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PANCHOS CELEBRATES OPENING NEW RESTAURANT IN PAYNE



Early morning on June 28 the grand opening celebration of Panchos Restaurant took place in Payne, Ohio. The owners Masi & Maria ran the former Blueberry Pancake House down the street.

They have moved north in the old Club49 building they

purchased earlier this year and performed many new improvements and renovations. Stop in and celebrate with them and remember to support local business.

Picture by Paulding County Economic Development.

HABITAT RECEIVES HARDWOOD TABLE FOR RAFFLE



Brian Etzler, Forestry teacher at Tinora High School, Laurie Lucas, Executive Director of Paulding County Habitat for Humanity.

The Tinora High School Forestry teacher, Brian Etzler, decided to donate a new hardwood Silver Maple Table with benches to the Paulding County Habitat for Humanity as a fundraiser item.

Brian was going to donate the table to the Habitat affiliate in Defiance which has since dissolved, then called Laurie Lucas, who was more than happy to see this beautiful hardwood table become a fundraiser item!

The winning ticket for the

new table will be drawn September 19, 2021 at the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival out of only 100 available tickets. For more information contact Laurie at 419-789-8902.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS YOU!

Look at this list below and see if you can tell what they all have in common:

Goldie Getrost, Stanley Jordan, Max and Hope Smith, Louise Miller, Dick Dunder-

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.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

West Bend Printing & Publishing Will be closed on July 5. The next newspaper will be dated July 7.



FUEL GOOD ENERGY OPENS DOORS

A new business, Fuel Good Energy drink shop, recently opened on the west side of the square. The new business is

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FOURTH OF JULY REMINDERS

With the Fourth of July nearing, Phantom Fireworks encourages its friends and customers to be considerate of your neighbors when using fireworks. We often get too caught up in the excitement and entertainment of fire-

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Community Calendar

July 3

- ACC Annual 4th July Celebration

July 4

- Independence Day Celebration
- Monroeville Heritage Lions Icecream
- ACC IDPA Match Registration noon match 1pm

July 6-10

- Bargain Box Bag Sale Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9-Noon Wed., Fri. 9-5 (See ad for details)

July 8

- Meet the Candidate Town Hall at OSU Extension 5:30 pm
- ACC Monthly Meeting 7pm

July 9-10

- Treasure island Swap Meet & Flea Market, Antwerp (see ad for details)

July 10

- Country Shoppes of Grabill Outdoor Market 10-4

July 13

- Antwerp Grab Your Neighbor - 5pm kiddie parade ending with bingo at the VFW pavilion

July 14

- PC Senior Ctr Health, Business & Industry Fair

August 5 6 7

- Woodburn Lions Club Donuts at Harlan Days
- Monroeville Harvest Festival

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OBITUARIES



June 30th at the Shrine. According to Dave McComb President of the Foundation "We really wanted to help the Shrine continue to grow and secure a place in Fort Wayne history to benefit all veterans." McComb added, "Sales from the Columbarium will provide necessary funds to establish an endowment to make sure the Shrine and Museum are around for many years to come." Completion date is scheduled for fall of this year.

The Columbarium will contain cremated remains of a veteran and one other in a niche complete with engraved bronze plate designating veteran that is inurned in the Columbarium. The Columbarium will be located next to the newly proposed Sterling Chapel, which is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2022. Commander Greg Bedford said "This Columbarium will be a great tribute to all veterans and a way a family can memorialize their loved one." For more information contact the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum at 260-267-5022

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
What is the age of accountability?

There is no set chronological age. Romans 1:18 holds the key. God never judges a person unjustly - "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." When a person knows that there is a creator God to Whom they owe worship and submission and they turn away from Him to go their own way, they are from that point accountable and in need of repentance and salvation. The prophet Isaiah pointed to that time when he said, "For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings" - Isaiah 7:16.

When David sinned with Bathsheba he was told that the child born of that sin would die. David prayed and fasted in hopes God would change His mind, but He did not. After a period of sickness the child did die. After the child died, David ceased his prayer and fasting concerning the matter, much to the surprise of his friends. When they asked him why, he said, "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him

back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" - II Samuel 12:23. I believe he was saying his child was in heaven.

I believe there are some severely mentally handicapped adults who have never reached the age of accountability.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

LIGHT FOR DARKNESS

By: Doris Applegate

The following story is no doubt true of most people; we don't like the darkness. This mother in our story asked her little boy to go out on the porch and get the broom for her, but he quickly said, "Mommy, you know I'm afraid of the dark." His mother told him, "Don't be afraid because Jesus is everywhere, even on the porch, and watches over you." He peeked out into the dark and said, "Jesus, if you are on the porch, please hand me the broom."

I love this story. We want light around us and we are so grateful for Mr. Thomas Edison. God so wanted light, when darkness covered the water, that He said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Read Genesis 1:3. We know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. "All who follow Him (Jesus) shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Read John 8:12 We ask the question: "Who wouldn't want to follow Jesus and get light for darkness?" The answer is found in John 3:19-21 "Men loved darkness, rather than light, because their deeds were evil." We who love truth and to do right come to the light (Jesus) and get saved. Then we also are told, "let out lights shine forth and not hide them." (Matthew 5:14).

Is our light shining bright or is it a little dim? If we love God with our whole heart, soul and strength and out neighbor as ourselves, we are shining bright. Here is a verse for thought: "Long ago and far away, I dreamed a dream on e day, Of many things that I would do, before my life on earth through. When I awoke from reverie, a knock came to the door, and there she stood, a neighbor kind, ever tho' she was so poor. So this began my journey to lend a helping hand and bring a bit of love and joy to brighten up our land."

As our lights shine in the dark ole' world we live in, darkness has to go. Keep your light bright like the wise virgins.

Amen

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS GIVE UP STUDENTS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

Students from the University of Findlay are completing summer internships.

Local students include:

Fletcher Cook, of Paulding is an intern at American Plastics in Findlay, Ohio. Cook is pursuing a degree in environment, health, safety, and sustainability.

Thomas Vance, of Cecil is an intern at Pepsico in Waterloo, Iowa. Vance is pursuing a degree in environment, health, safety, and sustainability.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies

programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING PARK DISTRICT UPDATE

What's new this year with our Parks you may be wondering, beginning in the Spring of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 we collected a total of 2,640 pounds of caps and obtained: 2 ADA compliant picnic tables, 1 youth and 2 regular picnic tables and 7 Buddy Benches through our ABC Promise Partnership with Green Tree Plastics.

Spring clean up of Five Span Park and New Rochester Park was right on schedule in May and as in the past years F.O.P.P.D has provided trash receptacles and Port-a-Johns at each park. A Pavilion at New Rochester Park is tentatively planned for this summer. Improvements would not be possible without the generous support from Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op Operation Round Up, Paulding County Vision Board, area businesses, local organizations and many, many private citizens. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of whom had made a commitment to ensure the future of our county parks for public enjoyment.

This August for the first time, F.O.P.P.D will be renting non-electric vendor spaces at New Rochester Park during the 127 World's Longest Yard Sale, August 5-8, 2021. A 25' X 25' space is available prepaid by July 14, 2021. Canopies and generators are welcome. Set up begins at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 and continues on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tear down is Sunday, August 8, 2021 until 6 p.m. During this week F.O.P.P.D will have food and drink available daily. The park will be a "ONE WAY" vendors and shoppers are asked to enter the park from the East and exit at the West end. Payment information and rental space number can be obtained by calling Pam at 419-769-1688 or Lori at 419-782-0749 all information is available on our Facebook page, Friends of the Paulding Park District .

HABITAT LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County, Ohio is a faith based, non-profit organization looking for individuals who have an interest in sharing the love of Jesus Christ and eliminating poverty-driven housing situations for Paulding County residents. Potential Board Members should have an understanding of at least one of these areas: budgeting, construction, lending, accounting practices, project development, real estate or home repairs, etc. Prior experience serving on a non-

Scripture of the Week

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

—II Peter 3:9

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profit Board is also helpful, but not necessary.

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County, Ohio plans to continue our presence through-out the county. However, if we want to keep that a reality, we are in need of your help to continue making an impact!

Our Board is in need of at least five new board members. A typical year as a Habitat Board Member consists of a monthly meeting, participating in two yearly fundraisers and most importantly, taking a role in our critical repair and home build projects. Interested candidates should contact, Executive Director, Laurie Lucas at 419-399-4791 or 419-782-8902.

ERICA MOHR NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

At the end of each semester, the Office of Academic Affairs publishes the Dean's List.

Erica Mohr of Payne was named to the Manchester University spring 2021 Dean's List.

Mohr was among 338 students named to the spring 2021 Dean's List. Mohr is majoring in English/language arts education.

Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean's List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean's List.

To graduate with distinction, a candidate for a bachelor's degree must have completed a minimum of 96 semester hours at Manchester University and accumulated a grade point average that falls in the ranges outlined below:

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- magna cum laude 3.850-3.949
- cum laude 3.650-3.849

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works lighting up the sky that we forget the noise and lights may have an adverse effect on some people and animals.

Phantom Fireworks asks you to be courteous to your neighbors. Communicate with them. Notify your neighbors before shooting your fireworks to allow them to prepare themselves and to enjoy your show.

Phantom also asks that you respect your neighbor's property. Keep your launch site open and away from your neighbor's property to prevent accumulation of fireworks remains in their area. When the show is over clean up your fireworks debris, particularly what ends up on your neighbor's property or in the street.

Firework safety is crucial. Always have a ready source of water close by in case of emergencies. Maintain plenty of distance between the launch site and spectators and inhabited buildings. It is very important to honor curfew. Generally professional shows end by 11 pm. Please respect your neighbors by ending at a reasonable time.

Phantom reminds you to follow the law and apply common sense. Read the firework safety tips provided by Phantom to understand the performance and hazards associated with the item. Phantom wants you to be safe, have fun, and enjoy your Fourth of July!

Bill Weimer, Phantom Fireworks, Vice President

Many Thanks!

The family of Lee Kallsen would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, kindness, and prayers. We appreciate all that everyone did during our loss. God Bless

GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT IN THE WEST BEND NEWS.

NEWS ITEMS ARE ALWAYS FREE!!!

MCCOMB FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATING \$25,000 FOR COLUMBARIUM TO BE BUILT AT THE VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE AND MUSEUM

The McComb Family Foundation is donating \$25,000 for a Granite Columbarium to be built at Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum 2122 O'Day Road. A press conference and check presentation is scheduled for 10 am on Wednesday

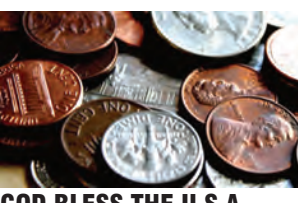
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GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

Usually they say that the corn should be knee high by July 4, and that summer should be in full swing by now. This year, however, I am beginning to think we are living in a monsoon. My grill is patiently awaiting to cook some burgers, my park benches are waiting for a nice



coat of paint and I am just ready for some sunshine.

Whether you celebrate with family, hang out with friends at a barbeque, go to a parade or to a ball game, Independence Day is a true slice of America. One of the most popular traditions is setting off fireworks and this is usually going on all over the USA, from Maine to California. One of my family's favorite things to do on the fourth was to go to see a fireworks display. Packing up blankets, popcorn and drinks, we would head out for the venue before 10 p.m.

One thing that was always fun to do, and I am sure it aggravated people, was to ooo and ahhh at the fireworks. If a

firework turned out to be a dud everyone would groan and moan, "ooooo." However, a bright, loud firework would bring cheers of "ahh-hhh." So basically, you could hear oooo's or ahhhhs all over the grounds.

Even though it is probably illegal to set off your own fireworks, people still do it. You can sit out in your back yard and hear and see the displays of fireworks set off to honor our independence.

Of course, not to be completely lost in all the fun is the holiday's true meaning: the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain, and the commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Arguably the day's biggest celebration, Washington D.C. features a free concert performed on the west lawn of the Capitol, which is viewed and heard by millions across the country.

Patriotic music has always been a part of our July 4 celebration. From the Battle Hymn of the Republic to the Star Spangled Banner, you will probably hear these tunes ring out from people across the nation singing these songs as an ode to our country.

One of the most popular songs you will hear in addition to our National Anthem, is God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood. This song is the most widely played and listened to in 21 of our states including Ohio. This song I do love.

Other songs in the nation being played the most on our Independence Day are: Party in the U.S.A.; Born in the U.S.A.; R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.; America the Beautiful; and American Girl.

So even if you can't sing, go to a parade, go to fireworks, please raise that American Flag and remember those who have fought for our freedom. And yes, "God Bless the U.S.A.

What are your plans for July 4? Do you ooo and ahhh at fireworks? Do you think you will hear any of these songs? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
Andrew Schilb- Jemina Margaret (Gray) Schilb

This story cannot be told without talking about both the husband and wife. I always wanted to know a little history behind the Schilb Funeral home. Stan and I, never really got to talk about this subject,



so here I am, again, on my own.

Andrew Schilb, was born in 1841 in Bavaria, the son of George Jacob and Maria Schilb (as a note, German records list Andrew as being born March 25, 1844). Andrew married a gal named Christina Barnhart on February 28, 1867 in Henry County, Ohio. Christina was born, March 20, 1848 in France. With this marriage, Andrew and Christina had four children: Georgie, Christina P., Andrew J., and Elizabeth. In 1870, Andrew, Christina and Georgia were living in Antwerp, Ohio and Andrew was a retail grocer. Something happened to Georgie, and he died at the age of 7 years 3 months old around 1873. Christina P. was born July 15, 1873. I also found where she was born in 1870. Andrew J. listed as born June 30, 1873. Big question is how these dates could be? But their tombstones indicate the year of birth, but I have seen stranger things than this before. Finally, Elizabeth was born June 5, 1874. Andrew's wife, Christina passed away giving birth to Elizabeth. Elizabeth was raised by Andrew's brother and sister in law, Johann W. and Anna Schilb. Andrew remarried, a gal by the name of Jemina Margaret Dolan, August 15, 1874 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana who was born in Canada, June 27, 1851 and her parents were, Alvin (from New York) and Eliza (from Canada), Dolan.

On August 16, 1878, Andrew committed suicide by drinking strychnine. It was the third or fourth time he tried to end his life. Andrew's father was summoned to see his dying son. Andrew, with only a few moments to live, would write his last words. Placing the note in his fathers hand, the note read, "My wife is the reason of what I have done." It was thought by many, that he grew insane. Folks could not figure out how a well to do citizen would take poison and end his own life. He was buried in Antwerp Riverside Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio. On August 20, 1878, Probate Court document specified that all Andrew's belongings went to his brother Johann W. Schilb and C. Alex Grethouse.

Jemina gave birth to a daughter Nettia Dell Schilb, November 3, 1878, in Antwerp. Yes, this was Andrew's child, Jemina was about seven months along when Andrew died. By 1880 Jemina was a furniture dealer in Antwerp. Step children, Christina P. and Andrew J., also lived with Jemina. In 1884, Jemina became an American citizen and took over as an undertaker for the Schilb Funeral Home. Jemina went to school, The Egyptian School of Embalming, in Boston, Massachusetts. On April 30, 1902, she graduated, and practiced embalming for five

years. The Ohio State Board of Embalming signed her license, October 17, 1902. Jemina became the first female to be a licensed Embalmer in the whole United States.

By 1910, Jemina, along with her daughter, Nettia, her husband, John and their three children, and a step daughter Christina, all lived on Wilhelm Street in Antwerp, still running the Funeral Home as the Director. By 1920, Jemina, was living in Paulding on North Williams Street, with her daughter Nettia and her family. She was still an undertaker and sold burial supplies. Jemina Margaret (Dolan) Schilb passed away, April 17, 1920 in Paulding, and was buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, Ohio.



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

DECLARE YOUR FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Independence Day is almost here. And as we make progress in moving past the COVID-19 pandemic, more of us will be able to enjoy Fourth of July activities. However you observe the holiday, it's important to recognize all the liberties we enjoy in this country. But you may still need to work at one particular type of freedom - and that's financial freedom. How can you achieve it?

There's no one instant solution. But you can work toward financial independence by addressing these areas:

- Retirement savings - Approximately 45% of Americans think the ideal retirement involves "enjoying my well-earned freedom," according to the March 2021 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. But when you're retired, the risk to this freedom is obvious - the paychecks have stopped but the bills haven't. Furthermore, you could spend two or three decades in retirement. That's why it's so important to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, such as your IRA and your 401(k) or another employer-sponsored plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Whenever your salary goes up, try to increase the annual amount you put in your 401(k) or similar plan. And if appropriate, make sure you have a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments within your 401(k) and IRA. Most people don't "max out" on their IRA and 401(k) each year, but, if you can consistently afford to do so, and you still have money you could invest, you may want to explore other retirement savings vehicles.
- Illness or injury - If you were to become seriously ill or sustain a significant injury and you couldn't work for an

extended period, the loss of income could jeopardize your ability to achieve financial independence. Your employer may offer disability insurance as an employee benefit, but this coverage is typically quite limited, both in duration and in the amount of income being replaced. Consequently, you may want to consider purchasing private disability insurance. Keep in mind that this coverage, also, will have an end date and it probably won't replace all the income lost while you're out of work, but it will likely be more expensive and generous than the plan provided by your employer.

• Long-term care - Individuals turning 65 have about a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or the assistance of a home health aide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And these services are quite expensive - the average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare typically covers only a small part of these expenses, so, to avoid depleting your savings and investments (and possibly subjecting your grown children to a financial burden), you may want to consider long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component. A financial advisor can help you choose a plan that's appropriate for your needs.

By addressing these areas, you can go a long way toward attaining your financial independence. It will be a long-term pursuit, but the end goal is worth it.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

MASTER SERGEANT KES RETIRES FROM US AIR FORCE

Master Sergeant Larry D. Kees, of Harlan, has officially retired from the U.S. Air Force with an effective date of 05 May, 2021. Sgt. Kees enlisted in August, 1998, attending Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. He then graduated from Technical Training at Louis F. Garland Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas, earning the title of Fire Protection Apprentice. Upon completion of Technical

Training, MSgt Kees was assigned to the 122d Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he ascended the ranks from Floor Firefighter to Deputy Fire Chief, assuming the roles of Crew Chief, Station Captain, Assistant Chief of Operations, and Assistant Chief of Training along the way.

MSgt Kees deployed multiple times over the course of his career, including five tours to the Middle East. He participated in Operation "Southern Watch" in Kuwait in 2001, Operation "Iraqi Freedom" in Iraq in 2004 and 2006, Operation "Enduring Freedom" in Kuwait in 2010, and Operation "Inherent Resolve" in the United Arab Emirates in 2016 in the fight against ISIS. In 2005, Sgt. Kees deployed to South America to support counter-drug operation efforts, and to Mississippi, also in 2005, to assist with cleanup and recovery, as well as to support helicopter recovery operations as a result of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. MSgt Kees also deployed multiple times to support units as they deployed downrange, including short tours to Lakenheath AFB, England, Edwards AFB, California, and Dover AFB, Delaware.

Sgt. Kees also had the opportunity to attend numerous training schools and classes throughout the U.S., including trips to California, Oregon, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Michigan. He also received training in the emergency procedures of nearly every current aircraft in the Air Force inventory, as well as Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and other NATO aircraft, including the A-10, F-15, F-16, F-18, and F-22 fighter aircraft, KC-135 and KC-10 aerial refuelers, the B-1 bomber, U-2 Dragon Lady, RQ-4, and MQ-9 Reaper reconnaissance aircraft, C-5, C-17, C-130, and V-22 Osprey transport aircraft, and UH-60 Blackhawk, UH-1 Huey, CH-47 Chinook, and numerous other attack and support helicopters among others.

MSgt. Kees earned his Associate's Degree in Fire Science from the Community College of the Air Force, as well as graduating from Airman Leadership School, the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, and the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

MSgt. Kees' many awards and decorations include: Mer-

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- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 2 - CLAIMS ASSISTANCE - Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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Date: Saturday, July 3rd

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CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS 2021

2021 Convoy Community Days will be celebrated on Friday July 9th & Saturday July 10th at Edgewood Park. Visit us on villageofconvoy.com

FRIDAY JULY 9, 2021

KOI Truck Drag Racing - 5pm Registration & practice, 7pm Eliminations. Deisel Points Serices.

Visit www.KOIDRAGRACING.COM or Facebook KOI Drag Racing. No coolers. Food & beverages will be available.

SATURDAY JULY 10, 2021

Convoy Fire & EMS Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - 7-10am at the park building. Breakfast will be a donation to the boot. Dine in or carryout. Let us support our local Fire & EMS Department.

Convoy Fire & EMS Display - Check out all the fire department equipment and the landing of the Life Flight Helicopter from 11am - 1pm. Kids Activities.

- Kiddy Tractor Pull registration 11:00, with the pull beginning at noon,
- Inflatables beginning at 11am,
- Mark's Ark Animal Show at 11am,
- Cornhole in Convoy Ohio - Registration at 11am, bags fly at noon.

Guaranteed 7 games. 5 game round robin by seed double elimination. Bring your own bags and chairs. No Coolers or outside beverages. Food & beverages available under the tent. Contact Gary Schaadt 419-203-5577 or Dan Wolfram 419-769-3577.

2021 Convoy Community Days Parade - Line up will be at 3pm at the Crestview School parking lot and Parade at 4pm proceeding down E. Tully St. to N. Main St. to Edgewood Park. Grand Marshal will be Brent Jones. Parade theme, "Convoy, Always Ready to Lend a Hand" Registration forms are available at villageofconvoy.com or contact the village office.

Hometown Chicken Dinner - Saturday 5-7pm at the Edgewood Park building. Dinner includes 1/2 of chicken, potato, slaw and lemonade. Carryouts are available. Chicken prepared by Van Wert Fire Department.

Ice Cream Social - Get your free ice cream & cake at the Edgewood Park building from 5pm - 7pm or when goodies are gone. Sponsored by the Village of Convoy Historical Society.

MICHINDOH Truck/Tractor Pulls - Pulls begin at

6pm at the Edgewood Park Track. For more information on these classes contact Matt Kahn 260-701-1102

Lions Club Bingo - Let's play a little bingo from 7 - 9pm in the park building. Bring a friend.

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located at 108 N. Williams Street in Paulding. A grand opening ribbon cutting event will be held at the location on July 2 at 10am.

Fuel Good Energy will provide a wide variety of healthy protein meal replacement shakes and many exciting flavors of energizing teas. There will also be a children's menu available and on hand.

Fuel Good Energy was developed with the thought of helping others live a healthier life style. The business hopes to receive enough local support to give back to the community. This will include the possibility of hosting some cardio drumming classes and 21-day weight loss challenges.

The goal has been to open an outlet like this for quite some time. Entrepreneur Erika Mefferd graduated from Wayne Trace High School before drifting south to reside in Convoy, OH with her husband, children and grandchildren. Erika started working in the wellness and nutritional industry by providing day care in her home. In observing other nutrition clubs find success in the area, Mefferd decided the time was right to develop and give her own business a chance. Paulding was chosen as the ideal spot to begin.

The new business was established in June of this year. Earlier initial meetings with the Paulding County Economic Development office brought discussions of business plans and available retail building spaces. This Williams Street site was chosen and owner Josh Sinn immediately began the task of updating and developing the former Ben Franklin retail space into something vibrant and new. "This is another example of building owners having early discussions with your PCED office. The earlier the PCED office is aware of available buildings or spaces for sale or rent, the better odds are of finding a tenant. Due to these previous discussions, we were able to expedite the process of getting Fuel Good Energy in a space and selling products," stated Economic Development Director Tim Copsey. Employee training began right away and has been ongoing to learn how to

efficiently serve the community. A full list of business hours, flavor menus and specials can be found on the Fuel Good Energy Facebook and Instagram pages.

CMHF GOLF OUTING



Dr Kooistra Team - First Place



Jim Schmidt Team - Second Place



McLaren Team - Third Place

The Community Memorial Hospital Foundation Golf Outing was held on Thursday, June 3, at Auglaize Golf Course outside of Defiance with 18 teams participating in the event.

Winning the tournament was the team sponsored by Dr. Michael Kooistra which consisted of Dr. Michael Kooistra, Cheryl Kooistra, Ted Durre and Dr. Ken Chaffee shooting a round of 53 overall. Taking second place was the team from Jim Schmidt Family of Dealerships, consisting of Jim Schmidt, Josh Greve, Jeremy

Whitehead and Taylor Brown as the quartet posted a score of 55 while third place went to McLaren with a team score of 57 that included Kirk Ray, Dave Thompson, Jay De Los Reyes and Brian Brown.

Individual winners also included Bill Ondrus (longest putt), Josh Greve (closest to pin) and Wendy Hammond (longest drive).

The CMH Foundation would like to give a shout out to all of those who participated, donated and supported the 2021 CMH Foundation Golf Outing.

Dr. Rebecca Edelmayer, Senior Director of Scientific Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association, said people should focus on the health of their brain just like any other part of their body. "Luckily, exercise is one of the things you can do to help protect yourself from cognitive decline, in addition to other healthy lifestyle interventions to reduce your risk of dementia," she said.

The Alzheimer's Association — through its U.S. POINTER Study - is examining the role lifestyle interventions, including diet, may play in protecting cognitive function. Right now, many experts agree that people can improve their brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive decline by adopting healthy lifestyle habits, preferably in combination, including:

- Regular Exercise — Regular cardiovascular exercise helps increase blood flow to the body and brain, and there is strong evidence that regular physical activity is linked to better memory and thinking.
- A heart-healthy diet — Stick to a meal schedule full of fruits and vegetables to ensure a well-balanced diet. The Mediterranean and DASH diets are linked to better cognitive functioning and help reduce risk of heart disease as well.
- Proper sleep — Maintaining a regular, uninterrupted sleep pattern helps clear waste from the brain. Adults should get at least seven hours of sleep each night and try to keep a routine bedtime.
- Staying socially and mentally active — Meaningful social engagement may support cognitive health, so stay connected with friends and family. Engage your mind by doing activities that stump you, like completing a jigsaw puzzle or playing strategy games. Or challenge yourself further by learning a new language or musical instrument.

Dr. Edelmayer said, the best plan is "Don't focus on just one factor. Instead, try to create a healthy lifestyle that might actually, truly help prevent dementia."

HAVEN OF HOPE APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors at Haven of Hope are pleased to announce the hiring of Jamie Ramos as Interim Executive Director at Haven of Hope Men's Homeless shelter, located in Van Wert, OH.

"I feel that every person



deserves to have a warm, safe place to lay their heads at night, and a hot meal in their bellies. The shelter is doing its part to provide those men who are down on their luck, at the very least a place to sleep, a meal, a shower and laundry facility, and perhaps a chance at a better life, states Ramos.

Ramos will be supported by the board of directors composed of leaders from area businesses, nonprofits and area churches. "I am so very honored to be a part of this organization. I plan to focus on sharing our mission with the community and show them how they can get involved with Haven of Hope."

The Haven of Hope Shelter of Van Wert County is a community of Christians who have come together to help displaced men in Van Wert County by providing a place to stay and ongoing guidance to obtain the resources necessary to embrace the next chapter of their lives. To learn more or to get involved, visit <https://havenofhopevw.org/>

OHIO CITY'S 'LAMBERT DAYS'

The Ohio City Park Association is finalizing plans for the 2021 Lambert Days Celebration. This year's events will be modified, because of a lack of annual funds and time constraints, due to the 2020 pandemic. Lambert Days is always the third "full" weekend in July. This year the dates are from July 16-18. We are also in need of volunteers for this year's community festivities. Homemade desserts are also in need for our dinners. There will be a community garage sale featuring homes within a five mile radius of the Village. If you are interested in having a sale added, please contact Laura: 419-771-9463 For general information contact Jason: 567-259-9460 or Brenda: 419-771-0583 or Scott: 419-953-9511 or visit lambert-days.com.

Friday Steak Dinners will start at 4 with take-out available. There will be a carshow with registration starting at 5 and ending at 6 with the judging at 7. The "Lambert Days Pinball Classic" qualifier will be inside the community

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perceived during the pandemic, can impact memory, mood and anxiety. As residents begin to return to normal, we encourage them to make brain health a priority." Myers suggested that it's never too early to think about keeping your brain healthy. "Because one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, people are searching for healthy ways to create the best chance to avoid the brain disease," she said.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, fatal brain disease that kills nerve cells and tissues in the brain, affecting an individual's ability to remember, think, plan, speak, walk. In the United States, more than 6 million people have the disease. There are 220,000 Ohioans living with the disease.

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building that starts at 5 with the top half of the scorers playing a tournament Saturday evening at 7. Open play will be available all weekend. Fireworks will be displayed on the park grounds approximately at 10:15. Saturday will feature a hog roast dinner at the community building starting at 4 with bingo starting at 5. Pinball tournament at 7 with music provided by: DJ Jaime Delgado. Sunday the community building will be serving a chicken dinner and the 53rd annual Lambert Days parade will start at 3.

The Community Building will be serving food all weekend, along with outdoor vendors. There will also be a 50/50, items and baskets that will be raffled off inside the building. The Ohio City Park Association is using this year to rebuild our annual festival and are planning on making 2022 bigger and better than ever. We are still working on a few last minute additions that will be added to our schedule. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for future details. Of course, all of this is being done by a handful of local volunteers. To achieve the potential of these events volunteers are needed. Volunteer today and be a part of something that is bigger than just one person,... Be a part of the Lambert Days community.

MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 7TH, 2021

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Councilman Thompson was present via phone with Councilman Voirol leading the meeting. Mayor Kelsey and Chief Parker were not present. Mitch Thompson on behalf of the Woodburn Vet Clinic, Laurie Szajna with the Woodburn Community Association, and

Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance were also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report. Superintendent's Report: The superintendent provided council with an update on the Hickory Street project.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 17th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the May 17th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. The clerk-treasurer explained that there are approximately 5 homes remaining that have not resolved their illegal sump pump connections. Fees have now begun to accumulate to the owners of said property as described in the notice provided on April 1st. The clerk-treasurer explained what additional appropriations would be required to finish current projects properly and wanted confirmation from council as to city spending for the next 18 months. After discussion, the clerk-treasurer noted feedback in order to prepare for a resolution and public hearing to occur at the next meeting. The clerk-treasurer described a situation regarding Waste Management and the lack of response/performance of their duties. After discussion, it was determined to consult with legal counsel to consider alternate contractual options given the lack of quality service as well as covering the cost to collect any items that should have been picked up during the bulk pick-up within the mobile home park which were not picked up.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Gerig explained that there is an alleyway that requires some patch to fill in the sunken asphalt. Councilman Watts described a property that needs grass mowed in the easement near the city limits to the west on Main Street.

Audience: Mitch presented a potential rezoning consideration to the council before formally beginning the process with the county. After discussion with council, it was determined that the city would approve this request with a few stipulations to be implemented in the formal request. Laurie asked if the council would consider covering the cost of fireworks this year for the Woodburn Day in the Park. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to spend a not to exceed amount of \$4,000 for fireworks, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Kaleb went over potential IT projects and explained to the council the need for these projects. Elected officials and department heads were encouraged to fill out a survey to prioritize their preferences to assist with potential timelines of implementation.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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

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FIRST ANNUAL RALLY 4 RECOVERY EVENT IN VAN WERT



According to mortality reports from the Ohio Department of Health, drug overdoses killed more Ohioans in 2020 than in at least 14 years. The COVID-19 Pandemic led to a spike in substance abuse, and now more than ever, local communities should be aware of recovery resources and services.

Families of Addicts Van Wert will present its first-ever Rally 4 Recovery, taking place at Fountain Park on July 18, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will feature emcee Scotty Mays, speaker Steve Makofka, keynote speaker Paul Fitzpatrick, and four opportunities for anyone to learn how to administer Narcan. In addition, FOA can introduce families from Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana to wrap-around support services available to those recovering from addiction.

Emcee, Scotty Mays, is an Ohio comedian and is in long-term recovery, so this event is extra special for him to participate in.

Family and Recovery Life Coach Steve Makofka is one of the event's speakers. He works for Family Dynamics LLC in Dayton and brings a wealth of knowledge in developing creative training programs to help individuals and groups overcoming addiction.

Keynote Speaker, Paul Fitzpatrick, is Executive Director of "Clevelandn." Fitzpatrick is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a graduate of Cleveland State University's Levine School of Urban Af-

fairs. He is an accomplished public and motivational speaker, and was a Senior Doby Fellow for the Cleveland Peabody Alliance. He spent time in prison and is a recovering addict with over 22 years in recovery. His education and experiences have prepared him to work with those who have also had hardships in their lives. You won't want to miss hearing Paul's story. It is very powerful.

Resource booths available—food and fun activities for the whole family. Join us as we celebrate recovery! At this time, here is who has committed to being an educational resource at our event:

Ridgeview Hospital - Van Wert; Tri-County ADAMHS - Van Wert; Angel Interventions - Van Wert; Haven of Hope - Van Wert; Brightview - Lima; Family Dynamics - Dayton; Fort Wayne Recovery - Fort Wayne; The Mom of an Addict - Fort Wayne; Thrive Peer Support - Cleveland; West Ohio Food Bank - Lima; United Way - Van Wert; Guiding Light Ministries - Lima; Westwood Behavioral Health Center; Turn Right Go Straight - Van Wert; Northeast Center - Northeast Indiana; Avenue Recovery - Fort Wayne; Community Medical Services - Lima; PASS (Prevention Awareness Support Services - Lima; Brianne's

Hope - Celina; Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions - Lima

Much appreciation to our sponsors: United Way of Van Wert County, Van Wert Health, Tri-County ADAMHS, The Marketing Junkie, and Brightview in Lima.

Families of Addicts is headquartered in Dayton, OH, and has multiple hubs in the Miami Valley, including Van Wert. FOA rebuilds families and transforms lives through the 3 E's; Educate, Empower and Embrace. Through weekly meetings in Van Wert County, navigation, one-on-one phone support, and outreach opportunities, FOA is a sought-after and respected resource. The non-profit is unique because it supports the entire family and advocates for individuals to find their face and voice, which is key to eliminating the stigma associated with addiction. Follow FOA Families of Addicts-Van Wert on Facebook for additional details about the Rally 4 Recovery event and services available to local communities year-round.

For more information about this event and FOA, call (419) 203-0200 and ask for Shane Manson.

man, Jan Hahn, George Rhonehouse, Jeanne Schmunk, Karen Sanders, Bill Bricker, Doug Bragg, Fred Kammeyer, Bill Fish, Bob Johnson, Tim and Brenda Copsey, Pudge Kennedy, Ray Friend, and George and Victoria Clemens

Each of the above people have been deemed invaluable by friends, family and neighbors in the village of Antwerp. Each have been named a Gem of the Year at Antwerp Cham-

ber of Commerce's Day in the Park. This year's event is set to take place on August 14, 2021 and another selfless resident will be named Gem of the Year.

Do you know such a Gem? A member of this village that puts the betterment of the community of Antwerp above self? Then take this time to nominate them to be this year's recipient of the annual Gem of the Year award.

Nomination forms can be found online at Antwerp Chamber web page, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, Petals and Vines, and at the Antwerp Exchange Bank. Mail forms to Antwerp Chamber, PO Box 893, Antwerp, OH 45813 or drop off in the "Gem Nominee" box at the Antwerp Exchange Bank.

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES 6/16/21

This 16th day of June, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, Clint A. Vance and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 269558 through 269593 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

TRAVEL REQUEST
Mark Holtsberry - NOCAC Executive Board Meeting, Defiance, OH, June 10, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING "THEN AND NOW" PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Auditor has certified the following "Then and Now" purchase order number and payment included in the Allowance of Claims on June 14, 2021, Warrants numbered 269463 through 269465 in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 and

WHEREAS, it is certified that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the County Auditor is completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1), these pur-

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Subway, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living
Bryan: Chief, Town & Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Paulding Kwik Mart
Payne: Blueberry Pancake House, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza
Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, **Scott:** Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, The Village of Heritage, Phillips 66 Gas Station, Dollar General
New Haven: New Haven Tan McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop
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PREMIER BANK WELCOMES ROSS DURHAM AS BRANCH MANAGER

Premier Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Ross Durham as AVP, Branch Manager of the Napoleon Main office.

Durham most recently served as AVP, Branch Manager of a regional bank headquartered in Columbus, OH where he successfully led the project team for Digital Banking to provide tools, resources, and products directly to customers. In his new role, he will lead his team to deliver an exceptional customer experience, ensuring a focus on driving growth and developing key business and community relationships. Durham will work to effectively represent the bank in the Napoleon community while proactively helping clients succeed financially.

"My favorite parts of this job are building close relationships with so many members of our community and being able to better understand their hopes, goals, and dreams," explained Durham. "To be able to watch their lives evolve over time through the partnerships we develop is inspiring. This work strengthens our communities, teaches our children and helps our businesses thrive. All of that stems from putting our customers first in all that we do here at Premier Bank."

Durham is actively involved in the local Napoleon

community. He currently serves on the Henry County Chamber of Commerce Board and Napoleon City Council. He also enjoys teaching financial education classes for Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio. He currently resides in Napoleon, OH with his wife, Jessica and their children, Kinsley, Reece and Blakely.

Durham's office is located at 625 Scott Street in Napoleon, OH. He can be contacted at 419-599-2033 or RDurham@YourPremierBank.com.

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PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL GIVES BACK TO ANTWERP, PAULDING, AND WAYNE TRACE SCHOOLS



Drew Altimus, Athletic Director-Antwerp Local Schools and Ron Goedde, CEO-Paulding County Hospital



Tyler Arend, Athletic Director-Paulding Exempted Village Schools and Ron Goedde, CEO-Paulding County Hospital



Jim Linder, Athletic Director-Wayne Trace Schools and Ron Goedde, CEO-Paulding County Hospital

Paulding County Hospital gives back to all three area schools. Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace schools all received a donation to their athletic departments from Paulding County Hospital this past week. Paulding County Hospital offered sports physicals to lo-

cal athletes during the school day. Sports physicals were performed at all three county schools for a full day by Paulding County Hospital providers and staff. With the approval of administration and the Board, Paulding County Hospital was able to donate every dollar collected for the sports physicals performed back to each school's athletic department.

Participating in school-related sports is a great way for youth to stay fit, have fun, all while developing school and community spirit. Paulding County Hospital was happy to be able to play a role in this process and give back to these worthy programs.

IMPROVING DRAINAGE WITH COVER CROPS

As the weather warms and snow melts, many fields are saturated with standing water. While cover crops may improve drainage, they are not a cure all. A farmer with no tile or subsurface drainage once asked why the cover crop's he planted did not improve his drainage. Fields need an outlet for water to drain away whether that be surface drainage or subsurface (tile) drainage. Most plant roots do not grow in water, and when the water table is high, root growth is severely limited due to a lack of oxygen. Even cover crops need some internal drainage to maximize root growth.

Cover crops improve soil structure, add soil organic matter (SOM), and create root channels to move water into existing tile lines. Cover crops may make your existing drainage system work more efficiently. Many farmers today are splitting 40 to 50-foot tile lines that was installed years ago to improve drainage. Some farmers are finding that with good stands of cover crops, they can forgo splitting tile lines by improving their soil structure to make existing tile lines work better.

This year we had a lot of snow in February. Did you notice snow melting faster in some fields than in others? Hay fields and cover crop fields tend to have warmer porous soils where the snow melt is earlier but slower and more gradual. Snow melts from the bottom from the internal heat of the earth and from the top from solar radiation. On soils that are tilled and compacted, soil freezes deeper but the snow melt is later but melts quickly, resulting in surface runoff.

Every year, there are questions about cover crop roots

clogging tile lines. Any plant root may lead to clogged tile under certain conditions. Corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, sugar beets, oats, trees, and cover crop roots searching for water may clog a tile. Ohio State and Purdue research found that the main cause is due to poor grade on tile installation. In 4-inch tile, if the installer does not go back and fix a tile line that hits a rock to re-establish grade, that bump acts like a dam where water and sediment collects and thirsty roots may clog that section of tile.

A spring or a constant source of soluble nutrients from a septic tank or feedlot tend to promote root clogging in tile. Most summer annual crops (corn and soybeans) may be looking for water in the summer when its dry. On the flip side, cover crops generally extend the length of time live roots are exploring the soil during the year and this may lead to more root clogs. Most of the time, tile root clogging is due to several factors not just cover crops. It is almost impossible to tell what type of roots clog tile unless you take a DNA sample. The best strategy is to make sure your tile is installed correctly and not allow soluble nutrients to flow through the tile.

Many cover crops improve soil structure and drainage. Brassicas like radish, rape, and kale have deep tap roots that break up compacted layers to allow water to flow vertically. Sorghum Sudan is a great grass for improving soil structure and allowing water to drain more effectively. Grasses have fibrous roots to allow water to flow horizontally. Other good grasses include oats, annual ryegrass, cereal rye, barley, wheat, and pearl millet. Even legumes (winter pea, cowpea, hairy vetch) and clovers (red, sweet, Balansa, and crimson) have good root systems to improve drainage. The added nitrogen generated from legumes and clovers improve grass and brassica root growth when added to a cover crop mixture.

Some researchers think no-till and cover crops allow soluble phosphorus and nitrogen nutrients to flow to surface water. No-till soils are more porous but if a live cover crop is kept growing, those live roots absorb soluble nutrients (N&P) and build SOM to store soluble nutrients long-term. Radishes tend to die in the winter, releasing nutrients; but add a winter cereal grain cover crop to your cover

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COVID VACCINE SCHEDULE



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- TUESDAYS** PCH Vaccine Clinic (Building adjacent to ED) 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- WEDNESDAYS** PCH Vaccine Clinic (Building adjacent to ED) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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ANTWERP CHAMBER PREPARES FOR ANNUAL DAY IN THE PARK FESTIVITIES



Chambers members hard at work discussing Day in the Park.

At the June Chamber of Commerce meeting in Antwerp, members were busy getting the plans together for all of the areas of the annual Day In The Park festival at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp. The participating members divide into

committees and take charge in securing all things needed in every facet that is Day In The Park. From the parade, to Gem of the Year award; food, crafts, games, all the way down to the 50/50 drawing and making sure there are chairs and trash bins at the park - all of this takes hours of volunteer efforts to ensure an enjoyable day for all.

Dream Vacation ... sun and sand? Mountains and forests? National Parks? Think big for 2021 Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Day In The Park parade! The theme is Dream Vacation and the sky is the limit in terms of creativity. Assemble that good buddy group, organization, business associates, etc. and brainstorm some ideas for an entry in the parade. Look for parade entry forms at Chamber businesses, on the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or the Antwerp Chamber website.

Gem of the Year nominees are currently being submitted. The Gem will be announced during the opening ceremonies of the day.

Entertainment for the afternoon will include the band, Water 2 Wine. Water 2 Wine is the acoustic duo of Jason Vandemark and McKenna Weatherhead with back-up players David Busing and Bob Weatherhead. They play hits from the last few decades. Bring out those lawn chairs or find a seat in the park, and make plans to take a break and listen.

For the families with children, Scheumann Farms in Woodburn will bring a petting zoo and an inflatable slide. The Antwerp cheerleaders will be manning the Dunk Tank. Come check out the lucky line-up to dunk! The

Maumee Express Train will be making its trek thru the park to let those kiddos have some fun.

Numerous food vendors will be on tap to satiate the hunger pangs of the day. Crafters - come one, come all! Bring your wares to display and let the festival-goers check it out. Every year since beginning a Business and Industry Tent, the number of participants has grown. Organizations and businesses take this opportunity to hand out samples, offer special deals, etc. A silent auction will be set up in this area along with the Cutie Pie Contest and Sweet Sixteen Contest sponsored by Memories by Tawnya Photography.

If you think this sounds like a lot, then you are absolutely correct! It takes many hands all working together cooperatively to make sure Day In The Park 2021 takes flight and runs smoothly. If you would like to volunteer your time or ideas for Day In The Park festival, please contact a Chamber member. You can send a private message to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce facebook page or email antwerpchamber@gmail.com. All Forms for the Parade, Food, Craft and Gem of the Year are on the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's website - www.antwerpchamber.com

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP (NHEG) WAS NAMED 2X WINNER IN THE 8TH ANNUAL 2021 SALES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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All sales, customer service & support, business development, and professional services individuals, teams, departments, and organizations private or public, corporations, for-profit, and nonprofits, large, medium, and small to startups, associations, vendors and government organizations worldwide are eligible to enter.

Judges from a broad spectrum of industry voices from around the world participated and their average scores determined the 2021 award winners.

"It's an honor to be recognized as an industry leader by Globee Awards for this esteemed industry and peer recognition," said Pamela S. Clark "This further validates our position as a company poised to successfully overcome the educational gaps and problems families face regularly, by providing a one-stop-shop in education; we have continued to set new standards in the world of education. None of which could be accomplished without our small army of volunteers from all over the world. This passionate team is 2nd to none."

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crop mix OR reduce radish in the mixture. Grass winter annual cover crops are better at keeping soluble nutrients tied up than radish, which die when it freezes. Growing cover crops and improving soil health is a great way to improve drainage and keep nutrients recycling on the land.

James J. Hoorman,
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BIO-STIMULANTS FOR HIGHER YIELDS AND CARBON

Bio-stimulants include both bacterial and fungal inoculants, various types of compost, and organic adjuvants that stimulate plant growth and improve yield. Farmers have been using bacteria inoculants containing Rhizobia bacteria on legumes and clovers like soybeans, alfalfa, and red clover for many years. Each plant has a specific Rhizobia bacteria inoculant needed to maximize nitrogen production. Rhizobia take atmospheric nitrogen and convert it to plant available forms of nitrogen in the nodules. Inoculants for soybeans and alfalfa may last 1-2 years while cover crop inoculants are short lived, lasting only 12-48 hours. Many farmers buy pre-inoculated seed but exposure to sunlight and temperatures above 500F often make them ineffective. For best results, always inoculant cover crops legumes (winterpeas, vetches, cowpeas, Sunn Hemp) and clovers (crimson, Balansa, red, sweet) at planting and buy the right inoculant species.

Other inoculants are fungal. There are over 150-250

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS DAYCARE VISIT THE PAULDING COUNTY JAIL



Shown here in back are: Scarlett Neff, Gaven James, Mason Gutierrez and Zander James with Officer Hannah. Middle row: Evander Neff, Skilerr Good, Damien Selzer and Isabel Isidoro. Front: Brynlee Stoller, Kamden Laney, Celeste Hollar, Peyton Hollar, and Ayden Good.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Daycare School Agers recently visited the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and Jail. Officer Hannah gave them the grand tour. We very much appreciate our local profession-

als taking time out of their day to tell us about their jobs. We learn so much about our community! For more information about our summer program, daycare or preschool, call 419-399-KIDS

different species of soil mycorrhizae fungi. Due to changes in farm management and the soil environment over time, many of these fungal species have disappeared. The problem for farmers is knowing what beneficial fungi species you have, which species you need, and then finding a viable source. It's too expensive to test for all these

parameters. Many companies sell mycorrhizal inoculants but many do not list the fungal specie. The easiest fungi to propagate are the Rhizoglyphus, unfortunately they are soil abundant, the benefits are small, and probably are not needed, so avoid buying this fungus. When using fungal inoculants use test strips with/

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2021 WOODBURN DAY IN THE PARK EVENTS WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Winners from Woodburn's Day in the Park Chalk Walk include:

Preschool Division 1st Place Brody Cassell, 2nd Place Brielle Klatcher.

Elementary Division 1st Place Grace Eller, 2nd Place Liam Boese.

Middle/High school Division 1st Place Jacob Dickinson, 2nd Place Weston Masure.

Winners from the Donut Decorating Contest include: Grand Champion Decorators: The Hostetler Family Age division winners:



Denise Deeds, Kennedy Watts, and Miles Cassell.

We had over 60 participants in these two activities and look forward to next year's friendly competitions!

A special appreciation to the Woodburn Lions Club for providing the supplies and prize money for these free family events.

IT TAKES A YEAR TO PLAN FOR A DAY

It was exciting to see everyone from strollers to rollers enjoying Woodburn's Day in the Park this past Saturday. From live music at the new pavilion and fantastic food in and around the shelter house to activities for kids of all ages, there was something to keep everyone entertained. Dozens of families were excited to share their creative talents at the Chalk Walk and Donut Decorating contest sponsored by the Woodburn Lions Club, and parents were exhausted after racing around the park trying to keep up with their kids as they competed in the Woodburn Community Association's Scavenger Hunt. Topping it all off was a fantastic fireworks show sponsored by the City of Woodburn.

A special thanks should go out to all of those who volunteered their time and talents in order to make this day possible, especially Laurie Szajna and Jan Palmer for working so hard to plan this special com-

munity event. It truly means a great deal to have people who are willing to dedicate their time to orchestrate something to bring back our sense of community as we begin to build back after such an unusual year and a half. With more volunteers donating just a few hours of their time, it would be exciting to expand these events for 2022. Feel free to join the Community Association at any of its meetings, regularly scheduled for 6pm at City Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

LUTHERAN BARIATRIC CENTER EXCEEDS 2,000 SURGERIES

The Lutheran Bariatric Center has surpassed a surgical milestone - 2,000 bariatric procedures - and patient number 2,000, Kara Papaik of Fort Wayne, says the experience has changed her life.

Papaik was diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome and metabolic syndrome as an

adolescent, making it difficult to lose weight and keep it off. She first looked into weight-loss surgery five years ago, which is when she met Dr. Dale Sloan and his team. At the time, she didn't feel she had the personal support structure needed for long-term success. After moving several times and returning to Fort Wayne, Papaik decided the time was right.

"I couldn't have children naturally because of the weight, but we have two adopted daughters," explains Papaik. "I decided it was time to serve my kiddos and my husband by losing the weight in a more permanent fashion rather than just dieting for the rest of my life."

"Many people believe bariatric surgery will solve all of their weight problems, but weight loss involves more than just the surgery," says Sloan. "Lifestyle changes and personal support are essential elements of long-term success. Kara needed to be at the right point in time to give herself the best opportunity to achieve her goals."

The Lutheran Bariatric Center, an accredited comprehensive bariatric surgery center, offers extensive pre- and post-surgical services that provide patients with both physical and emotional support. Before surgery, candidates participate in information sessions, as well as physical and mental health assessments, to determine if bariatric surgery is appropriate. After surgery, patients attend support groups and receive lifetime checkups designed to keep them on track.

There are four surgical procedures available to patients - sleeve gastrectomy, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, duodenal switch and single anastomosis duodenal switch (SADS). The procedures take approximately one to three hours, depending on the procedure chosen, and require a one- to two-day inpatient stay. There are various individual indications for the different bariatrics surgeries. Papaik had significant reflux so the gastric bypass was the best procedure for her to treat her gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) as well as her obesity.

Papaik says her journey from preparation to procedure moved fairly quickly. Classes began in February, including sessions to prepare her family for what would be expected of Papaik, and the surgery took place in early April. Papaik enjoyed the informative classes and preparation and especially appreciated the support after the procedure. She says it has been very helpful talking to other people who are of similar age or experience about how they are doing.

"This is a complete lifestyle change," she says. "It's not just you're changing, you also have to inform and educate your family so they can understand what you can and cannot do anymore."

Papaik has lost more than 40 pounds over the past few months, which has impacted her and her family in a number of positive ways. "It's significant," she says. "I'm not worrying about what's on the scale anymore. It's the small things I notice day-to-day. I can walk up flights of stairs, carry the kids longer and go on longer walks."

"I've also noticed my shoes don't fit anymore. They are too big. And my rings don't fit," she adds. "I don't have headaches anymore from my sugar imbalance. I sleep better and my husband says I don't snore anymore."

According to Sloan, Papaik's story is a familiar one and something to share with other patients. "When we see patients like Kara embrace the process and see the results of her hard work, it serves as a great example to others of how you can transform your life."

In terms of advice, one factor stands out for Papaik. "The education piece was huge for me," she says. "There are so many misconceptions. People assume those who get weight-loss surgery are giving up on dieting and it's the easy way out. Oh my gosh, if you only knew! You have to maintain this every day. I think it's important for people to understand. I've had a positive experience."

Learn more about the Lutheran Bariatric Center, take an online bariatric assessment or call (260) 435-7844 for more information.

About Lutheran Health Network

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NHEG HOLDS ANNUAL RECOGNITION DAY

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) held its annual Recognition Day on June 20, 2021, from 3-5 pm Central time. The event celebrated the nonprofit's 15th anniversary and many accomplishments, students, volunteers, families, sponsors, partners and affiliates. Walmart of Defiance provided a \$500 grant for the event and was recognized during the event for their contribution.

30 Volunteers of the Year were recognized:

- Rhone-Ann Huang - Reading Ambassador of the Year
- Khrista-Cheryl Cendana - Research Coordinator of the Year
- Allene Yue - Music Instructor of the Year
- Meghna Kilaparathi - Instructor of the Year
- Cheska Bagalso - Clipart Creator of the Year
- Laura Casanova - Proofreader of the Year
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- Sheila Wright - Grant Writer of the Year
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- Nayana Mogre - Data Compiler and Updater of the Year
- Jyoti Aggarwal - Human Resources Coordinator of the Year
- Rishaan Aggarwal - Inspiring Reader of the Year and Sunshine Award
- Caroline Chen - Youth HR Coordinator of the Year
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- Kristen Congedo - Exceptional Proofreader Award
- Yichen Liu - Social Media - Reddit and Discord Updater

The organization held a raffle during the event, and winners were Jody Bowden (Mystery Prize Package and \$25 Amazon Gift Card) and Zachary Clark (\$50 Gift Card). The following were winners of the Recognition Day Drawing:

- Khrista-Cheryl Cendana - Unraveling Reading
- Jyoti Aggarwal - \$15 NHEG Online Store Gift Card
- Charlotte Picardo - \$10 Amazon Gift Card and a \$25 NHEG Online Store Gift Card
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without the inoculant and do a yield check. Valent's Endo-prime has four mycorrhizal species listed (yes one is a Rhizophagus specie) but they have a money back guarantee based on test strips with yield gains of 5-10% possible. Farmers using a soil health management system (long-term no-till plus cover crops) find that after 2-3 years they do not need to inoculate because it propagates itself in healthy soils. Farmers that do tillage may need to inoculate every year.

Other types of natural inoculants include compost. Compost inoculants contain many different types of beneficial microbes and some beneficial fungi (not mycorrhizal fungi). Compost re-inoculates soils with many beneficial microbes in the tens and hundreds of thousands of species. There are two types of compost; aerobic and static compost. Aerobic compost is

turned often to add oxygen and to speed up (90 days) the decomposition of organic residues. The beneficial micro-residues in aerobic compost tolerate disturbance and there tends to be fewer species. In static compost, the decomposition is much slower (1-2 years) but there tends to be many more beneficial microbial species. Farmers can make their own static compost using red wiggler worms to inoculate the compost pile (Dr. Don Johnson, 2019 in New Mexico). Farmers are now adding compost to their corn and soybean seed as an inoculant to enhance plant growth and crop yield.

Beneficial bacteria tend to be gram-negative. Bacteria (especially rod-shaped bacteria and gram-negative bacteria) and actinomycetes are concentrated in the rhizosphere, the narrow region next to and around the root. Strains of the soil bacteria Pseudomonas promote plant stimulating hormones for increased growth and have antifungal activity on the plant pathogens Pythium and Fusarium. Over use of glyphosate (Roundup products) has caused a decline of some Pseudomonas soil bacteria (Cornell University, 2017). Planting oats as a cover crop or nurse crop stimulates beneficial microbes and may counteract glyphosate issues. Trichoderma are disease suppressing bacteria and biofertilizers which help plants effectively take up plant nutrients to promotes enhanced plant growth. Healthy soils have the same number of disease-causing organisms as unhealthy soils, however; healthy soils tend to have more predators to reduce disease organism populations. Healthy plants can also tolerate disease organisms by outgrowing and resisting disease organisms.

Bio-stimulants also increase soil carbon. Healthy soils and healthy microbes sequester carbon better than unhealthy soils. We may soon be calling cover crops "carbon crops". Cereal rye may add about 0.1-0.15% soil organic matter (SOM) additions per year equal to 1-1.5 tons SOM/acre or roughly sequester .5 to .75 tons carbon/acre/year. If we did that on 200 million USA acres, that would be 100-150 million tons carbon sequestered by plants and microbes. It would take 30-50 years to add the 15 tons of soil carbon needed to increase our SOM levels by 3%. The US government may soon be paying farmers to store soil carbon.

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USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO FIND NEW USES FOR EXISTING MEDICATIONS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Scientists have developed a machine-learning method that crunches massive amounts of data to help determine which existing medications could improve outcomes in diseases for which they are not prescribed.

The intent of this work is to speed up drug repurposing, which is not a new concept - think Botox injections, first approved to treat crossed eyes and now a migraine treatment - to reduce the appearance of wrinkles.

But getting to those new uses typically involves a mix of serendipity and time-consuming and expensive randomized clinical trials to ensure that a drug deemed effective for one disorder will be useful as a treatment for something else.

The Ohio State University researchers created a framework that combines enormous patient care-related datasets with high-powered computation to arrive at repurposed drug candidates and the estimated effects of those existing medications on a defined set of outcomes.

Though this study focused on proposed repurposing of drugs to prevent heart failure and stroke in patients with coronary artery disease, the framework is flexible - and could be applied to most diseases.

"This work shows how artificial intelligence can be used to 'test' a drug on a patient, and speed up hypothesis generation and potentially speed up a clinical trial," said senior author Ping Zhang, assistant professor of computer science and engineering and biomedical informatics at Ohio State. "But we will never replace the physician - drug decisions will always be made by clinicians."

Drug repurposing is an attractive pursuit because it could lower the risk associated with safety testing of new medications and dramatically reduce the time it takes to get a drug into the marketplace for clinical use.

Randomized clinical trials are the gold standard for determining a drug's effectiveness against a disease, but Zhang noted that machine learning can account for hundreds - or thousands - of human differences within a large population that could influence how medicine works in the body. These factors, or confounders, ranging from age, sex and race to disease severity and the presence of other illnesses, function as parameters in the deep learning computer algorithm on which the framework is based.

That information comes from "real-world evidence," which is longitudinal observational data about millions of patients captured by electronic medical records or insurance claims and prescription data.

"Real-world data has so many confounders. This is the reason we have to introduce the deep learning algorithm, which can handle multiple parameters," said Zhang, who leads the Artificial Intelligence in Medicine Lab and is a core faculty member in the Translational Data Analytics Institute at Ohio State. "If we have hundreds or thousands of confounders, or humans being can work with that. So we have to use artificial intelligence to solve the problem."

"We are the first team to introduce use of the deep learning algorithm to handle the real-world data, control for multiple confounders, and emulate clinical trials."

The research team used insurance claims data on nearly 1.2 million heart-disease patients, which provided information on their assigned treatment, disease outcomes and various values for potential confounders. The deep learning algorithm also has the power to take into account the passage of time in each patient's experience - for every visit, prescription and diagnostic test. The model input for drugs is based on their active ingredients.

Applying what is called causal inference theory, the researchers categorized, for the purposes of this analysis, the active drug and placebo patient groups that would be found in a clinical trial. The model tracked patients for two years - and compared their disease status at that end point to whether or not they took medications, which drugs they took and when they started the regimen.

"With causal inference, we can address the problem of

having multiple treatments. We don't answer whether drug A or drug B works for this disease or not, but figure out which treatment will have the better performance," Zhang said.

Their hypothesis: that the model would identify drugs that could lower the risk for heart failure and stroke in coronary artery disease patients.

The model yielded nine drugs considered likely to provide those therapeutic benefits, three of which are currently in use - meaning the analysis identified six candidates for drug repurposing. Among other findings, the analysis suggested that a diabetes medication, metformin, and escitalopram, used to treat depression and anxiety, could lower risk for heart failure and stroke in the model patient population. As it turns out, both of those drugs are currently being tested for their effectiveness against heart disease.

Zhang stressed that what the team found in this case study is less important than how they got there.

"My motivation is applying this, along with other experts, to find drugs for diseases without any current treatment. This is very flexible, and we can adjust case-by-case," he said. "The general model could be applied to any disease if you can define the disease outcome."

The research was supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, which funds the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at Ohio State.

Graduate student Ruoqi Liu and research assistant professor Lai Wei, both at Ohio State, also worked on the study.

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/using-artificial-intelligence-to-find-new-uses-for-existing-medications/>

NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES AND SLUG ISSUES

Summer has officially arrived and nutrient deficiencies and pests are now a problem. Healthy plants have less problems with disease and insects, so optimum plant nutrition is important for keeping pests at bay and optimizing crop yields. Several nutrients may be part of the problem.

Nitrogen is a corn macronutrient that farmers apply pre-plant, with corn starter fertilizer, or side-dress applications. Nitrogen fertilizer can easily be lost depending on how much rain has occurred and whether inhibitors were used. Nitrogen deficient corn is often seen in low areas or flooded fields. Sulphur deficiency on corn leaves is becoming more common, seen as yellow striping with green veins and spindly plants. Sulphur is the fourth most important nutrient needed by plants and is used in protein synthesis and to produce chlorophyll for photosynthesis. Soybeans need sulfur for nodule formation and wheat to improve grain quality. Most soil tests increasingly show that soil sulfur is lacking now due to reductions in sulfur emissions from coal and transportation sources.

Sulfur is immobile in plant tissue so deficiency symptoms show up in the newly formed, young leaves. Sulphur is tied up in the soil organic matter and crop residues. Sulphur mineralization or plant avail-

able sulfur forms are dependent upon temperature, moisture, and other factors. Sulphate is a soluble plant available form of sulfur but when excess rain occurs, this form can be leached away from the roots. Sulphur is needed in a 10:1 (nitrogen to sulfur) ratio to have complete plant protein synthesis.

Yellow slow growing soybeans are a problem this year. Seed corn maggots and in some cases, wireworm caused early seed damage. If glyphosate (Roundup) is used to kill weeds, key nutrients like manganese can be chelated or tied up. If the soybean or corn leaf veins are more yellow than between the leaf, suspect manganese deficiency. A foliar application of manganese sulfate may help both soybeans and corn if needed. Usually within hours, leaves will turn a uniform brighter and darker shade of green. Works well on tomatoes, sunflower, strawberries, melons, squash and zucchini if manganese is limiting.

While our Ohio soils may have adequate iron, iron is not always plant available. Under saturated soil conditions or fields that are highly compacted, the plant available form of reduced iron often leaches away with excessive rain. Iron is needed to form chlorophyll in the plant. Applying iron sulfate to pale yellow leaves generally improves chlorophyll leaf production and turns plant leaves dark green similar to manganese. Really high soil test for iron and/or manganese may indicate tight compacted waterlogged soils and associated deficiency symptoms. Unfortunately, soil tests do not distinguish between total nutrient soil test levels and plant available forms of these two nutrients. When you start seeing total iron and total manganese soil test levels become more "normal or not excessively high", that's an indication you have more plant available forms. Improving soil health by reducing soil compaction and improving soil biology may lead to overall improved nutrient availability.

Slugs are becoming a big issue this year. Although we had a relatively dry early spring, most slugs were buried in the soil and insulated from dry conditions. The last two years, winters have been relatively mild, so slug population have increased, especially in no-till fields with cover crops. Slugs and voles (field mice) thrive under cool wet conditions with plenty of lush crop residue. With good growing conditions, our crops (especially corn) can outgrow most slug damage. Soybeans, however, are especially susceptible to juvenile slug feeding because soybeans have a high nitrogen and/or protein content. Slugs can wipe out a slow growing crop fields within a couple days.

The gray garden slug (medium in size, light to dark gray) is the most common and numerous slug type that damages crops, laying 500 eggs per adult. Marsh slug are generally darker in color and resides in high organic matter soils. Farmers may apply pelleted baits but they are about 50% effective. Rain and humidity cause pellets to mold, so they are effective for about 48 hours. If a slug eats the bait but does not die, they will not eat it again. Rotary hoeing residue to fluff residue to dry

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Sudoku Puzzle

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it out, mowing at 8-10 inches to keep cover crops low, or planting radish as a cover crop may help reduce future slug populations. Sunny weather and fast-growing crops are the best cure! See my website hoormansoilhealth.com for more information on micro nutrients and slug control.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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itorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/ 3 devices, Air Reserve Meritorious Service Medal w/ 6 devices,

Iraq Campaign Medal w/ 1 Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal w/ 2 devices, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border and 2 devices, Humanitarian Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon w/ 1 Bronze Service Star, and the Mississippi Emergency Service Medal.

Sgt. Kees is a 1996 graduate of Woodlan H.S., a 2002 graduate of Indiana University, Fort Wayne, with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice, and a 2014 graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, with a Master's of Science in Geosciences and Operational Meteorology.

MSgt Kees is the son of Dennis and Rebecca Kees of Harlan, and the grandson of Richard and Shirley Kees of Fort Wayne, and June Beltz and the late Delmar Beltz of Woodburn. He resides in Harlan with his wife and three children, and is employed by the Indiana Air National Guard Fire Department as the Assistant Chief of Training.

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chases must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paulding County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Purchase Orders as submitted by the Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners, County of Paulding, State of Ohio concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED BID FOR THE 2021 PAULDING COUNTY COLD MIX PAVING PROJECT

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, bids were received for the 2021 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project; and

WHEREAS, after review of the aforementioned bids, Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, has recommended that the project be awarded to Henry W. Bergman, Inc., 218 E. 9th Street Genoa, OH 43430, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2021 Paulding County Cold Mix Paving Project to Henry W. Bergman, Inc., in the amount of \$581,055.00.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED BID FOR THE 2021 PAULDING COUNTY ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, a bid was received for the 2021 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project; and

WHEREAS, after review of the aforementioned bids, Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer, has recommended that the project be awarded to Gerken Paving, Inc., 9072 Co. Rd. 424 Napoleon, OH 43545, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby award the 2021 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project to Gerken Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$1,955,117.35.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED AND ENTERING INTO A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM GROVER HILL LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Request for Qualifications for Professional Design Services for CDBG-CV Grover Hill Lions Club Community Center Project; and

WHEREAS, after review of the aforementioned Request of Qualifications, the Board of County Commissioners has recommended that the Professional Design Services Proposal for the CDBG-CV Grover Hill Lions Club Community Center Project be awarded to Beilharz Architects, Inc., 701 1/2 West First Street, Defiance, OH 43512, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby

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STUDENTS NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST AT COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The following students from Defiance, OH have been named to the 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List at Columbus State Community College. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled for six or more credit hours.

Amy Chen, Associate of Science

Taurean Cook, Social Work and Human Services

Javen Newton, Associate of Arts

OHIO RESIDENTS CALL ON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND 9 COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS TO LAUNCH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION IN WATERWAYS

On Friday, June 18 and Monday, June 21, Ohio residents handed letters to nine county prosecuting attorneys and the Ohio Attorney General's Office demanding the enforcement of the Ohio Revised Code and launch of felony investigations into the disposal of radioactive waste in Ohio drinking watersheds. The residents charge that the crime of poisoning is knowingly caused by the spreading of radioactive oil and gas drilling "brine" on public highways as a deicer and dust suppressant. Poisoning is a first-degree felony in violation of O.R.C. § 2927.24.

Letters were delivered to the prosecuting attorneys in Athens, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lucas, Medina, Portage, Mahoning, Williams and Wood counties as well as Attorney General Dave Yost.

Members of the Ohio Community Rights Network (OHCNR) delivered the letters along with packets of information on the toxicity of the brine. The packets support the need for criminal investigations into brine processing companies and the State of Ohio, for the spreading and legalization of radioactive

brine throughout the state. OHCNR members have advanced local lawmaking to protect freshwater ecosystems across the State of Ohio, and in many cases the state has put obstacles in their way.

"State and private actors are violating Ohio's criminal code by distributing and depositing radioactive oil and gas waste brine into Ohio watersheds," said Terry Lodge, CELDF attorney. "State agencies are also guilty of permitting private actors to participate in this practice."

According to tests run by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in 2017, all tested samples of brine used for these purposes exceeded both federal and state standards of radioactivity limits into the environment. Despite these results, the radioactive substance is being spread in drinking water basins and ecosystems. Other tests run by independent researchers at Penn State, the National Resources Defense Council and Duquesne University have shown similar results.

According to a 2020 investigation published in Rolling Stone Magazine, the oil/gas industry is fully aware of these radiation issues and has been for decades.

The Ohio Legislature is currently considering bills (HB 282 and SB 171) that would further encourage the spreading of radioactive brine by reclassifying it as a commodity in the state. However, even without passage of these bills, the Ohio Department of Transportation and ODNR have both permitted and utilized this brine for several years throughout the state as a road deicer and dust suppressant.

"Section 2927.24 was added to the Ohio Code after the 9/11 attacks on this country. The fear was that 'terrorists' might attempt to attack the state's water supplies with radioactive substances. It's ironic that the government itself is the one violating its own law and putting all residents and ecosystems throughout the state in danger," stated

OHCNR President Bill Lyons.

The letters handed to the county prosecuting attorneys and Ohio Attorney General state:

"These concentrations of Ra-228 and Ra-226 are dangerous. Once oil and gas brine is applied to roadways, it will ultimately be washed into every surface water source in the state. The decay of Ra-226 to safe levels will take more than 11,000 years. Radium is very mobile in water and will come to pervade the water table everywhere throughout Ohio. It is misidentified by our bodies as calcium, and so would be deposited in bones and teeth, from whence it would bombard and mutate surrounding cells into cancers."

"We have tried to bring this problem to the attention of our elected officials and have found that they are more concerned with protecting the profits of the oil/gas industry than protecting the people, the environment or the future of the state. We have been accused of breaking the law for attempting to pass laws banning this waste in our communities and now we find out that the state is breaking its own law. This needs to be exposed and dealt with," stated Kathie Jones from Medina County.

Members of the Ohio Community Rights Network have pursued local laws in twelve counties to protect the rights of ecosystems and peoples' rights to fresh water and to ban the spread and depositing of fracking waste in their communities. Some of those laws were adopted into law. Others collected sufficient signatures but have so far been denied access to the ballot. Petitioners whose ballot initiatives have not been allowed on the ballot are plaintiffs in an ongoing federal civil rights lawsuit against the state. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) has assisted the community groups with drafting legislation and legal representation.

"I'm infuriated that we would put a radioactive processing plant on the banks of this beautiful river and the people who are allowing this should be prosecuted and put in jail. We have criminals running the government," stated Paul Sherlock, Cleveland resident and activist. "Here in Cleveland to have just witnessed so much celebration over the 50 year anniversary of the Cuyahoga River burning and 'clean up,' only to learn that the ODNR Chief has permitted a processing facility of this radioactive brine just a few feet from the banks of the Cuyahoga River. It may not burn this time, but the dangers are even worse."

"What we have experienced over the past decade throughout Ohio is an assumption that the State would protect public health and the environment. When learning this wasn't the case, people attempted to use the system to protect themselves by asserting their constitutional right to initiative," says Tish O'Dell, CELDF Organizer and Ohio resident. "The government's response to all the people's efforts has been to erect new barriers to local self-governance and the protection of the rights of nature. Through court challenges, permitting harm and adopting preemption laws, all three branches of the state government have tried to stop residents from

protecting their communities. The least the state can do is enforce its own laws it passed to protect our water supplies from 'terrorists.'"

Former Youngstown Fire Chief Silverio Caggiano stated in the Rolling Stone article on radioactive brine: "If we caught some ISIS terrorist cells dumping this into our waterways, they would be tried for terrorism. . . . However, the frac industry is given a pass on all of this."

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE BIRDS? MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS AFFECTING OHIO BIRDS

Recently, there have been reports of ill or dying birds found around Ohio and in nearby states. These birds often have swollen eyes, discharge from their eyes that may appear crusted, or a lack of clarity to the eyes. Affected birds may also exhibit neurological signs, for example their head may hang to one side then flop to the other side.

In late May of this year, wildlife biologists in Washington D.C., Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia began receiving reports of sick and dying birds. Since then, reports have surfaced in additional states, including Ohio.

Which birds are being impacted?

The illness appears to affect multiple species of birds. In Ohio, primary bird species affected include blue jays, common grackles, house sparrows, European starlings, and American robins. Other common backyard birds may also be affected. Currently, no reports exist of other animals being impacted by this illness or its symptoms.

What is causing the illness?

Currently, the cause of the bird deaths and/or symptoms are unknown. Connections to pesticide exposure, the recent cicada emergence, and a possible viral illness are being explored. That said, no conclusions as to the cause of the illness have been made at this time. Diagnostic laboratories, including the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, are currently accepting and analyzing samples to learn more about the illness and to determine the cause.

What can you do?

Report sick or dying birds.

• As the cause is still unknown, specimen submission is critical at this stage. Please contact your nearest wildlife rehabilitator if you find a sick bird. To track the spread of the disease, the ODNR-Division of Wildlife is accepting reports of dead birds through their online reporting system a: <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/speciessighting/>. Choose 'Bird - Diseased/Dead' in the 'Species' dropdown menu.

• Avoid touching sick or dead birds by wearing disposable gloves and taking other precautions. USGS recommends disposing dead birds in a sealable plastic bag with household trash.

Take down your bird feeders and empty your bird baths for 7-10 days.

• The National Wildlife Health Center recommends temporarily removing bird feeders and bird baths "during a disease outbreak observed at bird feeders or when sick and dead birds are consistently turning up at a feeder to prevent congregation of infected and non-infected birds at the feeding site."

Clean and disinfect bird feeders and bird baths.

• Clean bird feeders and bird baths with a 10% household bleach solution (9 parts water:1 part bleach) and remove any spilled and potentially contaminated feed from under the feeder.

• Clean the feeders, bird baths, and any items contaminated with bird droppings in an outdoor space or in another area of your home that is not used for food preparation or bathing. Some avian pathogens, such as Salmonella, can cause sickness in people and cleaning bird feeders and baths with you and your families health in mind is very important.

• Remember, even when there isn't an outbreak, it's still important to regularly clean your bird feeders and baths to reduce the spread of other diseases that may spread among songbirds.

But won't the birds go hungry/thirsty if I take down my feeders and bird baths?

Birds are hardy and resourceful. A temporary lapse in feeder food/water likely won't set them back too much. More importantly, summer is when plants are producing nectar, seeds, fruits, and attracting insects, all of which serve as food for birds. There is often an abundance of natural foods for birds this time of year. Remember also that birds have the ability of flight, allowing them to travel further distances if needed to find food and water. Right now, it's important to keep the safety of the birds a priority and take a break from feeders and baths until more is known about this outbreak.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

David A. Bryan, Paulding, OH; Animals at large; Guilty; \$250 of fine may be suspended if no other violations; Shall pay \$50 per month; Pay or collection 10/29/21

Brenna M. Baker, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 7/30/21, May complete 3 days of DIP in lieu of jail days, to complete by 10/29/21; Failure to control, Case dismissed at state's request; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed at state's request

Dennis J. Ankney, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew W. Dorosh, Dearborn Heights, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Drew A. Ducheny, Middle Point, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Douglas H. Cross, Delphos, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dwight S. Doctor II, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John W. Mankey, Decatur, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ian Komorny, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence (2 counts); Case dismissed per state; Costs waived

Nathan R. Aldrich, Van Wert, OH; Criminal trespassing; Case dismissed per state; Costs paid in full

Cody L. Adkins, Celina, OH; FRA suspension, Defendant pled guilty to charge, Pay or collections 07/29/22; Ficti-

tious registration, Count B dismissed; Child restraint, Count C dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed; Unsafe vehicle, Count E dismissed; No operator's license, Court trial and testimony given, Defendant found guilty; Driving under suspension - operator license forfeiture, Guilty, Pay or collection 7/29/22; Display plates, Dismissed

Cameron Burill, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicole R. Draper, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Destinee R. Therrian, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Connor M. Gehle, Rockford, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chase F. Clark, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Maxwell P. Davis, Knightstown, IN; Distracted driving; Dismissed; Defendant completed course

Lizzet Rodriguez, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Svarda D. Veoletta, Covington, GA; Driving on closed road; Cased dismissed at state's request

Christina M. Washington, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Cheyenne D. Sheefel, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant appeared via Zoom with Attorney Mr. Chapel; Pled guilty; 1 year operator license suspension beginning 7/1/21; Complete DIP by 7/30/21

Thomas V. Rothenbuhler, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

John A. Recob, Anderson, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher J. Schrader, Grover Hill, OH; No operator's license; Seat belt/drive; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay or collection date 6/25/21

Jayson G. Dangler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Benjamin C. Elmore, Opp, AL; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Briahna M. Roy, West Jordan, UT; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cheryl M. Yates, Avilla, IN; Driving on closed road; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rebecca J. Bayles, Celina, OH; Cross yellow lines; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James E. Varner, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Rodney E. Nash, Smithfield, NC; Following too close; Guilty; Case waived by defendant

Mark Allen Johnson, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

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OH; Resisting arrest; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; 20 days jail with 12 days credit

Kaitlin C. Rodriguez, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy J. Lavin, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rian M. James, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Defendant appeared in open court

Barahona J. Melendez, Detroit, MI; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cassandra A. Richardson, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adam J. Snipes, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jesalyn Blackburn, New Haven, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gannon T. Prowant, Continental, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

QUALITY LOSS ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS AFFECTED BY 2018, 2019 NATURAL DISASTERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that signup for the Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program will begin Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. Funded by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020, this new program provides assistance to producers who suffered eligible crop quality losses due to natural disasters occurring in 2018 and 2019. The deadline to apply for QLA is Friday, March 5, 2021.

Eligible Crops
Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, except for grazed crops and value loss crops, such as

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honey, maple sap, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng root, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, and turfgrass sod.

Additionally, crops that were sold or fed to livestock or that are in storage may be eligible; however, crops that were destroyed before harvest are not eligible. Crop quality losses occurring after harvest, due to deterioration in storage, or that could have been mitigated, are also not eligible.

Assistance is based on a producer's harvested affected production of an eligible crop, which must have had at least a 5% quality loss reflected through a quality discount; or for forage crops, a nutrient loss, such as total digestible nutrients.

Qualifying Disaster Events
Losses must have been a result of a qualifying disaster event (hurricane, excessive moisture, flood, qualifying drought, tornado, typhoon, volcanic activity, snowstorm, or wildfire) or related condition that occurred in calendar years 2018 and/or 2019.

Assistance is available for eligible producers in counties that received a qualifying Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation because of one or more of the qualifying disaster events or related conditions.

Lists of counties with Presidential Emergency Disaster Declarations and Secretarial Disaster Designations for all qualifying disaster events for 2018 and 2019 are available here. For drought, producers are eligible for QLA if the loss occurred in an area within a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) or higher intensity level during 2018 or 2019.

Producers in counties that did not receive a qualifying declaration or designation may still apply but must also provide supporting documentation to establish that the crop was directly affected by a qualifying disaster event.

To determine QLA eligibility and payments, FSA considers the total quality loss caused by all qualifying natural disasters in cases where a crop was impacted by multiple events.

Applying for QLA
When applying, producers are asked to provide verifiable documentation to support claims of quality loss or nutrient loss in the case of forage crops. For crops that have been sold, grading must have been completed within 30 days of harvest, and for forage

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crops, a laboratory analysis must have been completed within 30 days of harvest.

Some acceptable forms of documentation include sales receipts from buyers, settlement sheets, truck or warehouse scale tickets, written sales contracts, similar records that represent actual and specific quality loss information, and forage tests for nutritional values.

Payments Calculations and Limitations

QLA payments are based on formulas for the type of crop (forage or non-forage) and loss documentation submitted. Based on this documentation FSA is calculating payments based on the producer's own individual loss or based on the county average loss. More information on payments can be found on farmers.gov/quality-loss.

FSA will issue payments once the application period ends. If the total amount of calculated QLA payments exceeds available program funding, payments will be prorated.

For each crop year, 2018, 2019 and 2020, the maximum amount that a person or legal entity may receive, directly or indirectly, is \$125,000. Payments made to a joint operation (including a general partnership or joint venture) will not exceed \$125,000, multiplied by the number of persons and legal entities that comprise the ownership of the joint operation. A person or legal entity is ineligible for QLA payment if the person's or legal entity's average Adjusted Gross Income exceeds \$900,000, unless at least 75% is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities.

Future Insurance Coverage Requirements

All producers receiving QLA Program payments are required to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next two available crop years at the 60% coverage level or higher. Wildlife and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) participants who already met the WHIP+ requirement to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage are considered to have thereby met the requirement to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage for QLA. If eligible, QLA participants may meet

the insurance purchase requirement by purchasing Whole-Farm Revenue Protection coverage offered through USDA's Risk Management Agency.

More Information
For more information, visit farmers.gov/quality-loss, or contact your local USDA Service Center. Producers can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BLUE CREEK TWP
6/22/21 State of Ohio to Paulding County Land Bank Reutilization Corporation; 105 S McKinley St Haviland Oh 45851; 0.1653 acres; Lot 18 O.P. Haviland Vill

BROWN TWP
6/21/21 Eitnrear Kevin G & Eitnrear Cathy A to Eitnrear Kevin G & Eitnrear Cathy A; 11516 Rd 169 Oakwood Oh 45873, 2 acres, Pt Nw 1/4 Brown Twp S-9; Rd 169, 10.315 Acres, Pt Nw 1/4 Brown Twp S-25

6/21/21 Eitnrear Kevin G & Eitnrear Cathy A to Eitnrear Kevin G Trustee; 11678 Rd 169 Oakwood Oh 45873; 20 acres; Pt W1/2nw1/4 Brown Twp S-9

6/21/21 Long Chad Lynn to Weiseco Real Estate Ltd; N Third St, 0.2818 acres; Lot 35 O.P. Oakwood Vill; 107 N Third St Oakwood Oh 45873, 0.2773 Acres, Lot 36 O.P. Oakwood Vill

CRANE TWP
6/23/21 Sukup Joseph Trustee Sukup Ellen Marie Trustee to Sukup Joseph N Le Sukup Ellen Le; 10287 Rd 162 Paulding Oh 45879, 154.631 Acres, Sw1/4 Crane Twp Sec 34; Rd 83, 10 acres, S1/2 S1/2 Se1/4 Se1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 20; Rd 83, 11.68 Acres, Ne1/4ne1/4nofcanless S200crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 29; Rd 176, 40.301 Acres, Nw1/4 Nw1/4 Crane Twp-Ant Dist Sec 33

HARRISON TWP
6/23/21 Heffelfinger Joshua A Jones Rachel L to Reeves Justin Martin Reeves Tiffany Ann; 5783 Sr 500 Payne Oh 45880, 0.292 acres, Lot 9 Horney Parcels #3 Harrison Twp S-35; Sr 500, 1.55 Acres, Pt Ne1/4se1/4 Harrison Twp S-35

6/23/21 Tumbleson Larry J Tumbleson Carol K to Evans Carol T Tumbleson; 211 E

Oak St Payne Oh 45880; 0.1777 acres; Lot 101 & E 10ft Lot 100 Gibson 1st Add-Payne Vill

PAULDING TWP
6/22/21 Winkler Teresa K to Winkler Teresa K Trustee; Rd 87; 80.821 Acres, S1/2 Ne1/4 & Ne1/4 Ne1/4 S-9 Pldg Twp; Rd 144, 30.45 acres, N1/2ne1/4&N1/2sw1/4ne1/4 S-10 Pldg Twp

6/23/21 Rhodes Jerry L to Clemens Donald L Clemens Shirley M; 10392 Sr 500 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.746 acres, Pt Se1/4sw1/4 S-15 Paulding Twp

6/22/21 Bear Gerald A Bear Mary E to Randall Edward L; 7846 Rd 87 Paulding Oh 45879, 0.2479 acres, Lot 6 Hartwick Pcl S-34 Paulding Twp; Rd 87, 0.2479 acres, Lot 7 Hartwick Pcls S-34 Paulding Twp Wt

6/22/21 Miller Jessica E & Danberry Tyler C to Williamson Jonathon P Bulka Ashley C; 9804 Sr 613 Paulding Oh 45879; 2 acres; Pt Ne1/4 Ne1/4 S-33 Pldg Twp

CHOW LINE: KALE CAN BE A CRUNCHY, HEALTHY SNACK

I know that kale is healthy for you, but I'm having a hard time getting my kiddos to eat it. Got any tips?

You are correct: Kale is a very nutritious food! It contains vitamins A, C, B6, and K in addition to manganese, calcium, potassium, and iron.

Additionally, kale is a low-calorie, nutrient-dense food that is high in antioxidants and rich in brain-healthy nutrients such as lutein, folate, and beta carotene. Research suggests leafy greens such as kale, spinach, and collards can help slow cognitive decline.

"Kale is a healthy fall vegetable that can keep growing deep into cold weather," 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).
McDermott, who runs the Growing Franklin food production blog, recently posted a video that he and fellow OSU Extension educator Jenny Lobb produced on how to dry kale into a crunchy snack that both kids and adults can enjoy.

Kale, which comes in

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3	6	4	5	9	2	1	7	8
9	8	7	4	1	3	6	2	5
2	1	5	7	6	8	4	3	9
1	3	2	6	8	7	5	9	4
4	9	8	1	2	5	3	6	7
7	5	6	9	3	4	2	8	1
5	4	9	2	7	6	8	1	3
8	2	1	3	5	9	7	4	6
6	7	3	8	1	4	9	5	2

many shapes and sizes, including Lacinato, Red Russian, flat leaf, and curly leaf, is easy to grow from seed and can be started indoors under LED lighting or started directly in the ground, McDermott said. The seedlings can be transplanted outdoors after about a month of growing, and harvesting can start as soon as the plant has produced several true leaves.

The video demonstrates how to make kale into a crunchy snack, including tearing the leaves of a stalk of fresh kale into bite-sized pieces seasoned with olive oil and salt, and placing it in a single layer into a dehydrator for about three hours to dry into crunchy kale chips.

"In the absence of a dehydrator, kale chips can be baked in the oven using a recipe such as the one found at foodhero.org/recipes/crunchy-baked-kale-chips," Lobb said. "Kale chips are a crunchy snack that are easy to make, are full of vitamins, calcium, iron, and fiber, and are a delicious way to enjoy your harvest."

There are several other ways to enjoy kale, including adding it to a smoothie, salad, or soup; sautéing it with olive oil, garlic, and lemon; mixing it into your pasta; or boiling it with smoked meat. Any way you choose to eat it, adding kale to your diet is a smart, healthy choice.

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Joe Blystone, candidate for Ohio Governor, will be coming to Paulding County on June 29 at 6pm. He will be available for a Meet and Greet at the Cafe @Hollywood & Vine. Mr. Blystone will be running in the May 2022 Primary against Mike Dewine.

LACK OF SLEEP, STRESS CAN LEAD TO SYMPTOMS RESEMBLING CONCUSSION

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A new study suggests that a lot of people might be going through life with symptoms that resemble concussion - a finding supporting researchers' argument that athletes recovering from a brain injury should be assessed and treated on a highly individualized basis.

In the national study, between 11% and 27% of healthy college athletes with no history of a recent concussion reported combinations of symptoms that met criteria for post-concussion syndrome (PCS) as defined by an inter-

national classification system. Among the nearly 31,000 student-athletes surveyed, three factors stood out as the most likely to predict PCS-like symptoms: lack of sleep, pre-existing mental health problems and stress.

The participants were cadets from four U.S. military service academies - who undergo rigorous training and are required to participate in athletics - and students who competed in NCAA sports at 26 U.S. higher education institutions.

Beyond the substantial numbers of students who reported clusters of PCS-like symptoms, between one-half and three-quarters of all of the athletes surveyed reported one or more symptoms commonly experienced by people who've had a concussion, the most common being fatigue or low energy and drowsiness.

"The numbers were high, and were consistent with previous research in this area, but it is quite shocking," said study lead author Jaclyn Caccese, assistant professor in The Ohio State University School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. "These are elite athletes who are physically fit, and they are experiencing that many symptoms commonly reported following concussion. So looking across the general population, they'd probably have even more."

It's important to understand that there are multiple sources of these symptoms, researchers say, so that student-athletes' post-concussion care zeroes in on symptoms caused by the injury. In addition, knowing athletes' medical history and baseline symptom status may help

clinicians predict which pre-existing factors could contribute to a slower recovery from a concussion.

"When a patient comes into a clinic and they are a month or more out from their most recent concussion, we need to know what symptoms they were experiencing before their concussion to know if their symptoms are attributable to their concussion or something else. Then we can start treating the concussion-related symptoms to hopefully help people recover more quickly," Caccese said.

This study, published last week in the journal Sports Medicine, was conducted by the Concussion Assessment, Research and Education (CARE) Consortium established by the NCAA and U.S. Department of Defense. Caccese completed the research while she was a PhD student and postdoctoral researcher at the University of Delaware, a consortium member institution.

The initiative is designed to fill gaps in knowledge about concussion effects and recovery among student-athletes at colleges, universities and military service academies by collecting and analyzing data on men and women who compete in a range of sports and undergo military training.

Participants in this study included 12,039 military service academy cadets and 18,548 NCAA student-athletes who completed the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool symptom evaluation as part of the consortium's baseline testing. The consortium also collected demographic data and personal and family medical histories from participants.

Statistical analyses showed which factors in athletes' medical histories were most closely associated with reports of symptoms that aligned with PCS criteria. Among cadets, 17.8% of men and 27.6% of women reported a cluster of

symptoms that met PCS criteria. Among NCAA athletes, 11.4% of men and 20% of women reported combined symptoms that mimicked the PCS criteria. (Caccese said the varied timing of data collection at military service academies compared to NCAA pre-season testing likely contributed to the symptoms reported by a higher percentage of cadets.)

For both groups, sleep problems - and particularly insufficient sleep the night before the test - and pre-existing psychiatric disorders were the most predictive conditions, and a history of migraines also contributed to symptoms that met PCS criteria. In cadets, academic problems and being a first-year student increased odds of having symptoms that met PCS criteria, and in NCAA athletes, a history of ADHD or depression contributed to meeting PCS criteria.

The International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision uses the term post-concussion syndrome for persistent symptoms following concussion, although the cause or causes of these symptoms can be difficult to determine. Symptoms range from persistent headaches, dizziness and fatigue to anxiety, insomnia and loss of concentration and memory.

A complicating factor with high symptom reporting is that recognizing concussion and determining return to play is based on reported symptoms. And while some symptoms may be more closely connected to concussion than others - such as dizziness, pressure in the head, or sensitivity to light or noise - others, like fatigue,

drowsiness and even headaches, can be linked to a variety of causes.

"Perhaps we can create a battery of symptoms more specific to concussion," Caccese said. "That is another project in this series - trying to see if there are groups of symptoms or specific symptoms that may be more able to identify individuals with concussion."

The CARE Consortium also aims to identify factors that will help predict outcomes in student-athletes and cadets who suffer concussions.

"This hopefully not only shows clinicians that we need to consider how people would have presented before injury, but also provides some normative data so they can interpret other patients' data," Caccese said. "We really don't know a lot about why people have persistent symptoms, and it seems to be very variable. So we're trying to understand this better to help predict who will have a prolonged recovery, and who will not."

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award the Professional Design Services for CDBG-CV Grover Hill Lions Club Community Center Project to Beilharz Architects, Inc., 701 1/2 West First Street, Defiance, OH 43512.

Meeting Notes of Appointments
• Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor, discussed with the Commissioners office procedures and operations.

• BOR meeting took place in the Commissioners' Chambers

• Christina Deehr, Lisa McClure and Reggie Hinchcliff- along with the Commissioners reviewed, rated and awarded the (3) RFQ's they received for the CDBG-CV Grover Hill Lions Club Project CARES ACT Grant. (See resolution above)

• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor, informed the Commissioners that her office is working on some small left-over parcels from the past 24 project that will need to be discussed. Ms. Fickel and the Commissioners also discussed the ceiling repair project in the Auditor's Office. Ms. Fickel noted that Sales Tax is up 52% from last year



JACK DAEGER TO TAKE PART IN ENVISION'S NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM: PATHWAYS TO STEM

This summer, Jack Daeger from Paulding will join outstanding elementary school students from across the state to take part in a unique academic and career oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, taking place at Bowling Green State University.

NYLF Pathways to STEM is one of the Envision by WorldStrides family of programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Jack was nominated by his fifth grade teacher at Paulding Elementary School. In addition to participating in student government and the band, Jack is also passionate about sports and plays football, basketball, baseball and golf.

"As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Jack to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-aspiring students from other cities and schools," said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. "Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow. Creating that same learning environment is a central focus for all of our programs. At NYLF Pathways to STEM, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel in the classroom while gaining exposure to STEM fields and concepts. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success."

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