); Washington: 429 (555); Wayne: 112 (113); Williams: 172 (221); Wood: 27 (21); and Wyandot: 79 (76).

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# WAGNER METALS OPENS SISTER COMPANIES



Wagner Metals Roofing and Remodeling is proud to announce the opening of our sister companies, Wagner Metal Supply and LIFETITE Windows on Monday, June 15th.

Wagner Metal Supply is a full-service fab shop for all your metal roofing supplies and accessories. We custom roll and cut each individual project, in our shop or on-site. We offer custom roof packages, installed, complete pole barn projects and barn kits ready to build. Our products are ecofriendly and 100% recyclable. Wagner Metal Supply is a one-stop-shop for all things metal related. Contractors or homeowners can benefit from our diverse capabilities. Our shop is located at 18743 County Road 424, Defiance, OH 43512. Please visit our website [www.wagnermetalsupply.com](http://www.wagnermetalsupply.com) or contact us directly at (419) 594-7445.

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Wagner Metals Roofing

and Remodeling is the brainchild of Brett Wagner. Brett started his construction career when he was 15, working as the ground crew. Through his ambitious mentality, he progressed as the years went on and eventually broke out on his own, opening Wagner Metals Roofing and Remodeling 10 years ago. Brett has been in the construction industry over 20 years, specializing in metal roofs. The expansion of our company will continually add more jobs to our community as well as provide a service that is family owned and operated, allowing locals to buy direct and skip the middleman. We take pride in our services and treat our customers like family. We price our jobs right and fair the first time. We want your business and we earn it through our solid business standards. We offer contact-less quotes and can measure jobs virtually, as well as traditional estimates onsite.

## WAYNE TRACE CROSS COUNTRY MEETING SCHEDULED

An organizational meeting for the upcoming 2020 Wayne Trace cross country season has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the high school. High school and junior high runners who would like to participate are encouraged to attend in order to receive information concerning the season, practices, updated policies, along with a student waiver to be signed by the student and his or her parent/guardian prior to the teams first practice. For additional information please contact high school head coach Terry Campbell at 419-513-0912 or junior high head coach Joe Shouse at 260-446-4751.

## HONOR FLIGHT CANCELS FALL FLIGHTS

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) has canceled two flights planned for September and October. These were rescheduled flights originally planned for spring of 2020.

After thorough consideration, the Board of Directors of the Honor Flight Network has ordered all Honor Flights scheduled for the remainder of 2020 be postponed until calendar year 2021. Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI), as a member of the Honor Flight Network, will comply with the mandate. The COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on us as individuals and as a nation.

HFNEI President Dennis Covert states "the safety of our veterans has always been and will continue to be the number one priority for Honor Flight. Our veterans are among the most vulnerable

of the population as it relates to serious complications and death from COVID-19 and, as a result of this, it is just not prudent for Honor Flight to risk the health and safety of those we seek to honor at this juncture."

Veterans and guardians who were originally scheduled for the April 29, 2020 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne will automatically be re-scheduled for the April 28, 2021 Honor Flight.

Veterans and guardians who were originally scheduled for the May 20, 2020 Honor Flight from Fort Wayne will automatically be re-scheduled for the May 26, 2021 Honor Flight.

Changes to the above schedule are still possible. Please visit our website [www.hfnei.org](http://www.hfnei.org) or Facebook for updates.

If you have questions, please call the Honor Flight number 260-633-0049.

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

## CLINTON STREET BRIDGE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

River Road and Fort Street to reopen soon

The following is an update regarding the progress of the Clinton Street bridge project, downtown Defiance. The \$8.3 million project replaced a bridge which carries state Routes 15, 18, and 66 over the Maumee River. The bridge closed Feb. 25, 2019, for approximately nine months and reopened December 2, 2019. The project is scheduled for completion in July 2020.

Only a few weeks remain on the Clinton Street bridge

project in downtown Defiance which carries State Route 15/18/66 over the Maumee River. In the last few weeks, crews have been busy completing sidewalks, paving roads and paths, and painting the bridge. Once these are complete, the final stage of the project will be to lay a final course of asphalt on adjacent roads and stripe them.

What's been happening... West River Drive

The streets which run parallel to the Maumee River, Fort Street and River Drive, have remained closed since the project began in early 2019. In May, crews began to prepare the streets to be paved, shown in this picture. Both roads are expected to reopen by mid to late June.

Painting

Contractors have used every dry day possible to paint the steel beams under the bridge. Many of the bridge beams have been difficult to reach in certain places. Here is a photo of the special scaffolding designed to get crews and their equipment safely where they need to go.

Temporary railing

Freshly paved, the shared-use path is open. The wide path easily accommodates both pedestrians and cyclists.

Installation of the railing is delayed due to a material delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A temporary wooden railing has been constructed until contractors can complete the work. The installation of permanent railing is expected to begin in late July.

Old vs New

The low clearance on the shared-use path under the Clinton Street bridge presented a unique challenge to the paving contractors. After making a few repairs, the contractor brought this 1980s paver out of retirement to complete the job. Sitting side-by-side, the modern paver (right in white) is significantly taller than the vintage model (left in yellow). The paver had not worked in 18 years.

On Deck...questions of curiosity from observers of the project

Q. Where did the blocks of rock come from that are located along the shared-use path in Pontiac Metro Park?

A. Back in February, divers were surprised to discover large blocks of sandstone about 120 feet downstream from the Clinton Street bridge. The blocks had been part of a temporary bridge built in 1932 while a new bridge was under construction.

Sandstone blocks

After the stones were retrieved from the river bottom, ODOT inspector Tyler Gerken and Great Lakes Construction manager Mark Nash had the idea to re-purpose them, placing them along the shared-use path. Not only will the enormous blocks enhance the natural beauty of Pontiac Metro Park, but they serve as a reminder of the city of Defiance's history with the river.

Follow the project:

Visit the project website and view time lapse video: Defiance Clinton Street website

View live traffic cameras along the detour route: OHGO.com

# NEW LOCAL BUSINESS OPENS



Paulding, Ohio welcomes Mighty Cube, LLC, a new business owned by Chad Manz and Clint Manz. Chad and Clint believe that everyone should have their own personal garage and have an opportunity to organize and enjoy your home to the fullest.

They look forward to serving Paulding County and surrounding areas as a portable storage business that will deliver storage solutions to your doorstep. Your Mighty Cube is a convenient and efficiently sized portable storage container measuring 20 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet tall. Mighty Cube on-site storage will give you convenient access to your belongings while you remodel your home, move to another home, spring clean or reorganize, or just need additional

space.

With state of the art delivery equipment, your portable storage cube can be placed wherever you would like, whether in your driveway or your backyard. You can fill up your storage cube and store it at your site or Mighty Cube can pick it up, store it for you at their location, and deliver it at a later date when you are ready for it.

Both short and long term rental solutions are available and, if you find that you can no longer live without your personal garage space, purchase options are also available. You can visit Mighty Cube's website at [www.mightycubestorage.com](http://www.mightycubestorage.com) or contact them by email at [info@mightycubestorage.com](mailto:info@mightycubestorage.com) and by phone at 419-771-9220 to reserve your storage cube today.

## THE OHIO HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE OHIO FAIR RACING CONFERENCE

This year the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association will present live video of the Ohio Fair Racing Conference via Facebook Live.

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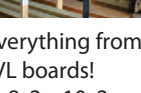


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