

## COOPER - MATTINGLY



Amanda Marie Cooper and David William Mattingly were united in marriage on Saturday, July 18th at St. Paul Lutheran church in New Haven in a private ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Cathy Cooper of New Haven and the groom is the son of John and Ruth Mattingly of Corunna, On-

tario. The couple will reside in Lansing, Michigan. They both work at Sparrow Hospital where the bride is a surgical physician assistant and the groom is an anesthesiologist.

They are planning a reception for family and friends in May 2021.

## JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHICKEN BBQ

It is Chicken BBQ time at the John Paulding Historical Society museum located at 600 Fairgrounds Drive, across the street from the fairgrounds in Paulding!

Kim Sutton, president of the organization states "Covid-19 has had its effect on the museum. This year our Chicken BBQ by Port-a-Pit will be carry out only." Sutton continues, "This is an annual fundraising event for the museum and we really NEED the community's support!"

The carry-out Chicken BBQ by Port-a-Pit will be held on Saturday, August 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the museum located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

Contact the museum on Tuesday or any of the JPHS Officers or Directors to reserve your dinners:

Gene Olwin, Dave Stouffer, Dan Wilder, Denny Sanderson, Linda Hodges, John Pier, Shannon Ruschel, (Continued on Page 2)

## NEW HAVEN ESTABLISHES 50/50 COST SHARE SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

The infrastructure of the city is a top priority for the McMichael administration. To promote infrastructure and community safety, we have established a 50/50 cost share program for sidewalk repair. City Council and the Clerk-Treasurer have supported Mayor McMichael's vision for this program by allocating \$25,000 of city funds, to support the repair of neighborhood sidewalks.

The average cost of a 5'X5' sidewalk slab is approximately \$200; the property owner would be responsible for half that cost.

"The creation of this program will allow us to get more sidewalks repaired and help beautify the city" stated Mayor McMichael.

"We are excited to be able to collaborate with the administration to start a new initiative that will help repair neighborhood infrastructure" says Craig Dellinger, New Haven Council President.

The petition will be available on the city's website, NewHaven.IN.gov, beginning August 1, 2020. You must live within city limits to participate in the program.

Details on this program and the FAQ sheet can be found on the city's website at NewHaven.IN.Gov.

## PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING CANCELED

NOTICE! PERI Chapter 10 meeting scheduled to be held at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 has been canceled. Information will be published as it becomes available.

## Worried About Social Distancing?

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## PC COMMISSIONERS PASS PROCLAMATION FOR SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT



Commissioner Tony Zartman, Proclamation writer, Heather Barnhouse, and County Commissioner Mark Holtzberry announce the proclamation for the support of suffrage in Paulding County.

The battle for the right to vote in this country began to gather strength in the 1840's. The first National Women's Right Convention took place in 1850. As it gained momentum so did the push back. Susan B. Anthony was the first female to vote in 1872, but was then arrested for the act and was convicted of the crime. It was widely publicized and was a boon for the journey to suffrage, giving the movement much needed power.

Later, the Supreme Court ruled against women voting in the case of Minor v. Happersett which then began decades of protest and campaigns across the country to enable women to vote.

Leading up to the passing of the Constitution's 19th Amendment began the the National Woman's Party started in 1916 by Alice Paul.

The NWP was a group focused on getting the amendment passed no matter the obstacles to overcome. The women picketed in front of the White House in 1917, had a major hunger strike and some were even sent to prison. Different areas around the country granted rights to vote before the national right to vote was achieved for females.

The right to vote took years

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## Community Calendar

July 28

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

July 29

• West Ohio Food Bank giveaway @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm

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

• Music, Market & Munchies @ Schnelker Park, 5-8pm

• Pickleball @ Tennis Court, Antwerp, 6pm

July 30

• Habitat for Humanity Open House @ 200 E First St, Grover Hill, 6:30-8pm

July 31

• Alan Gosey Memorial Northern Gospel Singing Convention @ Sunnycrest Baptist Fam. Life Ctr, 5pm

August 1

• JPHS Chicken BBQ & Cruise In

• Alan Gosey Memorial Northern Gospel Singing Convention @ Sunnycrest Baptist Fam. Life Ctr, 12&4pm

August 2

• Prayer Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

August 5

• Pickleball @ Tennis Court, Antwerp, 6pm

August 6

• Chamber Energy Program presentation, online, 9-10a & 1-2p

• CMHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 9am

August 9

• Campfire & Food @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

August 11

• FW Community Band @ Foellinger Theater, FW, 7:30pm

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



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Wednesday and Saturday 9-12



**OBITUARIES**

dren: Blade, Starlette, and Liam Ruffing; and a sister, Pam (Kevin) Bauer, Paulding.

He is also preceded in death by a grandson, Paiden Shaner; brother, Paul Nartker, and sisters, Phyllis Hoffman and Judy Donnett.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 PM Monday, July 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland with military graveside services accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be 11 AM until time of services on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to VFW Post #587.

Friends are encouraged to share fond memories at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com)

**CALLING ALL SOLDIERS**

**By: Doris Applegate**

We learned in a previous article that the 'birth' coming forth from the birth pains (greed) that Jesus Christ talked about in Matthew 24:4-34 is the second coming of Jesus and the time of His Kingdom to come to this earth. The prayer, 'Thy Kingdom to come to this earth.' The prayer, 'Thy Kingdom come' has been prayed ever since Jesus told His disciples 'how to pray'. In the 33rd verse Jesus said that "when we see all these things (in Matthew 24) know that it is near, even at the doors." We DO NOT know the day or hour but as we watch (know prophetic signs) and pray, we will realize that "the day of the Lord" is close. We want to be like the wise and faithful servant who was ready and not like the evil servant who was caught 'off guard' thinking that the Lord had delayed His coming and was not ready.

He was "cut asunder and put with the hypocrites where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:45-51). As this great day gets closer we will be more and more engaged in the 'good fight of faith' (Timothy 6:12). As we 'put on the whole armor of God' we will be well equipped for the coming battle (Ephesians 6:11). Even now our country is in the battle for 'its life' to preserve the truth that it was founded on.

We Christians are called to stand up for God and country as lawlessness is now rampant. Refresh yourself with the song written by George Dulfield in the 1800's:

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross, lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army shall He lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed."

In the book of Jude (next to Revelation) he instructed the Christians to 'earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' Many ungodly men had crept in denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Contending for the faith is also our responsibility today.

Is your armor on? Are you ready to 'stand strong in

the Lord and the power of His might'? (Ephesians 3:16). 3Zechariah4:6 says: "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts". As we are led by the Holy Spirit we cannot fail as we walk out our God ordained destinies in these exciting last days looking for the Lord to come.

Amen!

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,*  
**Romans 12:20 says, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." I heard someone say heaping coals of fire on someone's head was sharing kindness so they could start a fire to cook with and keep warm. Is that right?**

Likely not, but the coals of fire, whether they bring emotional pain, shame, conviction and change by your acts of kindness, or by God's vengeance mentioned in Romans 12:19, still puts you in the position of doing your part in trying to overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21 - "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

The Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5:44), gives us the same type of actions towards our enemies: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." That would certainly change our world if all practiced it!

David let God take care of the judgmental burning coals of fire on the heads of his enemies. Psalm 140:9-10 - "As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again."

If we act righteously toward our enemies and others, we won't get in God's way and prevent Him from bringing them to repentance in any way He pleases. (II Timothy 2:24-26)

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

**KIDS' KORNER**

Welcome back! I hope you have had a good week and are enjoying the slightly cooler weather. God has been blessing us with rain, which is a very good thing.

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit (God guiding the writer in what to write) John addressed seven letters to seven churches in the province of Asia. The churches were identified by their locations, so the letters went to the churches in of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Try looking those places up on a map. They're fairly close to each other, but remember that the letters were delivered by someone walking or, perhaps, riding on a donkey or other animal.

The seven letters to the seven churches can be found in the first few chapters of Revelation. Notice that the letters contain first

a compliment and then a criticism. And, remember that those letters came from God.

Wouldn't it be awesome if you received a letter from God?!?! Well, you have. The Bible is God's love letter to each of His children (adults, too, are children of God). Take a look at what God says to you in His letter to you.

Your question for next week is this: What crime had Barabbas committed?

See you next week!

—Pastor Tim

**AUGUST EXTRA EVENTS AT CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Prayer Meeting**  
Cecil Community Church will host a prayer meeting August 2nd 6 PM

**Campfire**  
Cecil Community Church will host a campfire & food August 9th 6 PM

**Food Pantry**  
Cecil Community Church will host a food pantry August 15th (Third Saturday) noon to 3 PM

**Hymn Sing**  
Cecil Community Church will host an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing August 16th 6 PM

**Concert**  
Cecil Community Church will host the Living Waters Band on August 30th 6 PM

Cecil Community Church is located at 203 S. Main St., Cecil OH 45821. 419-564-8383.

**WORLD DISEASES - "INFLUENZA PANDEMICS" PART II**

**By: Caroline Longardner**

It did help to hasten and end World War I. In the spring of 1918, as a result of the Russians withdrawing from the war, the German army began to mount a massive offensive on the Western front consisting of 1 million men, 37 infantry divisions, and 3,000 guns. In May, when the German army and its artillery were within striking distance of Paris, a German victory over the Allies seemed inevitable. However, in late June, when the German army began to suffer from an outbreak of influenza --2,000 men in each division were afflicted--the tide of the war began to turn. The strength of the German army withered because of sickness as well as deficiencies in supplies and food.

The Allied army, invigorated by the arrival of American soldiers, mounted a grand offensive that blocked the German advance and regained French ground. Because the pandemic killed more than twice the number who died on the battlefield of World War I, it probably hastened the armistice that ended the "Great War" in Europe. It also played a part in the rise of Adolf Hitler and sowed the seeds for World War II. During the Armistice negotiations, Woodrow Wilson, President of US was so ill and disoriented with the influenza (acquired during the outbreak in Paris) that he acceded to the formula proposed by the French President George Clemenceau: Germany would pay reparations and accept full responsibility for the war; there would be de-

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith"

— Hebrews 12:1-2

militarization of the Rhineland; the rich coal fields of the Saar would be mined by the French; Alsace and Lorraine (taken by Germany during the Franco-Prussian War) would be returned to the French; The German air force was eliminated, and its army would be limited to 100,000; Germany would be stripped of its colonies, which would be redistributed among the Allied powers. The harshness toward Germany in the peace treaty helped create the economic hardships, nationalistic reaction, and political chaos that fostered the rise of the Nazi party and ultimately would precipitate another World War.

**WHERE DID THIS 1918 GLOBAL FLU VIRUS COME FROM?** Epidemiological evidence suggests that the outbreak was due to a novel form of the influenza virus that arose among the 60,000 soldiers crowded in the army camps of Kansas. The barracks and tents were filled with men and lack of adequate heating and warm clothing, forcing the recruits to huddle together around small stoves. Under these conditions, they shared the breathable air and the virus that it carried. By mid-1918, infected soldiers were carrying the disease by rail to Army and Navy centers all over the United States and to the civilian population.

In Philadelphia there was no place to bury the bodies and coffins became scarce. Whole families became sick. Public gatherings were forbidden and gauze masks had to be worn as a public health measure. The law in San Francisco was that if a person did not wear a mask, that person would be fined or jailed. (DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?)

As the US got into WWI, hundreds of thousands of US soldiers who disembarked in Brest, France carried the virus to Europe and the British Isles. Dock workers who refueled the ships

contracted the infection and spread it to every ship. In a few short years the influenza had spread worldwide and death followed in its wake. It was thought that perhaps the H1N1 virus that led to the 1918 and to the 1920 pandemic had a very different kind of H, one more closely related to that of an avian virus, and for this there was little in the way of immune recognition.

The "Flu Shot" that we are encouraged to get each Fall is put together thru the analyzing of the influenza viruses in the past. The World Health Org. is constantly working on different vaccines that may be stronger and long lasting over the last ones. It is hopeful that a vaccine will be out soon for this COVID19 — Virus. The trick will be to require everyone to get it!

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Walter Lang, Jane Stouffer, Angie Pollock, Bill Strahley, Max and Eileen Kochensparger, Patti Boundy, Clint Vance and Kim Sutton. Tickets may also be purchased at the door while supplies last.

A half chicken or quarter chicken meal includes baked beans, choice of cole slaw or fresh vegetables, apple sauce, and potato chips.



**HOPE, ARKANSAS:**

**Adrie O'Brien**, 58, took the stairway to heaven on 7/14/20 from her peaceful/loving home in Hope, Arkansas. She was originally from Antwerp, Ohio. A NOON Memorial service will be held at Antwerp Community Church 8/22/20 with Ricky Grimes officiating. At 1PM Food will be served at VFW in Antwerp, following the service. Please join us to celebrate her life.

Her journey began January 13, 1962 as: "Tooty Smith" (a name she was quick to change) to her loving parents, Janet Seslar and the late Ed Smith. She was the first girl-child for both parents. We'll call her a legend for lack of a better word. She kept those around her laughing. During in her twelve year cancer battle, she took the high road and made the DRs and nurses laugh with jokes and puns. She fought so hard, for so long. Adrie was, most of all, genuine.

She was preceded in death by father Edward Smith, sister Kimberly Smith, and grandmother Clara Pierce. She is survived by her mother, Janet Seslar, her daughter, Alexandra Burton, married to Darrell Burton, along with their children: Pierce and Kennedy Burton. Her surviving siblings are sisters Connie Smith, Terrie Smith, along with brothers Charlie Seslar, Andy Seslar and Chuck Duncan.

Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.



**PAULDING, OHIO:**

**Ralph Denis Shaner** age 74 passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

He was born in Paulding, son of the late Ralph F. and Lenore (Smith) Shaner. On January 13, 1970 he married Paulette (Osborne) who passed away on July 10, 2020.

He was a US Army veteran and previously employed by Dana Weatherhead for 37 1/2 years. He was a member of Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Eagles #2405, and UAW.

He is survived by his sons, Erik (Talitha) Shaner, Greenville, SC, and Thomas Shaner, Paulding; grandchildren: Cassy (Brandon) Ruffing, D.J. Shaner, Logan Shaner, Alex Shaner, Sky-lee Shaner, Ciarra Shaner, and Corra Nowak; great grandchild-

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Suffragists "Silent sentinels" begin a 2.5 year campaign in front of the White House, during the Wilson Presidency. (Photo taken in 1917, Public Domain).

and put pressure upon the state legislatures and the US Congress. The women's right to vote, without respect to color, became part of the US Constitution on August 18, 1920. The 19th Amendment reads, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Mark Holsberry, Paulding County Commissioner, stated, "The opinions for voting were so close that the vote in the House (of Representatives) passed by only one vote." That vote took place in January of 1918, and was then forwarded to the Senate where President Woodrow Wilson supported the amendment to the Constitution. Wilson asked, "Shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of privilege and right?", referring to the work females did during WWI. The senate vote fell short by two votes. In the years of 1918-1919 the House and Senate voted on the federal amendment five times. Each vote was close, but continued to be held back by Southern Democrats.

In May of 1919, President Wilson called a special session of Congress, after being pressured again by suffragist

On June 4, 1919 the Democrats finally abandoned their filibuster, passing the amendment 56-25, with 19 of the Democrats joining the 37 Republicans in passing the amendment. Only 40% of the Democrats voted for the amendment, while the Republicans had 24% vote against the measure.

The passing of the 19th Amendment in Congress still had the long road ahead to get the needed ratification in the state legislatures. The members of the various suffrage groups moved people in immediately to influence state legislatures. The first states to pass were Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan — passing within days of Congress passing the amendment. Soon after, Montana, Arkansas, and Nebraska had also ratified the bill. The main states of opposition was in the south. Southern Democrats rallied and Alabama and Georgia voted to defeat the Suffrage Amendment. Louisiana and Maryland refused to ratify the amendment. Carrie Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, worked with activists in the western states to pass the amendment and by December of 1919, 22 states had the amendment ratified, and by June of 1920 35 of the

36 legislatures had ratified the amendment. Only Tennessee was left that had not decided. Both the suffragists and the anti-suffragists convened at the statehouse in Nashville. The governor, Albert H. Roberts was in favor of ratification and the Senate passed 24-5 in favor of the right for women to vote. However, the vote in the house was not near so easily passed. Twice the vote failed at 48-48. The deciding vote came from Harry Burn, a 24-year old Republican cast his vote against because that's what his constituents wanted. Burns changed his vote, believing it was a moral right, after his mother sent in a note that urged him to vote yes.

After Tennessee passed the amendment, the Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby, signed on August 26, 1920, the proclamation of the Women's Suffrage Amendment to the US Constitution, guaranteeing all women the right to vote.

The Paulding County Commissioners recognized that on June 16, 1919 Ohio ratified the 19th Amendment. August 26, 2020 is marked as a nationwide centennial of the 19th amendment. The Commissioners proclaim 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the County of Paulding, OH.

## RECYCLING ROUNDUP

The month of July found your WMEA Program back up and running at full capacity. All of our trailers went out on schedule with the exception of the Junction/Latty scheduled pickup. I have a favor to ask. If you are one of our outstanding recyclers in the Junction/Latty areas, will you please call me at the office? I

have some thoughts regarding that pickup and would like to get your feedback before making any final decisions.

As usual, our Boy Scout Troop #315 did a masterful job of handling the Grover Hill and Haviland pickups. The Leaders of Tomorrow 4-H Club assisted with our Payne pickup and did an outstanding job. Thank you to Anna Gurney, Erin Baumle and their hard-working kids for jumping right in to learn about how

to recycle. Smiling faces and willing hands greeted each Payne resident that arrived to drop off their material.

### ATTENTION: PAULDING COUNTY FARMERS:

The Ohio Dept. of Agriculture will be sponsoring three collection events for farmers wishing to dispose of unwanted pesticides. This year the collections are happening in Fayette, Hancock and Lake Counties. The pesticide collection and disposal services are free of charge, but only FARM CHEMICALS will be accepted. Paint, anti-freeze, solvents and other non-farm pesticides will not be accepted.

Farmers generally cannot dispose of pesticides through household hazardous waste programs and the Clean Sweep Program will allow for the disposal of old products responsibly. There are typically three collections per year, which move around the state. Collection locations and dates for 2020 are:

August 18 - Fayette County - 2770 Old Rt. 38 NE, Washington Court House, OH 43160

August 19 - Hancock County - Hancock County Fairgrounds, 1017 E. Sandusky Street, Findlay, OH 45840

August 25 - Lake Coun-

ty - Perry Coal and Feed, 4204 Main Street, Perry, OH 44081

To pre-register or for more info, contact the Ohio Dept. of Ag at 614-728-6987

Following is our list of times/locations for recycling opportunities in the County. With school getting ready to start, we may have some new residents that could use the information. If you have any questions about how to sort or what can be recycled in Paulding County, please call the office at 419-399-3630 or access the website, paulding-countywmea.com

### 1st Saturday of EVERY MONTH:

Grover Hill - VFW parking lot, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Haviland/Scott - Village Park on SR 114, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Paulding - Paulding Co. Fairgrounds, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Cecil - Fire Station, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

### 2nd Wednesday of EVERY MONTH:

Junction - Old Catholic Church, 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Latty - Village Meeting Hall/Park, 2:30-3:00 p.m.

### 3rd Saturday of EVERY MONTH:

Payne - Village Park/SR 49, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

## PAULDING COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY!

There will be a food distribution on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 (no touch drive through distribution) at Paulding Co. Fairgrounds, 501 Fairground Dr, Paulding, OH.

Sign up/line-up begins at 11:00 a.m.; Distribution Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m. (or until all food is distributed)

This distribution is open to anyone in need.

### QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE FOOD:

Only 2 households per vehicle; Ensure space in trunk to load food into; Must be 18 years of age or older; Have a valid Photo I.D.; Be at or below 230% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

## ESTIE SINN AWARDED DEGREE FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Estie Sinn of Latty, OH was among more than 3,800 students from Miami University who received degrees during the virtual spring commencement experience May 16-17, 2020.

Sinn graduated MAGNA with a Bachelor of Science/Certificate degree, majoring in Speech Path & Audiology/Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The most recent complete candidates for graduation lists are always available for downloading at commencement, dean's and president's lists on Miami University's website.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford,

Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

## CREATE STRATEGIES TO HELP ACHIEVE YOUR FINANCIAL GOALS

Like most people, you probably have many financial goals: a comfortable retirement, long vacations, college for your children or grandchildren, the ability to leave something behind for the next generation, and so on. To achieve these various goals, you may have to follow different investment strategies - and you might have to make some tradeoffs along the way.

To pursue this multi-goal/multi-strategy approach, try to follow a clear course of action, including these steps:

- Define your goals - and invest appropriately. You will need to identify each goal and ask some questions: How much time will you have to achieve this goal? How much return will you need from your investments and how much risk are you willing to take? With a longer-term goal, such as retirement, you may be able to invest more heavily in growth-oriented vehicles with higher expected returns. Keep in mind, though, that the value of these investments will fluctuate, and they carry more risk than more conservative investments. However, your long-term horizon allows time to recover from short-term dips. But for a shorter-term goal, such as an upcoming vacation, your investments don't have the same time to bounce back from large drops in value, so you might follow a more conservative strategy by investing in instruments that preserve principal, even though growth may be minimal.
- Know what you've invested for each goal. Once you know what type of strategy you should follow to achieve each of your goals, you'll need to enact that strategy. How? By matching specific investment accounts with the appropriate goals. You should know why you own all your investments. Ask yourself these questions: What goal will this investment help me achieve? How much do I have allocated toward a specific goal? If I have an IRA, a 401(k) and another account devoted to achieving the same goal, are they all working together effective-

ly? The connections between your different investment accounts and your goals should be consistently clear to you.

- Understand trade-offs. Your various investment goals may be distinct, but they don't exist in isolation. In fact, your strategy for achieving one goal may affect your ability to work toward another. For example, would significant investments in your child's education change your funding for retirement? If you decide to buy a vacation home when you retire, will that alter the legacy you'll be able to leave to your family? Given limited financial resources, you may have to prioritize some goals and make some trade-offs in your investment moves.
- Track your progress. Each of your strategies is designed to achieve a particular goal, so you need to monitor the performance of the investments within that strategy to help ensure you're making progress. If it seems that you're lagging, you may need to explore ways to get back on track.

To manage these tasks successfully, you may want to work with a financial professional - someone who can look at your situation objectively, help you identify and quantify your goals, and suggest strategies designed to help you achieve them.

Trying to achieve multiple financial goals can seem like a daunting task, but by saving and investing consistently through your working years, following a clear strategy, being willing to prioritize and accept trade-offs and getting the help you need, you can help yourself move forward.

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## FISHING THE MAUMEE

By: Stan Jordan

I enjoy talking about fishing with anyone, any type, any time. But growing up here in Antwerp most of my early fishing was here. Once in a while a trip to the Auglaize River for crappie. In the 1930's and early 40's in the Maumee, we had carp, bullheads, bass, red horse, suckers, cat fish, rock bass and I guess some saugers, but I never caught one of those.

I think in the 50's they stocked some walleye in the river, some boys tell me they caught some. Now they tell me that huge carp and catfish are plentiful right around this area. We used to have good fishermen/woodsmen. In October/fall, the river is low and the water is clear. Pete would put a lantern on the seat and spear fish at night. That was legal then, and maybe still is. I remember Pete got two saugers in one spear. Those were the days. See ya!

## SCHOOL STARTING

By: Stan Jordan

There seems to be a hullabaloo about the starting of the school year for 2020-2021.

What ever time it is...I'm not going.

I think that here in Paulding County, we should be able to start as usual. Our part in this Covid 19 seems to be minimal.

Now, about the sports activities; I think that is ok, but I'm not sure about the fan attendance. I'm sure that could be worked out.

There is nothing more important to students than a school year, that includes all the activities, not just the book work. Lots of things help a student to find himself and to think about and prepare for the future.

Yes, things are different now, but time will pass and

maybe things will be back to a semblance of normal.

Times like these are history.

See ya!

## NO BREEZE YET

By: Stan Jordan

This is July 16th, the same old crap. A few days ago I wrote a column, saying the United States situation compares to a sailing ship dead in the water in the middle of the Atlantic. Well, it is still dead in the water, no breeze yet.

Our representatives down in D.C. ought to walk up backwards to get their paychecks. They are paid to lead, and I think all they do is follow.

Our leaders fight among themselves over politics. Protocol went out the window months ago. 'Votes, more votes' is the battle cry in D.C. 'Vote for me or you are black listed.'

At the present time, this COVID 19 pretty much rules the roost. It surely is an object to be reckoned with, but the nation, as a whole must go on...time waits for no one.

See ya!

## HISTORY & WILDLIFE

By: Stan Jordan

I really don't know where to start because as long as we have history there has always been wild animals and birds.

You know as much as I do about dinosaurs, mammoths, buffalos and a zillion other prehistoric monsters, but, we here, are the lucky ones. We have some of the wildlife right here in our back yard. We don't have to go to the zoo to see them.

I would like to talk about Mother Nature, you know, the earth, yes right down to the dirt.

Do the other countries call this planet 'earth'? Where and when did we start to call it 'earth'? I was at a meeting in Hicksville one time and the speaker said, "All you have or ever will have, comes from Mother Earth." Yes, you can get poison from the earth, but she also brings forth the antidote.

See ya!

## BASEBALL OH BASEBALL

By: Stan Jordan

The first day of 2020

baseball was supposed to be March 28th, but you all know about the COVID 19, well this whole nation was turned upside down and one of the bad things to me was no baseball.

I have been a Red's fan way before WWII and an Indian's fan since I got hooked up with Direct TV. Anyhow, tonight (July 23rd, 2020) is the first game of the 2020 season, albeit, a short season.

The New York Yankees will play the Washington Nationals in Washington. I would bet on the Nationals as they are very tough.

See ya!

## THE UNWINDING

By: Stan Jordan

Well, last night was the first game of the 2020 baseball season. There was no fans, just the maintenance crew.

What I saw of it, was a good game, but it started to rain and they stopped the playing at once. I guess, maybe, that is a new rule this year, because in the past they would play through a small light rain.

The Yankees were ahead at this time, so when that game was held up, I turned over to an Indian's rerun game.

I am glad that our athletic teams are trying to get back to some sort of normalcy. America without baseball and all the other games of competition just don't make it!

See ya!

## NEW ALZHEIMER'S DIAGNOSTIC METHODS AND TREATMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE®

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Eric VanVlymen, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley Chapter, said, "AAIC represents a key tool in our fight to find the first survivor. By scientists and clinicians collaborating, this can help to speed the delivery of confirmed preventative methods, new treatments and ultimately a cure."

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia and is a progressive brain disease that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. Currently 5.8M Americans live with the disease. But as the number of

older Americans grows rapidly, so too will the number of new and existing cases of Alzheimer's. Barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent, slow or cure Alzheimer's disease, the Association projects that by 2050, the number of people age 65 and older with Alzheimer's dementia may grow to a projected 13.8 million.

The Ohio AAIC presenters represent universities like The Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University, Kent State University, Youngstown State University and the University of Toledo and the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Douglas Scharre, Director of the Division of Cognitive Neurology and Director of the Center for Cognitive and Memory Disorders at Ohio State, said, there is a lot of promising research. "It's a multipronged strategy. You need the cure but before you get to the cure, there are medications and treatments that will slow down the course. All of these are being worked on."

A presenter at AAIC, Dr. Scharre said there are disease-modifying agents that seem the most promising to help with treatment. "But they don't seem to work well if the disease has progressed or if you have been diagnosed too late," he said. The goal, he said, is to get people into clinical trials and to get people to the doctor earlier to get diagnosed. "If they come with Alzheimer's dementia, and that is about where we are right now, the brain is ravaged with plaques and tangles. We have limited choices at that time...it's really too late."

In using a cancer analogy, he said if a cancer patient is diagnosed at stage one or two, there are more treatment options. In the field of Alzheimer's, if a person is diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, which can be a precursor to Alzheimer's, there are more opportunities.

"The problem (with cognitive issues) is people don't come into their doctor's office," Dr. Scharre said. "The caregiver is not bringing it up, the doctor is not bringing it up, no one picks up on it and they just sort of let it go and think it is normal aging, then it spreads."

That is why early diagnosis, community outreach and education must be a part of

## GEORGE CLEMENS AND I



By: Stan Jordan

The above picture is of me and our Police Chief George Clemens. I was not being arrested for anything, we were just getting back from a historic tour of the area.

I was telling George about the old history of different places and he showed and told me about all the progress we have made and it is outstanding. For instance, East and West Canal Street, all the area east and west of Kroos Drive, all the houses on Harrmann Rd, plus the school complex and Diamond Drive, Lein-

ard's Mobile Home Park and Bragg's trailer court. Plus all the new addition...that was given that name because it was new to us in the 1950's and 60's. Mickleson's addition and up on Rd 250 and Oley's addition...oh, I know I have missed some. Antwerp has moved right along with the times. Even the outside area has new houses and places to live. Yes, Carryall Township had kept abreast of the times.

If you would take a nice ride in the country, you would agree with me.

See ya!

the comprehensive strategy to attack Alzheimer's and dementia, he said.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The John Paulding Historical Society has been in existence for 43 years and we are dedicated to our mission of "Preserving the Past for Future Generations". JPHS is a 100% volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, we raise our operating budget each year through membership dues, fund raising events and donations from the community. We receive no tax money. The main museum building was built in 1984. Barn

One was built in 1991 and Barn Two was built in 1993. We completed a building expansion onto Barn One last year. Our museum is strong and has been growing through the years. We have been blessed by the support of our membership and the community as we preserve the history of Paulding County.

Our first fundraiser of the year was the Wine and Cheese Tasting, held in February before the Covid-19 virus hit. It was a huge success and we nearly broke the record for the highest single-day fundraising event.

Our second fundraiser was sponsored by the Black Swamp Cruiser Club with a Motorcycle Run in June, which was adjusted to meet the Covid-19 safety standards and was also a great success. We thank the Black Swamp Cruisers for their hard work and effort and those who came out to participate, for their support of our museum.

Our Annual Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ will be held this Saturday, August 1 from 4 to 7 at the museum located across the street from the fairgrounds in Paulding. This will be carry-out only as we try to maintain the Covid-19 safety standards. For information contact the museum or any of our Officers or Directors: Gene Olwin, Dave Stouffer, Dan Wilder, Denny Sanderson, Linda Hodges, John Pier, Shannon Ruschel, Walter Lang, Jane Stouffer, Angie Pollock, Bill Strahley, Max and Eileen Kochensparger, Patti Boundy, Clint Vance and Kim Sutton.

As it stands, this will be our last fund raising event

for the year due to Covid-19. The Festival of Trees committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this familiar event. The Festival of Trees alone brings in half of our operating budget for the year.

I am asking you, no, begging you, to please help support your museum. Support our chicken dinner, become a member or perhaps, consider what you would've spent at the Festival of Trees and go ahead and donate it to JPHS. Covid-19 has been hard on everyone, in many different ways; the JPHS museum is no exception.

We appreciate your consideration,

—Kim K. Sutton,  
President, John Paulding Historical Society

**DEMOCRATS PICK POLITICS OVER POLICE REFORM**

By: IN Rep. Jim Banks, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

<https://www.journalgazette.net/opinion/columns/20200724/democrats-pick-politics-over-police-reform>

After the death of George Floyd, there was historic, national consensus that we needed to make sure an episode like it never happens again. The American people took to the streets, sending a message loud and clear – and Congress was listening.

Immediately, we went to work on legislation to make prudent reforms to policing guidelines.

I think both Republicans and Democrats were surprised to find we agreed more than we disagreed. The Democrats wrote their ideal bill, and the Republicans wrote our ideal bill. Both contained provisions to ban chokeholds, limit no-knock warrants, limit the use of force, promote body cameras, create registries of disciplined officers and make lynching a federal crime.

I've served in Congress two terms. I've almost never seen that kind of consensus emerge on a hot-button topic before. That much bipartisanship is usually reserved for renaming post offices.

The next step should have been the House and Senate working together to reconcile the small differences between the bills. Democrats wanted chokeholds recognized as a civil rights violation, for example. But Republicans thought an

outright ban on chokeholds sufficient.

But that's not what happened.

A new rally cry rang out: "Defund the police!" Not long after, a historic bipartisan consensus crumbled.

Democrats chose to slip in language to overturn "qualified immunity" for police officers. At first blush, it may sound like an innocent idea. They'll tell you it means police officers can be sued for abuse of power. Only the bad ones will be sued, they explain.

But it'll actually result in abolishing the police – a future no one should want.

No doubt criminals would love the chance to sic a trial lawyer on the one who sent them behind bars. Removing qualified immunity would mean subjecting police to an endless loop of meaningless lawsuits, meaning they'd be spending all their time in the courtroom instead of keeping our communities safe.

Doctors, who are subject to lawsuits, have to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for malpractice insurance for when they make a mistake. A doctor will deliver 100 babies, and maybe with one she'll make a mistake. The other 99 are very happy with their doctor. It's just the one who will sue and get a payout from the insurance company.

Who's going to sell insurance to police officers? If a police officer arrests 100 criminals, all 100 are going to try to sue. Not one of them is going to tell the officer, "Thank you for arresting me."

I imagine there will be few, if any, good police officers who want to work in law enforcement if they're open to endless lawsuits. Even if they wanted to, I'm not sure they could afford it.

By adding language to their bill overturning qualified immunity, Democrats inserted a "poison pill," language they know will mean the legislation will be defeated by the opposing party. They demanded all or nothing. Which begs the question: Why would Democrats want the bill to fail?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out. They chose to politicize

**DESK VIEW**



By: Katie Oberlin

Unable to explain how fast a year goes by, I have made my return to my hometown. The flat swamp area, many fields, and vast distances between towns were immediately familiar and felt, rightfully, like home. Seeing this area again made me recognize the great difference between home and the Rheinland of Germany where I lived for the past year. The environment with friends and family was completely different between the people I left and the people I came home to. Leaving meant saying goodbye (for at least as long as it takes to get back), expressing gratitude for the help and the support I received while I was there, and celebrating the year of memories made. Coming home to friends and family is catching up, trying to fill each other in, and taking the opportunity to

share what I have learned and experienced.

Talking to former exchange students and going to orientations in preparation for my trip, they tell you that coming home is a difficult part of doing an exchange. Logically, I have spent a whole year away from home and everything about my life in Germany was new, while the people here lived on normally after I left. Now, I am home and put back into the life I left behind, but the catch is that I am not the same person who filled those roles a year ago. On top of trying to rekindle friendships, take back my responsibilities, and share what I have learned, I miss Germany, my friends there, my host family, the culture, and the language.

Like always, life pushes on, changes and obstacles included. As the class of 2020, gets to wrap up with delayed graduation parties and move on to college orientations and move-in dates, careers, or serving in the military, the class of 2021 is starting its ending. Thoughts of college and careers are now more significant and defining than before. The last year for us is beginning now with fall sports, marching band, part-time jobs, and a new plan for school in the middle of this pandemic. Life can go in many directions, and I am curious to see where this new start will take me.

their bill to refuse President Donald Trump a win in an election year.

When I met with young Black professionals in Fort Wayne earlier in July, they were frustrated. They asked me: Why hasn't Congress done anything yet? I was hopeful we could accomplish bipartisan, meaningful change after a meeting with local Black pastors a few months ago.

However, petty partisanship continued to divide Congress and stopped Washington from rising to the moment and delivering a bill that includes real reforms. In the end, the Democrats got the talking point they wanted and the nation was shown yet another example of the worst kind of politics.

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**ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS DISTRICT RE-OPENING PLAN**



On July 2, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced the guidelines for schools to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. The guidelines contained five areas the Antwerp Local School District Re-Opening Plan must include: assessing symptoms, hand washing, sanitation of facilities, practicing social distancing, and face coverings. ALS's plan addresses each of those five areas in detail. The most important aspect of this reopening plan is the health and safety of everyone associated with Antwerp Local Schools; however, the quality of education to be provided is also a vital factor in the decisions being made as all return to the school facilities.

Antwerp Administration understand a few families may not be comfortable with sending their child, who has significant health issues or immediate family members with health issues, back to an in-person school setting. In an effort to meet their educational needs, the school will offer a remote learning option for those students who desire a short-term remote learning program.

The following information provides an overview of what Antwerp School have planned to put in place. These plans are not set in stone and may change based on a variety of factors.

**IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION:**

The first day of school for students in Gr. 1 - 12 will be Thursday, August 20th. The start day has been moved back one day (August 19th) for an additional Teacher In-Service Day.

Kindergarten students will have their first day of classes Tuesday, August 25th. Pre-School will have their first day of classes Wednesday, August 26th.

They will not conduct the annual Open House event that was scheduled for August 18th.

**ASSESSING SYMP-**

**TOMS:**

All students, caregivers, and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school each day. Individuals with symptoms of illness or a temperature over 100 degrees are asked to stay home.

Staff members will conduct temperature checks of students as they enter the building. Individuals with a temperature over 100 degrees will have their temperature rechecked after a short period of time. If the high temperature remains, the student will be sent home. Parents will need to have arrangements made so that their child will be picked up as quickly as possible.

Students sent home with a fever, cannot return to school until they have been fever-free for 48 hours without the use of medication. Students may return to school after 24 hours if a doctor's note indicates the child has tested negative for COVID-19.

A remote learning option will be available if a child experiences an extended absence from school. More information regarding this option will be available in early August.

**HAND WASHING:**

Extra hand-hygiene stations will be available throughout the district.

Studies show that hand washing is the most effective way to eliminate germs; therefore, students will receive increased opportunities and promptings to wash their hands.

Sharing materials among students will be eliminated wherever possible. When sharing materials is necessary, proper sanitation will take place between uses.

**SANITATION OF FACILITIES:**

All buildings, classrooms, offices and buses will receive regular cleaning and disinfecting to promote healthy environments. Frequently touched surfaces, door knobs, handrails, etc. will receive special attention.

**PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

In the school setting, social distancing for students at times may be difficult due to class sizes, space constraints, and available resources. School personnel will do their best to accommodate social distancing guidelines by extending the distance between students as much as possible.

We have added visual reminders throughout the building to help students remember social distancing protocols.

**FACE COVERINGS:**

The governor's guidelines and local health departments recommend and encourage everyone to wear face coverings.

Following these guidelines, students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to wear face coverings when they are inside the school building and it is not impeding their learning experience. Students in Pre-school - grade 2 will not be asked to wear face coverings; however, they may choose to do so.

All staff are required to wear face coverings inside the school buildings when it does not impede the learning experience or instructional process. Wearing a face covering when alone in designated work spaces is up to the individual.

**PHYS.ED., RECESS AND VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS:**

Health professionals agree that all individuals need physical activity and encourage increased time outdoors, when possible.

All physical education, recess, and visual/performing arts classes (band, music, art, choir, etc.) will resume with as much distance as possible provided for all individuals.

**LUNCH PROCEDURES:**

Students will eat in the building cafeteria/other designated areas with one another, not at their classroom desks.

Students will sit near each other with the maximum distance possible and divider provided in the cafeteria/other area setting.

The school lunch program will continue to be offered daily.

As always, students are permitted to bring a packed lunch from home.

Until further notice, the lunch periods will be closed to visitors. Parents/family members will not be able to join their children for lunch.

Breakfast will continue to be offered to the students in the Auditoria prior to the start of school.

**VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

All visitors and volunteers will be kept to a minimum.

Anyone entering the building will be restricted to the main office area only and will be asked to wear a face covering.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Students riding on the buses will be required to wear a face covering.

Hand sanitizer will also be available for use when entering or exiting the bus.

All students will be assigned a seat and siblings will be instructed to sit together in assigned seats.

Parents may choose to transport their child(ren) to/from school daily if they prefer not to use bus transportation provided by the district.

The Antwerp Local School will plan to continue to provide transportation for athletes to/from contests.

At this time, field trips will be suspended; however, they will evaluate this option as the school year progresses.

Bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings while driving, if wearing such does not impede them from safely operating the bus.

School personnel will sanitize the buses immediately following each route or trip.

**REMOTE LEARNING EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:**

A short-term Remote Learning Program will be available for students who are unable to attend the school building for their educational instruction due to their health concerns or health concerns for immediate family members. Parents who desire for their child to participate in this program are requested to contact the respective elementary or MS/HS office beginning August 1st. Following the contact, parents will receive additional information regarding the Remote Learning Program.

In closing, the Antwerp Local School District want to assure all that they will do everything possible to decrease the risks associated with contracting COVID-19, as well as any other virus, illness, or disease. They understand sending your child to school during this pandemic is a family decision not to be taken lightly. Your patience is appreciated as they continue to forge ahead in this new era of student safety and education.

**PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN 2020-2021**



On July 2, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced the guidelines for schools to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. Per these guidelines, the five areas the School Reopening Plan must include are the following: temperature checks, face coverings, social distancing, hand hygiene and sanitizing. PEVS's plan addresses each of these in detail. The most important aspect of our reopening plan is the health and safety of everyone associated with PEVS; however, the quality of education we provide is also a vital factor in the decisions we make as we return to our facilities. COVID-19 Health and Prevention for Ohio K-12 Schools can be reviewed at [www.pauldingschools.org](http://www.pauldingschools.org).

We understand some families are not comfortable with resuming normal, in-school operations, so we are developing a redesigned remote learning option for those families who choose to have their children learn from home. When our School Reopening Plan is approved, it will be made available to you so you can make an informed decision that is best for your family.

**2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR/FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION:**

PEVS does not plan to adjust the 2020-2021 school calendar unless absolutely necessary and deemed so by public health authorities.

The first student day will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

At this time, PEVS plans to operate with either all students on campus (except those choosing the remote-learning option) receiving face-to-face instruction or all students at home completing remote learning, should Governor DeWine impose another Stay-at-Home order.

PEVS is not preparing for blended learning sessions or for alternating student days in the classroom. Due to the geographical size of the district and a number of high school courses containing multiple grade levels, these options are not viable for our district. TEMPERATURE CHECKS/ASSESSMENT OF SYMPTOMS

PEVS expects parents/guardians to administer temperature checks before sending their child(ren) to school. If symptoms or a temperature over 100°F are shown, stay home.

Temperature checks will only be administered if a student has already arrived at school and reports that he/she is not feeling well.

Parents are expected to keep any child home if he/she is sick or displays any symptoms of illness. The Ohio Department of Education is currently altering attendance guidelines to make it more conducive for sick children to stay home.

**WEARING FACE COVERINGS:**

The Governor's guidelines and local health departments recommend and encourage everyone to wear face coverings.

Following these guidelines, students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to wear face coverings when they are inside the school building and it is not impeding their learning experience. Students in Pre-school - grade 2 will not be asked to wear face coverings; however, they may choose to do so.

PEVS staff are required to wear face coverings inside the school buildings when it does not impede with the learning experience or instructional process. Wearing a face covering when alone in designated work spaces is up to the individual.

Students and staff will be educated on why some children and adults may not be wearing a face covering.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CLASS SIZE:**

Although social distancing in the school setting is not always possible, PEVS will work diligently to accommodate social distancing guidelines whenever possible.

PEVS will not be hiring more teachers or minimizing class size in order to create social distance for students.

PEVS is prepared to add visual aids throughout all the buildings to help students remember social distancing protocols.

All district staff members will receive additional education and training regarding COVID-19 precautions. All staff will be given the list of COVID-19 symptoms presented in the Governor's guidelines.

Hand sanitation stations will be available throughout all PEVS buildings.

To minimize contamination drinking fountains will be turned off, students will be encouraged to bring their

own water bottles from home. Students will be allowed to have clear containers of water with them in their classrooms throughout the day.

**CLEANING PROCEDURES:**

All buildings, classrooms, and offices will receive regular cleaning and disinfecting to promote healthy environments. Frequently touched surfaces, door knobs, handrails, etc. will receive special attention.

Hand-hygiene products will be available in all buildings and in high-traffic areas.

Studies show that hand washing is the most effective way to eliminate germs; therefore, students will receive increased opportunities and promptings to wash their hands.

Sharing materials among students will be eliminated wherever possible. When sharing materials is necessary, proper sanitation will take place between uses.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The majority of our students ride PEVS buses, and transportation will continue to be provided to all students in grades PK-12. Due to more than 800 students relying on bus transportation daily, PEVS plans to continue its single-route bus schedule as normal.

Parents may choose to transport their child(ren) to/from school daily if they prefer not to use bus transportation provided by the district. It will be expected that established drop-off/pick-up routines will continue to be followed.

Students will be sitting side-by side, and siblings will be required to sit together in assigned seats.

Students in grades 3-12 will be encouraged to wear face coverings on the bus if it is safe for them to do so.

PEVS plans to continue to provide transportation for athletes to/from contests.

At this time, field trips will be suspended; however, we will evaluate this option as the school year progresses.

Bus drivers will not conduct temperature checks before student loading.

Bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings while driving, if wearing such does not impede them from safely operating the bus.

Bus drivers will sanitize their bus immediately following each route or trip.

PEVS will not be hiring more bus drivers or staggering start times to accommodate social distancing.

**PHYS. ED., RECESS AND VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS:**

Health professionals agree that all individuals need physical activity and encourage increased time outdoors, when possible.

At PEVS, all phys. ed., recess, and visual/performing arts classes (band, music, art, choir, etc.) will resume as normal with as much distance as possible provided for all individuals.

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**LUNCH PROCEDURES:**  
Students will eat in the building cafeterias with one another, not at their classroom desks.  
Students will sit near each other with the maximum distance possible provided in the cafeteria setting.  
The school lunch program will continue to be offered daily.

As always, students are permitted to bring a packed lunch from home.

Until further notice, our lunch periods will be closed to visitors. Parents/family members will not be able to join their children for lunch.

Note: Breakfast in the Classroom will also continue to be offered in both elementary buildings daily from 7:45-8:00.

**VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

All visitors and volunteers will be kept to a minimum.

Visitors entering the building will be restricted to the main office area only and will be asked to wear a face covering.

**REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS:**

PEVS is redesigning its spring remote learning plan. The new plan, as much as possible, will align with what is taking place in the regular

classroom; however, there is no replacement for face-to-face engagement.

Remote learning will be an option if a child experiences an extended absence from school or for anyone who is not comfortable with traditional on-campus instruction.

PEVS is required by the Ohio Department of Education to have a Board adopted Remote Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year developed and in place by August 21, 2020. Once approved, the plan can be reviewed at www.pauldingschools.org.

In closing, we assure you that PEVS will do everything possible to decrease the risks associated with contracting COVID-19, as well as any other virus, illness, or disease. We understand sending your child to school among this pandemic is a family decision not to be taken lightly. Ultimately, parents must be willing to accept the risks and send their child(ren) to school or allow the student(s) to stay home and participate in our remote-learning option. Thank you for your patience as we continue to forge ahead in this new era of student safety and education.

**WAYNE TRACE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-OPENING PLAN**



On July 2, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced the guidelines for schools to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. His guidelines outline five areas that must be addressed in a School Reopening Plan which include: assessing symptoms, hand washing, sanitation of facilities, practicing social distancing, and face coverings. Our plan addresses each of those five areas in detail. The most important aspect of our reopening plan is the health and safety of everyone associated with Wayne Trace Local Schools. However, the quality of education we provide is also a vital factor in the decisions we make as we reopen our schools.

We understand some families are not as comfortable with implementing normal operations. However, as a district we are working to make certain that the guidelines that were presented by Governor DeWine are followed so that your child can be provided a safe environment in which to be educated each day. Listed below are the ways in which we will work to follow the five guidelines outlined above:

**ASSESSING SYMPTOMS:**

All students, caregivers, and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school each day.

Anyone showing symptoms or with a temperature over 100 is asked to stay home.

Staff members will NOT be conducting temperature checks as students enter buildings, classrooms, or school buses.

Temperature checks will only be administered if a student has already arrived at school and reports that he/she is not feeling well.

We expect parents/guardians to administer temperature checks before sending their child(ren) to school.

Parents are expected to keep any child home if he/she is sick or displays any symp-

toms of illness. The Ohio Department of Education is currently altering attendance guidelines to make it more conducive for sick children to stay home.

Remote learning will be an option if a child experiences an extended absence from school. More information regarding this option will be available soon.

**HAND WASHING:**

All students and staff will be provided time throughout the day to wash their hands.

Extra hand-hygiene stations will be available throughout the district

Studies show that hand washing is the most effective way to eliminate germs; therefore, students will receive increased opportunities and promptings to wash their hands.

Sharing materials among students will be eliminated wherever possible. When sharing materials is necessary, proper sanitation will take place between uses.

**SANITATION OF FACILITIES:**

All buildings, classrooms, offices and buses will receive regular cleaning and disinfecting to promote healthy environments. Frequently touched surfaces, door knobs, handrails, etc. will receive

special attention.

**PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

In the school setting, social distancing for students at times may be difficult due to class sizes, space constraints, and available resources. School personnel will do their best to accommodate social distancing guidelines by extending the distance between students as much as possible.

We are prepared to add visual aids throughout all the buildings to help students remember social distancing protocols.

**FACE COVERINGS:**

The Governor's guidelines and local health departments recommend and encourage everyone to wear face coverings.

Following these guidelines, students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to wear face coverings when they are inside the school building and it is not impeding their learning experience. Students in Pre-school - grade 2 will not be asked to wear face coverings; however, they may choose to do so.

All staff are required to wear face coverings inside the school buildings when it does not impede the learning experience or instructional

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The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that every child continues to receive routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 outbreak. If your child missed a scheduled vaccination due to the COVID-19 pandemic, reach out to your Paulding County Hospital Provider to confirm when and how to receive any missed vaccine doses.

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition**

**Timothy B. Macy**, Fort Wayne, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Kameron W. Forrer**, Payne, OH; Off inv underage; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours community service; Evaluation at Westwood; Placed on standard probation; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use

**Neil D. Hoffman**, Defiance, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Zachari W. Hall**, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Restitution in the amount of \$60 to the victim through the clerk's office; No contact with victim; Complete 20 hours of community service

**Neil D. Hoffman**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Neil D. Hoffman**, Defiance, OH; Hit skip; Case dismissed at state's request

**Neil D. Hoffman**, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Case dismissed at state's request

**Neil D. Hoffman**, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Anthony W. Huggins**,

Inkster, MI; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Anthony W. Huggins**, Inkster, MI; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Daniel D. Kellermeyer**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Anthony Huggins**, Inkster, MI; Driving under non fra suspension; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Noe H. Lemus**, Paulding, OH; False statement; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Warrant recalled

**Jai L. Martin**, Van Wert, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Shall have no contact with victim

**Cody A. Worman**, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

**Thymithy A. Boroff**, Cecil, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Donald A. Dougal**, Paulding, OH; Drug abuse; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case

shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Donald A. Dougal**, Paulding, OH; Possession of drug instrument; Bound over

**Ricky L. Taylor**, Muncie, IN; Flee/eluding; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Alisha M. Shepherd**, Paulding, OH; Felonious assault; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Donald A. Dougal**, Paulding, OH; Fictitious registration; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Cody A. Worman**, Paulding, OH; Burglary; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Cody A. Worman**, Paulding, OH; Assault; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Heather M. Worman**, Paulding, OH; Burglary; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Heather M. Worman**, Paulding, OH; Assault; Preliminary waived; Case shall be bound over

**Austin L. McCloud**, Defiance, OH; Burglary; Preliminary waived; Bound over

**Austin L. McCloud**, Defiance, OH; Assault; Prelimi-

nary waived; Bound over  
**Estil L. Hatfield**, Oakwood, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Defendant to report to jail on 9/19/20 @12:00 a.m.; Must complete 40 hours community control  
**Donald A. Dougal**, Paulding, OH; Driving under non fra suspension; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**Donald A. Dougal**, Paulding, OH; Fictitious registration; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

**David A. Fryman**, Middleton, OH; Stop sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Teresa L. Cooper**, Hicksville, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Cost to be paid by the defendant

**Chelsee B. Delgado Torres**, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Defendant paid in full

**Jamie O. Hernandez**, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Pled not guilty; Bench trial held; Defendant found not guilty; Costs waived

**Anthony L. Baxter**, Payne, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Anthony L. Baxter**, Payne, OH; Possession of marijuana; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general

good behavior; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

**Amanda L. Bowen**, Bryan, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Anthony L. Baxter**, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Pay all fines and costs today

**Robert J. Lane**, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Gregory L. Cramer**, Defiance, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Esteban E. Lemus Piedra**, Fort Wayne, IN; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Clayton L. Newberry**, Fort Wayne, IN; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Daniel D. Keeterle**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**AUGLAIZE TWP**  
7/20/20 Brummitt Roger & Brummitt Heather to Brummitt Roger; 19334 Rd 1036 Oakwood Oh 45873; 0.4591 acres; Lot 30 Hartzog Auglaize Allot Auglaize Twp S-19

7/22/20 Anderson Daniel M Anderson Evelyne A to Anderson Evelyne A; 24220 Rd 196 Defiance Oh 43512; 2.13 acres; Pt Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-25

7/20/20 Fugate Nancy Le to Fugate Thomas L Jr Moats Mindy R; 15982 Rd 201 Defiance Oh 43512; 3.141 acres; N3/4 N1/2 Nw1/4 Auglaize Twp S-23

**BROWN TWP**  
7/22/20 Weiseco LTD to Weiseco Real Estate LTD; Rd 110; 2.871 acres; Pt N1/2 Nw1/4 Brown Twp S-26

7/22/20 Natco Enterprises LTD to Weiseco Real Estate LTD; 0.224 acres; Lot 1 & S1/2 Vac Alley O.p. Oakwood Vill

7/22/20 Buchman Gabriel J to Weiseco Real Estate LTD; South Ave; 0.564 acres; Lot 33 & Pt Vac 4Th St O.p. Oakwood Vill

7/22/20 Buchman Gabriel J to Weiseco Real Estate LTD; South Ave; 0.2864 acres; Lot 34 O.p. Oakwood Vill

7/22/20 Natco Enterprises LTD to Weiseco Real Estate LTD; 400 E Harmon St; 0.812 acres; Lot 12 Pt Par 2 Outlots S-26 Oakwood Vill

**CARRYALL TWP**  
7/23/20 Brenneke Andrew Et Al to Brenneke Dustin Jay; Rd 230; 97.658 acres; Pt W1/2Swfr1/4 & Nel/4 Sw Fr 1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 6

7/21/20 Gerdeman Otto J to Remke Stephen E Remke Melissa L; 305 Harrman Rd; 0.4821 acres; Lot #1 The Colony Subdivision Antwerp Village

**JACKSON TWP**  
7/21/20 Feeney Sara J to Hanenkratt Joshua E Hanenkratt Meagin C; 13943 Rita St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.3306 acres; Lot 56 Noneman Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

**LATTY TWP**  
7/20/20 Hofmann Rachel M to Treece Ronald R Trustee; Treece Karla J Trustee; Sr 114 Grover Hill Oh; 13.471 acres; Pt W1/2Sel/4Latty Twp S-23Easement Wd 406 10/12/17

**PAULDING TWP**  
7/21/20 Salinas Amanda L to Mapes Charles N Jr; 706 Countryview Dr; 0.281 acres; Lot 44 Country Side Estates Li Paulding Vill

7/22/20 Kauser Cassandra J to Schroeder Jacey; S Grant; 0.1939 acres; Lot 5 Landrie Subdiv Paulding Vill

7/22/20 Kauser Cassandra J to Schroeder Jacey; 120 S Grant St; 0.1939 acres; Lot 6 Landrie Subdiv Paulding Vill

7/22/20 Sholl Linda M to Sholl Linda M Trustee; 909 Kay Nora Ave; 0.4148 acres; Lot 12 130 Ft X 138.23 Ftpt Ne Cor Nw 1/4 S-12 Utterback Subdiv Pldg Vill

**STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH ON US 24**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred today, July 23, 2020 at approximately 11:20 a.m. The crash occurred on US 24, near milepost 28, in

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**ING EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:**

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physical activity and encourage increased time outdoors, when possible.

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**LUNCH PROCEDURES:**

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The school lunch program will continue to be offered daily.

As always, students are permitted to bring a packed lunch from home.

Until further notice, our lunch periods will be closed to visitors. Parents/family members will not be able to join their children for lunch.

Note: We will look to implement our new breakfast program, for which grant money was awarded to our district.

**VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:**

All visitors and volunteers will be kept to a minimum.

Anyone entering the building will be restricted to the main office area only and will be asked to wear a face covering.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Many of our students take advantage of our district transportation which will continue to be provided to all students in grades PK-12. We will continue to run our normal junior high/high school routes each morning and afternoon, as well as our nor-

mal elementary routes each morning and afternoon.

Students will be sitting side-by-side, and siblings will be instructed to sit together in assigned seats.

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process. Wearing a face covering when alone in designated work spaces is up to the individual.

Wayne Trace Local Schools is also providing the following information to make certain our stakeholders are informed in regard to the reopening procedures:

**2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

We will NOT plan to adjust the 2020-2021 school calendar unless absolutely necessary and deemed so by public health authorities.

The first student day will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

We will NOT be conducting our annual open house nights.

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A 2020 Kenworth semi-truck, driven by Darrell R. Deering, age 56, of St. Johns, Michigan, was traveling westbound on US 24. Mr. Deering traveled off the left side of the roadway, crossed the median, continued across the eastbound lanes of US 24, and drove off the south side of the roadway. Mr. Deering's vehicle then struck the ditch, a support tower for power lines, a fence, and overturned into a field. Mr. Deering who was wearing his safety belt, was the only occupant in the vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Patrol was assisted at the crash scene by the Defiance City Police Department, Defiance City Fire Department, Defiance County Coroner's Office, Toledo Edison, and John's Towing. The crash remains under investigation at this time.

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

### OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH IN FULTON TOWNSHIP

Fulton Township - The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two vehicle fatal crash which occurred on County Road 1 and Angola Road, in Fulton Township on July 25, 2020, at approximately 3:33 P.M.

A 2006 Dodge Durango, driven by 64-year-old Thomas Harmon of Swanton, Ohio was westbound on Angola Road approaching County Road 1. A 2016 Cadillac Escalade driven by 48 year old Jeffery Weis of Toledo, Ohio was traveling southbound on County Road 1. The Dodge Durango failed to yield at the stop sign and struck the Cadillac Escalade on the driver's side pushing both vehicles into a bean field. Jeffery Weis was extracted by mechanical means and transported to Toledo Hospital with serious injuries. 9-year-old Jackson Weis was the left rear passenger of the Cadillac, and was transported to University of Toledo Medical Center, and then to Toledo Hospital where he later died. The right front passenger 43 year-old Jessica Weis of Toledo, Ohio was transported to UTMC with non-life threatening injuries. Thomas Harmon was transported to Toledo Hospital and is in stable condition. All occupants were wear-

ing seatbelts, and Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this crash. No charges have been filed, and the crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Swanton Fire and EMS, Fulton ALS, Lucas County Life Squad, Springfield Township Fire and EMS, Swanton Police Department, and VJ's Towing.

### OSHP INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN DEFIANCE COUNTY

Farmer Township - On July 25, 2020 at approximately 3:28 P.M., Troopers from the Defiance Post responded to an injury crash at the intersection of State Route 2 and Blosser Road in Farmer Township, in Defiance County.

Taylor Birkhimer, age 17, of Bryan, Ohio was driving a 2009 Ford Fusion northbound on State Route 2. Birkhimer drove off the right side of the roadway, overcorrected and drove off the left side of the roadway. She struck a pole with the right side of her vehicle. She was taken by ambulance to the Hicksville Hospital and then taken by Samaritan Life Flight to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana with serious injuries. Birkhimer was wearing her safety belt.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Defiance County Sheriff's Department, Hicksville Police Department, Hicksville EMS, Farmer Township Fire Department and Bob's Towing Service.

The crash remains under investigation.

### HOW A FEW NEGATIVE ONLINE REVIEWS EARLY ON CAN HURT A RESTAURANT

Just a few negative online restaurant reviews can determine early on how many reviews a restaurant receives long-term, a new study has found.

The study, published online earlier this month in the journal *Papers in Applied Geography*, also found that a neighborhood's median household income affected whether restaurants were rated at all.

"These online platforms advertise themselves as being unbiased, but we found that that is not the case," said Yasuyuki Motoyama, lead author of the paper and an assistant professor of city



and regional planning at The Ohio State University.

"The way these platforms work, popular restaurants get even more popular, and restaurants with some initial low ratings can stagnate."

The study evaluated reviews in Franklin County, Ohio, from the websites Yelp and Tripadvisor of about 3,000 restaurants per website. Franklin County, home to Columbus and Ohio State, is also home to the headquarters of more than 20 restaurant chains. Previous research has found that the food industry considers consumer preferences in the area to be a litmus test for the broader U.S. market.

The researchers collected reviews for restaurants published in May 2019, then analyzed those reviews by rating and geographic location. They considered demographics for each neighborhood, and noted the socioeconomics of each neighborhood, too, based on household income.

The study found that restaurants with a smaller number of reviews on sites like Yelp and TripAdvisor had higher likelihood of a low rating.

"The more reviews a restaurant received, the higher the average rating of the restaurant," said Kareem Usher, co-author of the paper and an assistant professor of city and regional planning at Ohio State. "But this has implications: If one of the first reviews a restaurant receives comes from a dissatisfied customer, and people check that later and think 'I don't want to go there' based on that one review, then there will be fewer reviews of that restaurant."

The opposite is true for restaurants that receive positive reviews or a large number of reviews: More people are likely to review those restaurants, improving the likelihood that a restaurant's average rating will be higher.

The study found that 17.6 percent of restaurants with only one to four reviews received a low rating on Yelp. But that decreased to 9.3 percent for those with between five and 10 reviews. On Tripadvisor, those with one to four reviews had a 5.6 percent probability of having a poor review, going down to 0.6 percent for those with five to 10 reviews.

Researchers also found that restaurants in several of the poorest neighborhoods in Franklin County tend not to be rated on the sites. However, the researchers did not find a direct link between a neighborhood's socioeconomics or racial makeup and the average rating of the restaurants there.

Motoyama cautioned that the study had some limits: It was conducted in one coun-

ty, and future work could expand to include other areas around the country. The high level multivariate analysis could only use the Yelp data, as the majority of key information in Tripadvisor was missing. The researchers also did not analyze the content of the reviews, which could offer additional clues about bias.

But, he said, the study does indicate that online review sites can have significant effects on a restaurant's success or failure - and suggests that, perhaps, the sites can set up policies that might be more fair.

"Maybe these online platforms can withhold reviews until a restaurant gets a certain number of reviews - say, 10 or more," he said. "That way if there are two or three customers who are very dissatisfied with a particular experience, they are not directing the restaurant's success or failure."

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/how-a-few-negative-online-reviews-early-on-can-hurt-a-restaurant/>

### SECRETARY LAROSE APPLAUDS CBS NEWS SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTING ABSENTEE BALLOT CONCERNS RELATED TO POSTAL DELAYS

COLUMBUS - On July 24th, CBS News aired a 7-minute segment about one of the biggest challenges facing Ohio's absentee ballot system and absentee voting across the country - the length of time it takes for voters to get their mail. The piece highlights mail system delays and the potential impact on voters attempting to vote by absentee ballot this fall.

Unfortunately, current Ohio law states that voters have until just three days before the election to submit their absentee ballot request to their county board of elections. That window of time between requesting an absentee ballot and election day is logistically impossible, creates a likelihood that voters will not receive their ballot on time, and encourages procrastination. The primary election clearly demonstrated that the United States Postal Service and our County Boards of Elections require more time between the deadline and election day in order to ensure every voter who requests a ballot can get one. In fact, the postal service has gone on record stating "...voters should mail their return ballots at least one week before the due date...".

Upon completion of the March primary, Secretary LaRose recommended a package of reforms that included expanding the

# THE WEST BEND NEWS Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

deadline to seven days before election day from three days. Though some of these reforms are still pending in the legislature, HB 680 takes an important step by creating that seven-day window which is close enough to election day while still providing enough time for mail delivery.

"State law shouldn't create a false expectation that leads to disenfranchisement, so let's expand the absentee request deadline and give our postal workers the time they need to get absentee ballots delivered," said LaRose. "It is important that the Ohio legislature get this bill passed now so all Ohioans can be sure their voice is heard this November."

In addition to this important fix, LaRose continues to strongly encourage the legislature to quickly pass the other reforms he recommended earlier this year to help Ohio's absentee process run well this fall when a record number of Ohioans are expected to use it. Click here to read about other recommendations made by Secretary LaRose.

In order to mitigate the challenges of mail delivery

delays, Secretary LaRose has taken the following steps:

- Working with the United States Postal Service's Deputy Postmaster on implementing significant improvements to the delivery of election related mail.

- Recommended legislation to allow for the expansion of the absentee request deadline to seven days before election day as prescribed in HB 680, online absentee ballot requests and postage paid for absentee ballots.

- Provided guidance to county boards of election for proper security and surveillance of drop boxes at county boards of elections to allow for 24/7 drop off of election mail.

- Educating the public about returning the absentee ballot request and then the ballot as soon as possible, including language in the absentee ballot request forms being mailed to every voter recommending they submit their request form at least seven days prior to election day. We must make it clear to every Ohio voter that absentee voting is secure and reliable but procrastination is not acceptable.

### VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04 on July 20, 2020, entitled, "A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A ZONING AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 905 TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS REGARDING PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE CORPORATION LIMITS, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution initiates an amendment to the Village's Zoning Ordinance to regulate the use of portable storage containers in the Village of Antwerp, including regulations on the time, place, and manner of using such containers.

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

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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## DRAINING THE BLACK SWAMP WAS A FEAT OF CLAY

By: Melinda Krick, Paulding County Bicentennial Committee



Part 2 of 2  
PAULDING - The Great Black Swamp, once a mosqui-

to-plagued morass avoided by travelers and settlers, was defeated by surface ditches and subsurface drainage, all installed by hand labor.

The early use of wood boards and sometimes saplings to create drainage channels soon became obsolete.

An alternative wooden underdrain was developed by nailing two board together in a "V" shape and placing it upside down in the trench to create a cavity for the water to drain. This method would serve the farmer about 10-15 years.

The wood needed to create these drain styles was readily available in the landowners' back yard. The products of the forest helped accelerate their own demise.

Installing drainage took backbreaking effort. All the

newspaper in April that year reported, "Buildings are being erected and preparations made by Messrs. E.P. Williams and W.F. Straw, of this place, for manufacturing Tyle during the coming summer. As a great deal of drainage is necessary in this vicinity, it seems that the Tyle business ought to be a paying investment."

The factory, located on "Flat Rock road" (now Fairground Drive), was said to be in operation by June.

W.F. Straw won the premium for Best Drain Tile at the Paulding County Fair that fall.

"Tile-draining is rapidly becoming an absorbing topic with our better class of farmers, as they consider that the first crop raised will more than repay the cost of under draining," according to the Paulding County Agricultural Society as published in the Annual Report of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture For the Year 1879. "We have one tile factory in our county, which is doing some business. ... The simple fact is (and the truth of the idea is concurred by all sensible people), that tile-draining, in an agricultural point of view, cannot be overestimated by the farmers of Paulding County."

The county's report in the state agriculture board publication for 1884 stated, "As nearly as can be estimated, there are 35,000 rods [about 109 miles] of tile in place, and as much contemplated. There are numerous tile factories and brick-kilns in the county." The writer added that "drained fields produced an average of 80 to 100 bushels of corn per acre, while others averaged from 40 to 60."

Tiling not only drained the land, produced fertile farmland and reduced the threat of disease, it also greatly increased land values. By 1889, wooded land was selling here from \$15 to \$25 per acre, while good improved land could be purchased for \$30 to \$40 per acre.

Soon, nearly every village had a tile mill producing clay tile and employing dozens of men. At least 20 tile mills were operating all over the county in 1892.

"Our tile mills are selling a great many tile this spring, and will manufacture more this season than ever before," said the Paulding County Republican on April 14, 1892. Many farmers began replacing their old wooden underdrains with new clay tile.

Tiling received a huge boost in 1892 when James B. Hill of Bowling Green patented the world's first successful mechanical ditching machine. The revolutionary steam-powered Buckeye Ditcher allowed two workers to automatically dig a properly graded trench in less time than a team of 15 skilled workers by hand, according to reports. The Buckeye Ditcher proved faster and cheaper than hand labor, and within a few years it was being sold all over the world.

In Paulding County, tiling unimproved land continued into the 20th century. A report from 1910 indicated the amount of improved farmland had increased by 31,500 acres since 1900, with more still needing attention.

By the 1920s, Black Swamp farmers began noticing reduced yields. Some realized the 100-foot spacing of



Straw's tile mill, located on what is now Fairground Drive between Williams and German streets in Paulding, was Paulding County's first tile mill in 1876. W.F. Straw soon expanded into brick as well as clay tile. The Great Black Swamp was drained thanks to thousands of miles of tile buried beneath the rich farmland.



The John Paulding Historical Society has a collection of clay drainage tiles that illustrate the evolution of design. Among them are flat-bottomed horseshoe, round with flat base, hexagonal, octagonal and the more familiar round.

trenches were dug by hand using different shaped spades and shovels. Some farmers made the first pass using a horse-drawn plow. The trenches were spaced about 100 feet apart. Trenches sometimes had to jog around tree stumps or rocks.

It took skill to establish the line's grade so the water would properly drain into

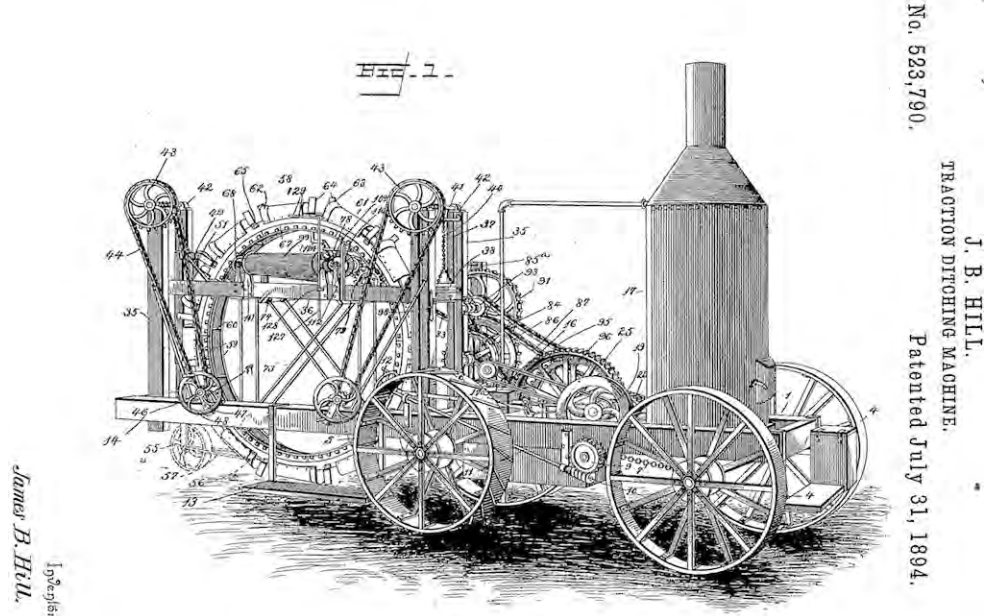
ditches. The work typically would be done in the spring when the ground was wet and the dirt was easily shaped. The excess water was necessary to establish the grade.

The work was unpleasant for the men standing almost waist-deep in the wet and mud all day, often in rainy and chilly conditions.

By the end of the 1860s, more Black Swamp farms were drained and farmers were enjoying better crop yields. The value of drainage was made apparent to their neighbors. As a result, the first tile factories began operating in the Black Swamp to meet increased demand. Fortunately, the clay soil beneath the swamp's surface proved to be valuable for manufacturing tile, while the forests provided fuel for the kilns.

Black Swamp counties had five tile mills in 1870, which swelled to between 50 and 100 factories by 1880.

Paulding County's first tile mill went into operation in 1876. The Paulding Democrat



The Buckeye Steam Traction Ditcher was patented by James B. Hill of Bowling Green in 1894. This steam-driven machine was faster and cheaper than ditching by hand and revolutionized tiling in the Black Swamp area. The ditcher became known and used around the world.

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tile was inadequate and they started installing additional tile at shorter intervals. In some cases, the original tile diameter was too small and experts recommended replacing it with larger tile. Crop rotation and planting sweet clover and alfalfa also helped boost productivity.

As the need for tile declined, so did the number of tile mills. A half-dozen were still open in 1939. By 1953, only three clay tile factories were operating - Baughman Tile and Danger Drain Tile in Paulding and Haviland Clay Works in Haviland.

The tiling industry was revolutionized again with the development of plastic drain tubing in the mid-1960s. Baughman Tile became the first distributor of the new type of tile in 1967 and began manufacturing its famous Yellow Poly-Drain in the mid-1970s. Haviland Drainage Products followed suit in 1978.

The work of replacing older drainage systems and installing new tile is a process that continues to this day. Counties and landowners must regularly maintain the network of ditches to keep the swamp at bay.

The simultaneous work of clearing the forest and draining the swamp transformed this region into one of the most productive and heavily cropped agricultural areas of Ohio. The predictions that the swamp - once freed from the wet and mud - would someday become "the garden spot of Ohio" proved right.

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

### WHAT IS SOIL HEALTH?



Soil Health is a term that everyone seems to be confused about or have their own opinion. Soil health is about three things: soil organic matter (SOM), soil microbes and organisms, and plants. Good soil and soil health are dependent upon the interaction of these three things. Active short-term organic matter are the root exudates, root carbohydrates (sugars) and microbial bi-products which produces good soil structure and is missing from most of our tilled soils. Soil microbes process nutrients to make them plant available and produce humus which is the long-term SOM. Plants and live roots supply the carbon, nitrogen and energy from sunlight to feed the microbes and to produce SOM. The end result is a rich fully functioning soil producing healthy dense food to feed livestock, humans and wild-

### life.

What is the difference between good soil health and degraded soil health? I saw a dramatic difference at my father's house. My father's lawn gradually grew into the neighbor's field. This year, the farmer planted corn right through the grass that had grown there 20 years. Corn in the grass was 8-10 feet tall, dark green, with huge leaves and ears while the corn 3 feet over in the tilled soil was half as tall, with smaller paler leaves, and smaller ears.

To understand what good soil looks like, dig a hole in undisturbed soil. Try digging in a fence line, the edge of a woods, a cemetery, or a long-term pasture. Use a tile probe then a shovel. Virgin or undisturbed soil is easy to probe (like hot butter), the soil should crumble in your hands and has a great "earthy" smell from active healthy microbes. Move to a conventional tilled agricultural field and try to do the same thing. Generally, the soil probe will hit degraded soil with hard pans and tight soils that are not fully functioning. The difference in the soil can be attributed to difference in SOM, mi-

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The early settlers said that Mid-western soils were dark and black as midnight. These soils were rich, fell apart in your fingers, and produced great crops without much fertilizer with around 5-8% SOM. Most of our soils have

paled and turned hard due to the loss of 50% to 80% our SOM, with an average 1.5-4% SOM remaining. Plant root turnover is the source of most SOM (80-85%). A soil with 1% SOM by volume takes up 5% of the soil, creating a sponge and pore space for water, gasses, and soil organisms. You can see this by looking at the elevation difference between tilled fields and the fence row. The fence row will be 6-9" higher, spongier, and may hold 3-4.5 inches more water than compacted, dense, tilled soil, due to the difference in SOM.

The microbial population also differs in healthy soils. Healthy soils have 10X more diversity in microbial species and total microbial populations. Tilled soils tend to be dominated by gram positive bacteria and mostly ciliate protozoa which tolerate poor soil structure, low SOM, tight water-logged soils lacking oxygen, and tend to be pathogens. Healthy soils have a diversity of gram positive and negative (oxygen loving) organisms which promote efficient nutrient cycling for good plant growth. Healthy soils also have higher numbers of mycorrhizae fungi, beneficial nematodes, diverse protozoa, actinomycetes and other soil organisms (earthworms, centipedes, etc.) which promote root growth and reduce soil diseases and insect pressure.

You can smell, feel, and see the difference between good and bad soil. Keeping soils covered with live plants protects and enhances our soil. One of the best ways to increase SOM is to grow more plants more often. In a typical corn-soybean rotation, crops are only grown 4-5 months, leaving the soil bare 58-67% of the time. Planting a cover crop after wheat or corn silage is a great opportunity to add SOM and to improve soil health. Double crop soybeans results in less SOM accumulation, acid soils, and more disease. Planting a diversity of cover crops (grasses, legumes, clovers, brassicas, and pollinators) promotes a wide diversity of roots (fibrous, tap, shallow, deep) that support diversified soil microbial species and higher soil organism populations. Healthy soils produce high density crops, with less inputs, and create a safer environment for the air we breathe and the water we drink.

**ODOT TO DISCLOSE U.S. 30 INTERSECTION SAFETY PROJECT INFORMATION IN ONLINE FORMAT**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 invites the public to view a prerecorded, online presentation regarding an intersection safety project proposed for three intersections along U.S. 30 in Allen County.

Construction is tentatively expected to begin in 2022.

The recorded presentation and all materials regarding the project will be available beginning July 29, 2020 and will remain for an indefinite time at the following website: [www.transportation.ohio.gov/Allen30Thayer](http://www.transportation.ohio.gov/Allen30Thayer)

In order to comply with Governor DeWine's guidelines regarding limiting social gatherings in response to COVID-19, ODOT is presenting the project information online only. ODOT is proposing the project to control access to the divided highway, improve safety, and reduce crashes.

The proposed project would remove access to U.S. 30 at the following locations: Cool Road and Mayberry Road.

The proposed project would also construct a restricted crossing u-turn, referred to as an RCUT, at U.S. 30 and Thayer Road. For more information on RCUTs, please visit Ohio Department of Transportation website.

Stantec, Cincinnati, serves as ODOT's consultant on the project.

"Over the last several years, we have seen an increase in crashes along the U.S. 30 corridor, particularly at the Thayer Road intersection. This project is proposing changes to improve safety and reduce crashes and we are looking to the public for their thoughts on our proposals," said Chris Hughes, ODOT District 1 deputy director.

The public is asked to review the presentation and project materials and provide feedback. Comments regarding the project may be submitted on the website through the comment submittal form, or by direct contact at the number below. Comments are requested by Aug. 29, 2020, but will be accepted at any time.

Individuals without computer access can request a transcript and hard copy of the presentation by contacting ODOT District 1 at the number provided below.

Individuals who require interpretation services or a reasonable accommodation to view the project material or provide comments are asked to contact ODOT at the number below. Public participation in this project is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

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**USDA ANNOUNCES \$15 MILLION IN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED AND VETERAN FARMERS AND RANCHERS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced approximately \$15 million in available funding to help socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers own and operate successful farms. Funding is made through the USDA's Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (also known as the 2501 Program). The program is administered by the USDA Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement (OPPE).

"Socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers deserve equal access to USDA programs and services," said Mike Beatty, director of the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement. "2501 grants go a long way in fulfilling our mission to increase awareness of and ensure equitable participation in our programs. This can lead to more sustainable farming and ranching operations."

For 30 years, the 2501 Program has helped reach socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who have experienced barriers to service due to racial or ethnic prejudice. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded the program to veteran farmers and ranchers. The 2018 Farm Bill increased mandatory funding for the program through fiscal year 2023. With 2501 program grants, nonprofits, institutions of higher education and Indian Tribes can support socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers through education, training, farming demonstrations, and conferences on farming and agri-business, and by increasing access to USDA's programs and services.

Since 1994, 484 grants totaling more than \$119 million have been awarded. Among recent FY 2019 grantees, Developing Innovation in Navajo Education, Inc. was awarded funds to

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7	6	8	2	4	3	1	9
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improve the operations and profitability of Arizona's Navajo socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers, and increase the local production and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and healthy food. The Mississippi Association of Cooperatives helped socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers and youth own and operate viable agricultural enterprises through an educational outreach program on farm management practices, financial management, and marketing.

Eligible 2501 program applicants include not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, and a range of higher education institutions serving African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities.

The deadline for applications is August 26, 2020. See the request for applications for full details.

The Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement will host an upcoming teleconference during the open period of this announcement, and more sessions may be added. No registration is required to participate.

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement develops and maintains partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities in the United States, connecting those communities to the education, tools, and resources available to them through USDA programs and initiatives.

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# DANDELION BOUTIQUE TO OPEN IN PAULDING



## Dandelion Boutique

The Dandelion Boutique retail store will open at 101 West Perry Street in Paulding, OH on August 1, 2020. Business owner Suzanna Hasch will be offering a women's and children's clothing line. The store will carry many items Made in the USA. In addition, there will be several local crafters with items for sale as well as the ability for customers to place and pick up custom orders from participating crafters, providing a unique local shopping experience for both women and men.

The Dandelion Boutique already has an online shopping presence. Suzanna hopes to grow the business by opening the retail space and offering a customer loyalty program with discounts for continued purchases to returning customers.

Suzanna was born and raised in Paulding. Suzanna remembers what the courthouse square looked like as a child. "I loved riding my bike or walking uptown when I was younger, going to the Ben Franklin dime store for penny candy or to the Village Apothecary for fountain drinks. It saddens me to see it so empty now, not only for my kids, but

for all area kids. They don't get to feel that same sense of "community" or "belonging" that was around when I was younger. I've been talking with my family about opening a store for several years. Since ALCO closed there hasn't been anything local to buy clothing items. I finally decided to take the leap this year which is how the Dandelion Boutique came to be," stated Hasch.

Suzanna and her husband James have been married about a year. They have three children; James Jr., Ashlyn and Liam, two dogs and numerous cats. Her Grandfather Leo McGrath was also a Paulding County Commissioner and a local farmer. The family still farms the property today.

The store will be open Monday through Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 10am-2pm to try and provide open hours for customers regardless of what shift you work. The Dandelion Boutique hopes to be an exciting destination for any customer from anywhere in Paulding County and beyond. You can find the store online now at [www.dandelionboutique.net](http://www.dandelionboutique.net); on Facebook at Dandelion Boutique or #MyDandelionBoutiqueOH, Instrgram DandelionBoutique2020 or email [customerservice@dandelionboutique.net](mailto:customerservice@dandelionboutique.net)

# OHIO EPA ANNOUNCES H2OHIO FUNDING TO REPLACE FAILING HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Ohio EPA announced that several communities will receive financial assistance as part of Gov. Mike DeWine's H2Ohio initiative to help low- to moderate-income homeowners repair and replace failing household sewage treatment systems (HSTS). Health departments in Erie, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood counties will each receive \$250,000 in H2Ohio funding to replace failing household sewage treatment systems.

"Ohio's communities rely on clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure to protect public health, which is why a main focus of my H2Ohio plan is addressing failing home sewage treatment systems and helping disadvantaged communities build infrastructure," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "This project is expected to directly impact more than 100 families, and I'm pleased that we're able to help these communities."

It is estimated that about 31 percent of all household sewage treatment systems throughout Ohio are experiencing some degree of failure due to poor maintenance or age. When failing systems discharge untreated sewage, potential exposure to harmful bacteria and pathogens can cause public health concerns and threaten the environment.

"Throughout the state, addressing failing household sewage treatment systems either through providing funds for replacements or upgrades, or the extension of centralized sanitary sewers is a key goal of H2Ohio," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie A. Stevenson. Governor DeWine's H2Ohio plan will enable Ohio EPA to extend its principal forgiveness dollars to help more communities address their water and sewer needs."

The H2Ohio funding will be added to funding received from Ohio EPA's revolving loan fund to help counties address failing home sewage treatment systems. Since 2017, \$2,863,928 in principal forgiveness funds have been disbursed to these seven counties which resulted in:

- 5 systems repaired
- 165 systems replaced
- 15 sewer connections

Depending on the household income and the number of residents, homeowners may qualify for 50 to 100 percent of the total costs for HSTS repair or replacement.

As part of the H2Ohio initiative, Ohio EPA has also awarded a total of \$2 million in funding for drinking water infrastructure projects in Pike County, Coshocton, and New Waterford. An additional \$1.5 million in H2Ohio funding has been awarded for wastewater projects in Pomeroy, West Milton, and Williams County.

For more information on Gov. DeWine's H2Ohio water quality plan, visit [h2.ohio.gov](http://h2.ohio.gov).

# OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY



Crane Township - The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating an injury crash which occurred on US 24 at County Road 87, in Crane Township on July 27, 2020, at approximately 8:25 A.M.

A 2020 Freightliner semi-tractor trailer, driven by 33-year old Philip Hamstra of Porter, Indiana was eastbound on US 24 approaching County Road 87 in the right lane and started to slow to make a right turn. A 2007 International semi-tractor trailer, driven by 30-year old Roberto Leiva

Santamaria of Fort Wayne, Indiana was following Mr. Hamstra too closely and was unable to react in time. Mr. Leiva Santamaria struck the rear of Mr. Hamstra's trailer causing his International semi to overturn onto US24 blocking a portion of the highway. Philip Hamstra was transported Paulding Hospital with minor injuries while Roberto Leiva Santamaria was treated on scene.

US24 was closed for approximately two hours and then partially reopened while crews worked to clear the scene. All lanes of US24

have been cleared and reopened.

All occupants were wearing seatbelts and alcohol was not a factor in this crash. Mr. Leiva Santamaria was cited for assured clear distance ahead.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Department of Transportation, Paulding EMA, Paulding Volunteer Fire and EMS, Antwerp and Crane Twp/Cecil Volunteer Fire and EMS, and Gideon's Towing and Recovery.

# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING ENGAGES LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT SENIORS' NEEDS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Ohio Department of Aging announced a new partnership with local area agencies on aging and restaurants throughout Ohio to provide free meals to older Ohioans who are unable to prepare meals and lack meal support at home or in their communities.

The department developed the Staying Healthy program with funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Local restaurants participating in the program receive reimbursement from these funds for the meals they provide to eligible participants.

"This program serves three purposes," said ODA Director Ursel McElroy. "It spurs local investment in an economic sector significantly impacted by COVID-19; it increases small-business restaurant investment; and it meets the increased demand of older adults needing nutrition services."

The short-term program is designed to serve older adults with the greatest economic and social need. It places special emphasis on low-income older adults. It also focuses on older Ohioans living in rural areas; those with severe disabilities; those with limited English-speaking ability; and those with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Participating restaurants must have 50 or fewer employees, be able to produce meals that meet industry-standard nutritional guidelines, and deliver meals to participants, either directly or through community partners. Meals may be hot, cold, or frozen entrees and are available for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

For more information about the Staying Healthy program or nutrition services for older adults, contact your area agency on aging. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be con-

nected to the agency serving your community or visit [www.aging.ohio.gov/findservices](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/findservices) to look up agency contact information.

Staying Healthy is a companion initiative to the Staying Connected daily phone check-in service the department launched in May.

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

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

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## DRIVERS

Hornish Bros. Inc. is currently accepting applications for a 3rd shift city work/shuttle driver for work in the Defiance area. This is an hourly position w/benefits that starts at \$17.00 per hour. If being home daily is important to you & you have a class A CDL w/ at least 2 years tractor-trailer experience, Please fill out an application at 2060 E. Second St. Defiance, OH (West side of Office Building), Call 419-785-3100, or fill out an application at [www.hornishgroup.com](http://www.hornishgroup.com). E.O.E.



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## MECHANIC

Due to growing customer demands, Hornish Bros., Inc., is looking for third shift full time diesel mechanic/shop help. Excellent wages, health insurance and uniforms are provided. This is a job working in Defiance, Ohio. Interested persons should apply at 2060 E. Second St. Defiance, OH 43512 E.O.E.



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Due to growing customer demand, Hornish Bros. Inc. of Defiance, OH, has immediate openings and is currently accepting applications for COMPANY DRIVERS to run regional. This freight will get you home every day. We provide a competitive wage of at least \$.47/mile, assigned and well-maintained equipment, health, vision and dental insurance, direct deposit and paid vacations. If getting home is important to you and you have a Class A CDL and at least 2 years experience then call 1-800-334-2231 Mon-Fri 7-3:30 and ask for Recruiting. E.O.E.



419-785-3100

## Greatest Mask Contest!



Think you have the greatest mask? Let us be the judge!

WELL IT FINALLY HAPPENED. EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK. So let's have some fun with it. Bruce Guilford Real Estate & Auctioneering is holding a contest to see who has the most unusual or funniest mask. If you live in Defiance or Paulding County and would like to participate in the contest,

Email OR text your name, address & photo of you wearing your mask to [bruceg@guilford-realestate.com](mailto:bruceg@guilford-realestate.com)

Contest Ends August 7, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes Awarded

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