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NEW 2020 SUMMER COOLING PROGRAM CHANGES



PAULDING EVENTS: Wednesday July 29th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. West Ohio Food Bank food distribution at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, 501 Fairground Dr, Paulding. Clients will need to fill out paperwork at the pick up site.

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission will begin accepting applications for the HEAP Summer Crisis program **July 1, 2020 and will continue through September 30, 2020.**

The program will offer the following assistance:

- electric bill payment and/or
- air conditioner or fan and/or
- central air unit repair (cannot exceed program max benefit amount)

New Eligibility: Can help disconnects and those on PIPP

Temporary Suspended: Walk-in hours not available

at this time

To be eligible, the household must be within 175% of the Federal Poverty guidelines (\$45,850 annual income for a family of four) and meet one of the qualifications below:

- Individuals with a Documented Medical Condition - A member of the household has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed physician, registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant stating, "Due to an illness, this client would benefit from continued electric service and/or air conditioning."

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EACS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES SET

East Allen County Schools' Plan for Graduation Ceremonies at the Coliseum (All of the below information is subject to change pending Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders, Indiana Department of Education's Recommendations or the Allen County Department of Health's recommendations.)

What: Senior Graduation Ceremonies

When: July 10th through July 14th

July 10th - 7:00 PM (Leo High School) - Total Guests Allowed: 940

July 11th - 2:00 PM (New Haven High School) - Total Guests Allowed: 900

July 12th - 2:00 PM (Woodlan High School) - Total Guests Allowed: 540

July 13th - 7:00 PM (Heritage High School) - Total Guests Allowed: 600

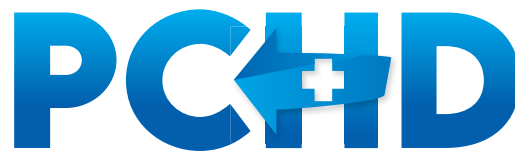
July 14th - 7:00 PM (East Allen University) - Total Guests Allowed: 244

How: The 5 high schools in East Allen County Schools will work in collaboration with the staff at the Coliseum to provide a graduation ceremony that implements a safety plan for the events. Seniors seated will meet the 6 feet requirements for social distancing. All seniors will be asked to wear masks (provided by the District), not touch their face, and utilize hand sanitizer. Students will be escorted out of the Coliseum immediately following the ceremony. Hand shaking will not take place during the ceremonies.

Audience: Each graduate will be allowed to invite 4 guests to the ceremony. Guests will be set up 6 feet apart in order to socially distance from one another, one to four family members may sit together. Guests will also

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COVID CASES RISE TO 20 IN PAULDING COUNTY WITH 2 ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE - ONLY 3 ACTIVE; PCH TESTS IN 45 MINUTES



PROVIDING COMMUNITY HEALTH DIRECTION



By: WBN staff writer

The Paulding County Commissioners met for a special Emergency Operation Center meeting with the Paulding County health agency members on Friday, June 26. Officials from the county including the Paulding County Hospital were included at this meeting.

Ed Bohn, the Paulding County EMA Director, asked for the meeting due to the concerns in the rise of the COVID-19 cases in Ohio and Paulding County itself. The number of positive cases has increased with positive tests coming from an employee at a meat pack-

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OBITUARIES



A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 AM Thursday, July 2 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. He will be laid to rest in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4 - 8 PM Wednesday, July 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will be a wake service at 7:30 PM. For those wishing to attend, we ask that you maintain social distancing and encourage responsible virus protection measures while offering the family support.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Caring and Sharing Food Bank or Paulding EMS.

Friends and relatives may share fond memories at www.denherderfh.com

THE TALK

By: Rev. Gerry Weesner

“Obey the government, for God is the one who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow. For the policeman does not frighten people who are doing right; but those doing evil will always fear him. So if you don’t want to be afraid, keep the laws and you will get along well. The policeman is sent by God to help you. But if you are doing something wrong, of course you should be afraid, for he will have you punished. He is sent by God for that very purpose. Obey the laws, then, for two reasons: first, to keep from being punished, and second, just because you know you should.” Romans 13:1-5 (TLB).

I recently heard a commentator on Fox News ask Ben Carson if he had given his children “the talk” and he said that he had. What aroused my interest was that the talk was not as in my youth about sex but rather that they should always respect and obey law enforcement officers. Then in my mind came the question why it should be necessary for parents to have to give their children a talk about respecting and obeying law enforcement officers.

When I was young it was expected that one should always respect and be obedient to their parents, teachers, and law enforcement officers, and to respect our elders. It was also a time when God was a part of our lives at home, in school, and in church.

Once a week in elementary school we would have bible study led by a retired missionary lady and in junior high and high school we had chapel services led by pastors of the different local denominations. Contrary to the beliefs of the ACLU and anti-christian elements no one was forced to attend these bible studies and chapel services as

if one didn’t choose to attend they would go to study hall instead.

It is possible that in this time when God and Christian ethics and morals are no longer a part of society and educational institutions that all parents need to give their children “the talk” that they should respect and obey law enforcement officers.

We need Christian revival in America and with it a renewal of Christian ethics and morality in the home and society. Let us pray for that.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
Several places in the Bible use the terms “prayer” and “supplications” together. What is the difference?*

Note the following: Acts 1:14 - “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.” Ephesians 6:18 - “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” Philippians 4:6 - “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” 1 Timothy 2:1 - “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;” 1 Timothy 5:5 - “Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.”

Prayer and supplications are almost synonymous, but in these passages the Greek word used for prayer is “pro-seuche,” which is earnestly pouring our petitions for God’s blessing.

The Greek word for supplications in these passages is “deosis,” which means deprecation. That is to pray against or to avert impending evils.

The believers in the New Testament faced many persecutions and rejections plus great attacks by Satan for which they needed supplication. Obviously they also daily needed prayers for the grace and blessings from God so they could effectively grow, and serve Christ.

Jesus taught us in the Lord’s Prayer to ask for the blessings of our daily bread, but He also indicated we should pray for deliverance from evil. Both prayer and supplication are needed for us today and should be offered up to God frequently.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

READJUST, REFRESH, RENEW, REMEMBER

By: Dorris Applegate

As our culture changes (some call it evolving) we must not give in to wrong ideas. We only know what ideas are right by knowing the work of God (the Holy Bible): This guide is full of what and what not to do to be happy and successful! In the book of Proverbs we read of “wisdom and folly”. Which you choose will determine your ideas on life and where you want to go. The wise will choose the path outlined for us in God’s word, those choosing otherwise will come to ruin. In Proverbs

1:7 we read that: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction!” Which one are we? In our country we have been so blessed by God (because we dedicated this land to God) that many have forgotten why we came to such greatness. If you don’t study and know our history you will never appreciate your freedom. We are NOT perfect. We have many in our past and present who are racists and have tried to eliminate those of color and “not white” This is plainly evil! We cannot say that we love God and do not love those He created in His image. In I John 4:20 it says “If a man says I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”

It is time to: Readjust, Refresh, Renew and Remember!!!

We do not readjust by getting rid of all the police, we renew to better ways of policing. We do not allow fools to tear down the business and hard work of others. We refresh ourselves in the ways of God and roll up our sleeves, stand strong for right and never “cave in” to evil! We remember the old paths and where we come from. Do we really think that blood, sweat and tears of so many who REALLY loved our country is a loss? I don’t think so. It’s our time: “And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14) Are you in?

Amen & Amen

JULY ACTIVITIES FOR CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Prayer Meeting
Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH will host a Prayer Meeting on Sunday July 5th 6 PM 419-564-6363

Stump Burning
Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH will host a Sunday July 12th 6 PM Stump Burning with hotdogs & Smores. Bring something to share. Hang out with Pastor 5 to 6 PM

Food Pantry
Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH will host a Sat. July 18th Food Pantry Noon to 3 PM

Special Speaker
Sunday July 19th 11 AM Ted Ramey preaching at 11 AM Service at Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH

Concert
Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main St, Cecil OH will host a concert Sunday July 26th Harvest Time Gospel Singers 6 PM & refreshments. Bring dessert to share.

KIDS’ KORNER

OK, so you know that corner isn’t spelled with a K, right? But it got your attention, didn’t it?

I’m Pastor Tim. I am a Lutheran pastor serving a dual parish, which means that I have two churches. One is Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at Antwerp, Ohio. The other one is Zion Lutheran Church near Woodburn, Indiana. It’s a lot of fun to minister to two congregations. The best part is that I get to go to church twice ev-

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

“The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.”

— Psalm 138:8

FIRST UM CHURCH RECEIVES NEW SIGN



First United Methodist Church in Van Wert recently installed a new outside LED sign on its corner of Jefferson and Central Avenue. Funds for this sign were given by the family of Jon Rhoades in his honor. Jon was a member of First Church and respected leader in the Van Wert community. At First Church, he chaired the finance committee, co-chaired the most recent re-modeling project, and served in many other leadership roles.

Jon retired from Central Insurance after 43 years of service as Vice-President of Underwriting. He served as president of the Van Wert Community Improvement Corporation, member and

past president of the Van Wert Rotary Club, past president of the Van Wert Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, past president of the Van Wert County Hospital Board of Directors, past president of the Starr Commonwealth Board of Directors and past president of the former Van Wert Jaycees.

Jon’s wife, Nancy and two sons, Craig and Chris generously donated funds to spur on the sign project. The trustees recently completed landscaping on the corner lot around the sign. The new sign, visible from Fountain Park, will reveal current information to the public about activities in the life of First UM Church.



CECIL, OHIO
Vernon E. Ankney age 73 died Friday, June 26, 2020.

He was born January 17, 1947 son of the late Forest E. and Ethel M. (Grew) Ankney. On July 9, 1966 he married Paula Singer who survives. He retired in 1993 from General Motors Powertrain. Defiance after 27 ½ years.

He is also survived by his children: Becky, Christopher, and Michael (Francine); grandchildren: Sarah, Desiree, O’Desa, Mariah, Amelia, Miciah, Kaleb, Josiah, and Novalie; and great granddaughter, Huxley.

ery Sunday!

The purpose of this column is to present you with Bible trivia questions and challenge you to find the answers. Each question will be answered for you in the next week’s column. In the meantime, see if you can find the answer for yourself.

Are you ready? Open your

Bible and find the answer to this:

How old was Noah when God told him to build an ark?

The answer to that, along with other interesting facts about Noah, will appear here next week. See you then!

—Pastor Tim

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OUR TALENT DEFINES US

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Have you ever noticed that there is someone in every crowd, school, workplace, church and government with talents and abilities different than yours? Some are good at customer service and talking



to people, while others are good at computer skills.

However, God created us and blessed all of us with some type of talent. Whether your talent is big or small, there is something that each of us excel in or like doing.

I think as I look back at my own life, I notice the excellence in others talents. Throughout my school years, in church, in places I have worked and even serving on committees that the talents and abilities we bring to the table are a vital part of the world, our towns and community.

And yes, I know there is always someone who is bigger, better, smarter, richer, craftier and better cooks than me. Plus better looking, skinnier and taller than I am.

But being involved in music which I have been involved in since age 5, I know there are better musicians than me and there is such wonderful talent in playing instruments and singing that I feel good if I can maybe just learn from those people.

I have never claimed to be a musician, but just consider myself an entertainer.

My grandma taught me years ago not to brag on myself and to be humble.

Things that we excel at in life is usually something we love doing. I love to cook, write and play old country and gospel music.

I have learned that if I don't like doing something I try and avoid it.

For instance, I don't like

to knit, sew or crochet. I don't like needles, thread, yarn or patterns.

But, I do highly respect those that are good at the skill. I never really learned how to thread a sewing machine or use a crochet needle.

Years ago, my Grandma would crochet lace around pretty handkerchiefs and she would usually give them to someone as a gift. Not me! I tried to learn how to chain stitch and beside her, but soon got bored and quit.

Today, I wish I could crochet, knit or sew. One time, when running late for work, a button came off the sleeve of my shirt. I hurriedly grabbed an already threaded needle, laid my arm across my leg and without removing my shirt proceeded to sew on that button.

I was so happy I did it, until I went to raise my arm only to find out that I had sewed my arm sleeve to my pant legs. I will never ever forget that. No I hate to admit it, but I flunked Sewing 101.

Now, some of us are good gardeners and have that special gift for growing plants and flowers. I never had a so-called green thumb, but I am thankful for all the ones that can grow the fruits, vegetables, and crops today.

There is wonderful garden produce in the summer at roadside stands and Farmers Markets. And you can bet, I didn't grow it.

Some people's gifts lie in attitude. We have kind, generous ones who give to and helps the sick and needy. There are some who love and care for the handicapped and those who have an ability to teach.

There is the talent of some to care for animals. I know a lady who takes feral cats to be neutered and gives them a home.

To me, these are natural gifts that either we are given or grow up with. Plus, this is what your passion is and what you do is what makes you different and unique.

I have always said I would never make a good pioneer lady. I can't sew, plant, skin an animal, kill a chicken, defeather a chicken, build a fire, or milk a cow. I would not like washing clothes on a

scrub board, seeing a mouse or walking miles to school in the snow.

Many of us have lived through times when there was no TV; no inside plumbing and going to an outhouse. But, it was a normal way of life and most people back in the day did not mind.

I guess I am glad to be who I am, where I am and how I am. Whether you believe it or not, our gifts, talents and attitudes makes us special and unique.

Some of us are good joke tellers, while some have a passion for politics.

These talents and interests of ours make up today's world.

Are you a good seamstress? Have you ever sewed your arm to your pants? Can you grow flowers and gardens? What gifts and talent do you have that makes you... you? Let me know and I'll Give You a Penny for Your Thoughts.

WORK TO ACHIEVE YOUR FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previously took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your financial independence.

Here are some moves to consider:

Build an emergency fund. It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.

Keep your debts under control. It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.

Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and every time your salary

goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix.

Explore long-term care coverage. One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of long-term care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources - or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses - you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy - which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services - or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit.

Manage withdrawals carefully. Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate rate.

As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a lifelong activity - but it's worth the effort.

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be encouraged to wear masks, not touch their face, and utilize hand sanitizer. Guests over 65 years of age and those who are medically fragile and more vulnerable to the disease are asked not to attend for their own safety. Seating will be available for guests with disabilities. Guests attending will need to provide a ticket in order to enter the Coliseum for seating. Ceremonies will be live streamed; a link will be provided for viewers in the near future.

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VAN WERT COUNTY FOUNDATION HOLDS 95th ANNUAL MEETING



During the 95th annual meeting of The Van Wert County Foundation's Board of Trustees, they honored a retiring long-time trustee, selected a new member, designated scholarships to 303 area college students, and awarded grants to local non-profit organizations.

The board approved the establishment of five new funds at The Foundation, one of which includes the Norman L. & Mary E. Marxen Scholarship Fund that is an acquisition from an out-of-state institution bringing funds back to the community.

Bruce Kennedy retired from the Board of Trustees on June 16, 2020, after 30 years of board service. Mr. Kennedy joined the board in 1990. During this time, he served on the property, investment, scholarship, and executive committee.

"We are grateful for his commitment to The Foundation and our community. During his time on the board, Bruce served in various roles, but was most passionate about the work of the Property Committee, and making sure that local students had access to higher education through The Foundation's Scholarship Program. He served as President of the Board from 1999 - 2001, shared Seth Baker, VWCF Executive Secretary.

The newly-elected trustee is Tim Stoller. Tim is married to Kari Stoller, and they have four children - Kasee(16), Ashlyn(14), Brock(12), and Jaxon(3). Tim is a 1996 graduate of Van Wert High and 2000 graduate of The Ohio State University. After college, he worked at an investment advisory firm for 12 years before leaving to start what is now Strategence Capital in March of 2012. Strategence Capital is an independent investment advisory practice that serves businesses and individual clients in over 25 states with offices in Van Wert, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Morris, Minnesota. Tim serves on the board of directors for Stand For Truth Ministries/LifeWise Academy. He is a member of the Leo Indiana Apostolic Christian Church, Gideons, and the Van Wert Service Club. He enjoys reading

books, traveling, and spending time with family.

Over the last decade, Tim has served as The Foundation's investment advisor. As he transitions into a new role with The Foundation, per industry regulations, he will not be a voting member of the Investment Committee. In keeping with industry policy, he will serve in other roles as a trustee, and his business partner in Fort Wayne, Graig Stettner, will assume The Foundation's investment advisor role.

"I am honored to serve on The Van Wert County Foundation board of trustees. Van Wert is a great place to raise a family, work, and live life. I am looking forward to helping with the continued growth and development of the community through the work that The Foundation has done over the decades," states Stoller.

The June meeting also saw Executive Committee role changes. Andy Czajkowski ended a transformational two-year term as board chair. Highlights of which include the completion of Franklin Park, a three-year strategic planning process, and the creation of Van Wert Forward, a vision-driven initiative of VWCF to redevelop and preserve the historical assets of downtown Van Wert. Chuck Koch, incoming board chair, looks forward to leading the organization through the next phases of essential operations to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Board of Trustee members for 2020 - 2021 listed below: Chuck Koch, Chairman; Gary Clay, Vice Chairman; Brian Renner, Secretary; Andy Czajkowski, Past Chair; Tom Burenga; Larry Greve; Cindy Hurlless; Thad Lichtensteiger; Randy Myers; Bill Purmort; Tim Stoller; Gary Taylor; Tom Turnwald; Mark White; Eva Yarger

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A FISHING STORY



WE ARE 400 YEARS OLD

By: Stan Jordan
 The pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, about all they had was what they could carry. That was November 11. Just think, winter had just set in, no house, no food, no anything.
 I guess they all chipped in and built a place big enough for all till warmer weather came. Now they were sort of used to tight living as they were on the boat for weeks.
 They had food, or at least meat, because of all the wild animals in the area. They scraped and did without for years on an existence that we probably couldn't handle.

This went on with some good improvements for 150 years. They had starvations, sickness and a little trouble with Mother England.

One of the biggest gripes was 'taxation without representation' and then a 'tea tax'. They fought the English and each other for years. There was a couple of times that France sent cash to the United States to help with the war effort. America won their independence and carried on and improved for over 60 years. Then we had a war among ourselves for about 5 years and we lost a lot of young men on both sides.

Then we got tied up into a war in Europe not once but twice along with a war with Japan.

The United States went together and were victorious and ended up as the strongest country in the world, but since 1950 there has been unrest all over the world and we seem to be in all of it, trying to have freedom all over the world.

The United States has been a leader and looked up to for the last 60 years but as of now, I'm not so sure.

See ya!

HELP AND COURTESY IN THESE TIMES

By: Stan Jordan
 Some time ago, I was leaving the local family restaurant after having lunch. I had



By: Stan Jordan
 For weeks I have been asking Pastor Rick Grimes to get me a fishing story and he came in the office and told me about this trip and the fellows who went along.

This is a picture of Rick and two 25 pounders, they are Flathead catfish and came out of the Maumee. Now this was just a few days ago.

Jamie is Rick's brother from Florida, Eric is from Alabama and Jake is a nephew. These boys had been hearing so much about these big catfish in the river, so they came up for a visit and fishing.

The four boys started fishing about 5:00 p.m., each in a kayak. Rick said they were fishing for some bait first. They started fishing and they didn't get any bites for a while, then Rick caught a big carp, well over 20 lbs. And some small catfish 5 - 6 lbs and a couple of sheepshead. They fished till about midnight and then gave it up. They had a camper in the church parking lot.

my cane in one hand and my cushion in the other. As I reached to open the inside door, it opened and there was a young man holding the door for me.

He said, "Here, Mr. Jordan, I will get the other door for you." I said, "Fine, that is fine, but I move pretty slow." He said, "Take your time, I'm not in any hurry."

They went to Rick's fishing hole the second night. The boys wanted to fish from the banks and Rick stayed with his kayak. Things started slow, but Rick had a big hit early. He pulled Rick's kayak all over the area. This one weighed 25 lbs., a big Flathead.

After things settled down, Rick caught a few small catfish and sheepshead. Then he got another hit and he wrestled that big fellow for a while and by golly, he weighed 25 lbs. That is both of those big fellows with Rick in the picture.

He said all of this was with 8 lb. Test Strenline, you just have to make sure your drag is ok. He said all together, he caught about 100 lbs of fish, but those visitors never got a bite. They had high expectations but they had a good trip and visit.

Rick said he sent them home with about 40 lbs. Of catfish and some pictures.

See ya!

So, I walked out the second door and as I passed him I said, "Son, your mom raised you right." Then I looked into his eyes and I didn't see eyeballs, I could see, that for a second, he was back home at the kitchen table and his mom was telling him about right and wrong and to be helpful and show courtesy to old people.

He said, "yes" and nodded and said, "yes" again.

I thanked him very much and went to my pickup. I think he stood there for a second and then he entered the building. That fellow was back home for a few seconds.

I have thought about that meeting many, many times. It done us both some good.
 See ya!



We're all in this together - but please keep your distance!

A PICTURE OF HISTORY



By: Stan Jordan
 This picture was in Mr. Ehrhart's book of 1941. It was a small shot about 2 X 4 inches but Mr. Steiner blew it up for me. We have no words or anything why it was taken or what for. Look closely at the picture and

you see lots of maybes. You see lots of fellows wore boots because of the mud, no paved streets, some wooden sidewalks.

I don't know if men wore ties or not, but you don't see any here, but this might be right on the moment. The

man in the middle is holding a note, a sign or maybe a check, if they had checks then.

Maybe it was the dynameters of the reservoir fame.

Anyhow, I thought maybe you have your own ideas. See ya!

I hope they give us two weeks notice before sending us back out into the real world. I think we'll all need the time to become ourselves again. And by "ourselves" I mean lose 10 pounds, cut our hair and get used to not drinking at 9:00 a.m.

New monthly budget: Gas \$0, Entertainment \$0, Clothes \$0, Groceries \$2,799.

Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.

Low maintenance chicks are having their moment right now. We don't have nails to fill and paint, roots to dye, eyelashes to re-mink, and are thrilled not to have to get dressed every day. I have been training for this moment my entire life!

When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

I stepped on my scale this morning. It said: "Please practice social distancing. Only one person at a time on scale."

Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 6 weeks.

It may take a village to raise a child but I swear it's going to take a vineyard to home school one.

I wanted zombies and anarchy. Instead we got working from home and toilet paper shortages. Worst-Apocalypse-Ever!

You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road - doesn't seem so unrealistic these days.

They can open things up next month, I'm staying in until July to see what happens to y'all first.

People keep asking: "Is Coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen y'all, the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing it's probably pretty serious.

Home school Day 1: I'm trying to figure out how I can

get this kid transferred out of my class.

Okay, the schools are closed. So, do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house or what?

The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner.

I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for seniors only.

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A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there."

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

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
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 Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I been watching and keeping up on the complete stupidity and medical/scientific facts on the Covid-19 virus! Our State Rep. Craig Reidel must have gotten a medical license, Dr's degree or a science degree the way he's ignored the true facts of this pandemic degree! Let's get all of Ohio wide open, and pass this sick-

ness around so everyone gets it!  
The way that Mr. Reidel is lockstep with the orange faced liar in the White House, he must want to try to surpass the several hundred thousand deaths in America, and since Ohio was, and I repeat was on the downward trend of the virus, Mr. Reidel has added to the numbers! Mr. Reidel...you should go to every family that has had a member die, and apologize to them personally!  
I know you can't be a religious person, because no Christian would contribute to the death toll like you and the other republicans in this state have! You even went so far as to shame a professional doctor that was working for the governor to help control this pandemic, so much that after so many death threats and other threats to her and her family, she quit! She was not a Nazi, she was upholding the "do no harm" oath she swore to as a physician!  
You yourself had sworn an oath to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Ohio! Do you buy the lie from Trump that we need to stop testing and the disease goes away? My wife and I notice the numbers of people in the stores no longer wearing masks, so how long do you guarantee the health of your constituents? You told the governor that masks need to be optional, will you think like that when the virus attacks your family? Friends? Yourself?  
It's too bad you have no one running against you, and you'll be in Columbus another 2 years! It's not because you are a good rep, it's because of gerrymandering, and the unfair districts drawn up! This sickness has not gone away and needs to be considered as well as the economy! If no one is healthy enough to work or shop, how in the hell is this going to make Ohio better?  
By the way, Covid-19 is non-partisan, makes no political choices, and will not make the economy grow! Mr. Reidel... stop trying to cover up this, and come back to reality!  
—Mike Porter,  
Antwerp, OH

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Same as always — quality paper, don't stop! Thanks for the opportunity to express my views. Unlike the Defiance paper that edited letters to reflect their views, yours prints as is written. I appreciate that very much. Keep up the great work. I also want to thank Stan for his views, even though I don't agree with him lately, I still love his taking a stand. He came from a time where many of our local people had no dealings with people of color, same as me.  
Ayersville had 1 black family, and I never liked how they were treated by some in the neighborhood. I learned race relations from my grandpas, and it served me well. I was a racist/bigot, like Trump, all the world's problems were because of the "n" words, and the other colors! I still loved him, the other was more socially acceptable. He taught me to treat people like I wanted to be treated. I had the good fortune to work at the Defiance GM plant, that had people of all colors. You soon find friends, not colored friends, but friends!  
My hope is people wake up and realize that everybody is created equal, are treated the same, and when we do wrong, are treated more humane than how some have been lately! This is not a Gestapo state yet, and I pray to God we never become that! Thanks again, and keep up the good work.  
—Mike Porter,  
Antwerp, OH

**PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES ITS MEMBERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

Due to Covid-19 the Paulding FFA was not able to have our traditional FFA banquet. It was decided that the Paulding FFA Chapter would have a drive-thru banquet where the members and their family would pull into the circle drive and receive their awards and get their pictures taken as well as take an FFA cookie to go. This was a great way for members to be recognized for their hard-work.



On Friday, June 12th, 2020 the Paulding FFA chapter held their 92nd Annual FFA Banquet Virtually on social media due to Covid-19. The officer team and members recorded the banquet and presented it virtually on YouTube and social media for the community to enjoy.

At the virtual banquet, several awards were given out to community and FFA members. Members who met the qualifications to get their Greenhand or Chapter degree received their degrees during the banquet. We also had six students who were recognized for getting their state degree, which were Nolan Johanns, Jen Stahl, Jonathan Reinhard, Sydney Reineck, Kennedy Foor and Colton Howell. We had two members who will receive their American FFA degree which are Courtney Luderma and Kalyn Strahley. The Blue and Gold award was awarded to three individuals this year to recognize all that they have done to help out the Paulding FFA chapter. This year's winners were Mr. Ken Amstutz, Clint Vance, and Jen Stahl. We had three community members receive the Honorary FFA degree

which is the highest award a chapter can give. Those recipients were Nicole Harris, Lisa McClure and Haviland Drainage.

Any member who participated in a CDE(carrier development event) throughout the year received a certificate and pin for their jacket for their outstanding work. Star awards were handed out to a select few students from each grade who showed leadership not only in the classroom but also in their community and through FFA programs and activities. The alumni also awarded scholarships to Riley Noffsinger, Jordyn Merriman, Olivia Stallard, Shannon Hale and Kaylie Tressler for their outstanding leadership and the influence that they have made on the Paulding FFA chapter.

Then last week some of the graduated FFA officers went out and surprised the new officer team at their homes

with posters and a personalized cup since we were not able to announce the results at our traditional banquet. 2020-2021 officers the are as follows: President- Sydney Reineck, Vice President- Paige Jones, Secretary- Baylee March, Treasurer- Colton Howell, Assistant Treasurer- Carder Manz, Reporter- Hailey Weidenhamer, Assistant Reporter- Mason Schlatter, Sentinel- Jaylyn McCloud, Student Advisor- Kyle Harris, Parliamentarian- Nolan Johanns, and Chaplain- Riley Rue.

The Paulding FFA has worked hard to develop new ways to keep our members and officers active during this pandemic. The Paulding FFA would like to congratulate all our members on a job well done this year and we are looking forward to the upcoming year!  
—Hailey Weidenhamer,  
Paulding FFA reporter

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Branch Library, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Genesis House, Pit-Stop, Subway, Manor House Assisted Living  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town & Country, McDonald's, Bryan Senior Center, Walmart, Bryan Hospital  
**Cecil:** Maramart, Vagabond  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware  
**Defiance:** Newman's Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Big Lots, Cabbage Patch Store, Werlor's Waste, Advanced Auto, Great Clips, Meijer Great Clips, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Marathon, Valero, Kaiser Supermarket, US Post Office, Utilities Office, Napa  
**Grover Hill:** Ross' Gas Station, N&N Quick Stop  
**Hicksville:** Sailers, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, McDonald's, Senior Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway  
**Latty:** Kohart's Surplus & Salvage, Country Inn Living Center  
**Melrose:** Morning Star Convenience Store  
**Ney:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Landing Strip, The Oakleaf, Cooper Community Branch Library, TrueValue Hardware, Dollar General  
**Paulding:** Paulding Co. Carnegie Library, Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Holly Wood and Vine, Paulding County Senior Center, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Court-

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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

**Fort Wayne:** Walmart, Walgreens & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Great Clips, Golden Years  
**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, First Merchant Bank  
**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General  
**New Haven:** Milan Center, New Haven Branch Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, New Haven Bakery, Paterson Hardware, Richard's Restaurant, New Haven Chamber, Crumback Chevrolet, Hahn Systems, The Duce, McDonalds  
**Woodburn:** Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Woodburn Branch Library, Financial Partners, Love's Travel Center, Heckley Outdoor, S&V Liquors

**\*\*Some locations may be closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic\*\***

**STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP CRASH**

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a serious injury, one vehicle crash which occurred on Providence-Neapolis-Swanton

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Road near Archbold-Whitehouse Road in Providence Township on June 26, 2020 at approximately 5:24 AM.

A 2004 Jeep Liberty SUV, driven by 24-year-old Antonio Ruiz of Swanton, Ohio was southbound on Providence-Neapolis-Swanton Road, with his passenger, 23-year-old Sarah Southard of Swanton, Ohio when it exited the left side of the roadway and overturned onto its top.

Mr. Ruiz and Ms. South-

ard were extricated by mechanical means from the vehicle. Mr. Ruiz was transported by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries to St. Lukes Hospital. Ms. Southard was transported by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries to UTMC. The roadway was closed for approximately 1 and 1/2-hours.

Safety belts were in use by both occupants and presently it is unknown if drugs or alcohol impairment

played a factor in the crash. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Whitehouse Police Department, and Providence Township EMS. The crash remains under investigation.

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# BOY SCOUTS: STRAIGHT OUTTA QUARANTINE



**By: Mark Greenwood**  
Antwerp Boy Scout Troop 143 enjoyed Summer Camp 2020 on June 14-20. The Antwerp Boy Scouts recently returned from their weeklong Summer Camp, held this year at the Paulding County Fairgrounds from June 14-20. It turned

out to be an ideal weather week, and the Scouts participated in numerous events both at the Fairgrounds and in the area. With outstanding support of the scout parents, the Troop was able to offer numerous merit badge opportunities and a fun-filled week of activities. Several former scouts of the troop also helped in teaching these merit badges and supporting the activities, many thanks to all.

Activities throughout the week included, swimming at Blue Water Campground,

shooting sports at the Antwerp Conservation Club, Sunday evening church service provided by Pastor Ricky Grimes, community service work at LaFountain Park in Paulding, an overnight outbound campout in the woods, and a fun-filled Family Night on Friday that included a pizza buffet and a spirited game of kickball where the youth played against the parents.

A special thanks goes out to the Paulding County Fairboard for allowing the use of the grounds for this year's summer camp. The Troop would also like to thank Guy Dasher for working to get the plumbing repaired and the restrooms open.

If your son, age 11-17, is interested in joining the Antwerp Boy Scouts, they meet every Tuesday at the VFW Post 5087 on Railroad Street in Antwerp from 7:00-8:30 p.m., please stop in for a visit anytime.

## RECYCLING ROUNDUP

For July only, because the 4th falls on the first Saturday, the Grover Hill/Haviland pickup is being moved to the second Saturday which will be July 11th. The Paulding Fairgrounds/Cecil trailer pickups will remain the

same, July 4th. The month of June has absolutely flown by. It seems like we were just enjoying the Memorial Day holiday weekend and now our 4th of July celebration is almost upon us. Your WMEA Program contributors have been all over Paulding County ramp-

ing up trailer pickups that we had to suspend because of the virus. We appreciate our Boy Scout Troop #315 for resuming our Grover Hill and Haviland/Scott pickups the first Saturday of June along with Robb Gerken and his team covering the Paulding Fairgrounds. Our Junction

contingent of recyclers may be smaller in number than the Villages, but certainly hold their own with regard to volume. Pickup at the Payne Park also resumed on the 3rd Saturday. A huge shoutout to our very faithful Payne recyclers. They went the longest without a trailer pickup (3 months) but came out in full force with vehicles loaded. Although our Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club, won't be released to resume helping until July, I was able to recruit some great kids to pitch in on a one-time basis for our June 20th pickup. Outstanding job by everyone!! It takes more than a virus to keep our recyclers down!

Speaking of doing an outstanding job, I cannot let this update move forward without acknowledging Daniel Foust and his team at the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District. Patrick, Stacy, Anna, Taylor, Sam and Scott have taken their recycling efforts to a whole new level. They called me to pop in for a pickup and what a pickup it was. I still haven't recovered! If there had been a contest the SWCD would have won it hands down!

The new program website is officially up and running. Tabs on how to separate and prepare the material are included. The biggest change we need to implement is separating the white plastic (milk/bleach) jugs from the more clear/opaque ones. So, the white milk jugs and white bleach bottles will go in with your No. 2 plastics as always. The clear/opaque milk/vinegar jugs will be processed separately. Other items we get a lot of, but that cannot be recycled, are the McDonald's drink cups/straws. They are plastic but in checking the triangle on the bottom you will see that they are #5. As of right now, we can only accept the 1's and 2's.

As a reminder, PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT DUMP your recycling ahead of the trailer arrival. We are try-

# CHAMBER & CoRP BOARDS GIVE HERB MONROE PARK SOME TLC



Paulding Chamber and CoRP board members spruced up the Herb Monroe Park on Saturday morning, June 27th! Thank you to Kauser Trucking for donating the mulch!

ing to keep our volunteers as safe as possible. If they have to sort through your bags/boxes, that means they are having to TOUCH the material many times. If the stated trailer times do not work for your schedule, please consider asking a friend or family member to bring it for you. Another option would be taking it to Erie Recycling in Antwerp or Kohart Salvage on 613 at your convenience.

If neither of those options work then call me at the office. We'll work something out. We've got to keep our Boy Scouts/4-H Club members and the rest of those associated with the Program as safe as possible. WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Hopefully, next month I can feature our 3 generations of recyclers and give you the update on where the "lids" that you've been collecting have gone to. Think park benches and other fabulous things. I was privileged to meet, Pam Boatright, of the Paulding County Village Parks/Rec and have an opportunity to learn so much from her. Stay tuned for more on that topic.

Feel free to call the office at 419-399-3630 with questions or check [www.pauldingcountywmea.com](http://www.pauldingcountywmea.com) to get the latest news and info regarding the program.

Have a wonderful 4th of July celebration with family and friends and remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!! Also, be sure and look for "Big Red" in the Summer Blast Parade coming up on July 17th.

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**TOBY KEITH TRIBUTE CONCERT TO HEADLINE 4TH OF JULY CONCERT IN FOUNTAIN PARK**



On Saturday, July 4th, a free concert in Fountain Park presented by Van Wert Live Events will celebrate a return to life, liberty, and LIVE entertainment thanks to the Van Wert County Foundation. This highly anticipated return of live concerts will feature AMERICAN RIDE: A Tribute To Toby Keith. Adding extra flavor to the event is Main Street Van Wert who is providing Food Trucks on Jefferson Street beginning at 5:30 PM. The concert will follow at 7:00 PM and last until 8:30 PM. A fireworks display, provided by the Van Wert Parks Department and underwritten in part by the Van Wert County Foundation will begin at 10:00 PM at the Van Wert City School Campus. The school parking lots are open to the public for optimal viewing. It is requested that spectators not congregate and observe social distancing.

Headliner Mike Sugg has been performing his Toby Keith tribute concert for seven years. Mike admits that he looks and sounds so much like Toby,

even when wearing a ball cap and shorts he can't go anywhere without people saying, "That's Toby Keith!" Even the real Toby Keith's wife said, "this is weird" when meeting Mike in Cabo San Lucas. Mike and Toby both are 6'3", 225lbs with green eyes. The American Country Music Awards mistook Mike for Toby and interviewed him on the red carpet in Las Vegas. Mike is a natural entertainer who really knows how to get a crowd out of their chairs and on their feet. Here are some Toby Keith songs you will enjoy that have tapped into the American consciousness: Courtesy Of The Red, White and Blue, How Do You Like Me Now, As Good As I Once Was, Red Solo Cup, I Wanna Talk About Me, Should've Been A Cowboy, He Ain't Worth Missin', and My List.

Freedom comes with responsibility. The mission of Van Wert Live is to provide entertainment in a safe environment. All attendees will be expected to adhere to guidelines that will ensure a safe and respectful experience for all. In coordination with the Van Wert Health Department, it is requested that social distancing guidelines are strictly followed. Family units are to set up chairs and blankets at least 6 feet from others attending. Facemasks are recommended but optional. It is requested that all attendees perform temperature checks prior to arrival and do not attend if symptomatic.

Van Wert Live events are presented by the Van

Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation and powered by The Van Wert County Foundation. Event information can be found at NPACVW.ORG or by calling the Van Wert Live Box Office, 419-238-6722.

**LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO BLUFFTON'S UNDERGRADUATE DEAN'S LIST**

Bluffton University has announced the dean's list for undergraduate students for the spring 2020 term. Students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 based on 20 semester hours received dean's list with distinction for continued high achievement.

Bluffton University students from your area named to the dean's list with distinction are:

- Emily Dyson, Payne, Ohio
- Joel Johnson, Payne, Ohio

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about 2/3 of the width of a football field, and as tall as a 4½ story building. Considering the huge size and all the work being done by hand, 60 years is not an unreasonable estimate for the construction to be done.

Noah being 540 years old at the time of God's command is reasonable. But it is just a guess. The Bible doesn't tell us everything we want to know, but it does tell us what we need to know, and that is that the forgiveness of sins and the blessing of eternal life come through faith in Jesus. You can find the account of Noah in Genesis chapters 6, 7, 8 & 9.

The next challenge is a lot easier, and here it is: What were the very last words of Jesus that the Bible records?

See you next week!

—Pastor Tim

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**KIDS' KORNER**

Welcome back! I hope you had a good week. Did you find the answer to how old Noah was when God told him to build the ark?

Actually, the Bible doesn't exactly say how old he was. But we can take a good guess at it. Noah was 500 years old when he became the father of Shem. After that he fathered Ham and Japheth. The three sons had wives at the time of the flood and had helped Noah build the ark. So, to allow the sons enough time to grow up and find wives. So, we can take a guess at Noah's age being 540 at the time when he started building the ark. He was 600 years old when the ark came to rest.

The ark was the length of 1½ football fields, as wide as

**BECK'S HYBRIDS & AGVANTAGE SEED CENTER SUPPORT LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN**



Dustin and Josiah Stoller of AgVantage Seed Center pass out sandwiches to 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors at the livestock weigh-in.

Beck's Hybrids and AgVantage Seed Center (formerly Stoller Seeds) provided 2020 Beck's fair t-shirts, Beck's hats, drinks, and sausage sandwiches to livestock exhibitors and their parents at the livestock weigh-ins on Wednesday (June 17th), Thursday (June 18th), and Saturday (June 20th).

Paulding FFA Alumni

assisted with the cooking of the sausage sandwiches.

"Growing up showing livestock in Paulding County, we know how important the fair is to the kids in 4-H and FFA. With the 2020 fair being cancelled, we wanted to do something to reward the kids for all of their hard work and dedication towards their livestock proj-

ects," stated Dustin Stoller of AgVantage Seed Center. "The FFA stand's sausage sandwiches are an iconic part of the Paulding County Fair. When we reached out to the Paulding FFA Alumni, they were more than happy to help in making this event a reality for the kids in our community," concluded Dustin Stoller.

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ing plant in Van Wert County, and the concern in Allen County, Indiana is now in the top 50 in percentage of cases increase in the nation.

Amber Gochenour, Director of Nursing at Paulding County Health Department, talked about workers in Fort Wayne and Van Wert who live in Paulding County and believed to have had acquired it at their location of employment.

There has been a 7 case increase in the last 11 days (as of Friday, June 26). Ed Bohn was very concerned with the increase and wanted to make sure that all departments in the county had sufficient PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Bohn stated that there is more PPE and monitors coming in now. The sanitizer wipes seem to be the hardest thing to get along with more thermometers.

Ron Goedde from Paulding County Hospital stated that supplies at the hospital are holding well for the most part, but the amounts in storage have been dropping in the last week. The surgical masks have dropped. PCH has not had an inpatient COVID in a month, but getting supplies is still very limited.

The main shortage that is being reported across agencies is gowns. No agency is out, but the supplies in the distribution lines seem to be the limitation at this point in time. Ed Bohn commented that as long as there is no major outbreak, the county should be fine.

Paulding County Hospital can now test in-house for COVID-19 and turn the test around in 45 minutes. If there is an outbreak in the jail, or one of the county's nursing homes, they would be able to test very quickly and acquire the results quickly. This allows for immediate action if a positive case turns up. The testing supplies are also limited, but not in a serious state as more are to be coming in

early July.

Bohn stated that he is questioning his thoughts on reevaluating community events.

Currently, there is one case of COVID that is asymptomatic and it has not spread at all. This is good news for several reasons.

There are currently three active cases in Paulding County with no hospitalizations. The recovery period after the infection differs greatly depending on the person. Some have recovered and back to normal quickly, while others may never fully recover from the damage.

Dr. Kuhn, family practice doctor in Payne and Paulding County Health Department Health Commissioner, stated his concerns for the fall season to come.

Jason Landers, Sheriff, brought up his concern to the fact that the numbers seem to be totals since the beginning rather than the current number of infected

people.

Amber Gochenour is more than happy to address questions and concerns that you may have about COVID-19 for the area at the Paulding County Health Department at 419-399-3921.

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## TIMBER ERA BROUGHT WORKERS, GROWTH, WEALTH



The Fuller Brothers Saw Mill in Brown Township was one of dozens of sawmills that operated in Paulding County during the era when the unbroken woods were cleared for agriculture. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.



Logs were often moved in the winter when the ground was frozen. Here, a team of horses is used in the woods in Paulding County. Photo courtesy Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

By: Melinda Krick  
Paulding County Bicentennial Committee; Part of a series



PAULDING - An old story goes that a traveler in the Black Swamp stopped to walk with an early Paulding County pioneer. After the traveler made some disparaging remarks about the landscape, the settler retorted that here, in the midst of the forest, the people managed what others could not - two successful crops each year. The traveler, seeing no farm fields, expressed dis-

may. What possible crops could settlers harvest?

"One of ice, and the other of frogs," answered the settler.

While the settlers dreamed of having vast fields of grain, they faced a daunting obstacle - over 200,000 acres of dense forests that first would have to be cleared.

Felling those unbroken stands of timber gave rise to the region's prime "crop" for several decades. Timbering and manufacturing wood products fueled settlement as workers flocked here for employment. Boomtowns sprang up everywhere, especially along the growing railroad system, as sawmill and factories opened. As they used up the seemingly inexhaustible supply of trees, the towns, railroads and population began to decline and farms and fields of grain took over the landscape.

In the early days of exploration and settlement, furs and pelts were main exports. The timber era began

as the hardy pioneers began to arrive. They each wanted to clear a plot of land, build a cabin and shelter for their animals, and begin growing crops. Imagine the task before them.

The Black Swamp lands were densely populated by more than two dozen varieties of trees, including At one time it was boasted that no several types of ash, elm, oak and walnut, hickory, bass, beech and poplar, towering up to 150 feet tall, almost blocking out the sun.

The trees were considered a nuisance. At first, they were felled, rolled into big piles and burned to get rid of them. There was no market for fine timber or logs, and no way to transport them if a market had existed.

Among the early products were railroad ties and hand-made oak barrel staves - the narrow pieces of wood used to form the sides of barrels. Another lucrative export was hoop poles. These were long, straight saplings used to make barrel hoops, which held the staves together to form a barrel. Hoop poles were even used to make women's fashionable hoop skirts.

Farmers and woodsmen harvested the slender white oak, ash or hickory from the woods and removed the bark and any shoots. The work typically was done by individuals or families during the winter. A county newspaper in November 1881 noted, "The hoop pole campaign has commenced." A few water-powered sawmills also began appearing. The sawmills produced squared and board lumber sold nearby for houses, barns and other buildings.

The opening of the Wabash & Erie and Miami & Erie canals through the county in the 1840s changed everything. With the canals providing a vital link to outside markets, the first tim-

ber-related industries began. These enterprises were typically located next to the canal.

This second era of timber industry in the county came to be known as the "Ship Timber Period."

At one time it was boasted that no county produced more or better timber than Paulding County. Shipbuilders on the East Coast and England wanted this prime timber to build clipper ships and whaling vessels for commerce around the globe.

Canadian and Canadian-backed companies carried out most of the work here. They sent skilled workmen to scout out and fell majestic, ancient burr oak and white oak trees, which were hewed square and hauled to the nearest canal or river, then lashed into rafts and sent to Toledo and Quebec and finally to Eastern markets, Liverpool or London.

According to lore, local timber was used to construct the Union ironclad "Monitor" during the Civil War.

The largest "stick" of timber reportedly exported from Paulding County measured 3 feet square and 75 feet long and was taken from near Melrose about 1866.

An 1890s report detailing estimated payments from timber companies since the 1870s suggested the companies had paid about \$1.5 million for ship timber in the county in those decades - that translates to over \$28 million in today's currency.

Many canal towns, such as Melrose, Canalport and Timberville, were banking places where logs and wood products were stockpiled for shipment.

Also during this time period, two iron smelting furnaces and three charcoal kilns were built here, as was detailed in previous articles on railroad history. Charcoal making consumed tens of thousands of acres of forest; one of the operations was responsible for clearing 1,000 acres annually.

The third and final timber era slightly overlapped the second. In the "Hoop and Stave Era," factories sprang up all over the county, employing countless men to manufacture wood products. The hoop and stave mills now had steam-powered machinery instead of work being done by hand. In addition, there were hub and buggy spoke factories, pail factory, barrel head factories, sawmills and planing mills.

Until the early 1900s, almost everything was shipped or stored in barrels. Barrel staves, barrel heads and hoops were the county's chief exports. An estimated 100 million staves and headings were manufactured here annually.

The Antwerp Stave Co. was among the first, established in 1860. It was followed by Antwerp Hub & Spoke Co., founded in 1873 to make hubs, spokes and wagon material. Five years later, they added staves, lumber and moldings to their line.

Major A.B. Holcombe is credited with inaugurating elm hoop manufacturing here in 1880 by building a large factory that could make 30,000 hoops per day. These were shipped to New

York and on to Europe. A newspaper article in 1884 noted, "The number of elm logs being used by Major Holcombe at his hoop factory in this place, is absolutely surprising. On Tuesday we noticed 16 teams engaged in Paulding, and each team is expected to haul 1,000 feet per day. Besides this many logs are brought in on cars."

In 1886, he built an even larger factory on the northwest edge of Paulding in 1886 to produce staves and lumber. A factory town called Holcombeville grew up around the site, located on the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw Railroad (later area in 1887 told of several Cincinnati Northern).

"The 9th day of June last, where the Holcombe factory now stands ... was a dense forest. Aside from the factory there has been built a row of neat dwelling houses, a large and commodious barn and an office," according to the Paulding County Gazette on November 3, 1887. "2,200 acres of timber lies almost at the back door of his manufactory which is the property of and under the sole management of Mr. Holcombe."

West of Paulding, another factory town grew up called Section 8 at a stave mill in Section 8 of Paulding Township. Paul Weidmann built a tramway from his mill into Paulding. The small railway operated for about five years during the 1890s.

About 1888, about 16 stave factories were running in the county, all on railroads. Stave mills could be found at Latty, Cecil, Hedges, Broughton, Payne, Briceton, Melrose, Grover Hill, Dague, Scott, Batson, McGill, Antwerp, Paulding (two) and Tate's Landing.

Hoop mills were established in Antwerp, Scott and Hedges. Smiley had a shingle and basket bottom factory.

Sawmills continued to operate throughout the county, with an average of two per township at one time. Gilbert's Mills in Latty Township had a sawmill and post office. Logtown in Benton Township was another community centered around a sawmill. It had a school and a handful of homes.

The amount of logs and lumber produced is staggering. A news item from 1882 said, "Mr. Holcombe's cutting crew has turned out 328,000 feet of elm logs in the past two months." Re-

ports from the Melrose developments: "Messrs. Boyd & Freede have scaled and paid for nearly two million feet of logs so far this winter. ... Alex. Grant has banked about 260,000 feet during the good roads. ... Jno. Hoffleman & Co. have about 3,000 logs in their yards and on the banks. Now, counting the stave bolts and staves, of which not a few have been marketed here, who can say our elm woods are not a source of great wealth?"

The timber industry's toll on the dense forests slowly became evident. Of Paulding County's nearly 220,000 acres, only 21,443 acres were under cultivation by 1870. A decade later, the number of acres under cultivation more than doubled to 47,199. By 1890, that total had increased to nearly 100,000 acres, leaving about 120,000 acres of timber resources for factories.

Statistics show the county had 189,000 improved acres by 1900, and virtually all had been improved by 1910.

As late as summer 1909, Johnson reported "a raft of ship timber passed through here from Delphos en route to Toledo."

As the "inexhaustible" supply of timber started to dwindle, Paulding County reached a turning point. The factories and mills turning out wood products began to close down. The portable sawmills used at some businesses were sold and moved to other communities and states. The factories had been a major employer in many towns. The population, which had doubled from 13,485 in 1880 to a high of 27,528 in 1900, began to decline. Some towns began to shrink and some disappeared completely. They are remembered as "ghost towns" today.

The timber industry began as a profitable byproduct of clearing the woods. Thousands of people came here during these boom years for work and opportunity. They cut down the forests, built or rented homes, bought or traded at businesses, sent their children to school and participated in social activities. Then, as the county developed "From the Black Swamp to a Land Bright and Fair," they moved on and left behind a rich legacy.

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

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Codie Lee Shirk, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; The no-contact order in this matter is hereby vacated

Bradley T. Willoughby, Oakwood, OH; criminal damage; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; No unlawful contact with victim; SCRAM an additional 30 days; No alcohol; No bars; Risk assessment; Evaluation at Westwood

Mushiraq S. Al-Hathaf, Detroit, MI; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Dale R. Jividen, Antwerp, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

Nicole A. Crowell, Toledo, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Natalie L. Foltz, Paulding, OH; Theft; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

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Amanda R. Bruss, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Lorome Ussery, Detroit, MI; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Abraham S. Jimenez, Hicksville, OH; Open container; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Thomas Cooper, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension - non fra; Guilty; Pay or collect 7/31/20

Abraham S. Jimenez, Hicksville, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; To report to jail 6/19/20 for three days at 9:00 a.m.; 177 jail days reserved

Abraham S. Jimenez, Hicksville, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

Taylor J. Radcliffe, Paulding, OH; Receiving stolen property; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; 60 hours community service; No contact with victim; Write a letter of apology; Probation to work with APA

Dustin R. Thomas, Oak-

wood, OH; Hit skip; Case dismissed at state's request

Dustin R. Thomas, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay or collect 6/30/20

Dalia Shelby, Orland Park, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brent Bohner, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Staci Manz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Allicia Ann Brown, Payne, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Defendant paid in full on 5/1/20

Darcy M. Burkley, Edon, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Helen M. Bidlack, Grover Hill, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant may attend DIP in lieu of 3 jail days; Defendant shall secure valid operator license by end of term of probation; Defendant must complete 3rd millennium and 20 hours of community service; No alcohol or bars; Defendant must submit to evaluation at Westwood Behavioral

Robert D. Schultz, Toledo, OH; Driving under non fra suspension; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; If defendant provides valid operator's license in 6 months \$300 fine suspended; Pay or collect 12/18/20

Robert D. Schultz, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed at state's request

Sawyer Justin R. Grimes, Oakwood, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Christopher J. Feketik, Brook Park, OH; Possession of drugs; Case dismissed per state; Costs waived

Darrin J. Lindeman, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Matthew R. Foldvary, Defiance, OH; Trespassing; Count A dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Matthew R. Foldvary, Defiance, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Fines and costs to come from bond; Placed on standard probation; No contact with Kiewit Power Construction Company; 20 hours community service; 3rd millennium theft program; Become employed; Vehicle to be released to defendant; Risk assessment

Matthew R. Foldvary, Defiance, OH; Trespassing; Count C dismissed per state

Matthew R. Foldvary, Defiance, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Jail days to run consecutive with Count B

Lerman C. Battle, Toledo, OH; Failure to reinstate; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 6/26/20; Release forfeiture; Show proof of insurance by 7/3/20

Zachery T. Shuttleworth, Masury, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Antonio M. Moore, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs; \$50 per month beginning 7/31/20; Pay or collect 12/18/20

Salvador Avalos, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brian T. Hamer, Barnhart, MO; No operator license; Guilty; Pay or collections 7/31/20

Erick Z. Werner, Sheridan, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mackenzie K. Bartley, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jonathan Gonzales, Adrian, MI; No operator license; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today; Proof of financial responsibility provided

Chyanne Switzer, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Complete Hands Down book; Risk assessment; 3rd Millennium Conflict Wise Course; Anger management evaluation; No contact with victim; 20 hours community service

Kyle J. Kovac, Paulding, OH; Fictitious registration; Case dismissed at state's request; To pay all costs today

Kyle J. Kovac, Paulding, OH; Speed 148/65; Case dismissed at state's request

Kyle J. Kovac, Paulding, OH; No motorcycle license; Case dismissed at state's request

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

AUGLAIZE TWP 6/23/20 Lambert Daniel R Lambert Teresa A to Jones Chance Leroy; 16377 Rd 153 Defiance Oh 43512; 5.009 acres; Pt N1/2 Se1/4 Tract 2 Auglaize Twp S-13

6/24/20 Florence Rhonda K to Bakle Timothy R; 20835 Sr 637 Oakwood Oh 45873; 0.3122 acres; Lot 6 Tom's Subdiv Auglaize Twp S-20

6/23/20 Bauer Joshua L to Chesnut Kass Schroeder Elizabeth; 22445 Sr 637 Oakwood Oh 45873; 1.937 acres; Pt Se1/4Sw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-22

BLUE CREEK TWP 6/23/20 Fast Steven C Etal @ (4) to Fast Steven C Etal @ (4); Rd 38; 41 acres; Ne1/4 Sw1/4 Blue Creek Twp S-24

BROWN TWP 6/24/20 Sierer Diana Etal to Noirot Kobe L; 111 E Superior St; 0.2775 acres; Lot 14 Keck Add Oakwood Vill

CARRYALL TWP 6/22/20 Vail Marilyn J to Vail Marilyn J Le; Rd 204; 0.574 acres; Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 Lot 1 Brierwood Home Sites Carryall Twp Sec 14

6/22/20 Vail Marilyn J to Vail Marilyn J Le; 5765 Rd 204 Antwerp Oh 45813; 8.43 acres; Pt Se1/4 Se1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 14

CRANE TWP

6/22/20 Nelson Joyce M to Nelson Joyce M Le; 9883 Rd 192 Cecil Oh 45821; 2 acres; Pt Ne Se1/4 Crane Twp Sec 4 EMERALD TWP

6/23/20 Dovetail Development Ltd to Schroeder Matthew; Rd 115; 0.3903 acres; Lot 16 Nolan Subdiv Emerald Twp S-30

6/23/20 Dovetail Development Ltd to Schroeder Matthew; 14701 Rd 115 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.3903 acres; Lot 15 Nolan Subdiv Emerald Twp S-30

HARRISON TWP 6/22/20 Molitor Harry W Jr to Thornell Farm Properties LLC; Rd 61; 36.87 acres; Ne1/4Se1/4 Harrison Twp Sec 13 Easement Ref V 583 P 1711

6/23/20 Berryhill Sharon R Lif Es @ (3) to Kipfer Charles W Le Kipfer Charles Le; Sr 500; 11.811 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Nw1/4 Harrison Twp S-36

6/23/20 Kipfer Charles Kipfer Debra to Kipfer Charles W Le Kipfer Charles Le; 6191 Sr 500 Payne Oh 45880; 1.75 acres; Pt Sw1/4 Nw1/4 Harrison Twp S-36

JACKSON TWP 6/25/20 Boroff Pauline to Boroff Rex E II Boroff Vicir R; 18857 Rd 146 Paulding Oh 45879; 2.727 acres; Pt Se1/4Se1/4 Jackson Twp S-1

6/22/20 Thornell Jason R Thornell Beth A to Thornell Farm Properties LLC; Rd 82; 29.848 acres; Se1/4 Sw1/4 Jackson Twp Wt Dist S-33

6/24/20 Beck Martin A to Beck Martin A Beck Danette L; 13125 Kay St; 0.5682 acres; Lot 18 & Lot 17 Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

LATTY TWP 6/22/20 Gribble Talma I Le Gribble Marilyn M Le to Gribble Talma I Le; 101 W Perry St; 0.2 acres; Lot 37 Outlot Grover Hill

PAULDING TWP 6/24/20 Carlisle Rylee Carlisle Tyler to Paulding Village Real Estate Llc; 208 N Williams St; 0.1333 acres; Lot 140 44Ft Ns O.p. Paulding Vill

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

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICES

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02 on June 15, 2020, entitled, "A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A TAX THAT IS A REPLACEMENT WITH AN INCREASE OF AN EXISTING LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING A CEMETERY (R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(T), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)" This Resolution authorizes the submission of the question of levying a replacement of a tax with an increase for the purpose of maintaining and operating cemeteries, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03 on June 15, 2020, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COSTS CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution affirms that all funds received by the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund pursuant to House Bill 481 will be expended only to cover costs that are necessary expenditures incurred due to public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, not accounted for in Village's most recently approved budget, and incurred during March 1, 2020, and ending on December 30, 2020.

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

**THESE LOST PHOTOS ARE NEEDED TO TELL COUNTY'S STORY**



**BICENTENNIAL PHOTO OF THE WEEK** - Previously unknown images, such as the railroad photo above, probably exist in forgotten albums and drawers. Do you have one to share? Area resident John Mathews has submitted this photo and information from his cousin's father, Junior Gilbert, who once lived around Tipton. The photo is said to show the train removing the railroad tracks of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western Railroad. Written on the back is "And that was the end of Tipton." Photos, slides and other images from all decades in Paulding County are wanted for an upcoming bicentennial history book.

Time is growing short to preorder books and submit photos for Paulding County, Ohio: A Pictorial History Volume III, which is planned for publication by the John Paulding Historical Society in November.

The book committee has been calling for images covering every decade of the past 200 years to help celebrate Paulding County's bicentennial this year. The deadline will be June 30.

Although every image tells a story and is important to our history, the committee members have a list of "most wanted" images they hope will be uncovered, like buried treasure, for this important new book. Do you have pictures of these:

- Paulding County Fair - buildings, grandstands, events, judging, exhibitors, games & concessions, bug-

gies/cars

- County celebrations in 1939, 1970 and 1976
- Vanished towns (ghost towns)
- Early communities (Charloe, New Rochester, Junction, Fort Brown)
- Interiors of buildings, stores and homes
- People at work
- Recreation (movie theaters, skating rinks, boating, hunting, parks, bowling, baseball, picnics, etc.)
- Reservoir War participants
- Disasters (floods, tornadoes, train wrecks, fires, blizzards, storms, droughts, derecho and other calamities)
- Present Courthouse - construction photos (1886-1888) and interior photos (before 1980)
- The first two courthouses in Paulding
- The courthouse and jail

in Charloe

- Covered bridges and old wooden and iron bridges
- Early industries
- Drive-in restaurants
- Early pioneers and their homesteads
- Canal locks, aqueducts, boats and other scenes
- Old Paulding County Memorial Hospital
- Horatio N. Curtis house/trading post near New Rochester
- Old Paulding County Home
- Railroads, trains and depots
- Maumee and Auglaize rivers
- Landmarks, such as the Lone Tower at Cecil and the sulphur fountain at Payne
- Cemeteries
- Grange buildings and groups
- The inside of the Paulding movie theater
- Junction during canal operations
- The Paulding square prior to the courthouse in 1886
- Former occupations, such as blacksmith, milk man, ice man, ice cutter, cooper, drayman, switchboard operator, lamplighter, pinsetter, telegraph operator, typesetter, milliner, stenographer.

General topics are agriculture and farm life, buildings and homes, businesses and industries, churches, disasters, organizations and clubs, events and activities, military and veterans, families and people, schools and transportation.

Images needed include photographs, snapshots, slides, drawings, maps, paintings, still images from movies or video, and printed memorabilia such as programs and posters.

Current and former residents are encouraged to submit photos to help document the people and places in every community in the county. Help preserve memories for future generations. The name of the person submitting a photo will be included in the photo caption.

Images may be color or black-and-white. Individuals may scan their photos and email them as an attachment to Kim Sutton at dkmax@windstream.net, Bob Iler at ethanm@twc.com or Melinda Krick at tmekrick@yahoo.com. For details and guidelines about scanning images, visit facebook.com/jphsmuseum or facebook.com/PauldingCounty200. Appointments can be made to have photos scanned at the museum by emailing dkmax@windstream.net. More than 130 books al-

ready have been preordered. To reserve a copy today, visit the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

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**INCOME, RACE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH DISPARITIES IN ACCESS TO GREEN SPACES**

Access to green spaces in metro areas-parks, trails, even the tree cover in a neighborhood - is largely associated with income and race, new research indicates.

Researchers combined census-block-group demographic and socio-economic data with satellite imagery to analyze access to green spaces and vegetation in two metropolitan areas: Columbus, Ohio, and Atlanta, Georgia. Their study appears in the August issue of the journal Landscape and Urban Planning.

"Having close and convenient access to green spaces and vegetation within one's neighborhood can bring many ecological and health benefits," said Yujin Park, lead author of the study. Park recently completed her PhD in city and regional planning at The Ohio State University's Knowlton School of Architecture.

"These green resources should be available to anyone, and to any community, and we wanted to see whether this availability was affected by socioeconomic status, income, ethnicity or race."

Income and race may not have the same influence in all cities and counties, results show. Neighborhood location matters to what green space is available, the researchers found.

In the Columbus metropolitan area, a region of around 2 million people and 10 counties, access to green spaces is primarily influenced by income: Wealthier neighborhoods have greater access to parks, trees, greenways and sports fields. In the Atlanta metro area, a region of around 6 million people that covers 29 counties, access is significantly related to race.

Park said the researchers chose Atlanta and Columbus because they are similar in key measures including median incomes, urban core population densities, urban sprawl and car-dependency rates.

The researchers gathered data from both metropolitan areas by census block group from the 2010 U.S. Census and the 2014 Smart Location Database of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They compared that data with four different geospatial datasets that show green spaces: National Land Cover Database (NLCD), Landsat Satellite imagery, OpenStreetMap and USA Parks from ESRI. Then, they analyzed accessibility to six different types of green spaces: vegetation biomass, tree canopies, parks, greenway trails, golf courses and sports fields, and a broad category of green open spaces that includes gardens, lawns, farms and fallow fields.

In Columbus, parks and greenways spanned the city, even reaching some poor

**2020 ZACHARY AREND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED**



Noah Brown of Marysville High School is the 2020 recipient of the Zachary Arend Scholarship. Noah is the son of Derrick and Dee Brown. He will be attending The Ohio State University. Pictured are Zachary's parents, Dana and Caroline Arend, with Noah.

neighborhoods. In Atlanta, mature trees covered more than half of the region.

The analysis showed that, in both cities, open green spaces inside the cities are concentrated in affluent, white suburbs near the center of the city.

Affluent suburban communities are also more likely to have access to a broad range of types of green space. In the Columbus area, for example, long-established, relatively affluent suburbs inside the city's beltway have access to both urban green trails and sports fields, as well as green lawns, trees and parks.

"There are very strong associations between community income levels and the density and diversity of green spaces available," Park said. "Affluent areas closer to the cities have a greater variety of choices in the green spaces available to them."

But in both regions, the data shows that less wealthy, racial-minority suburban and exurban communities outside the cities have little access to greenways and public parks. Therefore, disparities in access to green amenities may grow in these outskirt

areas.

"Poorer urban communities are less likely to have access to trees and lawns.

However, generally, communities in more-dense urban and downtown areas tend to have greater access to parks and green trails, thanks to historical park and trail investments in those areas," Park said. "Therefore, the efforts to increase and protect urban parks are very important, as they are the sources of green access for middle- to lower-income urban communities."

Jean-Michel Guldmann, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at Ohio State and the other author of this study, said future research could examine the quality of those green spaces.

"In the case of Atlanta, for example, there are many trees, but a lot of them are really old, and might not be well-cared-for," he said. "And some parks are not managed well and could feel unsafe to be in. The quality of urban parks can be another avenue for providing improved access."

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# VWCF ACQUIRES MARXEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Pictured (left to right): Paul Hoverman, Dr. Tom Marxen, Seth Baker

Seth Baker, Executive Secretary of The Van Wert County Foundation, is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Norman L. Marxen & Mary E. Marxen trust funds. For several years, the funds were managed by an out of state institution.

Dr. Thomas Marxen of Sammamish, Washington, son of the late Dr. Norman Marxen wished to return the funds to the home where his father lived and had practiced surgery for many years at the Van Wert County Hospital. His step-mother, Mary Marxen was a musician and choir director at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert.

Tom has been a long-time friend of Paul Hoverman since playing trumpet together in Van Wert Bands. Their friendship has continued over the years, and their discussions led to bringing these funds totaling over \$1.2 million to The Van Wert County Foundation. Hoverman has since retired from The Foundation after 17 years as its Coordinator of Performing Arts.

"I am pleased to have the funds return to Van Wert and benefit local students.

It is because of my trust and friendship with Paul and the integrity of The Van Wert County Foundation that I chose to move this fund", shares Dr. Tom Marxen.

Bringing the funds to The Van Wert County Foundation restores the original intent of his father's Trust Agreement. The income from The Norman L. Marxen Scholarship Fund will be awarded to a student attending an accredited school, college, or university to study medicine. The income from the Mary E. Marxen Scholarship Fund will be awarded to a student attending an accredited school, college, or university offering a course of study leading to a degree in music. These scholarships are to be awarded to students who reside in Van Wert County, Ohio.

The Van Wert County Foundation is a nonprofit community organization serving Van Wert County and surrounding areas by inspiring philanthropy and mobilizing resources to create a well-resourced and thriving quality of life for our community. Recently, VWCF awarded scholarships to 307 local college students, totaling over 1 million dollars.

More information is available at [www.vanwert-countyfoundation.org](http://www.vanwert-countyfoundation.org)

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## VAN WERT FORWARD: DOWNTOWN MASTER PLANNING PROCESS BEGINS



The next phase of the Van Wert Forward initiative is the master planning process. The Van Wert County Foundation has contracted OHM Advisors from Columbus, OH, to guide the Downtown Van Wert Redevelopment Master Plan, which recently began with a steering committee meeting laying the groundwork for this months-long process.

OHM Advisors is a community advancement firm designing award winning work across the architecture engineering and planning spheres. They believe that something incredible grows out of a team of experts with individual specialization - ideas with a more significant impact. Whether they are creating public spaces or regulations, plans, or community identities - they take a holistic approach to analysis, policy, and design to shape, preserve, and make places better for people. As community development experts who have worked extensively on behalf of public and private sector clients, they know that lasting solutions are never one-dimensional and must align with the community values and vision.

OHM Advisors has joined forces with Epic Small, a sole-proprietor consulting firm dedicated to helping communities harness the power of small-scale place-making projects that build momentum and motivate change. People want to see and be a part of making improvements to where they live. With close to ten years of experience, Epic Small works with communities to 'do more' and 'talk less.' Epic

Small believes in empowering regular people to make extraordinary improvements to their communities.

Small Nation joins the team to provide insight on community branding and wayfinding as well as the ability to craft comprehensive strategies for tenant recruitment, development, and retention that could add to the long-term viability of Downtown Van Wert.

The first and most critical step was creating a steering committee, getting them into the conversation, and helping map out what everyone would like to see from this plan. The first meeting was Friday, June 19th, at The Wassenberg Art Center.

The Steering Committee has local leadership representation of economic development organizations, city and county government, and business entities. Steering committee members are:

Stacy Adam, Seth Baker, Hall Block, Gary Clay, Jay Fleming, Cindy Hurlless, Chuck Koch, Thad Lichtensteiger, Ken Markward, Bill Marshall, Amanda Miller, Mitch Price, Adam Ries, Chet Straley, Joanne Thatcher, Mark Verville, and Hope Wallace.

This meeting was an introduction of OHM Advisors, Epic Small, and Small Nation to the steering committee members, an overview of the planning process and what it hopes to accomplish, setting up future meeting dates and formats, and brainstorming ideas for the future of Downtown Van Wert!

Public meetings are set for August and October, depending on COVID-19 guidelines.

Community meetings are to gather ideas on issues, opportunities, and priorities, then provide an overview of the planning process and critical findings, present the planning framework, and engage the public in a series of activities to gain feedback on the plan elements.

Van Wert Forward is vision-driven by The Van Wert County Foundation. Van Wert Forward's mission is to redevelop the downtown area for future economic development and investment by creating new multi-use properties that attract people to our community. We are

## SALAD RECALL PROMPTS QUESTIONS OF PARASITE

*I read something about a salad recall due to cyclospora, but I've not really heard about cyclospora before - what is it?*

Cyclospora cayentanensis is a microscopic parasite that can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and fatigue. When people eat food or drink water that's contaminated with cyclospora, they can develop an intestinal illness called cyclosporiasis.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced June 19 that they are investigating a multistate outbreak of cyclospora potentially linked to ALDI Little Salad Bar Brand Garden Salad from ALDI grocery stores, Hy-Vee Brand Garden Salad from Hy-Vee grocery stores, and Signature Farms Brand Garden Salad from Jewel-Osco.

As of now, the recalled salad has not been sold in Ohio, but in stores locations in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. However, the FDA said, "it is continuing this investigation and there may be additional retailers and products impacted by this outbreak."

Thus far, at least 122 people across seven states have been sickened after consuming the salad mix, with at least 19 people hospitalized, FDA said.

According to the CDC, cyclospora is generally transmitted when food or water is

## Sudoku solution from page 7

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contaminated by infected feces, noting that the parasite is, "unlikely to be transmitted directly from person to person because it needs several days to weeks after being passed in a bowel movement to become infectious for another person."

"Some people may experience symptoms that last a few days to a month or longer," said Sanja Ilic, the state food safety specialist for Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Cyclosporiasis affects an estimated 15,000 people in the United States each year, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

Cyclospora infects the small intestine and usually causes watery diarrhea, with frequent, sometimes explosive, bowel movements. Other common symptoms include loss of appetite, weight loss, stomach cramps or pain, bloating, increased gas, nausea, and fatigue.

People may also experience vomiting, body aches, headache, low-grade fever, and other flu-like symptoms, according to the CDC. Some people who are infected with the parasite don't have any symptoms. If needed, treatment can include an antibiotic.

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

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The positions are classified as **Temporary, with an anticipated end date of April 2021.** We are hiring for Day Shift and have both F/T and P/T opportunities available.

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# NEW BOOK WILL HIGHLIGHT PAULDING COUNTY HISTORY THROUGH PHOTOS



**BICENTENNIAL PHOTO OF THE WEEK** - Photos, slides and other images from all decades in Paulding County, like these photos pictured above, are wanted for an upcoming bicentennial history book. Photo composite courtesy of Paulding County Bicentennial Committee.

The deadline is approaching for photos 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 seeking images - including photographs, snapshots, slides, drawings, maps, paintings and printed memorabilia - covering every decade circa 1820 to 2020 - from the public to help make this project a success. The deadline will be June 30.

Subjects needed include every decade up to the present time, from every community and area of the county. Current and former residents are encouraged to submit photos from the Civil War era, 1870s, 1880s, 1890s, 1900s, 1910s, 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s

and 2010s.

General topics are agriculture and farm life, buildings and homes, businesses and industries, churches, disasters, organizations and clubs, events and activities, military and veterans, families and people, schools and transportation.

Of particular interest are photos and printed material of the Paulding County Fair; county celebrations in 1939, 1970 and 1976; former railroad and canal towns, especially Junction; buildings and store interiors; people at work; and recreation (movie theaters, skating rinks, boating, hunting, ice skating, parks, bowling, baseball, picnics, etc.).

Dig out your old photo albums and storage boxes and search for images that contribute to a comprehensive history of the county. The

committee looks forward to sharing 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 tmekrick@yahoo.com. For details and guidelines about scanning images, visit facebook.com/jphsmuseum or facebook.com/PauldingCounty200. Appointments can be made to have photos scanned at the museum by emailing dkmax@windstream.net.

More than 130 books already have been preordered. To reserve a copy today, visit the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

## JOHN PAULDING SUMMER BLAST PARADE REGISTRATION

CoRP (Community Revitalizing Paulding) is moving forward with the planning of the John Paulding Summer Blast to be held on Friday, July 17th! The event will include the crowd favorite parade, Tunes, Brews, and BBQ, food trucks, Kiwanis Kids Zone, touch a truck, Paulding Ace Hardware cornhole tournament, and will end the night with a bang with fireworks!

Parade line-up will begin at 4:00 PM and the parade

will push off at 6:30 PM. All information about parade rules, theme, and line-up information is included on the registration form. If you register for the parade you can expect your line-up number and more information a few days prior to the event.

### EACS LUNCH PICK-UP DATES

Lunch pick ups for East Allen County Schools students take place Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Prince Chapman Academy (door 15) and New Haven Primary (door 9). There will be NO

MEALS on July 2-3 because of the July 4th holiday.

Meal pick up will resume Monday, July 6th and continue through July 31st.

### NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO PAULDING COUNTY STUDENTS

The auxiliary of Community Health Professionals Home Care & Hospice of Paulding is offering two \$500 nursing scholarships for Paulding County students pursuing registered nurse (RN) training or current RNs working toward a degree in a specialized field.

This is the 31st year for this scholarship and CHP-Paulding employees are eligible. Applications may be picked up at the CHP office, 250 Dooley Dr., Suite A, Paulding. Reference letters from two people are required for each applicant. Deadline for completed applications is August 14. Scholarships will be awarded September 1, 2020. For more information, call 419-399-4708.

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE AND IVY TECH ANNOUNCE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Purdue University Fort Wayne has signed an articulation agreement with Ivy Tech Community College. The agreement allows students to transfer credits earned from an Ivy Tech Associate of Applied Science degree toward a Bachelor of Applied Science degree from Purdue Fort Wayne. Students can complete this degree entirely online.

"This transfer agreement with Purdue Fort Wayne marks another great opportunity for Ivy Tech students to complete a four-year degree, empowering them to achieve their career aspirations," said Jerrilee Mosier, chancellor of Ivy Tech Fort Wayne/Warsaw. "We're pleased to expand our partnership with Purdue Fort Wayne and create a seamless, affordable path for our students to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science after completing two years at Ivy Tech."

The Bachelor of Applied Science degree at Purdue Fort Wayne allows students with an Associate of Applied Science to complement what they've already learned with a focus in business, supervision and leadership, information technology, information systems, or through an interdisciplinary track.

"Indiana's place on the national stage is strengthened when centers of higher education like ours work together to find new avenues for students to achieve sustained academic success," said Ronald L. Elsenbaumer, chancellor of Purdue Fort Wayne. "Building upon the momentum of the Titan to Mastodon Connection announced in February, this agreement further illustrates our commitment to supporting the progress of Ivy Tech students who also desire to earn a Purdue degree."

To benefit from this agreement, students must have completed an Associate of Applied Science from any Ivy Tech campus, and must apply to and be admitted to Purdue Fort Wayne. Once admitted, they can transfer up to 88 credit hours toward their bachelor's degree, with a minimum of 120 credit hours required to graduate. A minimum of 32 resident credit hours must be earned while attending Purdue Fort Wayne face-to-face or online.

For more information, contact La Tishia Horrell, executive director of general studies, at horrell@pfw.edu.

About Purdue University Fort Wayne

Purdue University Fort Wayne is the largest university in northeast Indiana and is part of the Purdue University system. Purdue Fort Wayne is uniquely posi-

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