

JOURNEY BACK TO THE 1980'S WITH THE HUBER YOUTH PRODUCTION OF XANADU, JR.



The Huber Summer Academy Junior Youth are presenting Xanadu, Jr. on July 16, 17, & 18. Thirty talented youth from six area counties, three states, and representing eight different schools are involved with the youth program directed by Julie Hall. Visit huberoperahouse.org for more information on this show. The Academy participants have spent an intensive four weeks of rehearsals to create this hilarious, musical adventure

about following your dreams despite limitations or obstacles. The music from Electric Light Orchestra is spotlighted with familiar favorites like Evil Woman, I'm Alive, Have You Never Been Mellow, and Suspended in Time, along with the title song Xanadu.

Xanadu takes place in 1980 along a California Beach where Sonny Malone (Luke Eicher) becomes frustrated with the mural he has painted of the nine muses of

Greek mythology. After he storms off in frustration, the Muses (Allison Carnes, Maren Carnes, Aria Clem, Lyla Clem, Ava Pickett, Jordys Vance) come to life and Clio (Katherine Bland), Sonny's Muse, hatches a plan to inspire Sonny to artistic greatness. Disguised as a regular mortal, Clio (now mortally named Kira) inspires Sonny to follow his dreams. This infuriates sister muses Melpomene (Leah Garmater) and Calliope (Aria Clem), who hatch a plan to curse Kira so she falls in love with mortal Sonny, which is forbidden. Sonny is inspired to fulfill his dream and meets with theater owner, Danny (Tanner Foust), who is not interested in Sonny's plan until Kira

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NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

Applications may be picked up at the CHP office, 250-A Dooley Dr., Paulding. Two reference letters are required for each applicant and CHP employees are eligible to apply. Deadline for completed applications is Aug. 13, 2021. Scholarships will be awarded Sep. 1.

For more information, call 419-399-4708.

GEM OF THE YEAR NOMINEE DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY!

As plans for 2021 Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's Day in the Park (August 14) plans are being solidified so are the deadlines for submissions for the various events of the day.

Gem of the Year is an award that has been awarded to a member of Antwerp who has given of themselves over

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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.



EACS WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

The EACS Board of School Trustees recently approved Mrs. Cassie Lepper as the new Director of Special Services. Mrs. Lepper has worked as a pre-school special education teacher, an elementary (K-6) special education teacher, and most recently for the last 7 years, has served as a program supervisor for special education. She has a master's degree in special education with a li-

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Community Calendar

July 13

- Antwerp Grab Your Neighbor - 5pm kiddie parade ending with bingo at the VFW pavilion
- Defiance Coon Hunters Club Open Mic 6-8:30

July 14

- PC Senior Ctr Health, Business & Industry Fair

July 15

- Huber Summer Patio concert 7pm

July 16

- John Paulding Summer Blast

July 16,17,18

- Xanadu Jr. @ Huber Youth

July 17

- Big Boys Toys Car Show - Antwerp Main St.
- ACC NRL22 Match - Registration 8a, starts 9a
- Food Distribution - Cecil Comm Church, noon-3
- Bethel UMC Ice Cream Social 5-7pm.

July 18-23

- Payne Youth Camp Scholarships at Cecil Comm Church

July 20

- Defiance Coon Hunters Club Open Mic 6-8:30

July 23

- EACS online enrollment begins for Fall 2022 year

July 24

- Cecil Comm Church Surprise Concert Talent Show 6pm

Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net



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OBITUARIES

PAULDING, OH
William Price, Jr., 69, of Paulding, passed away Monday, July 5, 2021, at his home. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

WOODBURN, IN
Kevin Logan, Sr., 67, of Woodburn, Indiana, went to the Lord July 9, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arr. by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

St John Lutheran, 812 East High, Hicksville are planning a new event for the community. We will be offering an outdoor movie. The movie will be "I Can Only Imagine". It will be held Friday July 30 at dusk (9-9:30). Please bring your own chairs, blankets and snacks. If the weather is inclement, it will be shown in the church. For more information call 419-542-6269. Hope to see you there!

UPDATES TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL

First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, in partnership with many Van Wert businesses and churches, has set the date of Sunday, August 1st for their 6th Annual Operation Back to School event. This FREE event provides backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene items to Van Wert County families in need. Students in pre-school through 8th grade may pre-register online at www.vanwertfirst.net by following the "Operation Back to School" student registration link or stop by the church office to fill out a registration form. Pre-registration is highly encouraged and will close July 21st. There will be no onsite registration.

The event will be held at Fountain Park from 3 pm - 5 pm, with games and food for the entire family. We ask that families do not arrive on site prior to 2:45 as we will be organizing the park and surrounding areas to the park for the event. Plan to join us for the afternoon.

The high school event is being planned for a later date. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event, to donate to help the project or for more information please call Teresa at First Church 419-238-0631 ext 307. You can also check out our website at www.vanwertfirst.net and look through the 'Operation Back to School' and 'eGiving' links. VENMO

PHS CLASS OF 1949 MEET IN PAULDING



Paulding High School Class of 1949 held their 72nd anniversary reunion on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at The Pancake House in Paulding, Ohio. Six graduates and classmates attended, along with several family members. Pictured left

to right: Ben Manz, Carl Thompson, Alvin Manz, Jim Morisy, Kenny Woodring and Coe Gordon. Letters, emails and other communications from a number of classmates were shared.

The next reunion (73rd) is

scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2022 at The Pancake House in Paulding at 12:00 noon. All classmates, as well as graduates, are welcome to attend.

has also been added to our ability to accept donations using: @FirstUnited-Methodist.

NO GREATER LOVE

By: Doris Applegate

You can look far and wide, high and low, where ever you can look and you will not be able to find greater love that prompted our Creator, God, to send His Son Jesus in the form of a human baby boy to this earth to show us what God was like. We saw in the life of Jesus Christ the very personality of Father God. Jesus said; "My Father and I are one" (John 10:30). Jesus prayed often in fellowship with His Father and did whatever His Father showed Him to do. All of the healings, casting out the demons and miracles, ect. were what God wanted done.

In John 10:37 Jesus said: "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not" As we go on in our study of no greater love we see see that God's love is NOT conditional - it is steadfast, sure and reliable. What a great loving God is our God. We learn to know Him in a greater way when we accept His Son Jesus Christ as our Savior. God wants a family and we are it if we humble ourselves and come into this spiritual family. When we are saved by the Holy Spirit coming into our spirit we are then connected to Father God. We must come through Jesus Christ because HE is the way,

the truth and the life. "No man (person) comes to the Father God but by me" (John 14:6)

Jesus did it all and paid the complete price for everyone's salvation, now it is up to each person, (whosoever will) to come to Jesus and be forgiven. We can do nothing to earn our salvation. If we believe in our heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, we are saved. (Romans 10:9)

In Ephesians 3:5 we read that: "we are saved by grace" It is a gift but we have to accept it. If we reject this offer, we choose Hell. God lets us decide where we want to end up. He (God) wants all to go to Heaven but we have a free will that no one can overrule. Such a vital decision to be made, lets be wise!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
Do people who have never heard the gospel go to hell when they die?

The answer is yes, but God is not being unfair. He has put within every person the awareness of a creator - Romans 1:18-20. Because mankind does not want to submit nor retain God in their knowledge (v. 28), God lets them follow the wicked dictates of their heart.

However, Jeremiah 29:13 says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." If man decides to fully seek the Creator God, he will be given the knowledge of the gospel of salvation. Note the Ethiopian eunuch - Acts 8:26-39, and the Roman centurion Cornelius - Acts 10:1-48. As these two sought God, the Lord miraculously brought the gospel to them.

There is a story of some heathen tribal chiefs on a former British island who, looking into the night sky, were convinced there must be a Creator God as Psalm 19:1 would allege. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work." They decided that all the inhabitants should fast and pray a certain number of days and ask this God to reveal Himself.

After a few days, an Amer-

ican Air Force two-pilot plane crashed on this island. One pilot was killed and the Christian pilot survived with injuries. The pilot began to speak of his Creator God. The chiefs gathered all the inhabitants of the island to hear the pilot tell how they could be saved. He was surprised when they all prayed to receive Christ.

A girl in South America could not go along with her tribe's heathen teaching and left to seek the Creator God. The Lord brought her across the path of a missionary who gave her the gospel and she got saved.

Though God forces no one, He will come to all who seek Him, John 6:37 - "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

A MESSAGE FROM PCHD

Now's a good time to review your child's immunization needs they may need before going back to school this fall.

On-time vaccination is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.

Most of us have never had to experience measles, smallpox and a host of other diseases, because our society values and promotes vaccination. Make sure your child is on track. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3fFSPbl>

Paulding County Health Department will continue to make covid-19 vaccine clinics available this summer to anyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated for COVID-19. Options will be available on a recurring basis and will be walk-in and/or scheduled clinics on twice a week.

Recurring clinics are planned at the following times and location:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-12 and 1-4. at the Paulding County Health Department, 800 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

The more people in our community who are vaccinated, the better we can protect ourselves and one an-

Scripture of the Week

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

—Psalm 33:12

other.

All of the COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to protect the individuals who receive them from disease, to limit transmission in the community, and to reduce the risk of severe illness.

All Paulding County Health Department vaccine clinics are free, and no appointment is needed. Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available at all events. Youth ages 12-17 are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine with a parent or guardian present.

ALLISON REINECK NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Allison Reineck was named to the Dean's list at Miami University for the 2020-21 Spring semester.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within their division for second semester 2020-21 have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Reineck, from Paulding, OH, is earning a Bachelor of Arts, B.S. in Kinesiology & Health in Political Science, Public Health

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

STUDENTS MAKE PRESIDENT'S LIST AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Miami University students who are ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for second semester 2020-21 have been named to the President's list recognizing academic excellence.

Chantal Monnier of Paulding, OH is earning a B.S. in Kinesiology & Health degree in Nutrition

Jacob Klopfenstein of Paulding, OH is earning a B.S. in Applied Science degree in Engineering Technology

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enters and reminds him of someone he knew long ago that inspired him to build the theater. Danny finally agrees to give Sonny the Xanadu Theater to restore while Melpomene and Caliope conjure up their plans to make them fall in love. Once Xanadu is ready to open, Kira receives a visit from Hermes (Ali Diaw) with a reminder from Zeus of the rules she must live by. Kira, realizing her feelings for Sonny, tries to leave, but Sonny begs her to stay. Confronted by her sisters, the truth comes out and she leaves. Kira is brought before Zeus (Colton Hancock), Hera (Emma Huber-Whitman), Thetis (Eden Shuherk), Aphrodite (Melina Schroeder), Eros (Layne Lobdell) and mythical creatures (Ben Harris, Gabe Schimmoller, and Kailin Elwood) to answer for what she has done. Zeus pronounces his sentence, but with the others begging for mercy, he pardons Kira. Sonny arrives at Mount Olympus to profess his love and Zeus decrees that Kira shall return to Earth as a mortal to be with Sonny and grants her the gift of Xanadu.

As sure as it's going to rain, the classifieds sell.

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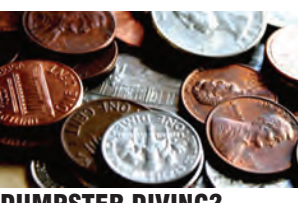
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DUMPSTER DIVING?

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I have always believed that in America, cooking a meal or gathering together around a table is one of the most important events in our day. Of course, in this fast paced lifestyle, sometimes it is difficult to get everyone together as a family at a certain time.

Gone are the days when



Ward, Wallie and "The Beaver" Cleaver came home to a warm, cozy, dinner setting where good conversation and manners were prevalent. I remember June Cleaver always had a delightful looking meal laid out, plus fresh baked cookies. However, Mrs. Cleaver was a "stay-at-home" Mama and she probably had lots of time to cook and bake. I wonder if they ever went out to eat or ate leftovers? Of course the Cleaver family was an idealistic family of the 1950s and a model for the viewers to see and try and imitate.

Eating and enjoying food is something we all like to do. We celebrate with food at: weddings, funerals, churches, birthday and, poker parties, Super Bowl Sunday get-togethers and sporting events. Not to mention Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. You can tell, I love to eat and enjoy cooking.

I get several recipes from the internet and the Food Channel. Some of them are good; others I pitch. I hate to admit it, but, a lot of times I find myself wasting food because I just cook too much and I get reminded of that old adage, "Waste not; want not."

We live in a country that is supposedly a "land of plenty", but there are people who go hungry and would gladly eat what we throw away. One man, Chef Dan Barber, has found a rather unique idea to use all kinds of discarded foods and has converted his idea into a restaurant. a pop-up project at one of his Blue

Hill Restaurants, called WastED, located in Manhattan.

What's for dinner? Well, let's see. How about leftover cartilage of skate (the skate is a fish which has a big nose) with herring-head tartar sauce, cured tuna blood line aioli or a meat loaf of offal

(Offal is a term meaning "off fall", or the pieces which fall from a butchered animal and usually made into dog food.) It is usually from an older cow.

Those and two dozen other dishes using scraps and usually ignored kinds of might be garbage are on the menu to just shed light on the wastefulness of food.

Barber, a farm-to-table guru, a multiple award winner and author of "The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food," didn't have a hard sell on his hands when he invited 20 of his heavy hitter chef friends to join him in turning out \$15 a la carte plates made from things that would commonly be thrown out. The fare consisted of meals using day-old bread, bruised beets, brine from the olive jar and the peels of pineapples.

Even the tabletops and cocktails told the story. Barber had his Manhattan tables redone with tops from agricultural byproducts and mushroom mycelium for his March opening. His beverage included flat beer syrup and spent coffee grounds with some bourbon. Barber sees his pop-up as a way to challenge Americans to think what is acceptable and unacceptable to eat while using every part of the food.

One of Barber's guest chefs, Bill Telepan, of the Upper West Side restaurant Telepan, cooked up and presented a "Wasted Special." He fashioned his plate of tuna on a bed of greens cut off of radishes and incorporated them into a pesto, slicing the radish into the dish and using the usually tossed blood line of the tuna fish in an aioli. He said this, "People look for that certain ruby red part of the tuna. They're not interested in paying top dollar for a piece on the side that may not look as beautiful but still is just as tasty. I just won't call it blood line."

The Baldwins, a couple living in Vancouver British Columbia, lived on discarded food for six months while they filmed a documentary called, "Just Eat it." They did their share of dumpster diving. They went to unlocked bins of wholesalers for the best find

and came up with some treasures which were edible. They loaded upon cartons of eggs with plenty of time left on expiration, boxes of pricey chocolate bars tossed because they did not have the right labeling required in Canada, and a mountain of packaged hummus still in containers but perfectly edible.

"The whole reason that we did the project was to prove the food was good," Baldwin said. "Everybody talks about how 40 percent of food is wasted, but to see it in the bins is another thing. Eating from dumpsters is not a good lifestyle for anyone. It's a terrible lifestyle. The point is the food shouldn't be in the bins to begin with."

Advocates thinks rigid standards for date labels on packaged foods serve to muddy the edibility issue, wrongly convincing people that perfectly good food is no longer safe to eat.

Michael Muzyk, the president of Baldor Specialty Foods, a distributor and processor of produce in the South Bronx and serves high-end hotels and restaurants like those of Barber and Telepan. He signed on to supply WastED, to provide the peels of pineapples, for instance, for a dessert served with candied mango skin and an ice cream flavored with lime leaves. Needless to say, his business is thriving.

The other night I decided to use up some of my half full bags in the freezer. I wound up with a few jalapeño poppers; half a bag of fries and some tator tots. These items were joined by a couple chicken patties and some shrimp. They were not outdated or anything they were just basically taking up room in my freezer. So I killed two birds with one stone. (That is an old saying) I used up my extra food and made room in my freezer.

Do you have anything to eat at your house that you were thinking of dumping? I am one that checks outdated or expired dates on food, are you? Have you ever made something different to eat from leftovers? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.



MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Judge Wilson Hunt Snook Jr. Is another interesting figure from our county's past. Wilson was born in Antwerp, Ohio, on October 30, 1850. The son of Wilson H. and Anna (Murphy) Snook. Both of Wilson Jr.'s parents were from New Jersey, with a background ancestry of German and Irish. Wilson Jr. had three brothers, William, Byron and John and all were raised in Antwerp, Ohio. Wilson Sr. died on November 1853, leaving a good home and a strong and sound business.

By 1860, the Snook family, Anna and three sons, and a law student named Susannah Hill, were living in Carryall Township. Wilson Jr. was reared to take to his school work. He had the advantage of



common school with the skills of a retentive memory and was very studious. He also made good use of his time. As a side note, his brother William joined the Union Army in 1861, with Company C. of the 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He survived the war and was discharged in 1864.

Wilson Jr. discovered that farm life was not going to be his career. In 1869, he went off to school at Baldwin University, in Berea, Ohio, where he spent four years of hard studying. In the time school was not in session, he worked on the farm and taught school when needed. On January 2, 1872, his mother, Anne, passed away. Also in 1872, he was studying law at Wallace College, and was reading law for the Honorable L. S. Gordon. He applied his skills closely to be a future lawyer, but his eye was fixed on a gal from Antwerp, named Nancy Jane Graves, the daughter of Zachariah T. and Adaline (Foxstetter) Graves. Mr. Graves was a Civil War Veteran who served with Co. A. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Nancy Jane was born on November 18, 1853 in Paulding County, Ohio. Nancy Jane Graves and Wilson Snook were married April 11, 1877, in Paulding, Ohio. In 1879, Wilson was admitted to the bar. By 1880, Nancy and Wilson Snook were living in Antwerp, along with their son Homer Clyde and daughter, Lee May. Wilson was an Attorney at Law. In 1884, a son, Otto W. was born. October 23, 1885, Wilson was elected prosecuting attorney of Paulding County to serve a term of three years. His abilities and fairness got him re-elected to serve the county in 1888. Also this same year, a daughter, Ethel, was born. Wilson was considered one of the county's leading attorneys. In 1891, Wilson became the Republican Party's nominee for Common Pleas Judge, of the district, which composed of Williams, Defiance and Paulding.

On November 1891, a case of murder was brought to his court, which involved a young man, not of right mind, and the death of two small children. I am speaking of Charles Hart and the murder of Ashby and Elsie Good. The case was taken to Defiance for a lot of obvious reasons. Before Judge Wilson, in a crowded Defiance courtroom, Charles was asked to stand to hear the indictment charging him with two counts of murder. On December 20, 1891, Judge Wilson informed Charles that the penalty was death, and how did he plea? As Charles stood before Judge Wilson, he plead guilty. After witnesses were called for the penalty phase, Judge Wilson stated, "Under the authority of the law, you

will be hanged by the neck until you are dead, dead, dead." Charles was hanged April 12, 1895. This was probably the most noted case of Wilson H. Snook's career.

By 1900, the Snook family, still lived in Paulding. Wilson went back to practicing law. By 1910, Wilson and Nancy were still living in Paulding on North Williams Street, where he was still a lawyer. By 1920, Wilson and Nancy had daughter Lee, her husband and one grandson living with them, as well as a son and daughter in law, all under one roof on North Williams Street in Paulding.

Wilson Hunt Snook passed away in Defiance, Ohio December 11, 1923. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. His wife, Nancy Jane, passed away, December 20, 1932, in Lucas County, Ohio. She was buried beside Wilson.



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

HOW DOES SOCIAL SECURITY FIT INTO RETIREMENT?

Here's something to think about: You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you'll generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do

whatever you can to maximize them. Your first move is to determine when you should start taking Social Security. You can begin collecting benefits when you reach 62 - but should you? If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. ("Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.) Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until you're 70, when they "max out." Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, you're in good health and you have longevity in your family, or you're still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits. Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

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Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

July 17th- NRL22 Match- Sight in and registration opens at 8 am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.

August 1st- Monthly IDPA. Registration opens at noon. Match begins at 1pm. This event is open to the public.

August 7th- Hunter Education. Registration will be available soon on the ODNR website

August 8th- Monthly Trap at 1 pm. This event is open to the public.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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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

ABUNDANCE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE VANTAGE POLICE ACADEMY BACKGROUND



For 27 years, the Vantage Career Center Police Academy has been dedicated to training local law enforcement, while bridging relationships between academy participants, their communities, and law enforcement agencies. Van Wert and surrounding counties have been enriched by the successful program, and in many ways, our local law enforcement can be called life long friends of the community.

Officer Bryon Wells of the Van Wert Police Department knew he wanted to go into law enforcement at a young age. "When I was asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I immediately thought of a cop," Wells continued, "I shadowed Officer Greg Blackmore in seventh grade, and I had a full-circle moment when I became his replacement for the DARE program upon his retirement."

Wells is a 2003 Vantage Police Academy graduate. When asked about his experience while going through the Vantage academy, Officer Wells said, "Loved it, especially the hands-on training portion in the second half of the year." Wells continued, "It was a one-year program. I spent 4 hours a night in class while keeping full-time employment at the jail. It worked for me, compared to going to a full day academy and full-time work."

Upon graduating the Vantage Police Academy, Wells worked on the Van Wert Sheriff's department, participating in ride alongs, parades, and fair patrol, until a spot came available at the city police department as a dispatcher and reserve officer. Wells remained there for the next four and a half years. "I was born and raised in the city, so the knowledge of the roads and

community members made the police department a better fit for me." Wells continued, "Being born in the city of Van Wert, not only do you have a passion for your job, but for the city you grew up in. You take pride in your job and take pride in your town."

Currently, Wells holds multiple positions, including: Use of Force Instructor, OC Pepper Spray Instructor, ASP Baton Instructor, PD Precision Rifleman, Field Training Officer, and is in his second year as DARE officer for VWPD. "If you've got the passion, you've got the passion. The more I learn, the more I enjoy it."

When asked what his favorite part of being an officer is, Wells said, "Helping a true victim. When you solve their crime, that's the most rewarding. If someone has been taken advantage of and anytime you can solve something, it is a win."

Officer Rob Black, Vantage Police Academy Commander, states, "There are currently 13 officers at the Van Wert Police Department that have graduated from the Vantage Police Academy, one of which is a 2021 graduate. Multiple positions have been filled at the Van Wert, Mercer, Paulding Sheriff's offices, Delphos Police Department, and many more over the years."

Vantage Police Academy students complete over 700 hours of classroom and on/off field training, while gaining employment or developing multiple local employer connections prior to graduating.

Vantage Police Academy is currently accepting applications for the fall class until July 15. Financial assistance is available and applications can be picked up at the Vantage Adult Education office (door 6) or call Enrollment Coordi-

nator Maria Diltz at 419.238.5411 x2118. For more information, please visit the Vantage website at vantagecareercenter.com/policeacad.aspx.

CONTROLLING POISONOUS WEEDS

Some weeds are worse than others, especially poisonous weeds that are dangerous to humans, livestock, and pets! While attending several summer parties in Northwest Ohio (graduation, July 4th, picnics), several poisonous noxious weeds were observed this year. Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum* L.) and wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa* L.) are invasive non-native weeds often found growing together in Ohio. Both plants are in the carrot family and are similar to Queen Anne's Lace or wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), the difference being that both these plants are poisonous and bloom earlier in the growing season. Both weeds are prolific seed producers with seeds remaining viable for 4 - 6 years for poison hemlock and around 4 years for wild parsnip, making these poisonous weeds hard to control.

Poison hemlock can grow up to 6-10 feet tall and looks very similar to Queen Anne's Lace or wild carrot except that poison hemlock is hairless, with no hairs on the stems or leaves. Poison hemlock has a biennial (two year) life cycle producing white flowers with over 30,000 seeds that mature around mid-July. The first year is spent in the "vegetative stage" as a low-growing basal rosette. Plants "bolt" during the second year "reproductive stage" to produce erect multi-branched stems topped with umbrella-like white flowers.

Mature wild parsnip plants grow up to 4 - 5 ft. tall and has hollow, grooved stems that are hairless. The plant's leaves resemble large celery leaves. They are yellow-green, coarsely toothed and compound, with 3-5 leaflets. Wild parsnip has a biennial life cycle but it may occasionally spend more than a year in the vegetative stage before flowering once and then dying. Wild parsnip produces a yellow umbellate flower with hundreds of flowers clusters, producing about 1000 viable seeds per plant.

Poison hemlock plants contain highly toxic compounds which may cause respiratory failure and death in mammals. All parts of the plant are poisonous: leaves, stems, seeds, and roots. However, the toxins must be ingested or enter through the eyes or nasal passages to induce poisoning. The toxins do not cause skin rashes or blistering but this plant should not be handled because sap on the skin can be rubbed into the eyes or accidentally ingested while handling food. Wild parsnip sap, on the other hand, contains toxic organic compounds that causes severe blistering when exposed to sunlight. Sometimes the reaction can be delayed 48-72 hours depending on sunlight exposure. Both these plants and the symptoms are often confused, since they often seen growing together.

Unfortunately, poison hemlock and wild parsnip are becoming more common throughout Ohio, especially along highways, railroads, land in the conservation re-

serve program (CRP), and ditches. Poison hemlock can be mechanically removed if no wild parsnip is growing with it but wear personal protection equipment (eye protection, gloves, and clothing to cover arms and legs) to prevent sap from entering through the eyes or skin wounds. Mowers will not kill young growing plants and its best to wait to mow until the plants start to "bolt" just before flowering.

Mechanical weed pulling, tilling, or mowing of wild parsnip is not recommended because the sap can splatter causing blisters to arms, legs, and face. The safest approach to controlling both poison hemlock and wild parsnip is to use herbicides. Both poison hemlock and wild parsnip are susceptible to several selective and non-selective post-emergent herbicides. However, non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) may kill off other plants that compete with these weeds. Non-selective herbicides open up the canopy and provide an opportunity for more wild parsnip and poison hemlock to grow from seed. Thus, it's important to have a plan for establishing competitive plants such as over-seeding with grasses.

Selective post-emergent herbicides will preserve competitive plants. Herbicides effective against wild parsnip and poison hemlock include clopyralid (e.g. Transline), triclopyr (e.g. Pathfinder II), metsulfuron (e.g. Escort XP), and combination products such as 2,4-D + triclopyr (e.g. Crossbow), or 2,4-D + mecoprop + dichlorprop (e.g. Triamine). Applications before plants start to flower can significantly reduce infestations of both wild parsnip and poison hemlock. Unfortunately, it may be too late to spray this year but if you see you have a problem, get prepared to fight them next year because they are prolific! The source information for this article came from Joe Boggs, OSU Horticulturalist.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?

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cense from Ball State as a Director of Special Education. Additionally, she has worked closely with the previous administration and has gained experiences working with numerous building administrators, teachers, and parents. This experience has prepared her for what is to come with her new position. She is a firm believer in continuous learning and knows she will continue to grow and develop in this position. She plans to participate in new director training that is provided by the IDOE. Mrs. Lepper said, "EACS students can expect that I will always put their best interest at the forefront of the decisions made."

Mrs. Lepper started her new position on July 1st.

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An additional issue to think about, when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement, is your earned income. If you're younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you'll have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

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

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USDA ANNOUNCES \$500 MILLION FOR EXPANDED MEAT & POULTRY PROCESSING CAPACITY AS PART OF EFFORTS TO INCREASE COMPETITION, LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR FAMILY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, AND BUILD A BETTER FOOD SYSTEM

USDA is announcing it intends to make significant investments to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive, and resilient for American farmers and ranchers. This is one of several key steps that USDA will take to increase competition in agricultural markets, pursuant to President Biden's

Executive Order on promoting competition and as part of USDA efforts to build a more resilient supply chain and better food system. Together, USDA's actions will help farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and consumers all get a fair shake.

Specifically, USDA announced its intent to invest \$500 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand meat and poultry processing capacity so that farmers, ranchers, and consumers have more choices in the marketplace. USDA also announced more than \$150 million for existing small and very small processing facilities to help them weather COVID, compete in the marketplace and get the support they need to reach more customers. USDA is also holding meatpackers accountable by revitalizing the Packers and Stockyards Act, issuing new rules on "Product of USA" labels, and developing plans to expand farmers' access to new markets.

"The COVID-19 pandemic led to massive disruption for growers, food workers, and consumers alike. It exposed a food system that was rigid, consolidated, and fragile. Meanwhile, those growing, processing and preparing our food are earning less each year in a system that rewards size over all else," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To shift the balance of power back to the people, USDA will invest in building more, better, and fairer markets for producers and consumers alike. The investments USDA will make in expanding meat and poultry capacity, along with restoration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, will begin to level the playing field for farmers and ranchers. This is a once in a generation opportunity to transform the food system so it is more resilient to shocks, delivers greater value to growers and workers, and offers consumers an affordable selection of healthy food produced and sourced locally and regionally by farmers and processors from diverse backgrounds. I

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Mary Ellen Holbrook
Paulding Area Support Society Board Member

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PARADISE FOR PARASITES

Together we stand - divided we fall. Most have heard this but don't understand fall. It's been too good, too long for most. Falling is unbelievable, but we'll fall harder than any past culture. Millions will undoubtedly die with vultures cleaning up.

We've face many failures, including wars, but nothing like what is on the horizon. We're falling faster since 1/20/21 than any major nation in history. Most won't realize this until it's too late. Have you accepted God?

Satan's warriors realized that with major media and big tech on their team, they could win. Look back, we went to bed with God's team leading BIG TIME. I'm ashamed to admit we woke up to a nightmare.

Following God's guidance, we had a leader to be proud of. He blessed America with hope after eight years of a anti-God, anti-America leader who almost destroyed us.

Satan's snare won't catch you unless you're first caught by his anti-God, anti-moral, anti-America and anti-human bait. Here is some bait Satan's warriors use to entice you. If you accepted any of these as worthy or supported His warriors based on your past thinking, I believe you have been sucked into Satan's deadly snare. America will pay the ultimate price for this as any soldier in was would.

Abortion, censoring free speech, approval of anti-God ACLU's church and state request, transgenderism, gay marriage, racism, open restrooms remove God from schools and military.

If you don't buy that, check these statements by Satan's top Washington warriors: No more Christians, Use government power to remove Christians from office. Number two said: "We were promised unity and openness, but received divide and conquer."

How can you trust leaders who tell obvious lies on tv while smirking at you? What is wrong with a leader who fumbles over simple questions? What happens if a life or death situation arrives? Can you name the two top females who asked prior to 1/20/21 if the 25th ammendment provides for removing an incompetent president? What secret do they know? How objective can a leader be who supports killing babies?

Should America remain a God blessed nation or do you prefer being turned into a Paradise for Parasites, fit only for human vultures?

Richard Mastin,
Hicksville, OH

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and over again for this community. A Gem is someone who takes pride in Antwerp and wants to see it the best place to live as it can be. If you have someone in mind who you think should be this year's Gem of the Year, pickup a nominee form from one of these locations - www.antwerpchamber.com, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, Petals & Vines, Antwerp Exchange Bank - and then either mail it back to the Chamber at PO Box 893, Antwerp, OH 45813 or at the dropbox at Antwerp Exchange Bank, by THIS FRIDAY, July 16th.

Day in the Park will begin with the Parade - Dream Vacation - at 10am going from the school all the way through town & past Riverside Park where all the action of the day will take place. Entertainment for the afternoon is a local group, Water 2 Wine. Games for all the kids include a dunk tank, inflatable slide, carnival games, and a petting zoo provided by Scheumann Farms. Food vendors will line the park with food offerings to keep the festival goers' bellies satisfied. Antwerp Chamber will be sponsoring a Silent Auction and a 50/50 drawing so if you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please let the Chamber know.

The Antwerp Chamber looks forward to seeing everyone at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp on Saturday, August 14th.

USDA's Build Back Better Initiative focused on building a better food system.

Market Concentration in Agriculture

As key agricultural markets have become more concentrated and less competitive, farmers and ranchers are getting squeezed from both sides. Markets for farm inputs—like seeds and fertilizer—are now dominated by just a few companies. Meanwhile, farmers and ranchers have fewer and fewer options for selling their products. The result is that often family farmers and ranchers are getting less, consumers are paying more, and those in the middle are taking the difference.

Dominant companies can use their power to engage in abusive practices and make it harder for farmers, ranchers,

and consumers to get a fair price. Farmers' share of every dollar spent on food has declined consistently from 35 cents in the 1970s to around just 14 cents in recent years.

Concentration in food processing has contributed to bottlenecks in America's food supply chain, too. Just a few meatpackers, with a few large processing facilities, process most of the livestock that farmers and ranchers raise into the meat that we buy. For example, just four large meatpacking companies control over 80 percent of the beef market alone. One of the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic is that this system is too rigid and too fragile. When COVID slowed or shuttered meat processing, many farmers had no place to go. Farmers were forced to depopulate their animals, while grocery store shelves went bare and demand for food assistance spiked. These vulnerabilities are not new. And, given current concerns about climate and cybersecurity, these risks are likely to grow even more sharply in the future.

USDA is announcing the following initiatives to increase competition in agricultural markets, and build more resilience supply chains:

Investing More Than \$500 million to Increase Competition and Capacity in the Meat and Poultry Processing Markets.

• USDA will commit \$500 million of USDA's Build Back Better Initiative funds through the American Rescue Plan to support new competitive entrants in meat and poultry processing. USDA will provide grants, loans, and

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- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor Assisted Living, Antwerp Public Library, Genesis House, Antwerp G Mart
 - 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
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 - Ney:** Marathon
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- 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
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 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
 - New Haven:** Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
 - 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, Library
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am confident USDA's investments in expanded capacity will spur millions more in leveraged funding from the private sector and state and local partners as our efforts gain traction across the country."

The announcement USDA is making today is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's historic commitment to fight monopolization and promote competition across the economy. They are also aligned with USDA's vision of a food system that is fair, competitive, distributed, and resilient, one that supports health and ensures producers receive a fair share of the food dollar while advancing equity and combating the climate crisis. In the coming months, USDA will take additional steps to promote competition and make a series of additional investments under

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Paulding Area Support Society, formerly known as Paulding County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, would like to remind the residents of Paulding County that we are still active and seeking Paulding County residents that could use our financial assistance for needs associated with medical conditions and problems.

The pandemic caused the cancellation for two years of our long standing fundraiser, The Basketball Marathon, but because of the faithful generosity of the Paulding County people in continuing to send in donations, we are still financially able to help clients who have exhausted all other avenues of payment. We can help clients with items such as prescriptions, medical appointments and tests, diabetic or ostomy supplies, camp scholarships for special needs, handicap equipment, educational aids, cancer supplies, prescription nutritional aids and dressings, plus other needs.

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IMPROVING WATER INFILTRATION AND PERMEABILITY

Our summer rains have been quite variable. Some rains have been hard and fast while others have been slow and steady. About 10 days ago, "million-dollar" rain occurred; a slow steady all day 1" total rain. Million-dollar rains are called that because farmers assume that 100% of that precipitation can be utilized to increase crop yields. Yet, after that rain, a drive through the country side showed water standing in many fields. Dry weather occurred before this rain and the subsoil was dry. So why did these fields have standing water? The answer lies in poor soil structure due to excess tillage, a lack of active carbon, reduced soil microbial life (beneficial mycorrhizal fungi), and a lack of live roots year-round. These factors lead to dense hard crusted soil that seals over easily. Soils that seal over tend to have standing water and high potential for water and nutrient runoff.

Typical permeability for a Hoytville soil is .6 to 2.0 inches of water per hour while a Latty or Fulton soil has .2 to .6 inches water per hour in the top 0-7 inches. Our soils

should have the capability to absorb a slow steady all day 1-inch rain. A 1957 soil survey stated that Hoytville soil do not tend to have water runoff. However, when soils are excessively tilled, the added soil oxygen causes soil bacteria to thrive and consume the active carbon that gives our soils good soil tilth. Tilled soil has more very fine soil particles called microaggregates that tend to set up like cement when the soil surface gets wet. This prevents water from infiltrating the soil, so it tends to pond, causing soluble nutrient laden water to runoff.

Healthy soils contain more active carbon that comes from root exudates and microbial by-products. These glues and sugars in the soil are food for microbial life but also improve soil structure to allow air, water, and gases to permeate into the soil. Active carbon binds the microaggregates into larger macroaggregates. When soil is hard and dense and seals over it is composed of mostly microaggregates. When a healthy soil crumbles easily, has a good smell, and has adequate carbon (both active and long-term humus), the soil generally has more macroaggregates and better soil structure. Good soil structure reduces soil sealing

and allows water to infiltrate and percolate through our soils.

Healthy soils have a variety of beneficial fungi microbes. About 288 mycorrhizal fungi species are known to be beneficial to our crops. These fungi are like root extenders, bring back water and plant available nutrients to the plant. There can be several miles of these mycorrhizal hyphae just in a handful of soil. When they die or break apart, their cellular contents (glomalin) spills into the soil, coating soil particles with this sugar protein. Glomalin glues our small soil particles together to promote good soil structure.

Fungi need live roots year-round to thrive and the macroaggregates they form is a storehouse for carbon and essential plant available nutrients. An added benefit to improving soil carbon is water holding capacity. Our soils typically hold .5 to 1.0-acre inch of water for every 1% soil organic matter. With 4% soil organic matter, a typical soil could hold 2-4 inches of water per foot of soil. Increasing soil carbon improves water holding capacity.

After a 1" million-dollar rain occurs, if a farmer sees standing water, take a shovel and investigate. If you dig

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ON THE WESTERN FRONT



Saturday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The east coast was in open revolt in 1775, but what was happening on the frontier? Take a trip to Post Miami (the Old Fort) under British control since 1760. Witness what it was like to live in a British trading post. Watch as merchants trade their wares while

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The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at Headwaters Park, Lawton Park, and the lot across from the Fort on Spy Run Ave. Visitors should use

the River Greenway Trail under the Spy Run bridge to access the Fort. Check www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne for any event updates or changes. Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.

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down 1-2", chances are you will find dry soil and a soil surface that is sealed over. Sealing occurs because the soil particles cement together due to a lack of active carbon. Soils with poor structure have a negative charge and positive ions like potassium and magnesium seal your soil. Active carbon and calcium allow soil particles to clump together for better water infiltration and percolation. Vertical tillage, a lack of active carbon and glomalin from healthy microbes, and a lack of year-round roots cause to this problem.

Since wheat harvest is starting to occur with a long summer growing season remaining, now is a good time to plan ways to improve soil structure. Cover crops like sorghum, sudan, sorghum sudan, oats, cereal rye, radish, buckwheat, sunflower and many types of legumes and clovers can be planted to provide active living roots. Live

roots increase active carbon and beneficial microbes needed to improve soil structure. Improving soil health with good soil management increases farm profits while benefiting the environment.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Diane Hunter is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. She is presently writing historic updates about the 175th anniversary of the beginning of the Miami Forced Removal from Indiana in 1846 of the Myaamia (Miami) Indians. The date is October 2, 2021. She will be writing a blog posted on the first Friday of each month taking you from before the 1830 Indian Removal Act to the October 1846 Removal. During the dates corresponding to the time of the Removal itself, almost daily posts will be added on each date on which we know what was happening in October - November 1846. These blogs are for public viewing and research.

Blog website: aacimotaaiyankwi.org (written monthly).

If you are unable to get this at home, you can see it at the public library and even get copies (for a cost). Take this info with you to the Blog website when you make your request.

Please note: At this time there is not a Miami Tribal office that is in operation in Ft. Wayne, IN. It was closed during the Covid problem. MS. Diane Hunter has been working privately during this time to complete this great task of writing these blogs on the history of the Myaamia Tribe and their Forced Removal for Indiana in October 1846. These blogs are for public viewing and research.

—Caroline Longardner

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technical assistance to address concentration within the meat and poultry sectors and relieve supply chain bottlenecks by supporting new meat and poultry processing facilities. These facilities will create competitive opportunities for producers in local and regional food systems so that farmers and ranchers have access to better choices and fairer prices. USDA has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit public input into its strategy to improve meat and poultry processing infrastructure and will hold targeted stakeholder meetings and other public engagement to better understand the needs, gaps, and barriers to fair and competitive meat processing markets.

Providing more than \$150 million to Strengthen Existing Small and Very Small Processing Facilities and Help Them Weather COVID, Stay in the Marketplace, and Expand Capacity

- USDA will invest more than \$55 million in strengthening existing small and very small meat processing capacity, benefiting smaller producers and processing plants.

USDA has made \$55.2 million available for Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grants to support expanded meat and poultry slaughter and processing capacity and efficiency while maintaining strong inspection and food safety standards.

- USDA will dedicate \$100 million to help small and very small processing plants weather the volatility and unexpected costs that COVID imposed. With American Rescue Plan funds, USDA will provide \$100 million to reduce the financial burden of overtime inspection fees for small and very small poultry, meat and egg processing plants, which provide farmers with local alternatives and greater capacity to process livestock.

Leveling the Playing Field for Independent Family Farmers and Ranchers

- USDA will revitalize the Packers and Stockyards Act to fight unfair practices and re-

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POISON HEMLOCK AND WILD PARSNIP ARE BOLTING AND BLOOMING

By: Joe Boggs

Additional note from Sarah Noggle, Extension Educator in Paulding County. In 2020, Poison hemlock has been found in Paulding County. The densest populations have been located along the railroad beds, overgrown areas along woods, and also old fence rows. Help beautify Paulding County by controlling the weeds along the edges of your property but use caution if you find Poison Hemlock.

Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) is one of the deadliest plants in North America. Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) sap can produce severe, painful skin blistering. Both are commonly found growing together in Ohio and both are beginning to "bolt" and bloom meaning the clock is quickly winding down for controlling these non-native nasties.

These non-native weeds are members of the carrot family, Apiaceae. The old name for the family was Umbelliferae which refers to the umbel flowers. The flowers are a key family feature with short flower stalks rising from a common point like the ribs on an umbrella. Queen Anne's lace (a.k.a. wild carrot) (*Daucus carota*) is often used as the poster child for carrot family flowers. This non-native blooms much later in the season.

Poison hemlock produces white flowers on stalks that create a more rounded look. Wild parsnip has intense yellow flowers with the stalks producing a more flat-topped appearance.

Poison hemlock has a biennial life cycle. The first year is spent in the "vegetative stage" as a low-growing basal rosette. Plants "bolt" during the second year "reproductive stage" to produce erect multi-branched stems topped with umbrella-like flowers. Plants are bolting with some already producing flowers in southern Ohio.

Wild parsnip is also reported to have a biennial life cycle. However, it may occasionally behave as monocarpic perennial spending more than a year in the vegetative stage before flowering

once and then dying. Like poison hemlock, wild parsnip plants are also bolting and beginning to flower in southern Ohio.

Mature poison hemlock plants can tower as much as 6 - 10 ft. tall. Mature wild parsnip plants are shorter in stature but still impressive at up to 4 - 5 ft. tall. Both are prolific seed producers with seeds remaining viable for 4 - 6 years for poison hemlock and around 4 years for wild parsnip.

Why Worry?

Poison hemlock plants contain highly toxic piperidine alkaloid compounds, including coniine and gamma-coniceine, which cause respiratory failure and death in mammals. The roots are more toxic than the leaves and stems; however, all parts of the plant including the seeds should be considered dangerous.

The toxins must be ingested or enter through the eyes or nasal passages to induce poisoning; they do not cause skin rashes or blistering. Regardless, this plant should not be handled because sap on the skin can be rubbed into the eyes or accidentally ingested while handling food.

Wild parsnip sap contains psoralen which presents a completely different mode of action compared to the piperidine alkaloids in poison hemlock sap. Psoralen is a naturally occurring phytochemical grouped in a family of organic compounds known as linear furanocoumarins. Psoralen acts as a photosensitizing compound by inhibiting DNA synthesis in epidermal cells, killing these light-shielding cells responsible for protecting us from long-wave ultraviolet radiation (LWUVR) bombarding us in sunlight.

Severe blistering occurs when the affected skin is exposed to LWUVR. The synergistic effect is called phytophotodermatitis (a.k.a. Berloque dermatitis) and the burn-like symptoms, as well as skin discoloration, may last for several months.

However, connecting skin blistering to exposure to wild parsnip sap can be a challenge. It takes around 24 hours for symptoms to first appear after exposure to LWUVR and severe blistering

typically doesn't peak until 48 -72 hours. The time required for symptoms to appear after exposure to the sap means the effect may be disconnected from the cause.

Another challenge with connecting the dots is that wild parsnip commonly grows in and around other weeds, particularly poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*). Gardeners who are exposed to wild parsnip sap while weeding a mixed patch may mistakenly blame the poison hemlock for their ultimate misery.

Psoralen are also found in several other members of the Apiaceae family including the notorious giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) which has captured national attention in the past. However, giant hogweed has only been confirmed in Ohio growing in the extreme northeast part of the state primarily in and around Ashtabula County. Wild parsnip is found throughout the state and is equally damaging. Of course, giant hogweed has a more threatening sounding common name; wild parsnip just sounds like a vegetable gone wild; which it is!

To Mow, or Not to Mow

The potential for poisonings from poison hemlock sap and the extreme skin reaction to the wild parsnip sap means these non-native invasive weeds should not be allowed to grow where they can be easily contacted by people. However, mechanical control through mowing, weed trimming, or hand-pulling is problematic. Certainly, wild parsnip presents a much higher risk with reports of sap spattered by mowers and string trimmers producing phytophotodermatitis on exposed arms and legs of equipment operators.

Still, mowing provides one option for managing poison hemlock and to a lesser degree wild parsnip as long as proper precautions are followed including wearing personal protective gear and equipment cleanup with soap and water. However, timing is everything: plants should be mowed once plants have bolted but before heavy flowering. In other words, RIGHT NOW in southern Ohio!

I've watched a gas line right-of-way near my home being slowly converted to a poison hemlock (and teasel) right-of-way over the years because of poorly timed mowing. Each season for the past several years, the right-of-way has been mowed in late August or September.

Of course, this is long after poison hemlock seed had been shed. Mowing at that time of the year failed to cut the low-growing first-season poison hemlock rosettes. What it did accomplish was to expose the rosettes to full sun for the winter and it eliminated plant competition with the poison hemlock flourishing when spring rolled around. It's also providing me with great poison hemlock photo ops!

Chemical Control Case Studies

Given the problematic nature of controlling poison hemlock and wild parsnip by physical removal, herbicides may be the best option particularly in areas where the weeds present a clear and present danger to the public. I've observed both poison hemlock and wild parsnip being effectively managed in two

parks in southern Ohio with properly timed herbicide applications.

Greenwood Gardens which is part of the Greats which is Hamilton County system, began targeting these non-native weeds last year with selective post-emergent herbicides and have had excellent results. Voice of America (VOA) MetroPark which is part of the Butler County MetroParks system has declared war on poison hemlock and wild parsnip this season with dramatic results.

Poison hemlock and wild parsnip are susceptible to several selective and non-selective post-emergent herbicides. However, keep in mind that non-selective herbicides such as glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) can also illuminate plants that compete with these weeds. Herbicidal openings produced by non-selective herbicides provide perfect opportunities for more wild parsnip and poison hemlock to spring forth from previously deposited seed. Thus, it's important to have a plan for establishing competitive plants such as over-seeding with grasses.

Selective post-emergent herbicides will preserve competitive plants. Herbicides effective against wild parsnip and poison hemlock include clopyralid (e.g. Transline), metsulfuron (e.g. Escort XP), triclopyr (e.g. Triclopyr 4), and combination products such as those that contain 2,4-D, mecoprop, and dichlorprop (e.g. Triamine). Applications made now can significantly reduce infestations of both wild parsnip and poison hemlock. However, with plants beginning to flower, the control clock is winding down.

TWO OHIO STATE SCIENTISTS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

Two faculty members in The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences have been elected to the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) 2020 class of Fellows.

Monica Giusti, professor of food, science and technology, and Judit Puskas, professor of food, agricultural and biological engineering, join a class of 175 academic innovators representing universities and governmental or nonprofit research institutes named to the Fellows program this year. They are the 11th and 12th Ohio State inventors to be chosen as NAI Fellows.

"The work done by our newest NAI Fellows demonstrates the breadth of research expertise that can be found at Ohio State - and, in this instance, within a single college," said Morley O. Stone, senior vice president for research.

"Dr. Giusti and Dr. Puskas are influencing the global food and health care industries, respectively, in ways that directly affect people's lives. It's exciting to see the National Academy of Inventors recognize their innovations."

Monica Giusti

An Ohio State faculty member since 2004, Giusti focuses on harnessing the beneficial properties of naturally occurring compounds in colorful fruits and vegetables for their potential use in a variety of other food products. These phytochemicals, and particularly anthocyanins, which are

pigments that provide red to blue colors to a wide variety of plants, are known to be antioxidants and anti-inflammatory agents.

The trick: teasing out the chemical structures of those compounds, identifying their specific purpose in plants and determining ways to effectively transfer that healthful function into foods with a long shelf life - without making them less appealing in the process.

"We're learning what is happening already in nature, and how we can replicate those conditions in a variety of foods," Giusti said.

Typical consumer behavior is part of her motivation. Because many people don't eat the daily recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables, her lab collaborates with industry partners to insert some of the plant-based benefits into more commonly consumed foods.

"It is very difficult to change dietary habits," Giusti said. "It can be easier to replace an ingredient that might be providing only color with something that is providing more phytochemicals - some of the benefits of fruits and vegetables - while we continue to educate consumers about the benefits of fruit and vegetable consumption."

Most recently, her lab has focused on the fact that anthocyanins found in the grapes used to produce red wine change shape and size during the fermentation process, becoming more stable and creating color with staying power.

"We are now accelerating things that nature is doing already, adhering to the natural course the compounds would follow, to see if we can speed the process to make them commercially available," she said.

Additional recognitions for Giusti's work include receiving the CFAES 2020 Senior Faculty Researcher of the Year Award, the 2019 William V. Cruess Excellence in Teaching Award from the Institute of Food Technologists, and the 2017 Educator Award

from the North American Colleges and Teachers in Agriculture.

Judit Puskas

Puskas is a relative newcomer to Ohio State, joining the faculty in 2019, but has had a long industry and academic career in rubber technology, developing polymers with multiple applications.

She is perhaps known best as a co-inventor, while she was a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Akron, of the polymer used to coat the Taxus coronary stent licensed by Boston Scientific, which has been implanted in more than 10 million patients.

The material had a particularly useful property: recyclability.

"We were working on a particular rubber, and the beauty of it is that it's recyclable, so you can melt it down and make another shape out of it," Puskas said. "We didn't know that it would end up as a polymer coating on a coronary stent."

Since then, she has continued to refine the polymer technology, bolstering its impermeability and taking advantage of its ability to be used inside the body without generating a damaging immune response. Most recently, she filed a patent disclosure of her invention of a COVID-19 mask.

For two decades, Puskas has been working on development of a polymer coating for a breast cancer reconstruction implant that contains drugs.

"The implant becomes storage for the drug, and the coating allows the drug to slowly release into the body. It could be used in place of intravenous chemotherapy," she said. "The beauty of this is we are very close."

In 2012, Puskas was one of five winners of the GE Healthymagination Breast Cancer Challenge Award, selected from 500 international applications. She also was the first woman to receive the Charles Goodyear Gold Medal from the American Chemical Society. A Breast Cancer Innovation Founda-

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LATTA STATEMENT ON BIDEN'S TROUBLING ECONOMIC COMPETITION EXECUTIVE ORDER

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) provided the following statement on President Biden's Executive Order on Economic Competition:

"Today's Executive Order is a troubling instance of government overreach. Under President Trump, the United States had a roaring economy that encouraged investment, innovation, and private-sector competition that benefited consumers. Instead of doubling down on policies that worked, the Biden-Harris administration has decided to take a heavy-handed approach to regulating every inch of our economy, including the Internet. The data is clear: the light-touch regulatory approach under Republican leadership led to increased broadband speeds and investment, lower prices, and more competition. This light-touch approach also enabled the success of Internet providers in keeping our economy and our communities connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. In contrast, imposing burdensome Title II rules on broadband providers will hurt consumers and chill the broadband investment needed to close the digital divide and maintain resilient networks.

"I am also deeply concerned that the President is manipulating the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), an independent agency, into taking actions on his behalf. There has long been a bipartisan interest in maintaining the indepen-

dence of the FCC to make sound decisions based on its technical and legal expertise—not political opportunism. I urge Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel and all Commissioners to publicly commit to upholding the independence of the agency they are charged with leading."

RAIDERS FALL IN ACME ACTION TO BRYAN

Wayne Trace jumped in front early but it was host Bryan that rallied late to nip the Raiders 9-8 in ACME district baseball action in Williams County last week.

The red, white and blue scored six times in the top of the first before the Golden Bears began to chip away at the deficit.

After scoring twice in the second to pull within 6-2, Bryan sliced its deficit to 6-5 in the bottom of the fourth.

Noah Huard and Ethan Purny each picked up RBI doubles in the frame before a wild pitch pulled the Golden Bears within one.

Following an RBI double from Brevan Anderson to push the Wayne Trace advantage to 7-5, the Williams County squad got back within one as Mikey Wolff doubled and Dylan Dominique posted an RBI single to make it 7-6.

Bryan took the lead in the sixth with a two-run single from Carter Dominique, putting the Golden Bears on top 8-7, but the Raiders would respond in their next at-bat.

With two-outs in the seventh, Wayne Trace's Allen Minck hit a run scoring single to right field that evened the contest at 8-8 heading to the home half of the frame.

The Golden Bears then loaded the bases before Huard drew a walk that plated Wolff with the winning run to give Bryan the 9-8 victory.

RAIDERS FINISH AS SECTIONAL RUNNER-UPS

After eliminating county rival Paulding, Wayne Trace came up short to host Defiance for a runner-up finish in the ACME sectional tournament hosted by the Bulldogs last week.

The Raiders took out the Panthers 15-5 in an elimination game before falling to Defiance 11-0 in the sectional championship. However, the second-place finish put the red, white and blue in the ACME district tournament for what is believed to be the first time in school history.

In Tuesday's opener, Wayne Trace used an eight-run fifth inning to wrap up the 15-5 victory over Paulding.

The Panthers struck first, scoring twice in the top of the first, before the red, white and blue answered with a four-run second in grabbing a 4-2 advantage.

After the Raiders added three more runs in the third to expand the lead to 7-2, Paulding made things interesting by scoring three times in the top of the fifth to close the gap to 7-5.

Wayne Trace, thought, sealed the victory by plating eight runs in the home half of the fifth to wrap up the 15-5 victory.

Tucker Antoine got the win on the mound for the Raiders, tossing 4-1/3 innings giving up four earned runs, seven hits and four walks while striking out six.

Tyler Davis had a pair of doubles and a triple while scoring twice and driving in four runs. Kyle Slade added two doubles and three runs batted in with Allen Minck totaling two singles, two runs scored and two runs batted in. Lane Morehead chipped in a pair of singles and scored twice as well.

Kane Jones recorded two singles and scored twice for Paulding and Logan Tope added a pair of singles. Jacob Martinez took the loss for the Panthers, allowing six hits, six earned runs and three walks in 4-2/3 innings with three strikeouts.

After getting past the Panthers, Wayne Trace took on the host Bulldogs with Defiance breaking open a close game in the third.

The Bulldogs scored once in the first and twice in the second to seize a 3-0 advantage but scored seven times in the third to push the margin to 10-0.

Defiance got its final run in the bottom of the fourth to wrap up the 11-0 victory.

Cale Winans suffered the loss for the Raiders, surrendering four hits, three runs (one earned) and three walks in two innings of work. Kyle Forrer, Kyle Slade and Jordan Lotz also pitched for Wayne Trace.

Forrer also had a double for the red, white and blue.

PATROL PLANS OVI SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT THIS WEEK

The Ohio State Highway Patrol announced today that troopers will operate an OVI checkpoint to deter and intercept impaired drivers this week.

The county where the checkpoint will take place will be announced the day prior to the checkpoint, and the location will be announced the morning of the checkpoint.

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build a competitive marketplace. The Packers and Stockyards Act was designed to ensure a fair and competitive marketplace and protect farmers against abuse at the hands of large businesses in the livestock and poultry industry. But the previous administration systematically weakened the law's scope. To facilitate effective enforcement of the Act, USDA will be conducting three rulemakings. First, the rulemakings will clarify the conduct that USDA considers a violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act, including conduct that is unfair, deceptive, or unjustly discriminatory against farmers and growers. Second, they will address oppressive practices in chicken processing. Third, the rulemakings will reinforce the longstanding USDA position that it is not necessary to demonstrate harm or likely harm to competition in order to establish a violation of the Act.

• USDA will develop a plan to increase farmers' and ranchers' access to new markets, and promote their ability to receive a fair return. As per the President's Executive Order on promoting competition, USDA will develop a plan to increase opportunities for farmers to access markets, including by supporting value-added markets and local and regional food distribution systems. USDA will also analyze and recommend policies to address the impacts of concentration in seeds and in the retail sector on family farmers, and propose strategies to enhance transparency and accountability in key markets. Together, these initiatives will give farmers more choices on how they buy and sell so that they aren't at the mercy of a handful of dominant processors and distributors.

• USDA will issue new rules on labeling so that domestic farmers and ranchers don't have to compete with foreign companies that mislead consumers. On July 1st, USDA announced intent to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the "Product of USA" meat labeling term.

Building a Better Food System and Strengthening the Food Supply Chain

Citing lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and recent supply chain disruptions, earlier this month USDA announced plans to invest more than \$4 billion to strengthen critical supply chains through USDA's Build Back Better initiative to strengthen and transform the food system, using funding from the American Rescue Plan and the Consolidated Appropriations Act. The \$500 million commitment to invest in meat and poultry processing today begins to detail how the \$4 billion will be deployed. The new effort will strengthen

the food system, create new market opportunities, tackle the climate crisis, help communities that have been left behind, and support good-paying jobs throughout the supply chain. A transformed food system will provide producers with a greater share of the food dollar and make agriculture a more compelling career. It will also improve nutrition and the health status of Americans, reducing the costs of healthcare and diet-related diseases.

Through USDA's Build Back Better initiative, USDA will help to ensure the food system of the future is fair, competitive, distributed, and resilient; supports health with access to healthy, affordable food; ensures growers and workers receive a greater share of the food dollar; and advances equity as well as climate resilience and mitigation.

While USDA's Build Back Better initiative addresses near- and long-term issues, recent events have exposed the immediate need for action. USDA's actions to promote competition and the intention to invest in additional small- and medium-sized meat processing capacity will spur economic opportunity while strengthening resilience and certainty for producers and consumers alike.

This announcement also furthers the Biden-Harris Administration's work on strengthening the resilience of critical supply chains as directed by Executive Order 14017 on America's Supply Chains. USDA's efforts to strengthen the food system is a vital component of the Administration's whole-of-government response to address near-term supply chain challenges to the economic recovery. Through the Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, of which Secretary Vilsack is a member, the Administration is convening stakeholders to diagnose problems and surface solutions—large and small, public or private—that could help alleviate bottlenecks and supply constraints related to the economy's reopening after the Administration's historic vaccination and economic relief efforts.

INTER-SEEDING COVER CROPS INTO CORN

Getting a good cover crop stand after harvest can be difficult, so farmers are inter-seeding cover crops early into standing corn. Benefits include erosion control, extra

nitrogen from legumes or clovers, using grasses as nitrogen scavengers, weed suppression, and livestock forage (grazed or hayed). Inter-seeding cover crops into corn early takes some planning; especially on timing, planting equipment, and selecting cover crop mixes, seeding rates and herbicides.

Timing is critical so inter-seed before the corn canopies but not too early so that corn has to compete for moisture and sunlight. Penn State research shows that about V5 (V4-V6) or when corn has five true leaves is the ideal time. Planting earlier than V4 often results in competition from the cover crops and corn yield losses. Planting after V6 may be successful, but the amount of cover crop biomass may decline due to moisture and sunlight limitations. The goal is to get a head start on cover crop growth before corn is harvested. If corn is growing slowly due to weather, delay inter-seeding to avoid competition. Due to exponential corn growth under good growing conditions, the inter-seeding planting window can be small and narrow, so be ready to inter-seed cover crops on a timely basis.

Farmers often use a modified high clearance drill to inter-seed cover crops between corn rows. Generally, cover crops are drilled into 2-3 rows between the growing corn (30-inch rows up to 60-inch twin rows). Commercial in-

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lot about kindness and how Jesus would want us to be. We really love our time with Jeremy and look forward every week to his visit!

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garding our summer program, fall preschool, or before and after school care, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

CFAES FOOD SAFETY CENTER TO RESEARCH FOOD SAFETY IN KENYA

The Center for Foodborne Illness Research and Prevention (CFI) at The Ohio State University has been awarded a \$770,000 grant to improve food safety and prevent foodborne illnesses in Kenya.

The initiative is one of four new research projects announced by the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety, which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development as part of Feed the Future, the U.S. government's global hunger and food security initiative.

The 3.5-year project, "Chakula salama: a risk-based approach to reducing foodborne diseases and increasing production of safe foods in Kenya," includes a team of researchers from The Ohio State University, the University of Florida, Kenya Medical Research Institute, and the University of Nairobi, who will work to develop and test food-safety interventions to support Kenya's small-scale poultry producers.

"This project will use a systems-based approach to answer important food safety questions and build an enabling environment that fosters the implementation of risk-based approaches to food safety in Kenya and, eventually, other African countries," said Barbara Kowalczyk, director of CFI. She is also a faculty member in the Department of Food Science and Technology at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and the Translational Data Analytics Institute at Ohio State.

This work is significant considering that foodborne diseases cause an estimated 91 million illnesses and \$16.7 billion in human capital losses annually in Africa, Kowalczyk said.

"Poultry is an important dietary component for households and a source of revenue for women and youth in Kenya, but is often produced and processed in informal settings that rarely include mitigation strategies, making it a high-risk product from a food-safety perspective," she said.

With that in mind, the project will focus on reducing the risk of illnesses from Salmonella and Campylobacter in poultry produced by small-scale women and youth poultry farmers, said Haley Oliver, Food Safety Innovation Lab director and professor of food science at Purdue University.

"Globally, poultry and other meats have a high probability of pathogen contamination," Oliver said. "In Kenya, women and children are the main producers and handlers of poultry, and this project is a great opportunity to disrupt the disease transmission cycle in an important food and nutrient resource, preventing disease, malnutrition, and a host of other associated challenges."

The Kenya project is just one of the many research efforts undertaken by CFI as part of its mission to improve food safety globally as well as locally and nationally. For example, last year, Kowalczyk received a \$3.4 million, four-year grant from

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

ter-seeders are available including the Penn State "Inter-Seeder" and Hiniker. These seeders are adapted to apply nitrogen and herbicides. If you decide to build or modify your own inter-seeder, plan ahead by thinking about how the unit will be used (cover crops, fertilizer, spray) but also about how the seed will be planted (drilled or broadcast). Larger seed should be drilled while small seed may be broadcast. Also, most inter-seeders are attached with 3-point hitch (6 rows) on corn in 30 inches rows. Larger farmers are experimenting with larger units.

Manny different cover crops can be inter-seeded but the best ones tolerate shade and low moisture. Cover crop seeding rates are quite variable. In cover crop mixtures, divide the full seeding rate for each species by the number of cover crops in the mixture to determine the approximate seeding rate in a mixture. See the Midwest Cover Crop Field Guide for full seeding

rates.

For soybeans, plant 12-20# (Group 7 soybeans) and put the seed close to the row to get a 5-12 corn bushel advantage in a good year. For legumes, winter peas work well in a wet year while cowpeas do better under dry conditions (6-12#). Hairy vetch (2#) prefers well drained soil while red clover (4-6#) can tolerate wetter soils or add Sunn hemp (5#). For small seeded clovers; rates are generally low and might include crimson (4-6#), balansa (1-3#), red (4-6#), or berseem clover (4-6#). All legume and clovers should be inoculated with the right species AT planting. For grasses; oats (6-12#), annual ryegrass (6-12#), or cereal rye have been successful. Daikon radish, kale, rape seed, and turnips (all brassicas) are seeded at low rates (.25-.75#) or add pollinators to a mix like buckwheat (3-5#) or phacelia (.5#), or chicory or flax at low rates.

For corn herbicides;

salfluenacil (Sharpen), rimsulfuron (Resolve and Basis), or Clarity and Banvel (wait 15 days per 8 fluid oz) herbicides have the least herbicide injury to legumes, clovers, grasses, and brassica cover crop mixtures. For 2-4D, all grasses are safe but broadleaves need to wait 15-30 days before planting. Surestart + Atra is generally safe except for hairy vetch. Since each field is different with different weed and cover crop species, general recommendations are difficult. Check out Penn State (Curran and Lingenfelter), University of Wisconsin (Herbicide Rotation Restrictions), and University of Missouri (Kevin Bradley) who have extensive herbicide resources on corn inter-seeding.

Most university research shows no corn yield loss on late seeded cover crop mixtures in most years. If planted too early or if severe drought occurs, yield losses can be severe (160 bushel in one case). For crop insurance, check out the USDA-RMA cover crop guidelines. Your crop insurance payment might be impacted if a crop loss occurs and you do not follow these guidelines. Contact your crop insurance agent or University Extension and NRCS personnel to avoid problems. Inter-seeding cover crops is still experimental but farmers are succeeding. PS: Last week I mis-classified Trichoderma as bacteria, they are actually fungi!

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tion was established in Akron to support her breast implant research.

The NAI Fellows Program was established to highlight academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. Election to NAI Fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors.

Giusti, Puskas and the rest of the 2020 class of Fellows will be inducted on June 8, 2021, during the NAI's Tenth Annual Meeting scheduled to be held in Tampa, Florida.

URL: <https://news.osu.edu/two-ohio-state-scientists-elected-to-national-academy-of-inventors/>

the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the U.K. Department for International Development to improve food safety in Ethiopia, where illnesses from unpasteurized milk and raw meat are commonplace.

Founded as a nonprofit organization in 2006, CFI brought its 14-year record of protecting public health to CFAES in September 2019. The center, which is now housed within CFAES, has a mission to advance a more scientific, risk-based food safety system that prevents foodborne illnesses and pro-

ducts public health by translating science into policy and practice.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: **LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

vs.

DOYLE WHITAKER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 21 032

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

355 North Sherman Street, Scott

Parcel Numbers: 07-01S-004-00 and 07-01S-005-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

Total amount of judgment is One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-six and 62/100 (\$1,426.62) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 29th day of July, 2021, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 12th day of August, 2021 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

Payment in full is due at the time of the sale and the purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10 on June 28, 2021, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 1 ON THE COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITION OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Ordinance increases the annual salary amount for the position of Village Administrator.

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

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the Village of Antwerp passed RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 on June 21, 2021, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, OHIO TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP CRA #04A AND THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM APPLICATION OF J.L. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY." This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to enter into the necessary agreements to effectuate the community reinvestment application of J.L. Property Management, LLC, including the Community Reinvestment Area Exemption Agreement for a 60% real property tax abatement for a 10 year period for the new improvements to be located in CRA #04A.

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

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Mobile Home Tax are Due Friday, July 30, 2021

Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges.

For your convenience, there is a new burgundy colored drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse.

If you would like to bring your payment into the office, there will be restrictions that will be necessary to follow:

- A. No more than 2 people will be allowed in the office at one time
- B. Please refrain from bringing children into the office
- C. If you have not received the Covid19 vaccine, please wear a mask.

You still have the option of mailing your payment. We accept check and/or money order. If you require a receipt, please include the top part of your bill as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we will not mail you a receipt.

I would also like to share a new option for you to pay your taxes online. I have partnered with Point & Pay, an online payment system, this option does include fees to the landowner, but if you are interested, please visit our website at pauldingcountytreasurer.com, and look for the Point and Pay link on the tax tab.

Paulding County Treasurer • Lou Ann Wannemacher
Phone: 419-399-8280
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PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury Indicted (7) persons on Thursday, July 7, 2021.

Joshua L. Newsome (8/26/87), Paulding, OH; Harassment by inmate (2 counts), F-5

Ethan W. Reust (6/18/03), Paulding, OH; Robbery, F-2; Assault, M-1

Thomas J. Phillips Jr (3/30/66), Antwerp, OH; Breaking & Entering, F-5

Jeffrey T. Merritte (6/30/70), Defiance, OH; Felonious assault, F-2

Lyndell M. Ramos (2/7/86), Wauseon, OH; Identity fraud, F-5

William N. Wehby Jr (11/12/67), Paulding, OH; Breaking & entering (4 counts), F-5; Theft (4 counts), M-1

Bobby J. Thompson (8/25/78), Scott, OH; Breaking & entering (4 counts), F-5; Theft (4 counts), M-1

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Maycool Lopez, Fort Wayne, IN; Off inv undag/p, Dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Open container, Dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; No operator's license, case dismissed; OVI/UA .08 breath, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court, Pay all fines and costs, License suspended for 90 days commencing 7/19/21

Jacob Stoller, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Lee, Complete Dip, Complete 20 hours community service, CDL disqualification shall be deleted; OVI/under influence, Count B dismissed; Marked lanes, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Lee, Pled guilty; Distracted

Emiliano A. Dagoberto, El Paso, TX; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Murray M. McCanless, Pioneer, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joe E. Bonar Sr, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Menacing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact with Charloe store

Jeffrey T. Merritte, Paulding, OH; Assault; Aggravated menacing; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Amalia Green, Continental, OH; Failure to reinstate, Guilty, Defendant appeared via video, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Defendant

must pay in full before forfeiture is released; No operator's license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs

Dennis E. Green, Defiance, OH; FRA suspension; Guilty, Defendant appeared via video from the Paulding County Jail, Pay all fines and costs; Warrant and warrant block recalled; 12 point suspension, Guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Wrong plates, Guilty; Pay all fines and costs

Michael Anderson, Greenfield, IN; Drug paraphernalia, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Brian J. Washington, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George R. Fetters, Montpelier, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BROWN TWP
7/6/21 Bockrath Mark N Bockrath Dale A to Bockrath Mark N Trustee Bockrath Dale A; Rd 148; 40.64 acres; E1/2 W1/2 Ne1/4 Brown Twp S-12; 37.602 acres, W1/2W1/2ne1/4 Less 3A Brown Twp S-12

CARRYALL TWP
7/6/21 Coleman J David to Clevinger Chet Allen; 14298 Rd 43 Antwerp Oh 45813; 0.653 acres, Pt Nw1/4 Sw1/4 Carryall Twp Sec 26; Carryall Twp S-26

7/7/21 Snyder Ed M Snyder Julia L to Mills Robert E Mills Julie Ann; 210 N Main St; 0.2122 acres; Lot 14 Block B Antwerp Vill

7/6/21 Sevrence Herschel L to Ra Haszi; 11171 Rd 180 Paulding Oh 45879; 2.186 acres; Pt E1/2 W1/2 Sw1/4 Crane Twp S-23

CRANE TWP
7/6/21 Ted Koenn & Sons Inc to Ted Koenn & Sons Inc; 11887 Rd 224 Cecil Oh 45821; 1.5 acres; Pt Se1/4 S-11outlots Cecil Vgaep Easement V602 P1191

HARRISON TWP
7/7/21 Wobler Allen Wobler Kristy to Walter Michelle L Mullins Brett M; 326 N Laura St; 0.303 acres; Lot 9 Spt Block D Payne Vill

7/6/21 Granger Jodi L to Payne Tina Marie; 104 Flatrock Dr; 0.2583 acres; Lot 21 Proxmire Payne Allot Payne Vill

JACKSON TWP
7/7/21 Haller Constance to

Webster Ethan Webster Brooke A; 331 Klingler Rd; 0.68 acres; Lot 2 S Center Pt 100x300outlots Paulding Vill-Jackson Twp

7/6/21 Miller Matthew A & Miller Wendy K to Manz Andrew S Manz Laura E; 1016 Emerald Rd; 0.2962 acres; Lot 6 & Pcl Behind Lot 6 None-man Em Acres Allot#1 Paulding Village Outlot #06018

7/6/21 Hill Earnestine Tod to Paputsakis Sara S; 13319 Helen St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.2583 acres; Lot 156 None-man Em Acres Allot#3 Paulding Village

LATTY TWP
7/6/21 Miller Patricia A to Laukhuf Christian J; 201 E Wayne St; 0.2 acres; Lot 21 Meyer Add Grover Hill Vill S-24

7/6/21 Stahl Danielle E to Hofmann Rachel M; 201 W Walnut St; 0.2 acres; Lot 90 S-26 Op Grover Hill

PAULDING TWP
7/6/21 Thompson Cory & Thompson Nicki to Goodwin Timothy R; 832 W Perry St; 0.3924 acres; Lot 23 Wpt Dix 2nd Add Paulding Vill

7/8/21 Ladd Marilyn M Life Est @ (5) to Shrider Dr R Edward Etal; 109 North Dr; 0.1887 acres; Lot 77 S-12 Outlots Paulding Village

PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/28/21

This 28th day of June, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtzberry, Clint A. Vance and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 269762 through 269813 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

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 23, 2021, Warrant numbered 269753 in the amount of \$151.87 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 purchases 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 PERMISSIVE TAX APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 4504.05 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP

Antwerp Village, a municipal corporation within the County of Paulding, hereby makes application for funds available under Section 4504.05 of the Revised Code of Ohio, to plan, construct, improve, maintain, or repair the following streets within the municipality shown on a map presented to the Paulding County Engineer.

Total amount of estimated cost of construction: \$30,501.00
Amount available according to vehicle registration \$9,810.74
Application date: June 18, 2021; Aimee Lichty, Clerk, Village of Antwerp

J. Travis McGarvey, Engineer of Paulding County, hereby grant the foregoing request of the Village of Antwerp in the amount of \$ 9,810.74

Approval date: June 23, 2021; Travis McGarvey, Paulding County Engineer

Commissioners order to pay Antwerp Village. The Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to Antwerp Village in the amount of \$ 9,810.74 in conformance with Section 4504.05 of the Revised

PAULDING COUNTY HOSTS SENATE CANDIDATES DEBATE



The Republican candidates for U.S. Senate debated on questions on July 8 at the Paulding County Extension Building. The event was held by the Paulding County Republican Women.

The four candidates in attendance were: Mark Pukita, Neil Patel, Michael Leipold and Mike Gibbons. All four of the candidates have a very interesting history. Three claimed they were successful job creators.

Mark Pukita is from Ohio and he graduated from OSU in 1981 and then went on to start a business in his recent years in which he recently sold in 2019. He is frustrated with the politicians in Washington, just as many people are, and wants to get back to the Constitution.

Neil Patel, was born in In-

dia and immigrated to the United States in the 1970s with barely anything and now has a very successful business. Patel became a US citizen in 1994 and he loves this country. He realized early on that this country has the greatest opportunities for the ambitious in heart and soul.

Michael Leipold is the candidate with eight children. The young man has big aspirations as the working class conservative. He understands right to life as he nearly had it taken away from him. Michael served in the military and is a proven leader with six deployments as an Air Mission Commander.

Michael Gibbons comes in to the race with experience as a running candidate. He was put into the race in 2018 against Jim Renacci and won

38 counties in his bid. Mike launched his own successful financial company and is very experienced in the business sector. He travelled around the state in 2020 speaking on behalf of President Donald Trump.

All the candidates were prepared and answered the 15 or so questions within their allotted time frame. Each of their personal stories were quite interesting in their success. None of them have previously held a public office.

The event had a meet and greet time after the debate, where people were able to ask questions to each candidate individually.

The full debate is recorded and located at <https://youtu.be/wqo1MUqztjQ> or at westbendnews.net

Code of Ohio, to be paid from the Municipal Permissive Tax Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 170)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify the 2021 Annual Appropriation and hereby directs the Paulding County Auditor to transfer the funds to wit;

FROM: 170-001-00005/911 Wireless/Equipment TO: 170-001-00007/911 Wireless/Maintenance AMOUNT: \$ 10,000.00

Meeting of Appointments

• Tim Yenser, Maintenance Director, updated the Commissioners on maintenance operations and procedures.

• Claudia Fickel, County Auditor, submitted her letter to the Commissioners which states that per Ohio Revised Code §325.19 F permits an alternative holiday schedule for the 2021 Juneteenth Holiday. This notice serves as notification to the Board of Commissioners that her offices (Budgetary and Real Estate) will be closed on Friday, July 2, 2021 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

• Carol Temple, County Recorder, also submitted a letter to

the Commissioners that her office will be closed on Friday, July 2, 2021 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

• Bill Edwards, Health Department, discussed with the Commissioners the American Rescue Act.

• Lou Ann Wannemacher and Anne Pease- Ms. Wannemacher informed the Commissioners that she will be mailing out to the individual banks invitations to renew depository agreements (applications), a copy of the County's Investment Policy and Request for Proposal for Main Depository Agreement. Ms. Wannemacher also asked for approval of the OWDA and USDA Invoices to be paid for the Auglaize River Sewer District. Ms. Wannemacher also informed the Commissioners that her office will be closed on Friday, July 2, 2021 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. Ms. Pease also stated that the Title Office will also be closed on Friday, July 2, 2021 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. Ms. Pease stated that she is not sure if the Clerk of Courts Office will be closed on Friday yet, she is waiting to hear word from Judge Beckman to see if she will be closing first.

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MINUTES FOR THE WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 21ST, 2021

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins as well as Councilmen Voiron, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker, and Councilman Martin were not present. Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance and Rachel Black with Allen County Planning were also present.

The Mayor opened a public hearing for comment regarding the City's desire for additional appropriations within the 2021 calendar year at 7:10pm. After hearing no comments from the audience, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:15pm.

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

Mayor's Report: The Mayor recapped the Board of Works meeting from earlier this evening. The Mayor wanted to confirm the City appointed position for the seat on the fire territory board. After discussion, Councilman Voiron moved that Mayor Kelsey be the City of Woodburn's representative for the first term of two years to the East Central Fire and EMS aka the Woodburn-New Haven Fire Territory executive board, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Mayor discussed options for the Mainstreet Stellar project with Council for their input. Regarding a request from a resident, the Mayor initiated Mudrack Tree Service to determine the state of a tree that the resident wishes to keep. This tree is in the City easement. After discussion, it was determined to wait until the upcoming sidewalk projects are completed as a more thorough evaluation of tree varieties and locations for planting will be determined. Regarding streetlights on Hickory Street, AEP has provided the Mayor with a list of different styles of light. Discussion occurred about Council preference with the Mayor to check with his AEP representative to determine next steps of implementation.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the June 7th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the June 7th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Voiron, all present in favor. The warrants were generated. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that there are approximately 3 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 which began June 1st. The Clerk-Treasurer described a situation involving a

backdoor of meters for the summer and that there are approximately 25 residents waiting for these meters. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage for the list of those individuals currently waiting for a meter, for the billing cycle of 6/15/21 to 7/15/21 service, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meters will then be handed out 7/15/21 or later as supply is available.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Thompson moved to read Resolution 21-257 (Transfers w/in Funds and Additional Appropriations) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voiron moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 21-257, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 21-257, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Thompson gave an update on the clothing bank and a recent clothing bank event that had occurred.

Audience: Rachel went over details regarding annual compliance of businesses within the Woodburn City limits regarding tax abatements. Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 21-258 (Approve 2021 pay 2022 Compliance w/Statement of Benefits) by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 21-258, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Councilman Voiron moved to adopt Resolution 21-258, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor.

Councilman Voiron moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

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

ANTWERP/PAYNE/PAULDING COUNTY CIC MEETS

The Antwerp/Payne/ Paulding County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) met this week to discuss current and future projects in the county. The meeting was opened by Vice President Tony Langham at 7:03pm. Secretary/Treasurer Anita Bok was out on vacation at this time. A current account balance was presented but May

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PARADE ENTREES NEEDED! Antwerp Chamber Day in the Park is seeking parade floats for its yearly event at Riverside Park on August 14th. Parade Theme: Dream Vacation! Entry forms can be found at Small Town Bliss or Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook 28-31

FOR SALE: Poulon Pro 220 Chain saw. Runs, needs tuneup. Chain just sharpened. Comes with black case, and original tool for chain adjustment. \$75 OBO - Call 419-258-0127

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FOR SALE: Lambs. One ram, One ewe. Two months old. \$150 for both. Call 419-670-3400. P

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

RAIN TECH SEAMLESS GUTTERS, 419-258-1818 26-28

DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS MONDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!

meeting minutes were not accessible at this time. May meeting minutes and a full budget report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Board member Sue Fowler shared forward thinking communication, from a group of Antwerp business leaders and building owners, about the US24/ Highway 49 Exit 3 property. The CIC has an option on 53 acres of this property to market and develop. At the May meeting the NAI Harmon Group was voted on and entrusted with the marketing piece of this development.

Following this communication, Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey answered some questions and presented a variety of new communication

updates about the property from NAIH. A marketing flyer was made available to Copsey late in the day. This flyer will be shared with the board for review and feedback prior to being published.

Copsey shared a brief history of the CIC and reiterated that this group covers the entire county except for the Villages of Paulding and Oakwood. He also updated the group on many other possible properties and projects in Antwerp and around the county, all of which led to good discussion and communication.

VP Langham read a written letter from President Sara Keeran. The letter indicated that Sara would like to step down from the CIC President position and away from the board altogether at this time. Tony shared some great history about Sara and her commitment to Paulding County and the Antwerp Village. The resignation was accepted unanimously by the board. Discussion took place about a replacement member and naming a future president. It was decided to table this discussion to allow time for review until the next meeting. It was decided the next meeting will take place August 3, 2021 at 7pm. The site is currently TBD.

If you have any thoughts, ideas, recommendations or donations you would like to make to this CIC, please reach out and contact board members: Tony Langham, Anita Bok, Randy Derck, Don Oberlin, Antwerp Mayor Jan Reeb, Payne Mayor Steve Woehler, Ken Reinhart, Cork Hughes, Tom VanVlerah, Denise Coleman, Sue Fowler, Ben Kauser, Ron Etzler or contact the Paulding County Economic Development office at 419-399-8282.

HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING A TWO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CRASH ON US 24

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a crash involving two commercial vehicles. The crash occurred on US 24, near milepost 17, in Emerald Township, Paulding County. The crash was reported on July 8, 2021, at approximately 6:27 p.m.

Lawrence Lewis, 57, of Defiance, OH, was operating a 2006 International Semi-Truck eastbound on US 24 near mile post 17. Lewis was hauling an oversized load. Steven Welsey, 42, of Elizabeth, NJ, was disabled on the eastbound berm of US 24 in a 2016 Peterbilt Semi Truck. Lewis struck the trailer of the disabled vehicle with the over-

Sudoku solution from page 9

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6	4	7	1	2	3	9	5	8

sized load. There was a large amount of debris on US 24 after the collision. No injuries were reported.

The eastbound lanes of US 24 were closed for approximately six hours. Assisting on scene were the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Paulding Fire Department, Gideon's Towing and Paulding County ODOT.

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COOPER FARMS PROVIDES TURKEY LOVERS' MONTH DONATIONS



Paulding County Senior Center Director, Marsha Yeutter (left), accepts help from a Cooper Farms team member as she loads the van with turkey burgers.

June was Turkey Lovers' Month and Cooper Farms, as you'd expect, celebrated in a big way. They provided a turkey donation to those in need at the Paulding Senior Center and the Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission for their Summer Food Service Program, established

to ensure that children receive nutritious meals in the summer months.

The donation of both deli meat and frozen turkey burgers totaled over 630 pounds of protein combined for the two organizations.

"Turkey Lovers' Month is like Christmas for us," said

COO Gary Cooper. "Christmas is a giving time, so we thought we'd take this opportunity to share with those in need around us, as we like to do as frequently as possible."

Protein is the most expensive part of the diet, typically, so in a time where many are still recovering financially from the impacts of COVID-19, this donation was more necessary than ever.

"We're always happy to give back, and we know times have been especially hard for many as of late," said Cooper. "Providing a good, quality protein to those in need is the least we can do."

Marsha Yeutter, Director of the Paulding County Senior Center, expressed her gratitude for not only this donation, but past donations from Cooper Farms as well.

"We really appreciate Cooper Farms for this donation and all donations in the past," said Yeutter. "We'll use it for our senior meal program, some of it will be used for our summer food program. It all comes in really handy, financially."

To celebrate Turkey Lovers' Month, the company also celebrated with their team members by providing giveaways and a catered lunch at each location.

ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

DEFIANCE COUNTY
U.S. 24 PROJECTS

between State Route 66 and the Henry County line will have lane restrictions in both directions for a resurfacing project. Visit the project page for more information.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

- The section between SR 66 and the Henry County line is nearly complete. Lane restrictions may occur for finish work.

- Work between SR 66 and Baltimore Street will begin in approximately two weeks.

State Route 15 at Cleveland Avenue in the city of Defiance will close July 6 for approximately 90 days for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

- Detour: SR 634 to SR 613 to SR 66 to Downs St. to Holgate Ave. to Third St. to Clinton St. to Second St./SR 15

State Route 18/Main Street between Elm Street and Meuse Argonne Street in the village of Hicksville closed on April 5 for railroad repair. The project will be complete in mid-November.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

- Detour: Meuse Argonne St. to Elm St. back to SR 18 / Main St.

State Route 281 between Harris Road and Snyder Road will close July 12 for 10 days for culvert repairs.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

- Detour: SR 18 to SR 108 to back to SR 281.

District wide lighting upgrades: All four-lane routes -- Interstate 75, U.S. 23, U.S. 24, U.S. 30, State Route 15 -- will have temporary lane or shoulder closures for highway lighting upgrades. High-pressure sodium fixtures (HPS) will be replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) luminaires. Lighting will be added at 12 locations where drivers make key decisions. Nonessential lighting will be removed. Temporary lane or shoulder restrictions may occur. Visit the project webpage for more information.

PAULDING COUNTY

U.S. 30 PROJECTS

at the Indiana state line will be restricted to one lane in each direction on July 12 - 13 for pavement repairs.

State Route 111 between State Route 637 and Cromley Road will close July 19 for a project to stabilize the slope along the Auglaize River. Access to the boat ramp will be maintained at all times.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 637 to SR 66 to STATE ROUTE 114

PROJECTS

Listed west to east

State Route 114 and Road C-17 (1.5-mile marker) closed at the intersection on June 1 for approximately 30 days for culvert replacement. Visit the project page.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: CR1 to U.S. 30 to SR 49 back to SR 114.

- Closure is extended to approximately July 10 due to high water events.

State Route 114 and Road C-87 (9.0-mile marker) closed at the intersection on June 1 for approximately 30 days for culvert replacement. Visit the project page.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 49 to SR 500 to SR 613 to U.S. 127 back to SR 114.

- Closure is extended to approximately July 10 due to high water events.

State Route 114, east of Grover Hill, closed February 23 for approximately seven months while crews replace three structures and repair an-

other between Road T-165 and State Route 66 as listed below. Visit the project page.

- Between T-165 and Road C-173 (19.6-mile marker), construct a new bridge and approach slabs over Middle Creek.

- Between Road C-173 and Road C-177 (19.9-mile marker), place a new culvert.

- Between Road T-193 and Road 197 (21.7-mile marker), construct a new bridge and approach slabs over Dog Creek.

- Between Road T-197 and Road T-1016 (22.5-mile marker), rehabilitate the bridge over the Auglaize River by replacing the deck edges and performing an overlay on the bridge deck and approach slabs.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- Detour: SR 637 to SR 613 to SR 66 back to SR 114.

State Route 637 between State Route 613 and the Defiance county line will be restricted to one lane for crack sealing.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Update: A railroad repair project on State Route 613 in the village of West Leipsic was added for the week of July 19 prompting a change to the detour route planned for a culvert project on State Route 109.

State Route 65, just north of the village of Belmore, will close July 13 for approximately 10 days for railroad repairs. The project will be rescheduled; no date is set at this time.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 613 to SR 109 to SR 18 back to SR 65.

(Note: Detour route has changed) State Route 109 between Road G and Road F-6 will close July 19 for approximately 45 days to replace the existing structure over Pike Run with a new box culvert.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 65 to SR 15 to SR 108 to SR 613 back to SR 109.

State Route 115 over Plum Creek, between Broad Street and Birch Drive in the village of Kalida, closed March 29 for approximately 120 days for a bridge replacement.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 114, to SR 694, back to SR 115.

(Note: Added project) State Route 613 in the village of West Leipsic will close July 20 for approximately five days for a railroad crossing repair.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: SR 65 to SR 18 to SR 109 back to SR 613.

Villages of Ottawa and Fort Jennings--U.S. 224, State Route 15, State Route 65, State Route 109, State Route 189, and State Route 190--will have roadway delays for curb ramp upgrades and pavement repairs.

VAN WERT COUNTY

U.S. 30 PROJECTS

at the Indiana state line will be restricted to one lane in each direction on July 12 - 13 for pavement repairs.

U.S. 224 PROJECTS

U.S. 224, just south of U.S. 30, will be restricted to one lane on Wednesday, July 14 for pavement repairs.

U.S. 224 at Lincoln Highway will have pavement repair work occurring at the intersection on Thursday, July 15. Lincoln Highway will be restricted to one lane through the intersection.

Market Street between Central Avenue and Crawford Street in the city of Van Wert closed on March 15 for 150 days to replace the bridge over Town Creek. Visit the project page.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Detour: Central Avenue to Washington Street, to Maple Street, back to Market Street.

Lincoln Highway (County Road 418) from Wayne Street in the city of Van Wert to Middle Point-Wetzel Road will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing beginning June 15.

DISTRICT WIDE

All overpasses and underpasses along Interstate 75 and U.S. 30 will have temporary lane restrictions to replace guardrails. Traffic will be maintained at all times with automated flagging devices.

All four-lane routes -- Interstate 75, U.S. 23, U.S. 24, U.S. 30, State Route 15 -- will have temporary lane or shoulder closures for highway lighting upgrades. High-pressure sodium fixtures (HPS) will be replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) luminaires. Lighting will be added at 12 locations where drivers make key decisions. Nonessential lighting will be removed. Temporary lane or shoulder restrictions may occur. Visit the project webpage for more information.

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