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WELCOME TO THE PAULDING COUNTY FAIR!



(Left to Right) Paulding Commissioner Clint Vance, State Representative Craig Riedel, Fair Board Secretary Heather Cooper, Ohio Secretary of Agriculture Dorthy Pelanda, Fair Board President Dan Howell State Senator Rob McColley and Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein. Photo by Ed Bohn

The Paulding County Fair opened Saturday, June 12 and on Monday, June 14 Ohio leaders met in Paulding County to recognize the re-opening, not just Paulding's

Fair, but of all the County Fairs in Ohio. Last year the fairs were closed to the epidemic of COVID19, disappointing all the people who worked hard in getting pre-

pared. The Paulding County Fair runs from June 12-19 and the Fairgrounds across from the John Paulding Historical Society.

MEMORIES BY TAWNYA CONTINUES TO GROW

Memories by Tawnya (MBT) Photography has reached a milestone in photography. The business continues to expand the oppor-

tunities and programs they provide. Owner, Tawnya English is a nationally published teen & senior photographer from Antwerp, OH. Tawnya takes pride in her business. Her desire to bring more to the area of photog-

raphy is unwavering. Although in her official tenth year of business, English has held an interest in the profession for many years. Participating in a photography class in high school kick started her interest in the subject. "I enjoy helping others feel good about themselves and build their self esteem. Teens need this more than ever these days" stated English.

English strives to stay on the cutting edge of senior photography. She is a mem-

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CHARLOTTE MCGUIRE TO SPEAK AT PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

The Paulding County Republican Women are hosting a live event on Thursday, June



17 at 6pm concerning the "Critical Race Theory" resolution passed by the Ohio School Board last year. Charlotte is a member of the State School Board who grew up in

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MIKAYLA BOESCH NAMED TO OHIO UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions student Mikayla Boesch from Cecil, OH, has been named to OHIO's Spring 2021 Dean's List.

More than 7,800 students qualified for the spring semester 2021 Dean's List at Ohio University, including main and regional campuses.

Over 40 states were represented on the Dean's List, including: Alabama, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Mexico, Washington and Ohio. Students also represented China, France, Germany, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Oman, Peru and many other countries.

Due to COVID-19, OHIO (Continued on Page 9)

The deadline for the West Bend News is Fridays at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

PETTING ZOO SCHEDULED AT PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room will be hosting an "Exotic Animal Petting Zoo" on Thursday, June 24, 3:30-6pm.

The Petting Zoo will be located behind the Main Branch in Paulding. The animals are from the Jungle Island Zoo, Delphos, OH.

The Petting Zoo is being held in conjunction with the 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales".

Stop by the library to visit the Petting Zoo and check one of our many animal books. Need a library card we can help with that also.

For more information call 419-399-2032. Library Hours are Monday-Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

Community Calendar

June 12-19

• Paulding County Fair at Fairgrounds

June 17

• 7pm Huber KIDZ Production Mother Goose Comedy

June 17 18 19

• Hoagland Days - Heritage Lions Ice Cream
• NW State Comm. College open house June 18th E-wing auditorium 6-8pm

June 19

• Youth free Fishing day at Lake Wayne Carr 8-noon
• Cecil Comm Church Food Distribution noon-3p
• NW State Comm. College open house E-wing auditorium 10am-12pm & 2-4pm
• ACC NRL22 Match. Registration starts at 8am Match starts 9am

June 20

• Dupont Church of The Bretheran Tent Revival - 10am & 7pm
• Grants Fathers Day Somkehouse buffet 10am-2pm

June 21

• Huber - Health Department Shot Clinic 1:00-4:00
• Dupont Church of The Bretheran Tent Revival - 7 pm. All three days.

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• Woodburn Miss Ch VBS 9-11:30 am

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OBITUARIES



FORT WAYNE, IN
Karen Sue Bowman, 77, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 7, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. Born in Lima, Ohio, Karen was the daughter of the late Morris and Ruth Hurley. Karen worked for Do It Best and several other hardware stores in the Fort Wayne area, retiring in 2010. Karen loved being out in the public talking to people. She had a special place in her heart for children. She enjoyed doing yard work, reading, and spending time with her family. Surviving are her husband, Terry Bowman; children, Doug (Stairhime, Jim (Annie) Stairhime, Todd (Lori) Stairhime, Jon (Desiree) Bowman, Jerry Stairhime, Carla (Rickey) Jordan; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren with one on the way; sister, Janet (Ted) Durre; mother-in-law, Betty Stubberfield; sister-in-law, Sheila (Larry) Shock; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins. Karen was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Smith. Private Family Services. Memorials may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association. FairHaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
 I don't understand the parable of the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13:24-30. Can you explain it?
 The Lord explains it for us in verses 36-43. Christ is the man that sowed the good seed, which represents the true believers. The field is the world. The tares (or durnel) are weeds that look like wheat but bear no fruit. These are false professors like I once was. Satan sows them amongst the true believers.
 Unthinking Christians sometimes set out to condemn and destroy pretending Christians and hurt real believers in the process.
 We should be like Jesus during His first visit, who came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them. Luke

MT. CALVARTY VBS A SUCCESS!



"Tiny" took time for a picture with Vacation Bible School kids at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church last week. The theme was "God's Wonder Lab" where Jesus does the Impossible!

9:56a - "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."
 Jesus was saying to let them grow up together. It will be obvious who has the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, faith, etc. - Galatians 5:22-23). True believers have Christ within. I John 5:12 - "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."
 In the Judgment, Christ will gather true believers into the barn (heaven) and burn the pretend Christians in the Lake of Fire. Where will you end up?
 Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GENE MARCUS PIANO CAMP AND FESTIVAL EVENT

Emerging Artist Recital: Camp Alumni, piano solo
 Camp alumni Cecilia Horner and Josiah Lund will present a solo program that features works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Grieg, Debussy, and Prokofieff, including the first movement of Grieg's piano concerto and some of the composer's song transcriptions. **Tuesday, June 15 7:30 p.m.**
Emerging Artist Recital: Camp Alumni, piano solo
 Camp alumni Allyn Beifus and Olivia Bressler will present a solo program that features works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, MacDowell, and Rachmaninoff, including the first movement of Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto and MacDowell's Shadow Dance. **Wednesday, June 16 7:30 p.m.**
Emerging Artist Recital: Hope Arthur and Andrew Nesler, piano duet
 Purdue Fort Wayne School of Music alumna Hope Arthur (B.M. Piano Performance '14) and current student Andrew

Nesler (B.M. Piano Performance) will perform Mendelssohn's Andante and Allegro assai vivace, Op. 92 and Shostakovich's Concertino, Op. 94 as well as other piano duet works by Ravel, Casella, and Nesler. **Thursday, June 17 7:30 p.m.**
Camp Student Recital
 The final recital of the Gene Marcus Piano Camp and Festival, featuring performances by this year's camp participants. **Friday, June 18 5:30 p.m.**
All events will take place in Rhinehart Recital Hall and are free and open to the public.

GOVERNOR DEWINE ISSUES URGENT APPEAL TO COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDERS, OHIOANS: 'THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.'

With approximately 200,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine in Ohio set to expire on June 23, Governor Mike DeWine issued an urgent communication to vaccine providers today asking them to distribute as many doses as possible to eligible Ohioans, as quickly as possible.
 Governor DeWine also is appealing to Ohioans who have not been vaccinated yet: "The time to act is now."
 "For Ohioans who have been waiting to get their vaccine, I urge you to take action now. There are many opportunities throughout the state to get a vaccine," Governor DeWine said. "The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is one of those options. It is safe and effective and only requires one shot. In just two weeks, you could be protected from this virus. Getting vaccinated is the quickest way out of the pandemic and the fastest way for us to return to the lives we remember."
 At this time, Ohio does not have legal options for sending the vaccine elsewhere, either to other states or other countries.

maintenance programs with congregating staff and residents, as well as correctional/detention centers.
 More than 5.3 million Ohioans have started the COVID-19 vaccination process, and more than 4.7 million are fully vaccinated. On June 5, Ohio hit a benchmark we've long awaited: fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 residents in Ohio. While these are positive signs, the threat of COVID-19 still remains.
 The risk of going unvaccinated impacts not only those who choose not to be vaccinated, but to those around them. Lower vaccination rates put children under 12, who don't yet have a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for their age group, at risk, as well as the small percentage of Ohioans who can't be vaccinated, or those with certain immune disorders. The more Ohioans who are vaccinated, the more we can protect ourselves, and one another.
 All of the COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be highly effective at preventing severe disease and against known variants. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a single-dose vaccine for individuals ages 18 and older. Because the vaccine is available in one dose, you will be fully immunized just two weeks after receiving the vaccine. This means you can safely and quickly resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
 The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available at provider locations around the state, including local health departments, pharmacies and mass vaccination sites. Please visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to find a provider near you and schedule an appointment. Most providers list the available vaccine on their websites and/or social media pages. Many providers will also accept walk-in appointments.
 More information about the vaccine is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
FERTILIZING CROPS WITH NITROGEN
 June is a busy month as farmers finish up planting, fertilizing, and spraying crops. For corn nitrogen (N), farmers have several options. Many farmers side-dress anhydrous nitrogen to corn. Anhydrous is a concentrated source of nitrogen, 82% by weight while liquid forms of N can be 28-32% or as high as 46%. Ammonia is usually the most economical, however, since it is stored at low temperatures (-28OF) with internal pressures of 250 psi, it's more dangerous to apply.

Scripture of the Week

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 —Philippians 3:20

Anhydrous is often applied in the fall or early spring with a N stabilizer, getting at least a portion of their N applied, before spring or early summer rains prevent timely fertilizer application. Advantages include applying N fertilizer during a slack time period and it is generally cheaper and the most economical. Soil bacteria can easily convert ammonia into nitrate. Generally, corn like to take up N as both ammonia and nitrate. Nitrate forms of N promote growth while ammonia forms promote yield. As the season progresses, corn growers should be applying more ammonia forms to stimulate yield.
 UAN 32% solutions are liquid nitrogen fertilizer solution made from 50% urea and 50% ammonium nitrate. One-fourth of the nitrogen is ammoniac, one-fourth is nitrate and one-half is urea and weighs about 11.08 lbs. Although more expensive, some farmers like to apply ammonium sulfate (21% N and 24% Sulphur). Ammonium sulfate is a water loving nitrogen form that also supplies plant available sulfur to aid in plant growth. However, it is also highly acid (5.5 pH), so it should not be applied to acid soils with a low pH. Soil health farmers tend to use either liquid UAN or solid N sources because anhydrous is so cold, it freezes the soil and temporarily hurts soil microbes and other soil organisms in the vicinity. Generally, soils can recover fairly quickly.
 Nitrogen can also be applied with Y drops at the base of the corn stalk. Ohio State University research shows that this can be an effective form of N application, applying N right when the crop needs it. Corn uptake of N is the highest after pollination. Most farmers are applying .7 to 1 pound of total N fertilizer for every bushel of corn they produce. For example, for 200-bushel corn, a typical ap-

plication would be 140-200# of total N (including starter fertilizer).
 Some soil health farmers are only applying .5 pounds N per bushel. How is that possible? For many years, it was thought that corn only took up two types of N fertilizer, ammonia and nitrate. Recent research discoveries show that crops can also take up amino acids and even whole proteins. Corn needs 25% more energy to convert nitrate into an ammonium forms to make amino acids and proteins. Imagine the energy savings if the corn can take up already formed amino acids and proteins. Healthy soils are teeming with microbes. Their can be 1000-2000X more soil microbes associated with live roots, especially where cover crops are grown, and these microbes are just soluble bags of fertilizer. Microbes supply plant with many forms and types of essential fertilizer nutrients as metabolites from the microbial cells.
 Crops can absorb soil nitrogen several ways. Legume crops (soybeans, alfalfa, and clovers) have rhizobia bacteria that can take atmospheric nitrogen and convert it to plant nitrogen. Arbuscular Mycorrhizae Fungus (AMF) are like root extenders, scavenging for soil N and transporting it back to the plant. A corn plant root can explore 1% of the soil volume but AMF are like a spider webs and only 1/10 the size of a human hair, exploring 20% of the soil volume. Metarhizium fungus (MET) also supply N to plants. MET fungi infect crop roots and are like Venus fly traps, sucking N as larvae, grubs, and even adult insects. MET are known to infect and ingest almost 200 different insect species, protecting crops from insect feeding while supplying crops with extra N in the form of amino acids and proteins.
 Dr. James White, Rutgers

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PASTOR TELLS ABOUT LIFE

Sidebar to Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about



only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed
On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed
On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the

farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.
On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I give you twenty years."

But the human said. "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back? That makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God. "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

This is a joke and told by the pastor of a church in his sermon.

But like I wrote in Pennies, write the pages of your book and life and have fun doing it. Trust God on each page because it's your life and you write the pages.

*Taken from The Federalist Paper

of the microbes are consumed, giving the plant whole amino acids and proteins, vitamins, and enzymes. These are important forms of N and other essential nutrients which will be studied in the future.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services



MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Edward Staley was a popular Sheriff of Paulding County, established as a dealer in timber and real estate, was born in Lafayette, Allen County, Ohio, March 7, 1862.

His parents, Isaac and Martha A. (Gilbert) Staley Isaac passed on the tradition of hard work. Isaac was born January 7, 1829, in Virginia. He was a well known blacksmith, wagon and repairman in Washington Township, who became involved in timber and marketing of wood products. Isaac married Martha A. Gilbert, the daughter of Chloe and Josiah Gilbert, who was born February 1, 1833, in Waterloo, Monteregion, Quebec, Canada.

By 1870, 11 year old Edward S. Staley and eight brothers and sisters were living in Brown Township, where he received a basic education. In 1880, at the age of 18, single, living at home, Edward turned to Farming. In 1881, Edward rented a homestead farm, and was engaged in the timber business in the vicinity of Melrose, he also learned the blacksmith trade and became a good mechanic (I bet he learned this trade from his father).

In the fall of 1881, Edward engaged in business for the firm of N. Moses and Brothers, remaining with them for two years. In 1882, Edward even spent a year, prospecting in mines and timber trade in Leadville, Colorado. This venture was not too prosperous. Edward returned home to Melrose in 1883, working again for N. Moses and Brothers. He was put in charge of the timber operation as well as the real estate business in two counties. Edward was engaged in farming in Washington and Latty townships. A total of 400 acres, 100 acres were cultivated. I am guessing that the rest of the land was under woods.

Edward was becoming a person with integrity, energy, most favorably known, and well to do young man of the county. On May 16, 1885, Edward married a gal named, Elva Day, of Henry County. This marriage produced a daughter, Jessie, born June 23, 1886. Elva Staley passed away, July 18, 1886, I am guessing from issues with child birth. Elva was a lady known as a faithful and loving wife and mother.

Living in Paulding as a timber dealer, Edward took a leap into another vocation. November 3 1891, he runs for Paulding County Sheriff. Edward, running against Mr.

Alfred. H. Saylor, a popular candidate for re-election. Edward won the election by 179 votes! Edward finds a gal, named Blanche Marie Patterson, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Patterson in Fostoria, Seneca County, Ohio. They were married, May 11, 1892 in Paulding, Ohio.

As a county sheriff, you could deal with all sorts of issues: barking dog, drunken fights, domestic issues, stolen farm animals, etc., but November 5, 1894 was a day that Sheriff Edward Staley, was not prepared for. Two small children, one three and the other five, were located in a pile of burnt brush



near their home three and a half miles northwest of Paulding. Neighbors pointed fingers at a young man named Charles Hart. I guess, it was because he found the bodies when everyone was looking for the missing children. Arrested, Charles was sitting in jail, when Sheriff Staley interviewed him, sheriff noting that Charles was grossly ignorant. Others were held and interviewed as crowds outside cried for justice. Sheriff Staley moved the prisoners to Van Wert in fear of a lynch mob. In jailhouse interviews, Charles denied any involvement. It was said, that Charles did not understand the seriousness of the charges. Of the other four men that were arrested, each of them were pointing fingers at each other. Charles was held without bond, then shipped to Williams County jail in Bryan. Charles confessed to Sheriff Staley, November 26, 1894.

A few days before Christmas, Charles was taken to Defiance for the trial. Charles, standing with his attorneys, Alfred Wilcox and John Snook, before Judge Snook, Charles declared his guilt. After witnesses, Judge Snook sentenced Charles Hart to be hung until dead. In Paulding, there were people in the town, that felt Charles was innocent. Sheriff Staley was one of those people who felt Charles was not guilty, and hated to see the boy hung. Charles Hart was hung in the Ohio State Penitentiary, April 12, 1895.

In 1900, Edward Staley, his wife Blanch, and three children were living in Paulding, Edward was a timber dealer. By 1910, the Staley's were living on Main Street in Paulding, but with the addition of another child, a son, Edward Jr. On August 22, 1911, their eighteen year old son Nelson, drowned in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

By 1920, the Staley family moved to South Water Street in Paulding. Their daughter, Jessie, marries and moves to California. Edward took to farming. Their son John dies July 30, 1927, a Marine and a World War 1 Veteran, not

sure what happened. John was a Hotel Manager.

By 1930, Edward and Blanche were living at 520 North Main Street. Edward was still engaged in farming, but I believe he was renting out. By 1940, Edward and Blanche were still living in Paulding. On July 11, 1941, Blanche Staley passed away in Paulding, Ohio and is buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio. Edward moved to Florida and passed away July 24, 1947, in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida. He was buried beside Blanche in Live Oak Cemetery.

Unl Next Time!



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing - and making a few investments on their behalf.

Here are three possibilities:
• 529 plan - If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might receive some state tax benefits, too, depending on how your state's tax laws apply to 529 plans. State-by-state tax treatment may vary, so you'll need to consult with your tax professional about your situation.

Provided you stay within certain limits, you can also use a 529 plan to pay for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship programs. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within limits.

A 529 plan can affect fi-

financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.

• UGMA/UTMA account - When you establish a special type of custodial account known as either UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) or UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors Act), you are providing financial resources that can be used for education or another purpose that benefits your child, such as summer programs.

One potential benefit of an UGMA or UTMA is that some of the earnings will be taxed at the child's rate, which is likely lower than your own. Plus, UGMA/UTMA accounts typically allow a wide range of investment choices. However, once children reach the age of majority (typically 18 or 21) they gain complete access to the money and can do whatever they want with it.

• IRA - A child with any taxable compensation, such as money from an after-school job, is eligible to fund an IRA. You may want to open one on your child's behalf - and you can "sweeten" the offer by matching some of their contributions. You can't directly invest in the IRA, but you can give your child money for that purpose. Keep in mind, though, that the total amount contributed can't exceed your child's taxable compensation for the year.

An IRA is a great introduction to the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles - stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child starts taking withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones financial advisor. Edward Jones. Member SIPC.

University just recently discover a new process called rhizophagy. In rhizophagy, soil microbes are absorbed at the root tips, losing their cells walls. Once inside the roots, about 80-90% of microbes exchange nutrients for sugars. They then are expelled back into the soil and reform their cell walls. The other 10-20%

Do you have an interest in mechanical and electrical skills, social media, and people skills? Join our Robot Team!

Come to our Open House at Northwest State Community College E-Wing Auditorium June 18 from 6-8pm and June 19 from 10-12pm and 2-4pm! Learn about our competitions and how we build and operate our robot! Please feel free join our team, we recruit youths from 8th through 12th grade!

Team 6181 is a student body organization that meets at Northwest State Community College. Scholarships are available from FIRST Inspires and Northwest State Community College.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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WHAT'S GOING ON WITH LUMBER PRICES?

By: Brent Sohngen, Professor Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, The Ohio State University

In case you haven't noticed, lumber prices have increased a lot over the last year. Based on the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Lumber Price Index, which you can find here, lumber prices have increased 180% since April 2020. This increase started last fall and has continued ever since. So, why have they risen, and how high will they go?

Let's start with the first question, why have they risen? The economic explanation is relatively straightforward: Demand rose rapidly due to pandemic-related building, and supply is really inelastic, as we say in economics. Thus, while the demand for wood has increased dramatically, the supply of wood hasn't been able to keep up. Let's break this down.

Consider the demand side first. The construction sector, specifically building and remodeling houses, is one of the largest demanders of lumber in the US and around the world. New home starts and construction spending cratered at the beginning of the pandemic, but they rebounded pretty quickly. Remodeling in particular seems to have picked up a real head of steam.

While demand for new construction and remodeling is hot, it's actually now at about the same level as before the pandemic. So something else must be going on. One of those something else's is the price of steel, which has also increased dramatically in the US. Steel is a substitute for wood, especially in commercial construction, and rising steel prices have also driven up demand for lumber and other things that can be made out of wood or steel.

Ok, so the demand side is going crazy. What about the supply?

The supply side in forestry is really inelastic. That is, it's hard to make big increases in supply in short periods of time. There are lots of reasons for this.

First, you can't build a lumber mill overnight. And after

some mills slowed down during the depths of the pandemic, and others closed, it's not as simple as just turning the key to start the remaining ones back up. You need trained workers, the machines are pretty complicated and may need some maintenance work before restarting production, and you need logs.

Second, getting logs is not easy either. There is a whole complicated supply chain associated with delivering logs to mills that itself has been affected by the pandemic.

Third, the supply of logs is super-inelastic because of the way trees grow. Plantation trees, which supply around 50% of our timber in the US, put on a lot of value in the 5-10 years before they are harvested. Most people who own these trees don't want to cut them too early because they'll miss this value growth, which could be 8-12% or more per year.

When plantation trees are cut, they actually are still growing, perhaps 6% per year, so if prices start rising really quickly, many landowners may actually hold them longer than they would otherwise because they get some nice volume growth plus the price growth. So when prices rise rapidly as they are now, the supply of logs contracts a bit because landowners hold onto their trees. Seems strange, but the value growth that occurs with the rising prices gives people who own trees a real reason to put off logging for a while.

Fourth, the supply of logs from our main source of imported lumber, Canada, is super inelastic because most supply there is from public lands, and is controlled by government allowable cut constraints. These allowable cut constraints are set administratively, not economically, and thus limit their ability to increase supply in times of high demand.

There are some other issues at play, including US tariffs on wood, but most of this dramatic increase in prices is due to short-term market phenomena related to the rebound from the pandemic, not any long-term structural issues or limitations in supply. In fact, evidence from the US South, which is our main timber growing region in the US, indicates that an enormous

area of trees has been planted in the last decade, providing a reasonably long-term supply of wood.

Further, supplies of plantation timber in other productive regions of the world, especially South America, but also China, New Zealand, Australia, and parts of Southeast Asia, are expanding. The current high prices for lumber may linger for a while as demand continues to rebound from the pandemic, and due to overall inflationary pressures, but over the next 6 months to a year, prices should stabilize. And over the longer run, there will be plenty of wood to go around.

TICK SEASON COULD RESULT IN RED MEAT ALLERGIES FOR SOME

Can some ticks cause you to be allergic to meat?

In some cases, yes. Spring marks the beginning of tick season and this year, the tick population is expected to surge.

With it comes the potential for tick bites, which could result in several complications, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and in some cases, cause some people to develop an allergy to red meat after being bitten.

As mentioned in a previous Chow Line, lone star ticks in certain cases, can cause an allergy to red meat after being bitten by the tick.

This species of tick entered Ohio over the last decade or so. It has since spread throughout the state, although it is more common in southern Ohio, said Tim McDermott, an educator with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

While the lone star tick prefers a wooded habitat, in many cases, it can also be found along the perimeter of pasture and hay fields that extend into the grass, he said.

"It's known to be an aggressive biter of humans, and while this tick isn't known to vector or transmit Lyme disease, it can vector other diseases such as ehrlichiosis, southern tick associated-rash illness, tularemia, as well as some viral diseases," McDermott said. "It has also been associated with causing an allergic syndrome in some people after being bitten."

According to a study by researchers with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, some people who have been bitten by a lone star tick have gone on to develop an allergy to eating red meat, and in some cases, dairy. The study found that, in rare cases, some people have developed life-threatening allergic reactions to red meat after being bitten by a lone star tick.

The study attributes the allergic reaction to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose (alpha-gal), which is a type of sugar that some animals make in their bodies. As a result, it's found in red meats, including beef, pork, and lamb, the exception being primates.

According to published reports, humans don't have an immune response to it.

"If a person is bitten by the lone star tick and has an

allergic reaction to the alpha-gal carbohydrate in the tick saliva, they can show food allergy symptoms including hives, itching, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and swelling, after eating mammalian muscle such as pork, beef, lamb, and venison," McDermott said. "In severe cases, the individual may suffer anaphylactic shock, which is a life-threatening allergic reaction."

While the association between lone star tick bites and the allergy are clear, more research is needed to understand why these alpha-gal allergies develop in some people and not in others, according to the study.

"In Ohio, ticks are most active from April through September, although they can be active any time of the year," McDermott said.

"The three most common ticks that can affect humans, companion animals, and livestock found in the Buckeye State include the black-legged tick (also known as the deer tick), the American dog tick, and the lone star tick," he said.

To prevent tick bites when in areas where they may be active, McDermott recommends that you should do the following:

- Wear light-colored clothes including a long-sleeved shirt tucked into your pants and long pants tucked into your socks or boots.
- Apply a tick repellent according to label instructions.
- Wear footwear and clothing that have been treated correctly with permethrin. These can be purchased through many outfitters and clothing companies.
- Do frequent tick checks of your body while outside, and do a thorough inspection at shower time.
- Protect your pets with an anti-tick product recommended by a veterinarian.
- Keep dogs on a leash and avoid allowing them into weedy areas.
- Do not crush or puncture a tick, if you find one attached. Instead, use pointy tweezers or a tick removal tool to carefully remove the tick by grasping the tick as close to your skin as possible and pulling it straight up with steady, even pressure. Then, disinfect the bite site, and wash your hands with soap and water.
- Save the tick for identification.

"Lastly, if you think you may have been exposed to a tick bite or if you show symptoms of alpha-gal allergy, contact your physician right away to get a diagnosis," McDermott said.

More information on lone star and other ticks can be found at Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases, an OhioLine fact sheet. OhioLine is OSU Extension's free online information resource and can be found at ohioLine.osu.edu.

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

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE HUBER REGISTRATION OPEN!

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The Huber is offering two programs for youth this summer. Younger children (ages 6-10) can attend the KIDZ Day Camp (June 8-17) and will be exposed to many aspects of producing a show. They have experiences with props, set pieces, music, art, dance and get experience as an actor on stage. The well-rounded theater experience culminates with their performance of "A Mother Goose Comedy" on June 17 at 7 pm.

The Huber Summer Youth Junior Theater Academy serves kids ages 10-16. Their performances of "Xanadu, Jr." are scheduled for July 16-17, & 18. During their academy days (June 22- July 14) they will be actively involved in rehearsals along with many aspects of stage productions including costuming, set/props construction, and character development.

Part of the Huber Mission Statement is to involve the community and provide learning experiences. Therefore, we have kept our prices for our youth programming relatively low to better serve the area youth and their families. Cost for the KIDZ two-week camp is \$100. The cost for the three-week Junior Academy is \$150. Contact Chris at the Huber Office for information on Scholarships for Summer Programs.

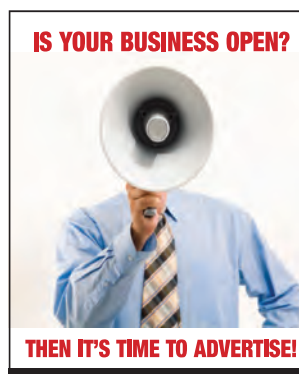
Registration forms, specific days of operation, and additional information on the summer youth programs are available at the Huber Office or online at huberoperahouse.org

ber of several professional organizations in the photography world. This includes the National Photographers Association), SYNC (Senior & Youth National Conference group), MNW (The Model Network) Senior Years and Teens Years Magazine, along with a few more associations. She also attends many workshops and additional training as new innovations come along in the field/ Tawnya is currently the only Paulding County photographer to offer modeling programs for teens. The program is called MBT-419Teens & MBT-419Seniors. The program offers teens a chance to learn modeling techniques, as well as mentoring them to become more involved in the community.

MBT is hosting the 2nd annual "Sweet 16 Photography Contest". Those 16 years of age by June 1, 2021 and live within a 60 mile radius of Antwerp, Ohio can participate in the contest and have their portraits taken. Each participant will choose their favorite 16X20 portrait to be displayed and showcased in a chosen downtown Antwerp business storefront for a week. Professional photographers from outside of the area will judge all portraits. All contestants will be part of the Antwerp Day In The Park parade. The top 3 winners will be chosen at that time and a winner will be crowned.

This is where you or your business could help. MBT will accept money donations to put toward the prizes for participation and winners. All sponsorships will be acknowledged. Indiana teens are also accepted.

For more information and details about the Sweet 16 Photography or other programs, please contact Tawnya English - 419-786-0266, email: memoriesbytawnya@gmail.com or check out the website: www.memoriesbytawnya.com.



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AREA YOUTH SELECTED TO ATTEND AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE, OHIO

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 454, Ridgeville Corners, OH have selected Nathan Dunstan (son of Jeff and Elizabeth and junior at Antwerp High School) to participate in American Legion Buckeye Boys State. American Legion Buckeye Boys State is an eight-day intensive education program on Ohio government for high school students where each participant becomes a part of the operation of a local, county and state government. Media are invited to cover participation in the program. Interviews with an American Legion Buckeye Boys State spokesman can be arranged. At American Legion Buckeye Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with a city, county and state government operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, a band and recreation. High School juniors are

selected by local American Legion posts.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to be held June 13-20, 2021 at the Campus of Miami University, Oxford OH

THE REPUBLICAN TRYING TO BRIDGE THE TRUMP-PENCE DIVIDE

Rep. Jim Banks is reshaping the Republican Study Committee to align with the ex-president still ruling the GOP.

The Trump-Pence tensions within the GOP haven't entirely disappeared from Washington.

The two men have gone their separate ways, retreating to sunny West Palm Beach in Donald Trump's case and splitting time between the Beltway and Indiana in Mike Pence's. But the odd coupling of traits that defined their relationship in office — Pence's polished disposition and traditional conservatism, Trump's brash outbursts and populist politics — lives on.

It exists inside the Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus for House GOP members, whose newly minted chair Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.) wants to meld the former president and vice president's approaches to become a force for the next iteration of the conservative movement. What helps is that Banks, a 41-year-old member of Congress from small-town Indiana, is every bit as mild-mannered as Pence but has policy instincts firmly rooted in Trumpism.

"Even though his style is somewhat understated or subdued," explains Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), a close friend of Banks and an RSC member. "Jim knows what

needs to be done, which problems need fixing and how to fix them."

Take China. Banks, an Afghanistan veteran, saw how Trump's anti-China rhetoric appealed to working-class voters and decided to make confronting Beijing a serious part of the group's legislative agenda after years of focusing almost exclusively on budget and spending reforms. He and his allies recently introduced more than 20 bills narrowly tailored to the China threat — ranging from a push to end U.S. investments in the country's military industrial base to requiring consumer protection warnings on apps and downloadable software with origins in China.

"These aren't traditional issues that the RSC is focused on, but Trump taught us that these are issues we have to focus on in order to bring voters over and win elections," Banks said in an interview.

The RSC had long been the dominant conservative faction in the House, but it was somewhat eclipsed by the House Freedom Caucus, which was founded in 2015 by GOP lawmakers who viewed the RSC as too meek. These hard-liners, including Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and future White House chiefs of staff Mick Mulvaney and Mark Meadows, ultimately became some of Trump's most loyal allies and won real influence during his term.

Now, as the GOP debates its relationship with the volatile one-term president, Banks is looking to boost the RSC's profile by embracing Trump while trying to smooth off his sharpest edges. It's an approach that could end up satisfying no one in such a polarized moment. But if he succeeds, the group could offer an operating manual of sorts for how the rest of the conservative machine should run between now and 2024 while giving him a prominent platform to rise in the House.

The first chapter of such a manual would probably consist of just five letters: F-I-G-H-T.

Over the course of an hour-long interview, Banks invoked the word more than a dozen times, reflecting just how deeply Trump's pugilistic style has seeped into nearly every corner of the conservative movement — including the once-sleepy RSC. Only 48 members of the 148-member caucus voted to certify the 2020 election results following the deadly Jan. 6 riot of Trump supporters, while the remaining 100 followed Trump's lead

to overturn the outcome.

Trump's bellicosity won him a cult-like following on the right, while his vulgarity was often excused by religious conservatives willing to avert their eyes as long as he backed their policy preferences on Israel, abortion and religious freedom. Even after the pro-Trump mob ransacked the Capitol, the self-avowed constitutional conservatives that Banks and his flock represent remain just as enthralled with Trumpism as they were at the height of his presidency.

"What the president taught us," Banks said, "is how to fight back. The Republican Party base was looking for a fighter and they got that in Donald Trump."

"Will the GOP reflect that moving forward? I think that's a big question," he added. "What you've seen with RSC is we're a quiet group and we're not going to be quiet any longer."

The result, in the emerging version of the RSC under Banks' leadership, is a group that intends to remain true to its ideological roots but with an ever so Trumpian flare. They will keep one eye trained on social and fiscal policies that have long been hallmarks of the conservative movement — akin to those Pence fought for during his 2005-2007 tenure as RSC chair — and the other on a new set of cultural topics that Republicans have only just begun to tackle under Trump.

Adding new legs to the stool

In some ways, the Banks experiment — call it the kinder, gentler form of Trumpism — has already begun.

There's the RSC-led effort to protect the Hyde Amendment's long-standing ban on federal funding for abortion procedures as well as Banks' "Save Democracy" project, an ode-to-Trump plan to impose tighter voting rules that Banks circulated to his conservative colleagues just two days after the Capitol riot. There's the drafting of the RSC's signature budget — a fiscally conservative blueprint released annually by the group since 1995 — alongside its campaign to confront the alleged disproportional censorship of right-wing voices by Big Tech.

"The RSC has always been a conservative rudder of the

House, but Jim also wants to get more involved in pushing out conservative policy alternatives," House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.), himself a former RSC chair, said in an interview.

"We can build upon the conservative movement by adding other pieces to the three-legged stool," Banks added, referring to the conservative movement's long-time focus on building up a strong national defense, protecting traditional social values and championing free markets.

But beyond the new policy pillars the caucus is adopting, there is an almost excessive emphasis on ensuring the promises surrounding these issues are fulfilled.

This last part is shaping up to be the biggest challenge for conservatives as they navigate the post-Trump political landscape without their No. 1 champion nearby. Trump has emerged only a handful of times since relocating to Florida, though he made an appearance on Sunday at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference to encourage party leaders to continue fighting for his agenda.

Meanwhile, after only a month as RSC chair, Banks is already seen as a rising star in the House GOP. He spoke alongside House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy at a CPAC panel titled "Winning Back America," and has declined to rule out a run for House GOP conference chair. That's the position currently held by Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), perhaps the biggest Republican Trump critic in Washington.

Banks has also shown a media savvy lacking in many of his predecessors — inviting some of the brashest voices on the right to meet with members of his caucus, and generating headlines accordingly. Ahead of President Joe Biden's inauguration, he hosted then-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a rumored 2024 hopeful, to discuss the future of the conservative movement at an off-campus gathering with GOP lawmakers that also featured remarks from Fox News' Tucker Carlson.

Banks organized a similar meeting on Wednesday with Stephen Miller, who spoke to roughly 75 Republicans about immigration. But that gather-

ing also revealed the RSC's unique role as a sometimes uneasy coalition of many different GOP factions: Freshman Rep. María Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.) tangled with the former Trump aide over his restrictionist agenda, and some lawmakers even told POLITICO they skipped the event because Miller was the guest.

Banks has also organized caucus-wide meetings with figures who represent a more subdued version of Trumpism. A day before Miller's appearance, RSC members heard from Pence, whose standing within the conservative movement long predates his association with his former West Wing boss.

Pence, who led the group partway through George W. Bush's second term, encouraged his audience to remain united against the Biden agenda — including the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill currently making its way through Congress — and said he has plans to start his own policy group in the coming months. Earlier this year, the RSC also heard from former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, another top Republican with her eye on 2024.

"The first time I ever heard of RSC was when Mike Pence was chairman," Banks said. "He was the emerging conservative champion and figurehead that I aspire to be at this moment."

In fact, Banks is on the record as an early endorser of

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Memphis, TN and went to school under the Jim Crow laws of segregation, believing that people are not equal based upon their skin color.

Her parents taught her differently - that hard work, dedication, kindness, a good education, and personal responsibility were the bedrock of success, not the color of skin. With these in mind, Charlotte learned she could be anything she wanted to be regardless of the color of my skin. Education was the key to her freedom and success. Charlotte states, "I WANT that for every child regardless of the color of their skin or challenges."

Ms McGuire and her husband of 48 years, Arthur, have two adult children and two grandchildren.

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Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
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LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

The following students are members of the graduating Class of 2021 at Heidelberg University, graduating on May 16.

A total of 189 undergraduate students received bachelor's degrees and 78 graduate students received degrees in counseling, education and business administration.

Two students - Leah Cordy, who received her MBA, and Ayanna Hayes, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology - delivered virtual commencement remarks, along with Heidelberg President Robert H. Huntington and Interim Provost Bryan D. Smith.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 26 majors, 30 mi-

nors and 9 pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, and bachelor of music degrees, as well as master's degrees in counseling, business administration and athletic training (2021). Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest, as a "best value" for providing a high-quality education at an affordable price and as a "top performer" on the Social Mobility list. For more information visit the web site at www.heidelberg.edu.

Local graduates are: Ethan Gallant, Bachelor of Arts, Communication, Defiance, OH; Rachel Gerken, Bachelor of Science, Education, Magna Cum Laude, Defiance, OH.

IMTHURN NAMED GMC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tinora senior Andrew Imthurn was selected the 2021 Green Meadows Conference Baseball Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches recently as the league announced the all-conference selections.

The Rams and Antwerp each put three players on the all-GMC first team.

Joining Imthurn from Tinora were junior Nolan Schafer and senior Marcus Grube while the Antwerp trio consisted of senior Austin Lichty, junior Luke Krouse and junior Chase Clark.

Ayersville seniors Caden Craft and Blake Eiden also were named to the first team as was Hicksville junior Jackson Bergman and Fairview senior Caleb Frank.

Tinora, Wayne Trace and Fairview all had multiple players named to the second team.

The Rams garnered three spots with the trio of senior Max Grube, junior Cole Comisso and sophomore Christian Comisso all picking up second team honors as did the Fairview duo of senior Austin Bostater and sophomore Jackson Grine.

Wayne Trace freshman Cooper Wenzlick and sophomore Kyle Slade took second team honors as well. Hicksville junior Nick Congleton, Holgate senior Gavyn Kupfersmith and Edgerton sophomore Warren Nichols.

GMC honorable mention recognition went to Antwerp junior Hunter Sproles, Ayersville junior Zac Moss, Edgerton sophomore Corey Everetts, Fairview junior Nathaniel Adkins, Hicksville junior Aiden Champion, Holgate senior Branden Hohenberger, Tinora junior Jayden Bergman and Wayne Trace senior Brendon Bidlack.

ROOP MOVES ON TO REGIONALS

The Indiana High School Athletic Association held the boys sectional golf tournament recently at Chestnut Hills Golf Course with Heritage's Seth Roop clinching a regional berth in posting a round of 76.

Homestead won the tournament with a team score of 311, taking a fifth man tiebreaker victory over Bishop Dwenger which also totaled a 311. Blackhawk Christian grabbed the third team berth to the regional with a score of 321.

Heritage finished fifth as a team with a 350 while Woodlan placed ninth at 428.

Roop took fourth place individually with his round of

76, joining Canterbury's Joe Shaklik (77) and Concordia's Bailey Marquart (80) in moving on to the regionals.

Eli Niemeyer added an 86 for the Patriots followed by Evan Niemeyer (93), Alex Schultz (95) and Lane Zellers (110).

Woodlan was paced by Seth Mason with a 97 while Dylan Carvey and Peyton Roth each carded a 104. Connor Roth and Ryker Krauter chipped in a 123 each for the Warriors.

New Haven did not field a full team but did have individual players. Clayton Geier (127), Will Graves (128) and Karrington Cooper (132) all took part for the Bulldogs.

LOCAL RUNNERS WRAP UP SEASON AT STATE TRACK

The boys high school state track and field season came to a close recently with several local athletes from Leo and Woodlan taking part in the IHSAA championships.

For the Lions, senior Luigi Rivas took fourth place in the 300 hurdles with a time of 38.92 seconds while finishing ninth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 25.67 seconds.

Sophomore Semih Kose tied for 21st in the pole vault after a jump of 12-6

The Leo 1600 relay team of junior Tyler Hartleroad, junior David Slick, Rivas and senior Jackson Ringwood recorded a time of 3:24.44 to take ninth while the 3200-relay quartet of Hartleroad, sophomore Luke Shappell, freshman Jayden Steidinger and Ringwood was sixth in 7:59.67.

Woodlan senior Max Moore finished in 21st place in the high jump, posting a

leap of 6-0 for the Warriors.

GIRLS STATE TRACK SEES SUCCESS FOR LOCALS

The Leo Lady Lions led local teams at the Indiana High School Athletic Association state track and field meet last week.

Leo junior Karis Davis placed eighth in the 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 12.42 seconds, before taking seventh in the 200 dash with a time of 25.33 seconds.

Also, for the Lady Lions, junior Leah Handshoe recorded a time of 45.51 seconds to place fifth in the 300 hurdles.

In the 1600 relay, the Leo quartet of Handshoe, freshman Maya Norris, freshman Taylor Swygart and Davis combined to take 20th place in 4:06.26.

Senior Gabrielle Bussard of New Haven wrapped up her track career in a Bulldog uniform by taking 15th place in the discus, recording a toss of 119-10.

As a team, Leo tied for 29th place overall with ten points.

a Pence 2024 bid, something the former vice president has begun laying the groundwork for should he choose to run. "For me, Mike Pence is at the top of the list," he said, while conceding that Trump would most likely win the party's nomination if he decided to mount his own comeback bid in four years.

It's that recognition of Trump's abiding influence on the party, which has long rankled some conservatives, that will serve as Banks' north star as he spends the next year working to position the GOP for a 2022 takeover of the House.

Though he's not necessarily a MAGA fanatic — he admits to having taken a while to warm to the former president's style and told the Washington Examiner shortly after the November election that "the Trump agenda was what was popular, not the man" — he believes there is no appetite for a Republican Party that pretends the last four years didn't happen or reverts to its pre-Trump form.

While Banks said Trump's coarse personality doesn't need to dictate the way conservatives behave in future policy-making ventures, he firmly believes the former president's agenda must continue to be integrated if the party hopes to survive. There is plenty of room for Trumpism — from maintaining an intense focus on China to bending conservative orthodoxy on trade and spending to not being afraid to dive deep into emerging culture wars — that can and should outlast the man himself, Banks contends.

"What I want to do with the RSC for the next couple of years is really make the Trump legacy and the Trump platform the platform of the Republican Party and the conservative movement of the future," he said. "And RSC is perfectly positioned to effectively do that."

ANTARCTICA'S ICE MELT ISN'T CONSISTENT, NEW ANALYSIS SHOWS

Antarctic ice is melting, contributing massive amounts of water to the world's seas

and causing them to rise — but that melt is not as linear and consistent as scientists previously thought, a new analysis of 20 years' worth of satellite data indicates.

The analysis, built on gravitational field data from a NASA satellite system, shows that Antarctica's ice melts at different rates each year, meaning the models scientists use to predict coming sea level rise might also need adjusting.

"The ice sheet is not changing with a constant rate — it's more complicated than a linear change," said Lei Wang, assistant professor of civil, environmental and geodetic engineering at The Ohio State University and lead author of the analysis. "The change is more dynamic: The velocity of the melt changes depending on the time."

The research was published in Geophysical Research Letters and presented at the American Geophysical Union's fall meeting in December.

The researchers' analysis is built on data from NASA's GRACE (Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment), a two-satellite mission that measures changes in the world's oceans, ground water and ice sheets.

Models that predict sea-level rise are typically built around the assumption that ice is melting from the world's largest ice fields in Antarctica and Greenland at a consistent rate.

But this analysis found that, because the mass of ice on the Antarctic Ice Sheet changes depending on the season and year, those projections are not as reliable as they could be. Extreme snowfall one year, for example, might increase the amount of ice in Antarctica. Changes in the atmosphere or surrounding ocean might decrease it another year.

Overall, Wang said, the volume of ice in Antarctica is decreasing. But a chart of the decline on a line graph would have spikes and valleys depending on what happened in a given time period.

To understand those changes, Wang and the other researchers evaluated data on the gravitational field between the satellites over Antarctica and ice on the continent. Changes to the ice's mass — either increases from big snowfalls or decreases from melt — change that gravitational field.

From 2016 to 2018, for example, the ice sheet in West Antarctica actually grew a bit because of a massive snow. During that same time period, though, the ice sheet in East Antarctica shrank because of melt.

"I'm not saying Antarctica's ice melt is not an acute problem — it is still very acute," Wang said. "All of Antarctica is losing mass, very rapidly. It's just a time scale problem and a rate problem, and our models that predict sea-level change should reflect that."

Ian Howat, director of Ohio State's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, also worked on this analysis.

The work was funded by NASA.

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW COMBINE FOR EFFECTIVE VACCINE AGAINST PARASITIC SKIN DISEASE

Scientists are planning for Phase I human trials of a vaccine they developed by using CRISPR gene-editing technology to mutate the parasite that causes leishmaniasis, a skin disease common in tropical regions of the world and gaining ground in the United States.

In a series of animal studies, the vaccine protected mice against the disease – including mice with compromised immune systems and mice exposed to the parasite in the same way humans are, through the bite of infected sand flies.

“If you assure protection in the sand fly model, then you have a good shot at a real vaccine,” said Abhay Satoskar, a co-lead investigator of the work and professor of pathology and microbiology at The Ohio State University.

The team applied the new technology to the century-old Middle Eastern practice of leishmanization – deliberately introducing the live parasite to the skin to create a small infection that, once healed, leads to life-long immunity against further disease.

“Live vaccines like that are the best vaccines, but there’s a potential risk of causing serious disease in some people,” Satoskar said. “We refined the concept using modern tech-

nology, making a parasite that does not cause clinical disease but allows for induction of immunity.”

The research was published recently in Nature Communications.

An estimated 1.5 million new cases of cutaneous leishmaniasis, caused by the Leishmania major parasite, are diagnosed worldwide each year, primarily in tropical and subtropical regions of the world – but also in southern Texas.

Leishmania in all of its forms is considered a neglected disease, mostly affecting populations in warm-weather developing countries – currently infecting about 12 million in all. But Satoskar noted that with global warming, it’s only a matter of time until the southern United States is considered a subtropical region.

“As the warmth moves up toward the United States, the disease will move up,” he said.

The standard treatment of more severe cases can be expensive, require multiple daily drug injections and cause unpleasant side effects, leading to poor patient compliance that allows parasites to develop resistance to the drugs.

To develop the vaccine, the researchers set out to use CRISPR to edit the genome of Leishmania major. The precision technology enabled the researchers to delete centrin, the gene for a protein that supports the parasite’s physical structure, as well as remove an antibiotic resistance marker gene that is needed to be introduced into the parasite for removal of the centrin gene.

To cause infection, these parasites hijack immune cells and use those host cells to replicate indefinitely. The study showed that the mutant parasite lacking centrin can still find its way into cells and make copies of itself, but for only a limited amount of time and not at a pace that leads to clinical disease.

“So we’re essentially using leishmanization. CRISPR allowed us to do that,” Satoskar said. “The parasites are unable to proliferate, so they die. But

they persist in the body for eight or nine months, which is long enough to generate acquired immunity.”

Numerous studies in mice, including immune-deficient animals, showed the mutant parasites did not cause skin lesions, but natural parasites did. In additional experiments, vaccinated and unvaccinated mice were subjected to injections of live parasites and bites from infected sand flies seven weeks after their shots. Ten weeks later, most non-immunized mice developed large skin lesions, but only one vaccinated mouse developed a visible lesion.

“The multiple animal tests also made sure the genome didn’t revert back to normal,” Satoskar said. “And we found that if a sand fly were to bite at the site of the vaccine and take mutated parasites into the wild, the parasites cannot survive. So it is environmentally safe.”

The international team of researchers from the United States, Japan, Canada and India is identifying partners to manufacture the vaccine, aiming to begin a Phase I clinical trial within two years. Satoskar said the vaccine is likely to cost less than \$5 a dose – compared to the \$100 to \$200 cost for treatment in the hardest-hit countries.

A much more severe form of the disease, visceral leishmaniasis, affects organs and is fatal if left untreated. The team has been using the same CRISPR technique to mutate the genome of the Leishmania donovani strain that causes visceral leishmaniasis, and preliminary data suggest a safe vaccine could be on the horizon.

BABY BOOMERS SHOW CONCERNING DECLINE IN COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING

In a reversal of trends, American baby boomers scored lower on a test of cognitive functioning than did members of previous generations, according to a new nationwide study.

Findings showed that average cognition scores of adults aged 50 and older increased from generation to generation, beginning with the greatest generation (born 1890-1923) and peaking among war babies (born 1942-1947).

Scores began to decline in the early baby boomers (born 1948-1953) and decreased further in the mid baby boomers (born 1954-1959).

While the prevalence of dementia has declined recently in the United States, these results suggest those trends may reverse in the coming decades, according to study author Hui Zheng, professor of sociology at The Ohio State University.

“It is shocking to see this decline in cognitive functioning among baby boomers after generations of increases in test scores,” Zheng said.

“But what was most surprising to me is that this decline is seen in all groups: men and women, across all races and ethnicities and across all education, income and wealth levels.”

Results showed lower cognitive functioning in baby boomers was linked to less wealth, along with higher levels of loneliness, depression, inactivity and obesity, and less likelihood of being married.

The study was published

online recently in the Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences.

Zheng analyzed data on 30,191 Americans who participated in the 1996 to 2014 Health and Retirement Survey, conducted by the University of Michigan. People over 51 years old were surveyed every two years.

As part of the study, participants completed a cognitive test in which they had to recall words they had heard earlier, count down from 100 by 7s, name objects they were shown and perform other tasks.

Other research has shown that overall rates of mortality and illness have increased in baby boomers, but generally found that the highly educated and wealthiest were mostly spared.

“That’s why it was so surprising to me to see cognitive declines in all groups in this study,” Zheng said. “The declines were only slightly lower among the wealthiest and most highly educated.”

Zheng also compared cognition scores within each age group across generations so that scores are not skewed by older people who tend to have poorer cognition. Even in this analysis, the baby boomers came out on bottom.

“Baby boomers already start having lower cognition scores than earlier generations at age 50 to 54,” he said.

The question, then, is what has happened to baby boomers? Zheng looked for clues across the lifetimes of those in the study.

Increasing cognition scores in previous generations could be tied to beneficial childhood conditions – conditions that were similar for baby boomers, Zheng said.

Baby boomers’ childhood health was as good as or better than previous generations and they came from families that had higher socioeconomic status. They also had higher levels of education and better occupations.

“The decline in cognitive functioning that we’re seeing does not come from poorer childhood conditions,” Zheng said.

The biggest factors linked to lower cognition scores among baby boomers in the study were lower wealth, higher levels of self-reported loneliness and depression, lack of physical activity and obesity.

Living without a spouse, being married more than once in their lives, having psychiatric problems and cardiovascular risk factors including strokes, hypertension, heart disease and diabetes were also associated with lower cognitive functioning among people in this generation.

“If it weren’t for their better childhood health, move favorable family background, more years of education and higher likelihood of having a white-collar occupation, baby boomers would have even worse cognitive functioning,” Zheng said.

There were not enough late baby boomers (born in 1960 or later) to include in this study, but Zheng said he believes they will fare no better. The same might be true for following generations unless we find a solution for the problems found here, he said.

While many of the problems linked to lower cognitive functioning are symptoms of modern life, like less connection with friends and family

and growing economic inequality, other problems found in this study are unique to the United States, Zheng said. One example would be the lack of universal access and high cost of health care.

“Part of the story here are the problems of modern life, but it is also about life in the U.S.,” he said.

One of the biggest concerns is that cognitive functioning when people are in their 50s and 60s is related to their likelihood of having dementia when they are older.

“With the aging population in the United States, we were already likely to see an increase in the number of people with dementia,” Zheng said.

“But this study suggests it may be worse than we expected for decades to come.”

ANKNEY TAKES POY HONORS IN GMC

Fairview senior Anna Ankney was voted the Green Meadows Conference Softball Player of the Year after leading her Lady Apaches to a GMC championship as well as a state championship this season.

The black and gold finished the season with an overall record of 28-1 while post-

ing a 7-0 slate in conference action.

Ankney was one of four all-league selections for Fairview with senior Kiersten Cline, senior Olivia Ricica and sophomore Paige Ricica also taking first team honors. The remaining spots on the GMC first team went to Wayne Trace senior Emma Crosby, Antwerp junior Astianna Coppes, Ayersville junior Kelly Limbaugh, Tinora freshman Scylea Zolman, Tinora junior Tristen Norden and Edgerton senior Rylee Moreno.

Second team honorees included Antwerp senior Molly Reinhart, Ayersville senior Kaylor Martin, Antwerp junior Lauren Schuller, Ayersville junior Hailey Johnson, Edgerton junior Ashlyn Slesman, Hicksville sophomore Morgan Fogle, Holgate sophomore Paisley Wilhelm, Wayne Trace senior Tiffany Sinn, Tinora junior Quinn Horn and Hicksville sophomore Katie Chapman.

Receiving honorable mention honors in the GMC are Antwerp junior Samantha Rigby, Ayersville sophomore Mikala Schindler, Edgerton freshman Ella Miller, Fairview senior Emerald Rittenhouse-Starbuck, Hicksville junior

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Front L to R: Joel Miller, NSCC Board Chair & Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President
Back L to R: Makenzie Warncke, Association Support Staff negotiating team & Colin Doolittle, Association Co-President

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in a special session on Wednesday, June 9. At the meeting, the Board unanimously approved a motion to adopt the tentative support personnel bargaining agreement reached between the College and the NSCC Education Association support staff bargaining unit. The agreement will take effect beginning July 1, 2021 for a period of three years.

Some of the tentative agreement details for support personnel include:

- Compensation: Wages will gradually increase by 3.34% each year (based on market value.)
- Medical: All full-time employees are now on the same benefits platform (em-

ployees pay 10% of the medical premium and have 70% of the deductible funded into an H.S.A. account when electing the high-deductible health plan.)

• Other highlights include: Increased hours for part-time employees to be eligible for benefits from 20 to 25, and Changed the trial period for an employee changing jobs from 30 days to 10 working days.

Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President, noted the teamwork that generated productive negotiations and ultimately a resolution. "The negotiating teams for both parties worked hard and fair to achieve this resolution, and I am proud of their efforts. The process was smooth and effective, and now allows us to

focus on continuing to best serve our six-county service area with life-changing education and training," Hernandez said.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Anna Ankney (12), Fairview

FIRST TEAM: Anna Ankney (12), Fairview; As-tianna Coppes (11), Antwerp; Kelly Limbaugh (12), Ayersville; Kiersten Cline (12), Fairview; Rylei Moreno (12),

Edgerton; Scylea Zolman (9), Tinora; Olivia Ricica (12), Fairview; Tristen Norden (12), Tinora; Emma Crosby (12), Wayne Trace; Paige Ricica (10), Fairview

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Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG, stated, "CollegeXpress works with 360+ colleges and universities to help them find students. NHEG offers its own database of scholarships and college information and is working to create a searchable database in the near future. We are happy to work with CollegeXpress to bring more opportunities to families in need of scholarships and college information."

"CollegeXpress is thrilled to be partnering with NHEG," said Megan Gibbs, AVP, CollegeXpress & Director of Marketing. "We hope to be an extension of NHEG's offerings as students in their program begin their college search, providing true connections between their students and schools."

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MINUTES FOR THE WOOD-BURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 17TH, 2021

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Councilman Thompson were not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The mayor invited the council to attend a meeting on June 2nd with which the Allen County Commissioners have requested participation from local elected officials to discuss the potential of collaboration regarding ARP Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 3rd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to accept the minutes from the May 3rd meeting as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that there are approximately 15 homes remaining that have not passed inspection regarding their illegal sump pump connections. Given that fees are scheduled to begin as of June 1st, which is before the next scheduled meeting, clear direction on how to proceed was requested.

After discussion, it was determined to keep a firm date for fees to accrue, even if the work has been scheduled with a contractor but not yet completed. The clerk-treasurer also described how the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund proceeds are to be managed, to the best of his knowledge, as there are still many components of this process to be determined.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Gerig inquired as to what a resident should do if they took a summer meter and then filled their pool with the meter attached. The clerk-treasurer explained his position on the matter and Councilman Gerig agreed to get back with the resident with this information.

Audience: A resident asked the council to consider crediting her account due to a water leak, which was not treated by the sanitary sewer, that has since been corrected.

After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to modify the sewer portion of her utility bill to reflect the average consumption for all affected months, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Carol Martin shared that the New Allen Alliance has requested the city update their strategic plan.

Councilman Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC LIKELY TO STEM POTENTIAL MEAT SUPPLY SHORT-AGE

Consumer alert: There's no need to panic and no need to stock up on meat as of now.

Despite this week's cyberattack on JBS USA—one of the largest meat producers nationwide—beef and pork supplies could possibly avoid being in short supply at grocery stores, and consumers should not panic just yet, says Lyda Garcia, an assistant professor of meat science and an Ohio State University Extension meat specialist. OSU Extension is the statewide research arm of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

JBS is one of four large-scale meat producers, accounting for an estimated 20% of beef production in the United States. The Brazilian-based

company suffered a cyberattack last weekend, prompting it to shut down its plants in North America and Australia, according to published reports.

However, the company announced in a written statement that it "took immediate action, suspending all affected systems, notifying authorities, and activating the company's global network of IT professionals and third-party experts to resolve the situation." The company said it expects that the vast majority of its plants would be back on Wednesday.

And even if there were a meat shortage as a result of the cyberattack, it likely would only ripple down to a couple of days or so, Garcia said.

"We still have three other large-scale meat packers that make up some 80% of the nation's beef and pork supplies," she said. "Retail stores may see a little hit, but there's no need to panic. There is plenty of meat out there."

Garcia said that even if grocery stores start to show limited supply as a precaution to prevent any meat shortages, consumers can still purchase meat from local meat processors, who are working overtime processing meat as a result of supply chain issues stemming from COVID-19 closures from earlier in the pandemic.

"In fact, small meat processors are still going strong. Many of them are booked until 2022," she said.

As COVID-19 spread through the nation's largest meat-processing facilities last spring, some temporarily closed or reduced hours because so many employees were out sick. Meanwhile, orders piled up. As a result, many local processing facilities took the orders instead.

"Small, local meat processors are still in full operation and are still running on overdrive," Garcia said. "I don't think consumers have to start stocking up like many did during the earlier days of the pandemic."

"We've learned a lot from the hit that meat producers took from COVID-19. Because of what they learned, meat producers are doing everything in their power not to get to the point of a meat shortage again. That doesn't mean that it can't happen, but we're more informed, more educated, and more prepared now because of lessons learned from COVID-19."

One of those lessons learned from COVID-19 was the need for more local meat processors, Garcia said. In response to that increased demand, at least eight new meat-processing facilities have started up in Ohio since last fall, she said.

Garcia, as part of an effort to serve Ohioans, organized a team from CFAES that created a free online "toolkit" with questionnaires, links, and other resources to help people fully think through starting up a meat-processing facility.

Using the toolkit, a prospective entrepreneur can discover livestock inventories by county throughout Ohio, business model options, guides to creating a business plan, contacts in the meat industry, and a host of other resources.

"If they can go through and answer questions from the questionnaires, they'll have a good idea of what's involved," Garcia said.

The toolkit touches on several challenges regarding

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

launching a meat-processing business, including finding land for the facility, securing a bank loan, getting commitments from enough producers, and attracting a customer base.

"It's a complex system and I recognize the toolkit is only 60% of what they need, but it is definitely a good start," she

said. "The other 40%, they're going to have to learn as they go."

To access the free meat toolkit, visit go.osu.edu/meatoolkit.

To find out about a series of meat-cutting workshops, visit go.osu.edu/meatworkshops.

PUBLIC NOTICE: VILLAGE OF PAULDING FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

The Village of Paulding, Ohio is seeking a Financial Director to oversee the Village's financial and accounting practices. The Director would supervise the Utilities Office and become familiar with and supervise the payroll and utilities billing operations. The Director would also oversee the Village's Income Tax program. Other duties and job expectations are described in a current Financial Director's Job Description, which is available at the Paulding Utilities Office.

Those interested in applying should submit a resume, references and a salary history to the Village Administrator's office or by calling (419) 399-4011 and an application will be sent to you. Village residency is not a requirement for this position.

The Village of Paulding is an equal opportunity employer.

LEGAL NOTICE 2021 PAULDING COUNTY OPWC PAVING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding, Ohio, at its office in the Court House, 115 N. Williams Street, Rm. B-1, Paulding, Ohio, 45879 until **10:00 A.M., D.S.T. on June 23, 2021.**

PROPOSAL: Asphalt Paving of various roads in Paulding County, Ohio. The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than **October 31, 2021. Engineer's Estimate = \$375,070**

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

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

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall follow all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold the County Engineer harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

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

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

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

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

PROPOSAL: "2021 OPWC Paving Project"

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

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

Heather Barnhouse
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

cutting attorney Joseph R. Burkhard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (11) persons on Thursday, June 10, 2021

Jennifer L. Wilder (1/30/75), Van Wert, OH; Theft, F-5

Joshua K. Clark (2/19/86), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5; Possession of Oxycodone, F-5; Operation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs/OVI, M-1

Jochua A. Smallwood (9/27/91), Paulding, OH; Domestic violence, F-4

Bailey L. Ripke (7/18/97), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

Paul D. Lambert (8/23/76), Paulding, OH; Theft, F-5; Complicity to receiving stolen property, F-5

Robert D. Martin (7/25/98), Paulding, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

Milo B. Holt Jr. (10/5/98), Van Wert, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

Andrew D. Farris (10/3/91), Fort Wayne, IN; Grand theft, F-4

Jackie S. McCoy (7/20/83), Crocker, MO; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5

Gavin H. Lloyd (8/30/98), Bryan, OH; Assault, F-4; Resisting arrest, M-2

Jonathan J. McKeever (7/28/88), Hicksville, OH; Possession of methamphetamine, F-5; Operation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs/OVI, M-1

DEFIANCE NATIVE KATHERINE KOESTER NAMED TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

Katherine Koester of Defiance, OH, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Koester is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2021 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws nearly 8,500 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

VAN WERT POST INVESTIGATES A SERIOUS INJURY ATV CRASH

Ohio City - Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 12:05 pm Troopers from the Van Wert Post were dispatched to a serious injury crash at the intersection of State Route 118 and Wren Landeck Road in Van Wert County. A Polaris Ranger "side-by-side" ATV operated by 46 year old, Gordon E. Keith of Plainville, Indiana was westbound on Wren Landeck Road and pulled into the path of a southbound 2014 Toyota Prius being operated by 77 year old, Karen Feasby of Convoy, Ohio.

Mr. Keith had two passengers aboard the ATV. Riding in the front passenger seat was 29 year old, Caleb J. Radulewicz of Van Wert, Ohio, and in the back seat was 20 year old, Kory W. Kline of Rockford, Ohio. Mr. Radulewicz was ejected from the ATV and suffered critical injuries. He was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Keith and Mr. Kline suffered serious injuries and were transported to Van Wert Health.

Mrs. Feasby had two passengers in her vehicle. Occupying the front passenger seat was 77 year old, Jimmie G. Feasby of Convoy, Ohio, and in the back seat was 96 year old, Lois I. Feasby of Convoy, Ohio. All three occupants were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Assisting Troopers at the scene were the Van Wert Sheriff's Office, Ohio City Fire and EMS, Wren EMS, Van Wert City Fire and EMS and Hague's Towing and Recovery and Two As Towing. State Route 118 was closed for approximately one hour and thirty minutes.

Although restraints were available in the ATV, they were not being utilized by the occupants. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to always wear safety belts and to never drive impaired or distracted.

WILLIAMS COUNTY CRASH INJURES TWO PEOPLE

Hicksville - The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two vehicle injury crash that happened on June 12, 2021 at approximately 2:59 p.m. The crash occurred on SR 49, south of SR 249, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio.

A 1997 Harley Davidson motorcycle, driven by Jeremy E. Hughes, age 41 of Antwerp

was traveling southbound on SR 49 just ahead of a 2006 Harley Davidson driven by Jason K. Landers, age 45 of Antwerp south of SR 249. While attempting to pass, Mr. Landers struck Mr. Hughes on the left side of the motorcycle causing Mr. Hughes to lose control of his motorcycle. The motorcycle ridden by Mr. Hughes fell on its left side and traveled off the right side of the roadway causing Mr. Hughes and his passenger Emily J. Hughes, age 36 of Antwerp to be ejected. Mr. Landers and his passenger Jayme J. Landers age 42 of Antwerp were able to maintain control and come to a safe stop shortly after the impact.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were ejected from their motorcycle. Mr. Hughes was transported by Mercy Health Life Flight and Mrs. Hughes by Samaritan Air Ambulance from the scene to Parkview Regional Medical Center with serious head injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Landers were not injured.

Assistance at the scene was provided by the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Hicksville Fire Department and EMS. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and passengers to always wear their helmets and to never drive distracted or impaired.

PLANTING ISSUES

Every year brings unique pest challenges. Many early planted fields have been replanted or are in the process of being replanted. This year, soybeans seem to be more at risk than corn and the culprit is seed corn maggot. If your soybean stands appear to be thinner than normal and patchy, seed corn maggot may be the issue if planted early and the seed sat in cold wet soils for long periods before germinating. With good growing conditions, soybeans usually outgrow seed corn maggot damage.

Scouting some fields, I found in drilled 7" soybeans, gaps that ranged from 1-3 feet. Most of the damage had been done so there was no soybean seed to be found. Due to the earlier dry weather conditions, followed by rain, it appeared that soybean seed that was planted deeper and in moisture, germinated and outgrew most damage. Shallow planted soybeans seemed to be the most at risk. Seed corn maggot flies are attracted to decaying organic matter where they lay their eggs. While it was dry early in April, the cold May rains slowed down germination and plant growth.

Most of the seed applied insecticides especially the neonicotinoids (Cruiser, Poncho, Gaucho) did not work very well this year. Treated seeds were damaged because the insecticide is water soluble and may not be around when the pests show up because it had already washed away. In one corn study, only 2% of these insecticides were around when the pests showed up. In wet saturated soils, the insecticide which becomes water soluble. Making matters worse, the neonicotinoids are quite deadly to many natural predators. Other seed treatment alternatives to the neonicotinoids are Capture, Force, Lorsban, and Counter.

At what point do you replant soybeans? Most farmers

are planting 180-200 thousand seeds per acre. An OSU university study found that soybeans at 85-100 thousand seeds can yield as much as the higher soybean populations. The caveat is that the plants have to be evenly spaced in the field so that the soybeans plants can branch out. Most farmers have insurance for free replant. With large gaps or patchiness, replanting is a safe bet. Once soybeans have at least 1-2 trifoliolate leaves, they can tolerate replanting as long as they are not completely cut off. As with the lost art of rotary hoeing, you will lose some but hope to

gain more than you lose. There are several other issues I observed this year. After digging a soil pit, our subsoil moisture in Pioneer, Ohio appears to be very dry. Several farmers digging several pits have noticed that once you get below 6-8 inches deep, the soil is very dry. Let's hope we continue to get some consistent soft gentle rains to restore our subsoil moisture. If it gets hot and dry this summer, our subsoil moisture reserve appears to be very low.

With a lot of wheat planted this year due to higher prices, some weed issues are showing up. Cereal rye is becoming a

TO WOODBURN RESIDENTS:

The City of Woodburn will be performing maintenance on the filter at the water treatment plant between June 14th- June 25th. During this time expect the potential for higher iron content in your water. This water is still fit for consumption as is, but you may notice a difference in the water during this time.

Any questions can be directed to City Hall at 260-632-5318.

TRUFAST ABC SPAX

MULTIPLE POSITIONS OPEN

ABC U.S. currently has several openings within Maintenance, Packaging, Manufacturing, Tool Room, Warehouse, and Heat Treat (located in Pioneer, OH).

ABC is looking for self-directed individuals who work well with others, like challenges and are interested in being part of a dynamic organizational culture. Positions offer competitive wages, a full benefit package, including 401(k), weekly performance-based incentive pay (PPR), boot reimbursement, employee referral, new hire incentive earned at 6 months and 1 year, weekly attendance incentive, three pay increases within the first year of employment, 1 week of vacation earned at 90 days, and opportunity for future growth.

Applications can be filled out at altenlohbrinck.appone.com

HEAT TREAT OPERATOR - (Located in Pioneer, Ohio) Starting wage is \$15.75 - \$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$ 19.65 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. The shift available is (Monday-Friday 6am-2pm) and (Friday-Sunday 6am-6pm). This person will be responsible for loading and maintaining loads of product and for filling out required paperwork. This person may also perform job responsibilities of staging, loading, and moving materials for a continuous operation. This position requires continuous bending/twisting at the waist, continual lifting, standing up to 8-12 hours a day.

MAINTENANCE POSITION - (Located in Pioneer, Ohio) Ability to make up to \$32.96 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant MUST be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

PACKAGING/ PACKAGING MACHINE OPERATORS - Starting wage is \$12.75-\$13.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$15.85 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. We have openings on second shift (Monday - Thursday 4pm-2am) and our weekend shift (Friday- Sunday 6am-6pm), within our packaging department. General labor jobs packing product into smaller size quantities. Environment calls for high level of teamwork, standing all day for 10-12 hours, multitasking skills, visual inspection of parts, reading a tape measure, good attitude, and good attendance.

MACHINE OPERATORS - Starting wage is \$15.00-\$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$21.00 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. We have openings on our first shift (Mon-Thurs 6am-4pm), weekend shifts (Friday-Sunday 6am-6pm), (Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am) and second shift (Monday-Thursday 4pm-2am), within our manufacturing department. The desired applicants should have the following qualifications: Good mathematical skills, the ability to read standard micrometers and calipers, and produce to a high-quality standard. Previous machinery experience in set up and troubleshooting within a manufacturing type environment is preferred, along with a solid work history.

WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS - Starting wage is \$12.75 (including shift premium) \$1,000 Bonus (minimum 400 hours must be worked) We have openings on our second shift (Monday-Friday 6pm-2am), within our warehouse department. General labor jobs picking/packing product into appropriate size shipping boxes. Environment calls for high level of teamwork, standing all day for 10-12 hours, multitasking skills, using a hand scanner, verify labels, verify orders, good attitude and good attendance.

SUMMER HELP - Starting wage is \$12.75-\$13.50 (including shift premium) We currently have openings in multiple departments if you are interested in working for the summer or part time. We have openings on first shift (Monday-Thursday 6am-4pm) on second shift (Monday -Thursday 4pm-2am) and our weekend shift (Friday- Sunday 6am-6pm). ABC offers the opportunity to continue working part time even after returning to school.

MAINTENANCE POSITION - Ability to make up to \$32.96 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This position requires 2 years of technical training plus 2 years of related work experience or equivalent. The desired applicant should have the following qualifications in mechanical: The ability to use machine tools (drills, grinders, and welders), perform work on motors, belts, and chains, the ability to trouble shoot situations, occasionally make replacement parts. The applicant should also have the following qualifications in electrical: The ability to replace fuses and set circuits breakers on high and low-tension circuits, diagnose electrical trouble, read blueprints, pneumatics, and electrical schematics. The applicant must also be able to work from simple wiring diagrams. The hourly rate is dependent on experience and qualifications. Applicant MUST be willing to attend additional schooling, paid for by the Company, but is considered a requirement for the position.

TOOLMAKER - The ability to make up to \$30.37 (including shift premium) an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. The shift available is Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This person must have completed a formal Apprenticeship program plus 2 years' experience or 6-8 years' experience as a toolmaker using basic tool room equipment and familiar with some CNC equipment. Wire EDM experience a plus. The applicant must have the ability to work from drawings, sketches, and verbal instructions. The applicant must have proficient computer skills (proficient with CAD/CAM & MS Office Software).

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT - Starting wage is \$16.50 (including shift premium) with the ability to make up to \$21.84 an hour including Production and Attendance Incentive. The shift available are Friday-Sunday 6pm-6am. This person will be responsible for managing the distribution and preparation of tool room inventory, maintain stock levels, quality inspection of dimensional accuracy of purchased tooling, processing of packing slips to product received and maintaining the cleanliness of the tool room. Previous experience with ERP/PDM software is a plus, must be self-motivated and able to work with little supervision. The following abilities are critical to the position: being able to stand all day, organized and detail oriented, able to read/interpret part and assembly drawings, use micrometers/gages, and Microsoft Office (Outlook, Excel, and word).

Applications can be filled out at altenlohbrinck.appone.com

Help Wanted

Emergency Department Assistant
Registering patients for the Emergency Department, Outpatient testing (on the weekend), admissions to the hospital, and assists the ED nursing staff as needed. Opening: Part Time - 2nd shift hours (every other weekend)

Physician Office Assistant (CMA)
Opening: Full Time (Antwerp Office)

Environmental Services/Housekeeper
Openings: Full Time 3rd shift hours (4 -10 hours days) and PRN

Fitness Center Attendant
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Respiratory Therapist
Opening: Full Time- 12 hour days, 2nd shift hours

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL

weed in some wheat fields. Sometimes farmers will spread the cereal rye with fertilizer and/or use the same spreaders to spread fertilizer on wheat. Sometimes not all the cereal rye gets terminated in soybeans, and if this cereal rye goes to seed, it can become a weed in wheat fields.

bird perches have been helpful.

James J. Hoorman,
Hoorman Soil Health Services

OHIO EPA COMPLETES TESTING DRINKING WATER UNDER OHIO PFAS ACTION PLAN

Ohio EPA announced that it has received the final testing results for the presence of certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water from Ohio's public water systems, bringing to a close the Agency's statewide sampling initiative of almost 1,550 public water systems under Ohio's PFAS Action Plan.

Although there are currently no national drinking water standards for PFAS nor mandates for its testing, Governor Mike DeWine called for the development of the PFAS Action Plan last year to identify the extent of PFAS chemicals in Ohio's public drinking water systems. The testing found only two public water systems in the state with PFAS levels above the state's action level.

"There is still a lot that experts don't yet know about the dangers of PFAS compounds in drinking water, but as a result of this work, we can say with certainty that these chemicals are not widely contaminating Ohio's public water systems," said Governor DeWine. "We want Ohioans to feel confident that their wa-

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GARAGE SALE: 7013 Kings Row, Woodburn, IN June 18 & 19 Friday and Saturday 8-4. Many new items. eBay inventory reduction, tools, clothes, household items, electronics. Farm fresh eggs \$2. 24p

FORT DEFIANCE Antiques - 402 Clinton St. Downtown Defiance, OH. Hours M-Sat 10-5. Phone 419-782-6003 tf

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ter is safe, and I'm pleased that these testing results can provide some peace of mind."

"We greatly appreciate Governor DeWine's leadership in this area," said Ohio EPA Director Laurie Stevenson. "Ohio now joins the ranks of only a handful of other states that have taken on such a comprehensive sampling initiative. We now have very important data that can help us as we work with our public water systems to ensure they can continue to provide safe drinking water to their customers."

The water sampling began in February 2020 with the

goal to test Ohio's public water systems serving communities, schools, child care facilities, and mobile home parks by the end of the year. Through this initiative, nearly 94 percent of the nearly 1,550 public drinking water systems tested revealed no detection of PFAS compounds. Low levels of PFAS compounds, well below the health advisory level, were detected in six percent of systems.

In the two water systems found with elevated PFAS levels, immediate steps were taken to identify alternatives to ensure safe drinking water. Ohio EPA will continue to

work with these systems on regular testing to monitor PFAS levels and to identify options to address any potential public health risks. Ohio EPA is also continuing to monitor the water systems with low PFAS levels to ensure levels don't begin to rise.

PFAS are manmade chemicals used in products such as carpeting, upholstery, cookware, food packaging, and firefighting foam. PFAS can be transported through rainwater run-off or migrate through soil, posing potential contamination threats to surface and ground waters.

Ohio EPA provided the test results to each public water system and published the data publicly on Ohio's interactive PFAS website, pfas.ohio.gov. For more information on PFAS and Ohio's PFAS Action Plan, visit pfas.ohio.gov.

OHIO STATE LIMA AND MERCY HEALTH TEAM UP FOR ADVANCED ANATOMY LAB

Students working toward a future in the medical fields now have another important step they can take without leaving the Lima area. In partnership with Mercy Health-St. Rita's, The Ohio State University at Lima is opening an advanced anatomy lab onsite at the hospital.

Ohio State students will be in the lab and classroom two days a week in spring semester learning about the structures of the human body.

"The best way to learn anatomy is through hands on experience," said Anatomy Lecturer Jeremy Grachan. "Students will be learning the foundations of the course in a normal lecture style, but then will solidify their understanding of the human body in lab when we look at bones, anatomic models, and prospected cadavers."

A prospected cadaver is a cadaver that has been previ-

Sudoku solution from page 9

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Sydney Bland, Holgate senior Alexis Kurtz, Tinora sophomore DeVona Holmes and Wayne Trace freshman Kaitlin Slade.

ously dissected to use in a learning environment. Besides the hands-on experience with the cadavers, students will also use an anatomy atlas that the teaching staff at Ohio State have created with cadaveric images, videos reviewing key structures, and activities designed to help students learn the content.

This educational partnership in anatomy addresses a pressing national healthcare issue by building a strong local pipeline for the medical fields. As the United States begins to experience physician shortages, Mercy Health has been working to build stronger recruitment plans for the Lima region. St. Rita's is now a teaching hospital for

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HELP WANTED:

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HELP WANTED:

PART-TIME JOB OPENING AT ACPL IN WOODBURN

Do you want to accomplish important things in and for our community? Do you believe that libraries can change lives? If so, consider joining our team! The Woodburn Branch of the Allen County Public Library is adding a new part-time shelver position to our staff. The required schedule will consist of 4 3-hour shifts per week. It would be ideal for someone who lives near the branch. For more info and to apply go to www.acpl.info/careers.

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NORTHWEST OHIO CASA SWEARS IN TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS



Pictured from left to right are: existing CASA volunteers Heidi Schlatter and Jennifer Porter, Judge Michael Wehrkamp, and new CASA volunteers Kara Eicher and Shaun Matakko.

Michael Wehrkamp, Paulding County Juvenile Court Judge, swore in two new volunteers to act as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Paulding County on Monday, June 7, 2021.

The ceremony was held at the Paulding County Courthouse. On hand were new CASA volunteers Kara Eicher and Shaun Matakko, existing CASA volunteers Jennifer Porter and Heidi Schlatter, and Northwest Ohio CASA Executive Director Desirae Eisenman, Advocate Coordinator Jessica Robbins, and

Board Member Roy Klopfenstein.

"It was a great day getting to celebrate our newest CASA volunteers as well as our existing volunteers," said Robbins. "Paulding County has welcomed our program with open arms and we are thankful for our volunteers who go above and beyond in each case. Our two newest volunteers will be joining a strong group of advocates who are working to provide a voice to the children in our community."

The new volunteers are

part of Northwest Ohio CASA, a non-profit program that expanded into Paulding County in September 2020 through a grant provided by Ohio CASA. Northwest Ohio CASA trains community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. These volunteers ensure the best interest of the child is met both in the courtroom and community.

The CASA program is a national program in 49 states and serves over 270,000 children annually. Paulding County's newest volunteers join a large group of community members involved with Northwest Ohio CASA advocating for children, including eight Paulding County volunteers who took their oaths in December 2020.

"Over the past year, Northwest Ohio CASA has grown tremendously," said Eisenman. "We now have 66 CASA volunteers serving Defiance, Henry, Paulding, and Williams Counties. These volunteers have advocated for 159 children over the past year, and have put in over 2,000 volunteer hours. Our CASA volunteers are amazing individuals who all bring something unique to our program. With all the volunteer opportunities out there, we're so grateful they chose our organization."

Wehrkamp thanked the volunteers for their service. "I

congratulate our new and existing CASA volunteers and thank them for their dedication. Being a CASA volunteer is challenging work, but it can be life-changing for both the child and the volunteer. The program has been a blessing for the children in our community and for the court."

New volunteers Eicher and Matakko join existing Paulding County volunteers Porter, Schlatter, Andrea Schlueter, Diane Wieland-Gerber, Jessica Porter-Pennington, Kerry Gudakunst, Patricia Ferrell, and Rhonda Bakle.

To become a volunteer, one need not have any background knowledge of the juvenile court or child welfare system. Those interested in becoming volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, complete an application, pass a background check and undergo 30 hours of pre-service training.

The next CASA training session will begin in late fall of 2021. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, please visit www.nwocasa.com for an application or email info@nwocasa.com. Northwest Ohio CASA may be reached at 419-592-9455.

LATTA INTRODUCES LEGISLATION WORKING TO PROTECT MOTHERS, BABIES & UNBORN CHILDREN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) introduced two bills working to protect mothers, babies, and unborn children: the Support and Value Expectant (SAVE) Moms and Babies Act and the Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act.

"We must do everything we can to protect and defend those who cannot do so themselves," said Latta. "In order to protect the sanctity of life, it is necessary to ensure our laws are protecting mothers, babies, and unborn children. Every life has value, and we must work together to be a voice for the voiceless and make significant strides to further pro-life policies."

"The SAVE Moms and Babies Act is necessary to recog-

nize chemical abortion for what it is - dangerous," continued Latta. "Pro-abortion advocates are working to loosen current restrictions on chemical abortion drugs and to make them available remotely or by mail. This bill is necessary to prevent the repeal of these common-sense regulations. The Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act would ensure that under no circumstance the remains of babies whose lives were taken by abortion end up in landfills or any navigable waters. These bills will both work to ensure the life is protected and preserved, and that each person is provided the care they deserve."

BACKGROUND

In 2017, there were roughly 860,000 abortions in the United States, or the entire population of South Dakota. While the overall abortion rate is decreasing, the rate of using chemical abortion is going up, accounting for roughly 39% of procedures that year.

Latta introduced the Support and Value Expectant (SAVE) Moms and Babies Act in the House of Representatives to prevent labeling changes, such as removing the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS), for already approved abortion drugs. It would also prevent providers from "dispensing" the drugs remotely, by mail, or via telemedicine. The SAVE Moms and Babies Act would prevent the FDA from approving new chemical abortion drugs. Chemical abortions have the highest complication rate of available procedures or any other available procedures. Dispensing abortion drugs without in-person appointments and ultrasounds dramatically increases the risk to women. U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) introduced companion legislation in the Senate. Latta recently worked with Senator Hyde-Smith to lead 102 Members of Congress in urging the courts to reinstate the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) rules, recognizing the dangers

posed by abandoning women to suffer through the physical and psychological impact of chemical abortion without medical supervision.

Latta also introduced the Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act, which would make it a federal crime to dispose of aborted body parts in landfills or in any navigable waters of the United States. Similar legislation was recently signed into law in Ohio.

PAULDING COUNTY COVID REPORT AS OF JUNE 14

Paulding County
 Vaccinations: 6325
 Cases: 1763
 Hospitalizations: 145
 Deaths: 42
 Presumed Recovered: 1710
 June 14, 2021
 COVID-19 Questions?
 Call or visit the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:
www.coronavirus.ohio.gov
 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

Get a vaccine as soon as you can.

If not fully vaccinated wear a mask that fits snugly over your nose and mouth.

Stay at least 6 feet from others.

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Wash your hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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graduate medical education and will soon house 100 medical resident physicians.

"This program aims to attract not only doctors from around the country, but also to retain some of the best and brightest students from our region who are graduating from medical school," said Beth Keehn, director of government and community affairs at Mercy Health-St. Rita's. "By partnering with Ohio State Lima to provide an advanced anatomy lab on our campus, we are further hoping to ensure that local, talented students have the opportunity to pursue their dreams to go to medical school and introduce them to all St. Rita's has to offer should they hope to return to the region after graduation."

The anatomy lab is not the only collaboration between health care and university. Mercy Health and The Ohio State University Medical Center have been working collaboratively in a Healthy State Alliance to address some of Ohio's most pressing medical issues—including cancer care, transplant options, and addiction services. Locally, St. Rita's Regional Cancer Center is now an affiliate of The James Cancer Network, and an Ohio State transplant clinic is now serving community members on St. Rita's campus.

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