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HABERN-MEYER



Robert (Bob) and Kathy Habern of Latty would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Jennifer to Scott Meyer, son of Dennis (Lisa) Meyer and Tonya Meyer of Paulding.

Jennifer is a 2004 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2007 graduate of Vantage Adult Education Program. She is currently employed at the Paulding County Carnegie Library.

Scott is a 2007 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2011 graduate of The Ohio State University. He is currently employed at Cooper Farms Cooked Meats in Van Wert, Ohio.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Payne Church of the Nazarene.

HOUSER NAMED LEO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The EACS Board of School Trustees recently approved Mr. Chad Houser as the new principal of Leo High School effective July 6.



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RECORD BREAKING LIVESTOCK SALE AT PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

After a year of uncertainty, the Paulding County Fair had an outstanding week and livestock sale. Junior Fair advisor, Tony Miller was thrilled with the community participation. "It was heartwarming to see the support from local businesses investing in Paulding County youth," said Miller. Senior Fair Board President, Dan Howell and the Board were pleased with the support of the community during fair week and Livestock Sale. Howell commented "It makes me proud to be a part of a community who is investing in the future of our youth."

The Paulding County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale closed with record totals and attendance. Businesses and community (Continued on Page 5)

COUPLE TO CELEBRATE A GOLDEN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Neil Levy, Hicksville, Ohio, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a later date with family in the hills of West Virginia.

Neil Levy and Starlet Ferguson were married July 31,

1971 by Rev. Sylvester Green at Orlena Methodist Church, Gilman, West Virginia.

If you wish to send cards you may send it to: Mr. and Mrs. Levy, 723 Ogen St., Hicksville, Ohio 43526.

GROUNDING RIBBON CUTTING IN PAULDING!

On Friday, July 16 Grounded Coffee & Crumbs participated in the Paulding Chamber Ribbon Cutting at 10 am. When Chamber members arrived the shop was already full of patrons be served by the four helpful employees.

Ashley and Mitch Maibach built the business within the abandoned business along East Perry St. The structure has been remodeled and it looks great inside! Paulding is lucky to have a business with such a classy look and feel. There is also a



bedroom apartment above the cafe. There will also be a conference room available for a more private setting for businesses and that would like to reserve the time.

Ashley stated that they

have had lots of support in the community. They hired local contractors who have worked hard to make this possible for Grounded.

As school start time nears (Continued on Page 2)

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Community Calendar

- July 20**
- Defiance Coon Hunters Club Open Mic 6-8:30
- July 23**
- EACS online enrollment begins for Fall 2022 year
- July 24**
- Scott St. John Memorial Cruise-in Paulding square 6-8pm
 - Twin Oaks Ice Cream Social, Oakwood, 4-7
 - Cecil Comm Church Surprise Concert Talent Show 6pm
 - Huber Benefit Concert, Starts at 6pm.
- July 26-30**
- VBS @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 6-8pm
- July 27**
- EACS Elem enrollment Noon-7. Southwick & Prince Chapman Academy only
 - Defiance Coon Hunters Club Open Mic 6-8:30
 - Huber Health Dept Shot Clinic
- July 28**
- EACS Elem enrollment 8-noon. Southwick & Prince Chapman only
 - EACS Elem enrollment Noon-7 pm. Excluding Southwick and Prince Chapman
- July 29**
- EACS Elem enrollment 8-noon. Excluding Southwick and Prince Chapman
 - PC TWP Assoc Fish Fry & Chicken Tender Meal 5-7
 - PC Fairgrounds
 - Huber Patio Concert 7pm
- August 2**
- First Baptist VBS 5-7:30. Registration starts at 4:30, Ages 4-12.

Add your event to the calendar
info@westbendnews.net



PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I am a Christian. The things I see and hear at my work place are often ungodly. Do you have any suggestions to help me cope?

Besides guarding your eyes, refuse to listen to ungodly language and music. Proverbs 19:27 - "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." Leave their presence when possible. Proverbs 14:7 - "Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge."

Mask sounds when you can't leave. I often sang hymns or quoted Scripture just loud enough that I could not understand what was being said. Use earplugs if permitted. Some unbelievers in the Bible covered their ears when they did not want to hear the truth. Zechariah 7:11 - "But they refused to harken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear." (See also Acts 7:57)

Remember that Satan wants to attack your thought life at work. Ask for God's help frequently in screening your thoughts. Psalm 139:23 - "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts." I Peter 5:8 - "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may de-

vour."

If your thoughts prove ungodly, verbally resist the devil. James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Replace bad thoughts with good ones. II Corinthians 10:5 - "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Philippians 4:8 - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE HOPE OF RESTORATION

By: Doris Applegate

As Job sat in ashes and picked the scabs off of his boils that covered his entire body, he surely was one of the worst cases of pain and torment that any human endured.

We can all learn from the litter lessons of this Godly man. The loss of his animals, his servants and his children were so great to his soul but when news came to him of this, he bowed to the ground and worshipped God saying, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb and naked will I return thither. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord!" In all of this, Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly (Job 1:20-22). When his wife told him to 'curse God and die' he told her she spoke as one of the foolish women speak. (Job 1:9-10). Job did not sin with his lips. What an example! We who go thru much less than our friend, Job, very often complain, lose hope and even give up. We must remember that Satan hates us! We can overcome all of his evil plans by staying close to Jesus Christ and realizing the power of the blood that He shed for us.

As we "keep the faith" and trust that God will bring us out, we get strength from the Holy Spirit living in us. This is why it is so important to be born again of the Spirit of God; We are not saved (born again) by head knowledge, tradition and doctrines of men - it is only by the Holy

Spirit of God.

Our mind, will and emotions must be transformed by the word of God as we learn what God expects of us. This is our spiritual food and great growth will come as we read, study and obey the word. We don't want to stay babies and stunted. Our body will be redeemed at the coming of the Lord to earth again. We will have a new glorified body like Jesus had when he rose from the dead. It is worth it all, just as Job found out who God restored all and more to him again. Jesus said "In the world we would have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I (Jesus) have overcome the world" (John 16:33)

A song for you: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace!
 Amen

THE DOORKEEPER

Good news! Good news! For two millennials, mankind has been offered access to a new and changed life through God's son. Unfortunately, many young people in this country are as ignorant of this blessing available to them (as I also was, knowing only the teachings of the public school system, and not God) because it is hidden from their sight behind a closed door.

I am so grateful to God that at the age of 23, he saw fit to open the door of Heaven and invite me into a relationship with him through his son, Jesus Christ. When a person becomes a born again Christian their old habits, lifestyle and desires drastically change. For the first 23 years of my life I only wanted to commit sin, then I met someone that hated sin. He told me that he is the way to eternal life, the door to Heaven. Through prayer for mercy and forgiveness of sin I saw the door to Heaven had been opened to me by a kind and loving God (John 10:7).

Then said Jesus unto them, again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8) All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep, did not hear them. 9) I am the door, by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture.

Whenever we think about doors we think about having access. The world has many doors that we are familiar with and even take for granted, our homes have at least two doors by law and building code: a front door and a back door. We have doors so we can go into our homes and out of our homes, it would be very inconvenient to have to always go in and out of our homes through the window! Our doors allow us to access our home and they also keep unwanted people or animals out. Most people also have screen doors or storm doors to allow light and breeze in, and to keep animals and insects out. Doors come in a multitude of styles. Walk doors, overhead/garage doors, sliding/patio doors, french doors, decorative doors and other styles not mentioned. If a home owner, contractor or architect can see so much importance in a physical door that will likely not last longer than one hundred years, how much should we then, as creatures of God's marvelous cre-

ation, value God's Son, the door to Heaven, Jesus Christ.

Jesus said of himself in John 14.6, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. The Bible is God's opinion and that should matter more than man's opinion, because he made us! When we read the Bible, we should learn about God and follow his teachings from it. This is the door through which we will enter eternity when this life is over. When a person dies, they will go to eternal paradise (Heaven) or eternal punishment (Hell).

I would like to share with you a testimony of a brother in the church I attend (Gospel Light Tabernacle) that found the master door keeper and access to Heaven a few years ago. He had been living in Nevada and his mother was in Hicksville, Ohio. He made the journey to Ohio to help get his mother into the nursing home, and as a result ended up meeting the pastor of Gospel Light Tabernacle and his family, who at the time were holding church services in that same nursing home. At that time the brother did not want anything to do with God or church. The Lord began to work in my brother's life and eventually he moved to Hicksville, not only to live close to his mother, but soon to become a faithful helper in God's house at Gospel Light Tabernacle.

God made such a change in his life that instead of wasting his time in the vain places of this world like he used to do, he now helps with keeping the door of God's house. He will often greet people at the door and welcome them to church. He has been seen escorting people into church on a rainy day with his own umbrella when they don't have one. He voluntarily cleans peoples cars off and shovels paths to the congregations vehicles on days of snowy church services. Often he joyfully brings the preacher or Bible teacher a cup of cold water. This brother does not do so many good deeds for money or a pat on the back, but helps as the door keeper of God's house in appreciation to God for what he has done for him by giving him a new lifestyle and desire to be helpful and not selfish! God blessed his life that was falling apart a few years ago. Jesus restored his marriage to his wife, provided him, when he was near homeless, a place to live and a job. The good God even helped him get his drivers license back!

Truly, God does care about all of us and wants to help us all if we meet the requirements. We must come to God through Jesus, (the door) with humbleness, repentance and forgiveness of sin to be saved.

We invite all who read this article to come visit Gospel Light Tabernacle in Hicksville, Ohio and see what God will do for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.
 By: Steve M. Huraczy
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HAPPENING AT ANTWERP MANOR

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living located at 204 Archer Dr. in Antwerp, Ohio. We are currently accepting new residents.

Pictured is resident Charles Keller. Charles attend the July 4th party that the res-

Scripture of the Week

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
 —Isaiah 41:10



idents enjoyed. Charles held the lucky raffle ticket and was given a new patriotic door decoration for the apartment he shares with his wife Diane. After the prize was presented the residents enjoyed ice cream from KB Scoops. Each resident was given the list of ice cream flavors that they could choose from. Served with their delicious dip was a 4th of July themed cake. Following cake and ice cream the residents were quizzed on July 4th themed trivia. The trivia made them feel like they were back in the classroom as it tested their historical knowledge of our country's independence.

Our next big celebration will be our annual Christmas in July party. Each resident will receive a Christmas gift as well as piano music and Christmas treats. It is always nice to have events that we can look forward to!

If you are in need of Assisted Living, please contact Jennifer Ramsier @ 419-258-1500 Ext 5. Jennifer will be available to assist you.

SHULTZ HUBER & ASSOCIATES, INC. WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. is pleased to welcome Tyler Schreck and Alyssa Pluta to the Defiance office. Schreck and Pluta recently joined the firm as staff accountants.



Their responsibilities include preparing accounting work, business and individual tax preparation, and financial statement reporting for clients. Schreck holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Bowling Green State University and Pluta holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Spring Arbor University.

The firm is hiring for a va-

riety of public accounting positions in Archbold, Bryan, Defiance, St. Marys and Van Wert. All experience levels are welcome, including recent graduates with an accounting-related degree. To learn more or to submit a resume, visit sha.cpa/career-opportunities.

Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. is a full-service accounting, tax and business consulting CPA firm specializing in assisting businesses and their owners plan for their future and achieve their goals in an ever-changing financial and regulatory environment.

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they will be looking to hire as several of their employees are high schoolers.

Parker, age 5, was standing beside Emerson, age 7, who cut the Chamber ribbon, with their parents watching. In the background employees continued to labor as they were making some of the many items served, such as Coffee, lattes, espresso, frozen lemonades, tea, and hot chocolate.

Mitch is from the North Eastern Ohio area near Akron and Canton areas. Ashley is a 2007 Wayne Trace graduate. They were married in 2012 and moved from Fort Wayne to Paulding in 2018 with dreams of Grounded, now turned into reality.

Grounded is open Monday-Friday 6:30-1:30 and on Saturday 7-2:00 pm.

VBS Family Olympics



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July 26th - 28th

Register your family by visiting the Paulding Church of the Nazarene Facebook page or by calling

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THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our family Elaine and Dave, Craig, Jeanette, Troy, Kendra, John and Perry, Jen, Josh and Emma for a wonderful party for our 60th anniversary!

Thank you to all our family who came to wish us a Happy 60th Anniversary. Thank you to all our relatives who came from Virginia, Indiana, and Michigan!

And to all the local people who stopped by to wish us congratuations! It will be a day that we will remember!!

May the Lord Bless all of you!

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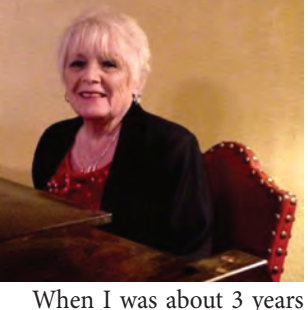


MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

One thing that has always been a big part of peoples life is music. Everyone sings at one time or another. Singing can be heard in the shower, car, school, church and at home. Music is presented by radio, television, dvd's, mp3s, computers, Ipads and cell phones.



When I was about 3 years old, I sang my first song in church. I remember the song I sang was, "Hand in Hand With Jesus." I grew up in a church going family and music was a big part of our church services. It was in church that I learned from

different musicians the different chords and chord changes. I remember grandma had an old upright piano and an old record player in the parlor. I would shut myself in that room for hours, picking out songs on the piano and practicing. Of course I learned gospel music first, but when the old 50s rock and roll and Elvis came along, I fell in love with it.

I would go upstairs after school, turn on the radio and pretend I was rocking and rolling with Jerry Lee Lewis. Now grandma didn't like the new rock and roll when it came around, so I would have to sneak around to hear it. Those old rock and roll songs I listened to and learned then, I still play today.

Stop and think about the power of a song. Each animal makes some type of sound whether it is growling, chirping, hissing or croaking. A song can make us laugh or cry. A song can calm a crying baby or soothe a troubled soul. I do believe our lives are influenced by songs and music.

If you ever go to a parade, one of the first great sounds you hear is that of a school band playing and marching in time to the music. There are so many talented singers and musicians around and they

are not all in Nashville. They are in our schools, churches, nursing homes and senior centers. Maybe you don't claim to be a great singer, but I bet everyone sometime during the day either hums or whistles a tune.

One thing that has always comforted me is music. I must not be alone in my thinking because the following quotes have been said about music.

"Just as Jesus created wine from water, we humans are capable of transmuting emotion into music." ~ Carlos Santana

Music can change the world because it can change people." ~ Bono, U2

"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy. Music is the electrical soil in which the spirit lives, thinks and invents." ~ Ludwig van Beethoven

"Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what color we are, the form of our politics or the expression of our love and our faith, music proves: We are the same." ~ John Denver

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." ~ Berthold Auerbach

"Do you know that our soul is composed of harmony?" ~ Leonardo DaVinci

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." ~ Billy Joel

There have been times in the past year that certain songs have brought tears to my eyes and others have put a smile on my face. The Bible

says to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. So even if you think you cannot sing, we can still make a noise.

Do you sing in the shower? Do you like music? Do you think music plays an important part in our lives, past, present and future? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.



MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Paulding County has buried within its borders seven veterans who fought in the Mexican War, but Richard Truitt only fought in The Mexican War, he enlisted twice to serve in The Civil War.

Richard C. Truitt, was born July 25, 1820, in Preble County. Raised on a farm, by parents that raised him to always give your best. In 1847, at the age of 27, he traveled to Newport, Kentucky to enlist as a private to serve in Company B. 1st United States Infantry. On April 9, 1847, the Company left Kentucky and headed to Mexico.

Richard came home to return to farming. While working the ground trying to make a living, he was also making shoes. When the winds of war began to blow again, Richard dropped the plow reins and his cobbler hammer, and went to Eaton, Ohio to enlist. He enlisted with Company C. 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private on April 17, 1861 and served three months. This



This photo, was taken from a locket, that belonged to his daughter, Amy. It is the only known photo of Richard C. Truitt.

Company was stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbus, Ohio. It was determined by The War Department, Washington D.C., that this war was not going to last more than three months. With that in mind, Richard and his Company, was mustered out of service, August 18, 1861 at Columbus, Ohio.

Probably bored, not wanting to sit by and watch, Richard took off for Lima, Ohio to re-enlist in the Army. August 20, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company E. 81st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was five foot eight inches tall, dark complexion, gray eyes, dark hair. He served in battles such as Shiloh, Corinth, At-

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lanta and Sherman's March to the Sea. Richard served over two and a half years and was mustered out of service, May 29, 1865, at Washington D.C.

Returning home to Preble County, Ohio, Richard met a girl named Alwilda Clear of Preble County, Ohio. She was born October 6, 1845, born in Indiana, the daughter of David and Amy (Jones) Clear.

By 1870, Richard and Alwilda were living in Latty Township, along with their two children. Richard was a shoe maker and a farm laborer. Interesting land claim, Homesteads to Settlers on Public Domain Act of May 20, 1862, made land available to Civil War Veterans. Richard was given eighty acres in Chillicothe, Ohio. A signed land transfer by President Grant, February 15, 1876 made this all possible. Not sure what happened to the ground, did Richard sell? By 1880, Richard and Alwilda and six children were living in Blue Creek Township, where Richard was working as a farm hand.

By 1890, Richard and Alwilda were living in Washington Township. With this union, they had eleven children, six of whom will live until adulthood. By 1900, Richard and Alwilda were still living in Washington Township, with the youngest child, Richard, still at home. At 79, Richard was still engaged in farming.

Richard passed away, October 17, 1906, and was buried in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, Ohio. His wife, Alwilda, passed away December 16, 1937 and she was buried beside her two war Veteran.

Until Next Time!

THE RIGHT EMOTIONS CAN BE USEFUL IN INVESTING

You may have heard that it's important to take the emotions out of investing. But is this true for all emotions?

Certainly, some emotions can potentially harm your investment success. Consider fear. If the financial markets are going through a down period - which is actually a normal part of the investment landscape - you might be so afraid of sustaining losses that you sell even the investments that have good prospects and are suitable for your needs.

Greed is another negative emotion. When the financial markets are rising, you might be so motivated to "cash in" on some big gains that you will keep purchasing investments that might already be overpriced - and since these investments are already expensive, your dollars will buy fewer shares.

In short, the combination of fear and greed could cause you trouble.

But other emotions may prove useful. For example, if you can channel the joy you'll feel upon achieving your investment goals, you may be more motivated to stay on track toward achieving them. To illustrate: You may want to see your children graduate from college someday. Can you visualize them walking across the stage, diplomas in hand? If so, to help realize this goal, you might find yourself ready and willing to contribute to a college savings vehicle, such as a



Bryan Post, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

529 plan. Or consider your own retirement: Can you see yourself traveling or pursuing your hobbies or taking part in whatever activities you've envisioned for your retirement lifestyle? If you can keep this happy picture in mind, you may find it easier to maintain the discipline needed to consistently invest in your IRA, 401(k) or other investment accounts.

Another motivating force is the most powerful emotion of all - love. If you have loved ones who depend on you, such as a spouse and children, you need to protect their future. One key element of this protection is the life insurance necessary to take care of your family's needs - housing, education and so on - should something happen to you. Your employer may offer

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Paulding County Township Association
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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

- 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

ACFB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Picture from left to right; Kate Keefer, Farm Bureau Insurance; Madelyn Kurtz, Cameron Hille, Rachel Zelt, Caroline Rahrig, Allison Jones, Tom Miller and Cindy Berning, Allen County Farm Bureau.

Allen County Farm Bureau Inc. and Allen County Farm Bureau Insurance awarded 5 scholarships for a total of \$17500 to students of Farm Bureau members attending higher education. Farm Bureau cares about the future of our farming communities and

those who will be - and are already - involved in the agricultural industry. We sponsor scholarships for college-bound youth, current college students and individuals seeking to enhance their careers in agriculture. Indiana Farm Bureau is the largest grass-

roots advocacy organization in the state for farmers and agriculture. Congratulations to our winners; Madelyn Kurtz, Cameron Hille, Allison Jones, Caroline Rahrig, and Rachel Zelt.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES AT DAY IN THE PARK



Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Day in the Park is quickly approaching. It's set for Saturday, August 14, 2021.

This year there will be much excitement and entertainment for all ages. Both musical talents of Water 2 Wine as well as the a petting zoo from Scheumann Farms.

At the main pavilion, the talented Water 2 Wine musical group will



be performing covers of the popular songs from the past few decades. Water 2 Wine is the acoustic duo of Jason Vandemark and McKenna Weatherhead with back up players David Busing and Bob Weatherhead from Hicksville, OH.

Outside of musical entertainment, set up on the park grounds will be the mobile petting farm from Scheumann Farm from Hoagland, IN. Their farm includes a mini horse or mini donkey, calf, goats, sheep, (mini pigs or alpaca), bunny, and chicken. As well as a 18 foot tall inflatable slide for the kiddos.

About the Scheumann's from their website:

Scheumann Farm was founded in 2012 by Connor Scheumann in Hoagland, IN. Connor was a Junior at Heritage High School and involved in 4H and FFA. These organizations aided in his personal and professional growth and helped him discover that people are getting further and further away from agriculture. After participating in an event where the Heritage FFA brought farm animals to Park Hill Learning Center, Connor realized the joy that these animals brought to the children in attendance.

Later that summer Connor contacted the Hoagland Days Merchants tent and proposed an idea where he would bring his animals to the festival, sell feed and set up a donation box. After obtaining the approval of the festival, Connor went to work grabbing hog panels, t-posts, snow fences, and anything else he could find around the farm. Connor setup the pens, washed his 4H animals, and headed for Hoagland Days! It turned out to be a huge hit and Connor was contacted by 2 other festivals to be at their events as well.

After high School Connor went on to attend Purdue Uni-

versity where he obtained a Bachelor of Agriculture Business and a minor in Communications. While attending Purdue, he continued to grow his petting farm by offering his services to schools, birthday parties, block parties, and other private events. The services offered also expanded to include pony rides, a farm-themed inflatable bounce house, and slide and a couple commercial grade pole tents.

Connor continues to work with animals off the farm through his career with Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control.

Connor is very proud of what he has accomplished with his petting farm and what his hard work has been able to produce. He strives to continue to grow the farm, offer more agriculture education opportunities, and be able to show the public a taste of a small family farm.

You won't want to miss of minute of this great day that Antwerp Chamber of Commerce has planned for the Village of Antwerp and surrounding area. Bring a lawn chair, sunglasses, a good appetite, and plan to spend the day under the mighty Oaks at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp on August 14, 2021 for Antwerp's Day in the Park.

SCOTT TEFFETELLER, FACHE, NAMED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LUTHERAN HEALTH NETWORK

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (July 15, 2021) – Scott Teffeteller has been named Lutheran Health Network's Chief Executive Officer, effective Monday, Aug. 16. In this role, Teffeteller will lead the growth and development of Lutheran



Health Network, working with leaders across the system to further the network's strategic initiatives and support the efforts to continually enhance healthcare services, quality and patient experience.

"As residents of Fort Wayne and the surrounding communities know, Lutheran Health Network is a special organization," said Teffeteller. "The network has a rich history and an exciting future – especially with the upcoming opening of Lutheran Downtown Hospital and the joint venture with Acadia Health to build a new behavioral health hospital. I'm excited about the opportunity to work with our teams across northeastern Indiana to bring these and other initiatives to fruition for patients across the region."

Throughout his career, Teffeteller has helped build cultures of excellence focused on patients and families, quality, safety, employee engagement and value creation. He consistently has implemented initiatives that have successfully grown market share and enhanced quality care.

He most recently served as Senior Vice President and Regional Operating Officer for

AMITA Health's Chicago Metro Region, and President & CEO of AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center Chicago. While at AMITA Health, Scott positioned the market for strategic growth, expanded its ambulatory care network and led the master capital planning and facility development processes. He also led the Chicago Metro Region hospitals to achieve top quality ratings from Leapfrog, and recognition of Resurrection Medical Center as a Top 50 Best Hospital, a 100 Best in many other categories, and a 2020 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipient. Prior to joining AMITA Health, Scott had significant experience working with Community Health Network in Indianapolis Union Hospital, Inc. in Terre Haute. Teffeteller will report to Mark Medley, who will continue to be based in Fort Wayne and will have oversight for Community Health Systems-affiliated hospitals including Lutheran Health Network and Northwest Health in northwest Indiana.

"Scott is a highly accomplished healthcare executive who has a demonstrated track record for expanding healthcare services and creating an excellent experience for patients and staff," said Medley. "His collaborative style and passion for quality will serve our community well and positions us to build upon many positive initiatives already underway. We are very fortunate to have a leader with his experience and expertise to lead Lutheran Health Network and become a part of our growing Fort Wayne community."

Active in the community, Teffeteller has served on the boards of directors of multiple organizations, including Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee; past chair of the Indianapolis Heart and Stroke Ball; Indianapolis Boys and Girls Club; Indianapolis Easter Seals; and member and past vice president of the Indiana Hospital Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in radiology

administration from the Medical College of Virginia, holds a Masters of Business Administration from Averett University, and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Cadee Brown and Collin Gee welcomed babygirl Cali Lou Gee on July 12, 2021. She weighed 9 lbs 7 oz and was 20.5 inches long.

Cali has one sibling, Clayton Schoepflin. Grandparents are: Kimberly Barton, Nathan Gee, Lora Brown and Todd Brown. Great grandparents are Betty Greear and Roger Greear.

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wide range of experience throughout the East Allen district. His career started in the Leo attendance area teaching 6th grade at Leo Elementary. He spent four years teaching in the STAY Alternative Program before transitioning into administration. He returned to the Leo community as the administrative intern for two years at Leo Jr. Sr. High before becoming the Dean of Students for the next two years. The following year, he moved to Woodlan Jr. Sr. High School as

Assistant Principal for one year. He transitioned to Harding High School as Assistant Principal prior to it becoming a junior high school. After the district re-design, Mr. Houser became the Assistant Principal at Heritage Jr. Sr. High for 5 years. Most recently, Houser served as Principal at New Haven Junior High School.

Mr. Houser said, "I am beyond thankful for all of the experiences I have had. It has shaped and prepared me for the leader that I am today. I'm excited for the opportunity to lead one of the top high schools in northern Indiana and we will continue to work on improving our excellent graduation rate, helping our students grow holistically, and creating a climate & culture that we all desire."

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Antwerp Conservation Club

Event Schedule

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. Use this link to sign up <https://oh-web.s3licensing.com/Event/Index>

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

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members took part in supporting our 4H and FFA exhibitors by participating at the auction. This year's sale totaled approximately \$297,000, exceeding a prior record of \$232,000. The youth of our county are appreciative of the support you provide year after year. Livestock exhibitors can expect to see their auction

checks in the mail in the coming weeks.

Many hours go into planning and preparing for the week of fair. The Junior and Senior Fair Boards are already hard at work on the 2022 Paulding County Fair. Let's look forward to next year's Paulding County Fair held June 11th through June 18th.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS TASK FORCE

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force was established by Amended Senate Bill 24 (133rd General Assembly) to examine the needs of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the services available in this state for those individuals, and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet the individuals' current and future needs. A report will be issued with the task force's initial findings no later than August 5, 2021.

To enhance their findings the task force is soliciting public comment from medical professionals, service

providers, representatives of healthcare and human service organizations that serve persons living with or impacted by Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias, persons conducting research on Alzheimer's and other dementias in Ohio, and representatives from organizations that advocate on behalf of older adults and persons impacted by Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The task force is seeking input on the following topics:

- The capacity and quality of long-term care and services for persons impacted by Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- The capacity and quality of healthcare systems in Ohio to adequately meet the needs of persons with Alzheimer's or

other dementias.

• Legal issues and issues of public or personal safety for persons living with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

• The adequacy of state policies concerning disease prevention, detection and monitoring.

• Disparities in outcomes driven by economic, social or geographic factors.

• Improving early detection, treatment and intervention of Alzheimer's and other dementias.

The schedule for the public forum is as follows:

- Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 15, 2021, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Thursday, July 15, 2021, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Directions:

1. The public forum will take place in a virtual environment. Any information or documentation provided during the forums is public information and can be shared.

2. Each participant will be limited to fifteen minutes, including time for questions.

3. Each participant must register and receive an approximate appointment time for their remarks.

4. Each participant is asked to provide an electronic copy of their prepared remarks. These can be emailed to generalmail@sagesquirrel.com

5. Approximately ten minutes before the appointed time, participants can join the public comment session: Morning session link | Afternoon session link

Please direct any questions you may have about this process to: generalmail@sagesquirrel.com

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO PURDUE FORT WAYNE GRADUATE STUDENT

Chelsea Bihlmeyer is the newest Purdue University Fort Wayne student to receive a Fulbright student scholarship and is the university's first graduate student to receive the prestigious grant.

Bihlmeyer, a native of Nixa, Missouri, earned her bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She considers rhetoric and interpersonal communications her particular areas of interest, with leanings to-

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS DAYCARE CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT OWLS



Shown here in back with Miss Anna are: Hadley Mohr, Andi Rager, Jacob Shaffer, Landen White, Skilerr Good, and Isabel Isidoro. In front are: Colton Barajas, Mylann Barajas, Cayden Barajas, Ayden Good, Savannah Coil, Kyla Barajas and Kamden Laney.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Daycare children were recently visited by Anna Gurney from the Soil and Water Conservation District. She visits

each Tuesday with a different lesson. This day, we learned about owls and dissected owl pellets! For more information regarding our summer pro-

gram, fall preschool and/or before or after school care, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

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wards cultural and critical studies. She received her Master of Arts in communication studies from Purdue Fort Wayne in 2020.

"This award continues a proud tradition at Purdue Fort Wayne," said Noor O'Neill Borbieva, director of the university's Office of Major Scholarship Advising and professor of anthropology. "Chelsea is our fifth Fulbright student recipient since Purdue Fort Wayne was formed in 1818. Our success rate is above the national rate, which demonstrates our university supports and nurtures exceptional students, and that studying here opens doors to exciting opportunities for further academic achievement."

Bihlmeyer decided to attend Purdue Fort Wayne for her graduate work thanks to a graduate school fair. "I was presenting my undergraduate research at the Central States Communication Association Conference in the spring of 2017," she said. "As a part of the conference, a graduate school fair was taking place and associate professor of media production Art Herbig was promoting the Department of Communication. He convinced me that Purdue Fort Wayne was the best place to continue my work - and he was right!"

Bihlmeyer will travel to Espoo, the second-largest city in Finland, where she will be a visiting scholar in the School of Arts, Design, and Architecture at Aalto University.

When asked why she chose to apply for a Fulbright in Finland, Bihlmeyer replied, "Finland's institutions of higher education are particularly strong in arts-based research." Bihlmeyer has been studying that since she came to Purdue Fort Wayne and used the approach for the research that led to her peer-reviewed article, "Fragmented Interpretations" (2021). "I am immensely excited to strengthen my work in this approach during my Fulbright year," she added.

In thinking about her year in Finland, Bihlmeyer also entertains "vague dreams about hikes in Lapland, a visit to nearby Russia, or a weekend in Estonia." She continued, "The Fulbright Foundation also has fantastic events planned throughout the year. I am particularly looking forward to arrival orientation, just to meet the other scholars in my region." After completing the Fulbright, Bihlmeyer hopes to begin doctoral study in arts-based research.

group life insurance coverage, but it might not be sufficient, so you may want to supplement it with your own policy.

Furthermore, you may need to protect your loved ones from another threat - your own vulnerability to the need for long-term care. Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This type of care, such as an extended nursing home stay or the help of a home health aide, is extremely expensive, and, for the most part, is outside the reach of Medicare. So, to pay for long-term care, you might have to drain a good part of your resources - or depend on your grown children for financial help.

To keep your financial independence and avoid possibly burdening your family, you may want to consult with a financial professional who can recommend a strategy and appropriate solutions to cover long-term care costs.

By drawing on positive emotions, you can empower yourself to make the right financial moves throughout your life.

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- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
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- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
- Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
- Monroeville:** Mel's 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
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PPEC TO HOST MEMBER APPRECIATION DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT AT VAN-DEL THEATER JULY 24



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative invites members to join the co-op for its 2021 Member Appreciation Movie Night as they take over the Van-Del Drive-In (Middle Point, Ohio) for a night of prehistoric proportions.

PPEC members will hear a brief co-op update, have the choice between two movies on two screens, and get a free meal from 3-Stage BBQ. Plus each membership will receive a concession voucher, a special anniversary gift bag, and a drawing to one of five family prize packages.

Kids are welcome! There will be entertainment from TAG Art in New Haven, plus all children will receive a fun activity goodie bag to keep them entertained during the movies.

Tis will take place Satur-

day, July 24, with gates open at 7:30. Movies start at dusk.

The movies will be: Screen 1: Jurassic Park (PG-13) | Screen 2: Land Before Time (G) at Van-Del Drive-In Theater, 19986 Lincoln Highway, Middle Point, Ohio

PPEC loves our members and wants everyone to have a good time! (COVID has been tough on us all, and it's time for some social distance friendly fun!

The Van-Del can only hold a maximum of 500 vehicles. First-come, first-served and is just a 30-minute drive from New Haven, Indiana AND from PPEC's office in Paulding

****PPEC members are asked to please bring the registration card on the back cover of their July member magazine (Ohio Coopera-**

tive Living for Ohio members OR Indiana Connection for Indiana members). This will help reduce long wait times at the entrance gate. Please make sure at least one PPEC account holder/member is in each vehicle you bring to the event, to make registration easy.

For more information or questions, visit www.PPEC.coop or call the co-op's office at 1-800-686-2357.

FIRST ANNUAL RALLY 4 RECOVERY EVENT IN VAN WERT

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

Families of Addicts Van Wert will present its first-ever Rally 4 Recovery, taking place at Fountain Park this Sunday - July 18, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will feature emcee Scotty Mays, speaker Steve Makofka, keynote speaker Paul Fitzpatrick, and four opportunities for Narcan Education at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, and 4:30 pm. In addition, FOA can introduce families from Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana to wrap-around support services available to those recovering from addiction.

Emcee, Scotty Mays, is an Ohio comedian and is in long-term recovery, so this event is extra special for him to participate in. The event will feature music by local favorite Colt & Crew.

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

Keynote Speaker, Paul
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ANTWERP STUDENTS TO PERFORM IN LES MISÉRABLES



Antwerp Students Ilse Zijlstra, Aaron Hawley, & Myranda Brooks standing in front of the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center where Les Misérables will be performed.

Live theatre is back, and there are many opportunities to watch a performance by local artists right here in our area. From Bryan, Ohio, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, community theaters are working hard to put on some entertaining shows this summer. One of those local groups, the Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre, has gathered an unbelievably talented cast and crew to perform Les Misérables, School Edition, under the direction of Andrew Sherman. This show will be performed at the University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center in downtown Ft. Wayne on July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and August 1.

This production has a cast of 67 students from 23 area schools, including 3 from our very own Antwerp High School: Aaron Hawley, Ilse Zijlstra and Myranda Brooks. Also included in this stellar cast are a few other familiar faces to northwest Ohio theatre-goers. Natalie Wakefield, and Trey and Trinity McFarland have all been previously seen on the Huber stage. According to Ilse, "This is the biggest production I've performed in with some crazy talented teens. The director, Andrew Sherman, said in a different article that all the people who were cast could easily have played a lead role

so if that doesn't tell you the sheer amount of talent then I don't know what does."

FWSMT is in its 23rd year of giving local students an educational summer theatre experience. Students spend many hours rehearsing each week starting in late May with some of the area's finest music and theatre educators, and they also get to learn about the "behind-the-scenes" aspects of the theatre. Myranda Brooks commented, "We've all put a lot of hours into building the set for the show. On occasion, I've painted set pieces in the past but I've never actually built things before. It is very cool to see that side of the production as well as it is fulfilling to know that you had some part in constructing this massive set."

Ilse and Myranda are making their debuts with the FWSMT program, though neither one is a stranger to the stage. Both have been in several productions at Antwerp Jr/Sr High School as well as on the Huber stage in Hicksville. Myranda says, "after seeing [FWSMT's] West Side Story two years ago, I knew I really wanted to try and be in a show with this company. I can't think of a better way to spend my summer. I've gotten to meet a ton of new people and be a part of the most amazing show. It's truly been such an amazing experience and I can't wait for people to see it!"

Les Misérables is a story of love and redemption which follows the character of Jean Valjean and his journey from prisoner to mayor to father. Playing Jean Valjean is recently graduated Antwerp senior, Aaron Hawley. This is Aaron's 6th year and 5th production with Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre, with previously notable roles being Quasimodo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Tony in West Side Story. "This year's production is going to be like something you've never seen in local theatre. This is the all-star team of high school theatre and I guarantee you will not be disappointed by the incredible amount of talent that can be found in our area's high schools. I promise, you do NOT want to miss this show."

Tickets for Les Misérables can be purchased online at www.IMTFinc.com or at the door prior to each production. More information about the Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre and its parent organization, Indiana Musical Theatre Foundation, can also be found at www.IMTFinc.com.

BACK THIS YEAR FOR AN IN-PERSON SHOW: FARM SCIENCE REVIEW 2021

Ever want to climb into the cockpit of a plane and glide over a field?

At this year's Farm Science Review Sept. 21-23, visitors will have that chance without leaving the grassy ground under them.

The upcoming, annual farm trade show will offer a series of virtual reality experiences such as operating a crop duster, high-tech planters, combines, and other equipment.

Sitting in a mini IMAX-type theater, visitors to FSR can watch videos projected on a domed screen around them. They'll get an expansive view—a bit wider than peripheral vision—so they can feel as if they're flying a plane. Or riding a high-tech planter. Or peering into a beehive.

To follow the videos, Ohio State University Extension educators mounted cameras to various spots on planters, tractors, combines, and other vehicles, so viewers can get a perspective they wouldn't normally get.

"It's a little bit like having a bug's eye view of all of these places," said Brooke Beam, Extension educator in Highland County. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), which hosts FSR.

One of the videos was taken by drones that flew over fields throughout the state to highlight the variety in Ohio agriculture: different crops, diverse soil types, and an assortment of terrain.

"Young people will find the technology really enthralling," said Nick Zachrich, FSR manager. "But also, experienced farmers or producers will get a view they don't normally get—a view of what someone else is doing. Then, they can see if it might be something useful for their own operations."

Having an immersive theater experience is one of the new offerings in the upcoming, three-day FSR. Last year, the show was exclusively virtual as a result of the pandemic. This year's show will be in person, but some talks and demonstrations will be livestreamed from the Molly Caren Agricultural Center near London, Ohio. And many of the talks will also be recorded so people can watch them online as well from their phones, tablets, or laptops.

A new marketplace pavilion will offer visitors a chance to try products that smaller businesses in food and agriculture are promoting, such as a dairy that might be starting a type of ice cream or a specialty cheese.

In its third year, FSR's Career Exploration Fair will be both in person and online. On Sept. 22, the in-person career fair will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. During the same time frame on Sept. 24, people can go to fsr.osu.edu for a virtual opportunity to learn about careers in agriculture.

"Being able to be there on-site and part of a crowd will be very inviting to people," Zachrich said of this year's show. "It's a good opportunity to get away from the farm for the day."

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BAD BOYS TOYS CAR SHOW IN ANTWERP



The Antwerp Bad Boys Toys Car Show took place on the only day it didn't rain in Antwerp last week on Saturday, July 17. After a year off from COVID, the event felt al-

most like normal. The Main Street of the village was packed with cars and people were able to gaze at antique and unique vehicles all afternoon! The local Boy Scouts

did a great job putting the event on for the community. More pictures at westbendnews.net

RAIDERS RALLY FOR WIN OVER BRYAN

Wayne Trace advanced to the championship game of the District One ACME district tournament as the Raiders scored five times in the top of the sixth to host for an 8-6 victory over hally Bryan.

It was a night that saw the host Golden Bears jump in front early, plating three runs in the home half of the first inning to go on top 3-0.

Wayne Trace cut into the deficit in the second, scoring once to pull within 3-1, before trimming further into the Golden Bear lead with one run in the fourth to make it 3-2.

After the Williams County squad responded with a three-run fourth to extend the lead to 6-2, the Raiders plated one more run in the fifth to pull within 6-3.

The red, white and blue then took control of the contest in the sixth, scoring five times in the visitors portion of the inning to turn the game around and grab an 8-6 advantage.

Allen Minck and Kyle Slade both recorded run-scoring singles for Wayne Trace in the five-run frame as the Raiders, who would hold on from there.

Breven Anderson captured the win in relief for the Raiders, throwing three innings while striking out four Bryan hitters.

Slade had a pair of singles for Wayne Trace with Minck and Lane Morehead both scoring twice for the Raiders.

Quinn Brown took the loss for Bryan, giving up four hits, seven walks and five runs in five innings of work.

BULLDOGS RALLY FROM EARLY DEFEAT FOR WIN OVER WT

Wayne Trace put Defiance in a hole in the top of the first in Monday's ACME District 1 championship game at Bryan High School.

However, the Bulldogs rallied with a four run sixth inning to post a 6-3 win over the Raiders to claim the state berth from District 1 for the first time in three seasons.

The Raiders struck for three runs in the opening frame, scoring on a bases-loaded error and a walk before Tyler Davis added a run-scoring single to make it 3-0.

Defiance answered with a single run in the home half of

the inning to close within 3-1 before both pitchers kept their opponents scoreless over the next three frames.

After Wayne Trace failed to score in the fifth, Defiance inched closer in the bottom of the inning.

Drew Kellermeyer tripled to start the inning and Jacob Howard followed with a sacrifice fly that trimmed the Defiance deficit to 3-2 entering the sixth.

The Bulldogs then took control in the sixth, plating four runs in the bottom of the inning.

With bases loaded, Kam'Ron Rivera drew a walk to knot the game at 3-3 and Aidan Kiessling followed by scoring on a wild pitch to put Defiance in front 4-3.

Wade Liffick followed with an RBI groundout to plate Rivera before Kellermeyer scored on a double steal that put the Bulldogs on top 6-3.

David Jimenez got the win for Defiance, tossing the complete game allowing four hits, three unearned runs and five walks while fanning seven. Breven Anderson took the loss for Wayne Trace, surrendering six hits, three runs and a walk in five innings of work.

Kellermeyer had a single and a triple to pace the Bulldog offense while scoring twice. Jayden Jerger also had two singles for Defiance. Wayne Trace totaled four singles in the contest.

RAIDERS OUTLAST EDON FOR ACME WIN

Wayne Trace scored in five of its six at-bats as the Raiders outlasted Edon 10-6 in District One ACME baseball action at Bryan last week.

The Raiders scored two runs each in the first, third and fifth innings while adding one run in the second and three more in the sixth to wrap up the victory.

After the red, white and blue scored twice in the first, Wayne Trace added a single run in the second for a 3-0 advantage.

Edon answered with two runs of its own in the top of the third to pull within 3-2 but the Raiders responded with a two-run third to make it 5-2.

The Williams County squad rallied with a four-run fourth to seize a 6-5 advantage before Wayne Trace quickly answered.

Wayne Trace scored twice in the home half of the fifth to go in front 7-6 and put the

game away with a three-run sixth to wrap up the 10-6 victory.

Jordan Lotz posted the win in relief for the Raiders, throwing 1-1/3 scoreless innings. Tucker Antoine, Tyler Head and Breven Anderson also saw time on the mound for Wayne Trace.

Konnor Prince took the loss for the Bombers, giving up seven runs (six earned), seven hits and six walks while fanning two in five innings of work.

Wade Parrish had a pair of singles and scored twice for Edon with Kyler Sapp adding two singles. Caden Nester added a double, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs for the Bombers while Cole Vasquez had two runs batted in.

Kyle Slade totaled two singles and scored twice for Wayne Trace with Tucker Antoine recording a double. Hunter Long also scored three times and Allen Minck scored twice for the Raiders.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH URGES COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AT RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is urging caution at residential camps following reports of COVID-19 outbreaks linked to two camps in the western part of the state.

ODH has released updated residential camp guidance to advise campers and camp operators of best prevention practices.

The guidance recommends implementing layered prevention tactics at camps attended by any campers who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This involves use of multiple strate-

gies that have been shown to be effective at controlling spread of the disease, including masking, social distancing, hand washing, and frequent cleaning and sanitation.

"If not everyone at a residential camp is fully vaccinated, the layering of strategies is critical to protecting campers, staff, and volunteers," said Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, chief medical officer at ODH. "This is especially important as a new, more contagious strain of COVID-19 settles in our state. Taking these precautions can help reduce the likelihood of spread and allow everyone to safely participate in camp activities."

The new guidance reiterates universal recommendations for vaccination, masking, distancing, and sanitation. It also offers guidance specific to the camp experience, including cohorting and recommendations on when to wear and when not to wear face masks.

With the recent outbreaks, Dr. Vanderhoff continues to encourage all eligible Ohioans who can safely do so to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccine is currently available for use in anyone 12 or older.

"Vaccination is our most effective tool for preventing COVID-19 and putting the pandemic behind us," Dr. Vanderhoff said. "These vaccines save lives and will help ensure Ohioans are able to enjoy many more summers to come."

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout the state, and Ohioans can schedule a vaccination appointment at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

MONE GENERATING STATION SUPPORTS PLC HEALTH CLINIC

The Robert P. Mone Generating Station announced today that it, in collaboration with Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, has donated \$500 to PLC Health Clinic.

"We're pleased support the work and mission of PLC Health Clinic," said Mone Generating Station Plant Manager Dave Richardson.

The Robert P. Mone Generating Station is natural gas-powered peaking plant with 510 MW generation capacity. Peaking plants are placed into operation when energy demand is at its highest.

PFIZER CLINIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN 12 AND OLDER

The Paulding County Health Department will hold a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for school children ages 12 and over on July 20, 2021 from 8-12 and 1-4pm at the health department located at

PAULDING FIREWORKS ARE A SUMMER BLAST!



After cleaning up from the rain that cancelled the previous evenings events, John Paulding Days Summer Blast was able to launch the fireworks starting at 10 pm on Saturday evening. It was another great event and the community appreciates CORP and all of those who were able to make the fireworks possible! More pictures at westbendnews.net

800 East Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Pfizer Vaccine will be available for ages 12 and over.

Moderna, Johnson and Johnson are available for ages 18 and over.

Youth ages 12-17 are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine with a parent or guardian present.

Vaccination is currently the leading prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule appointment or ask

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH

The Bowling Green Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash on SR 108 at Clinton Street in the City of Napoleon. The crash occurred on July 17, 2021 at approximately 12:12 a.m.

A 2003 Dodge Ram driven by Shane Pullen, age 40 of Napoleon, Ohio was southbound on SR 108. Mr. Pullen went off the left side of the road striking a curb and light

pole. Mr. Pullen then struck another light pole.

Mr. Pullen was taken by ground ambulance to Henry County Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Two minor children were also transported for non-life threatening injuries.

Safety belts and child restraints were not in use.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Napoleon Police Department and Napoleon Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation.

GREEN ROAD TO HAVE LANE RESTRICTION

Green Road in New Haven will have a restriction from Moeller Road to Willow Bay Drive. This restriction began Thursday, July 15, 2021 and will go through Friday, July 30, 2021 and will be in place during working hours for the company on site. This closure is for relocation of a gas line.

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ANTWERP KIDDY PARADE



On July 13 the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce hosted the Grab Your Neighbor event - the second for the year - and it was the Kiddie Parade. The weather had not cooperated too much as the rain poured down just before the event started. The parade started on

Archer Drive and headed south on Main Street. Kids and families from town were in the parade, riding their cycles or walking as the Antwerp Police led the way to keep the children safe. The parade ended up at the VFW where there was bingo for the kids to win candy!

ODOT OUTLINES 5 YEAR PLAN TO FOCUS ON WALKING AND BIKING

More and more Ohioans are walking and biking as a way to travel, either by choice or necessity. However, recent trends in safety, health, and demographics highlight the urgent need for safer, accessible, and more convenient options for walking and biking in communities across the state. In an effort to combat these trends and spur more strategic investment in infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists, the Ohio Department of Transportation is launching the first-of-its-kind Walk.Bike.Ohio plan. This plan was constructed based on input from local government partners, state agencies, and the public.

"Nearly one out of every 10 Ohio households does not have access to a motor vehicle, meaning active transportation options like walking and bicycling are necessary to meet basic needs," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "When we ensure that walking and biking are safe, convenient, and accessible options - everybody wins. The Walk.Bike.Ohio plan puts us on the right path to do that."

In Ohio, people walking and biking make up about 14 percent of all traffic deaths, despite making up just 2.6% of trips to work. Most notable is that not everyone is impacted equally, with high need populations and areas of the state experiencing a disproportionate amount (nearly double) of the severe pedestrian and bicycle crashes.

In 2020, there were 164 people killed and 469 people seriously injured while traveling along or across Ohio's roadways on-foot. From 2019 to 2020 alone, pedestrian deaths increased by an astounding 30 percent. The most notable increases were at intersections with unmarked crosswalks (+600%), at unmarked, midblock locations (+84%), and in circumstances involving speed (+60%).

The Walk.Bike.Ohio plan is about more than just safety, it introduces a framework for advancing active transportation by documenting existing conditions, identifying roles and responsibilities of various partners, and outlining critical actions for ODOT to focus on over the next five years.

"Although the publication of Walk.Bike.Ohio is a major milestone for Ohio, it is just the beginning of the work

necessary to achieve our vision," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

The plan was developed over two years and included dozens of meetings with key stakeholders and two public surveys. Stakeholders conveyed the need for improving mobility, safety, and quality of life, and for equitable investments in walking and bicycling infrastructure, maintenance, programs, and policies.

While Ohio may boast the nation's eighth largest roadway network, ODOT found there is a need for improvement at the state, regional, and local level to develop bicycle and pedestrian networks, close network gaps, and address unsafe crossings and deficient or failing sidewalks.

"The development of Walk.Bike.Ohio has helped us to establish a statewide vision for walking and biking, informed by practitioners and the public. This plan outlines what ODOT will seek to advance over the next 5 years in order to improve walking and biking as a transportation option in Ohio," said ODOT Active Transportation Manager Caitlin Harley.

An economic impact analysis completed as part of this effort found that existing trips by foot or bike can save Ohioans \$12.7 billion in transportation and environmental costs over 20 years. If Ohio's walking and biking rates increased by just over 1%, an additional \$5 billion in cost savings is projected over the next 20 years.

In addition to economic benefits, connected active transportation networks can also play a role in improving Ohio's ranking of 40th in the United States for overall health outcomes and 47th for health behaviors, which include obesity and physical inactivity.

Active transportation is also an opportunity to address growing mobility needs and preferences. In 1983, about 46 percent of 16-year old Americans had a driver's license, according to the Federal Highway Administration. By 2014, that number had dropped to just over 24 percent. In Ohio, the number of 16 and 17-year old drivers fell from 84,985 in 2016 to 70,678 in 2020. Additionally, as the share of Ohio's population over 65 continues to grow, more Ohioans may rely on or prefer transit and active transportation options.

The hope is that this plan will be a useful tool for decision-makers at all levels of government in Ohio as they look at ways to make the state more walkable and bikeable.

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE AND MUSEUM

The local BFGoodrich Manufacturing Plant is donating \$10,000 in partnership with the \$10,000 donation from United Steelworkers Local 715.

This \$20,000 donation is for the installation and maintenance of the Vietnam Wall. There will be an official check presentation on July 22nd at 3:30 pm at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum.

Terry Redmile, plant manager, is thrilled to be part of this project. "This is just a small part of what we can do to help give back to the Fort Wayne community," Redmile said. "Our Veterans Council at BFGoodrich already stepped

up and we feel like our additional donation will benefit thousands of Vietnam veterans who served their country honorably and will help pay tribute to all those fallen heroes whose names are on that wall."

The Vietnam Wall and the other monuments located on the grounds can be visited every day from dawn until dusk. The Museum is open Monday, Thursday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. For more information contact the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum at 260-267-5022

RELAY FOR LIFE RETURNS TO SEND CANCER SAILING

By: Harriet Keith, Relay for Life of Defiance County

Music and family fun while gathering for a good cause are the ingredients for a perfect summer evening. Relay for Life of Defiance County presented by Johns Manville brings that kind of fun to Triangle Park Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. With a nautical cruise theme for the 2021 event, volunteers are working to "Send Cancer Sailing". Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society.

According to co-chairs Eva Canales and Laurie Neilson, the event will look a bit different this year. While there will not be the traditional walking laps, the important recognition of survivors and caregivers will still take place in opening ceremonies. There will be an introduction of the 2021 honorary survivors: Hailley Bok, youth, and Madison Gentit and Ron Coles, adult. Grant Insurance will host an on-site reception.

The event leadership team understands the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on every aspect of life. A special recognition will be held during the opening ceremonies for some of our "Community Heroes" in appreciation for their service. They will include representatives of healthcare, emergency services, and school personnel.

The ceremonies will be preceded by the National Anthem with the Defiance VFW Post 3360 Color Guard taking part.

Some activities will kickoff at 5:30 p.m. Team Fairview is hosting the Chair-ity for Life event. It will feature a silent auction of unique pieces such as chairs, stools or benches decorated for indoor or outdoor use. There will also be a basket raffle featuring a variety of themed baskets.

The food and vendor areas also open at 5:30 p.m. Teams will offer selections ranging from sandwich and pizza to strawberry shortcake and a bake sale.

And there is still time to get those arms in condition for the corn hole tournament. Check-in on the day of Relay will begin at 5:45 p.m. with games from 6:30-9 p.m. Space is limited, pre-registration is required by Aug. 1. More information is available from CB Florence at 419-438-7994 or Paul Ramirez at 419-438-4272.

The Kids Area will open at 6 p.m. with games and inflatables made possible by Schaffer Funeral Home. All ages can enjoy an interactive photo booth.

Of course, there will be music on this Hope Cruise. DJ music will be interspersed with live music by Miguel Gomez at 6:30 p.m. and Mud Creek, a 2-man band from

Fort Wayne, at 8 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., there will be board games at the survivor tent. Team campsites will be judged at that time for Best Decorated Area and Best Cancer Message/Mission.

Boat races are planned at 9 p.m. This is a twist on the Relay favorite Road to Recovery races. Participants will race to the finish line while "wearing" their cardboard boats and providing safe travel for a "passenger". A dance party will follow at 9:30 p.m.

The luminaria ceremony will be held at dusk to remember those taken, honor those still in the fight, and celebrate those survivors who are on the other side of treatments. They are all inspire with their strength and courage. Luminarias are still available for purchase at \$10 each from www.relayforlife.org/defiance, by contacting a Relay volunteer, or at the Relay for Life event.

Zumba will be held from 10:15 p.m.-10:45 p.m. Closing ceremonies will begin at 11:30 p.m.

More information about Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society is available by contacting Karla Batt, senior development manager, at karla.batt@cancer.org.

BFGOODRICH AND UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 715 DONATING \$20,000 TO THE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/30/21

This 30th day of June, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk. Absent: Clint A. Vance

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS
Warrants documented as 269814 through 269876 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Paulding County Commissioners, acting for Brown Township, will receive sealed bids for the Brown Township Road Resurfacing Project.

Bids will be received at the Paulding County Commissioners office located at 115 N. Williams Street B-1 Paulding, Ohio 45879 on August 4, 2021 at which time and place bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after 11:00 a.m. (local time) on August 4, 2021 will be returned unopened.

Bids will be received on a unit price basis as outlined in the bid documents.

The project consists of road resurfacing on township road 191 between township road 148 and county road 166. The materials used are 448 asphalt.

Bids must be signed and submitted on the separate bidding forms included in the Bidding Documents, sealed in the provided envelope, and shall be accompanied by either a Bid Guaranty Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid amount or by a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit on a solvent. Bid security, furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid.

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

Attention of bidders is called to all of the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to the Federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates, encouragement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) utilization, various insurance requirements, and various equal employment opportunity provisions.

The Bidding Documents, which include Drawings, Specifications and blank bid forms, may be examined and obtained at the office of Maumee Valley Planning Organization, 1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200, Defiance, OH 43512. After posting, Bid Documents can be found on the web at mvpo.org/bid.

The Owner reserves the right to reject each and every bid and to waive informalities, irregularities and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

HEATHER BARNHOUSE,
CLERK BY ORDER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Holtsberry to go into executive session at 8:47 a.m. with Judge Rister to consider the appointment, judgment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Klopfenstein. All members voting ye.

At 9:47 a.m. all members present agreed to adjourn the executive session and go into regular session.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH MAUMEE VALLEY PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR FYEAR 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT B-D-20-1CF-4

WHEREAS, this Agreement was made and entered into by and between Paulding County (hereinafter "County") and Maumee Valley Planning Organization (hereinafter "Consultant") on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County desires assistance in the administration of funds available under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant CARES Act, specifically the County's FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Program, Grant Number B-D-20-1CF-4; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage the Consultant to render certain technical advice, assistance, and services in connection with activities carried out under the approved grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant proposes to provide the technical services as stated in the Agreement in relation to the Fiscal Year 2020 CDBG-CV fund allocation, commencing upon execution of the grant agreement and will be completed following the preparation of the final performance report; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the services rendered by the Consultant under the provisions of the Agreement, the County agrees to provide compensation according to the Agreement; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Paulding County Commissioners hereby approved the Agreement for Technical Assistance with Maumee Valley Planning Organization for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant CARES Act, specifically the County's FY2020 Community Development Block Grant-CV Program, Grant Number B-D-20-1CF-4; 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.

- Meeting Notes of Appointments
- Joe Burkard, County Prosecutor, approved the Technical Assistance Agreement for CDBG-CV (see resolution above)
- Judge Rister - Executive Session (see resolution above)
- Sheriff Landers discussed changes to retain part-time employees.

FAIR RODEO
Special thanks to the sponsors and volunteers as well as the spectators who came out this year.

\$10,750 was raised and donated to Conquer Childhood Cancer Now.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, will be receiving bids for the real estate on a cash rent per acre basis for the Jacob Farm - Children's Home (FSA #1586), consisting of 230 acres more or less (233.1 tillable) for the lease period beginning the 1st day of September, 2021. Sealed bids must be marked "Jacob Farm - Children's Home" with the corresponding farm number indicated and addressed to the Clerk of the Board. The bid must be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners in the basement of the Courthouse, Room B-1, not later than 10:00 a.m. on the 9th day of August, 2021. The acreage lease shall be for a term of three years. Contract details, farm description and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Board of County Commissioners between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Should you have any questions, please contact the Paulding County Commissioners' office at 419-399-8215.

HEATHER BARNHOUSE,
CLERK BY ORDER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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LAROSE REFERS 117 NON-CITIZENS TO OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR POTENTIAL ELECTION FRAUD VIOLATIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose has identified 117 individuals who either registered to vote in Ohio or cast a ballot in an Ohio election in 2020 and who appear to be legally present, non-citizens. Today, these individuals were referred to the Ohio Attorney General for investigation and potential prosecution.

According to state law, non-citizens may not register to vote or cast a ballot in any Ohio election. As is outlined in state code, LaRose's office utilized a cross-matching of the voter rolls in the Statewide Voter Registration Database with the list of individuals that submit documentation to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

While the State does not maintain a comprehensive database of all non-citizens in Ohio, the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) does record when an individual submits documentation indicating that the person is not a United States citizen.

These 117 individuals each provided the BMV with documentation identifying themselves as non-citizens on at least two occasions. Additionally, per Ohio law, each were sent two notices at the address where they are registered to vote requesting that the individual either cancel their voter registration or advise the Secretary's office that they have become a U.S. citizen.

Documentation regarding each of these individual cases has been forwarded to the Ohio Attorney General's office in order to conduct an investigation and determine next steps. 104 non-citizens were referred for registering to vote while 13 were referred for voting.

"Voter fraud is rare in Ohio. One of the reasons it's rare is because we have good laws on the books," said LaRose. "These are small numbers, but there is no such thing as an acceptable level of voter fraud. We're just not going to tolerate it. There's also that deterrent factor. People need to know that if you're attempting to cast a ballot and you're not a citizen, then we're going to catch you."

Election fraud continues to be exceedingly rare in Ohio elections because of the controls and processes of our election system.

"DIRTY MONEY DEWINE" AD SPOTLIGHTS MIKE DEWINE'S CORRUPT PAY-FOR-PLAY SCHEME

A new ad released by Renacci for Governor highlights Mike DeWine's corrupt pay-for-play scheme that saw him take millions of tainted money in exchange for a \$1.3 billion government bailout at the expense of taxpayers. "Dirty Money DeWine" is a challenge to DeWine to do the right thing by returning his shady money and to tell the truth about his crooked behavior that has turned the state into the most corrupt in the nation.

"Mike DeWine has no ethical standard so therefore he will accept every single dirty dollar that comes his way," Jim Renacci said. "He will do anything for a buck, even if it means selling out Ohioans to his special interest friends who control his every move. If he had any courage left, he'd return the tainted money and come clean about his shady dealings."

These are the facts:

- Mike DeWine is bought and paid for by special interest groups, engaging in a corrupt pay to play scheme.
- Over \$4 million of tainted money came from one of his closest allies.
- To thank them, he helped pass a \$1.3 billion bailout at the expense of taxpayers.
- The Attorney General had to file a lawsuit to stop this sweetheart deal and called the money a laundering scheme.
- DeWine-appointed PUCO chairman's house was even raided by the FBI.
- Under multiple indictments, the Speaker of the House and other political figures were arrested and charged.
- DeWine's shady actions helped Ohio become the most corrupt state in the nation.

The first step to clean up the rampant corruption in Columbus is to demand DeWine give back all of the tainted money he's accepted. Tell DeWine it's time to pay back his dirty money.

MANURE SCIENCE REVIEW COMING AUGUST 10TH

By: Glen Arnold- OSU Extension

The annual Manure Science Review will be held on Tuesday, August 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at MVP Dairy near Celina, Ohio. Attendees will see and hear about this state-of-the-art dairy's 80-cow rotary milking parlor, manure handling and management for the 4,400-cow herd, and regenerative farming practices. Speakers will provide updates on the effectiveness of saturated buffers in reducing runoff in Grand Lake Saint Marys as well as issues of legacy phosphorus runoff and the KDS/Quick wash system for manure nutrient recovery. Field demonstrations will include solid and liquid applicators, the Cadman Side-dress System, Oxbo Equipment, in-season manure side-dress demos, and more.

Continuing education credits have been approved for Certified Crop Advisors, Certified Livestock Managers, and Indiana State Chemist certifications. For program and registration details, click on the link at ocam-m.osu.edu or contact Mary Wicks (wicks.14@osu.edu; 330.202.3533).

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officers Chad Grote and Antoinette Joliff, assigned to Marion and Licking counties, respectively, observed two men fishing at Delaware Wildlife Area while working a litter enforcement project. One of the men picked up a can and tossed it to the side. The officers then observed the man pack up and leave without the can and other items. The officers met him at his vehicle and asked about the trash. The man could not produce any of the cans or the bait container he was seen with. The officers then found the cans and container in the weeds near his fishing location. The man was issued a summons for state property litter and was found guilty in the Delaware

Municipal Court. He paid \$214 in fines and court costs. Illegal dumping and littering on our public lands is a problem that Ohio wildlife officers work hard to address. If you witness littering on public land, contact local law enforcement authorities or report anonymously at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

In April, State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Dave Warner and State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, documented a location where corn was spread as bait in a field prior to the start of the spring wild turkey hunting season. It is illegal in Ohio to hunt or take wild turkeys with the aid or use of bait. The officers later contacted two people who were turkey hunting over the baited area. Both hunters were found guilty in the Bellefontaine Municipal Court and paid \$320 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In June 2021, State Wildlife Officer Ethan Bingham, assigned to Williams County, participated in the Park with Police event at the Imagination Station Park in Bryan. The event was hosted by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, and children from the area had the opportunity to interact with many different law enforcement agencies.

Law enforcement agencies attending included police departments from Bryan, Edgerton, Montpelier, and Pioneer, along with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Williams County Sheriff's Office. Activities included a dunk tank, obstacle course, basketball, and a wildlife rehabilitation presentation from Nature's Nursery. The event was well attended by the community, and the Ohio Division of Wildlife always appreciates the opportunity to teach the community about the importance of our wildlife.

During the 2020 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Investigators Brian Bury and Kevin Good, assigned to the Lake Erie Unit, observed a group of hunters in Wood County conducting a deer drive. Two hunters were driving separate vehicles on the public roadway and influencing the movement of the deer toward other hunters. The two vehicles were driving fast and honking their horns to push the deer. Both vehicles were stopped by State Wildlife Officers Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, and Charles McMullen, assigned to Sandusky County. The drivers were each issued a summons for hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle. Additionally, it was discovered that one of the other hunters harvested a deer the day prior. This deer was already processed and had not been game checked. He received a summons for failure to game check the deer by noon the day following harvest. Both hunters received one year probation, 10 days of jail suspended, and more than \$400 in fines and court costs.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2020, white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Nick Turner, assigned to Harrison County, received a Turn In a Poacher (TIP) report from a hunter in Carroll County who witnessed someone shoot at a deer from the road. The hunter provided Officer Turner with a vehicle description as well as a license plate number. Officer Turner responded to the area and noticed the vehicle parked along a tree line. Officer Turner then contacted a group of hunters, one of whom was the owner of the truck. There was a buck in the back of the vehicle with a tag attached, and the tag belonged to the wife of one of hunters. However, she was not present. After a short conversation, one of the hunters admitted to shooting the deer from the road and without permission from the landowner. Officer Turner issued several summonses and the individual paid more than \$700 in fines and costs. Additionally, the muzzleloader used to harvest the buck was forfeited. Call the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) to report wildlife crimes.

State Wildlife Officers Aaron Brown, Jeremy Carter, and Zach Hillman, assigned to Wayne, Holmes, and Cuyahoga counties, respectively, were working a litter project in Ashland County. Officer Carter observed an angler in possession of multiple glass bottles and other cups. Later, the same individual left the area after tucking the bottles and cups into the rocky shoreline. Officers contacted the individual as he was leaving the parking lot. When contacted, the man admitted to leaving behind his litter. A misdemeanor summons was issued for a stream litter violation. He was found guilty and paid \$137 in fines and court costs. Illegal dumping and littering on our public lands is a problem that Ohio wildlife officers work hard to address. If you witness littering on public land, contact local law enforcement authorities or report anonymously at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While patrolling during the 2021 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Wenning, assigned to Darke County, was dispatched to Shelby County where a sheriff's deputy was speaking to a hunter who was observed shooting from the roadway. Upon arrival, Officer Wenning spoke with the suspect regarding his activities. Two witnesses observed the

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Further investigation revealed this was the same hunter who was illegally hunting with a rifle in April. The individual had not purchased a spring wild turkey permit. The individual appeared in Belmont County Court and was found guilty of baiting on public land and for hunting turkeys without a valid spring turkey permit. The information provided by the public was essential for putting this case together. If you witness a wildlife crime on public land you can report it at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

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suspect shoot from the road, and provided a clear description of the hunter, his vehicle, and where the hunter was standing when he discharged his firearm at a deer standing in the field. The hunter was served a citation for hunting from a roadway. The hunter was found guilty of hunting from a roadway and ordered to pay fines and court costs. The hunter was also ordered to forfeit the deer he harvested as well as the muzzleloader used in the commission of the crime.

In March, State Wildlife Officer Matt Roberts, assigned to Clinton County, was notified of a possible dead river otter in Clinton County. Officer Roberts responded to the location and discovered a female river otter that had been hit by a vehicle on the road. River otters are native to Ohio and are common in some counties. However, this was the first river otter that Officer Roberts found in Clinton County. All Ohioans can report river otter sightings at wildohio.gov.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 5739.021 of the Ohio Revised Code; the Board of County Commissioners of Paulding County, Ohio, will conduct Public Hearings for the purpose of considering the renewal of one half percent (1/2%) sales tax on all retail sales in addition to the tax imposed by Section 5739.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Public Hearings will be held in the office of the County Commissioners, located at 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Paulding, Ohio 45879 on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Heather Barnhouse, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Paulding County, Ohio

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.

ALFRED B. CONNER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 21 028

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

301 West Second Street, Grover Hill

Parcel Number: 26-05S-003-00 and 26-05S-004-00

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 Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-nine and 18/100 (\$3,479.18) 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 26th day of August, 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 9th day of September, 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

Scott St. John (Marmaduke) Memorial Cruise In

July 24th, 2021

Around the Square Paulding, OH 6 pm- 8pm

Registration beginning at 5:30

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Proceeds go to Caring & Sharing Food Pantry. Will be Door

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Contact: Kevin or Shelia (419)-399-2821

or Jon Snodgrass (419)-670-3584

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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.

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FLOODING IN PAULDING COUNTY



Friday of last week there were reports of rain fall that accumulated to over 6" of rain. Paulding had standing water rise from Blue Creek and Flat Rock Creek. The fields tiling has increased the volume of water arriving at ditches, creeks and water in a certain amount of time. Housing areas were also flooded and have begun to recede. These amounts were on on top of the rain amounts re-

ing County are receding after over six plus inches of rain fell most of Friday into Saturday morning. The Blue Creek and Flatrock Creek impacted a good portion of the Village of Payne and some areas of the village of Paulding, causing flooding in basements and crawl spaces in a number of homes. Area township, county and St. 500 were closed west of US 127. Residents in the village of Payne sand bagged



ceived prior to Friday that were also making July one of the wettest months for some of the Paulding County residents.

Paulding County EMA director, Ed Bohn, described a developing occurrence of what is called "rain bombs". That is where three or more inches of rain fall on an area in a quick burst.

Their properties, thanks to the Paulding County Engineer's Office and Benton Twp. hauling loads of sand and providing the sand bags to those in need. For more information contact the Paulding County EMA office.

The next 10 day forecast does not look near as wet as the previous week. Perhaps farmers will be able to get the standing wheat harvested.



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On July 2 a breaking & entering was reported at a residence on Stone st. case investigated, the individual and stolen merchandise was located. Individual was charged and arrested.

On July 3 Officers were called to Antwerp ball park.

The caller reported there was a man at the ball park cursing and yelling and refused to leave. Upon officer arriving the man had already left

On July 6 A hit and run accident was reported at Pop and Brew gas station. A white 4 door Dodge Ram with a modified metal bed bearing an Indiana registration struck the side of Pop and Brew. The gentleman driving was middle-aged with a beard. The case is under investigation

On July 6 The owner of the laundry mat reported that two juveniles entered the laundry mat and vandalized some of the property. An officer investigated and located the 2 juveniles. A report was forwarded to prosecutor

On July 7 During the severe thunderstorm an officer located a home on N. Harmmann St. with heavy damage from the storm. Officer spoke to the home owner

On July 7 Officers assisted AEP with their employees working on the poles

On July 8 A protection order was received from Defiance Municipal Court for two residence that live in the Village of Antwerp.

On July 9 A resident reported that someone called her and when she answered a male voice said "grandma". The lady didn't recognize the voice. When she called the number back she got a voicemail stating it was a non working number. It is believed to be a scam and is under investigation.

On July 9 An altercation was reported at North Garden Apartments. It was reported several people were involved in a fight. An officer arrived and arrested 3 individuals. All were charged with domestic violence and all were transported to Paulding County Jail.

On July 10 An officer received a call on Washington St in reference to a domestic violence situation. A man was arrested and transported to Paulding County Jail and charged with domestic violence.

On July 11 A resident of Washington St. reported he was receiving unwanted calls from his ex girlfriend. Officer contacted girlfriend and told her to please stop calling.

On July 11 A resident of Madison St reported that she believed her ex boyfriend stole her turtle

On July 11 A resident of S. Erie St. was unable to find her juvenile daughter. Officer assisted the mother with locating the daughter sleeping underneath the couch

On July 12 At 6pm officers assisted the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce with a bike parade.

On July 12 A resident reporter while his vehicle was parked at the Antwerp library someone had scratched it

On July 13 A resident on Washington Street called in reference to her neighbor having cats that roamed the neighborhood. An officer spoke with the resident and she denied feeding the cats or having cats and was unsure why there was a complaint.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

TAKE THE WHEEL - OSU EXTENSION AND KENN-FELD GROUP TO HOST WOMEN'S TRACTOR SAFETY AND OPERATION PROGRAM ON AUGUST 28

Learn how to safely operate agricultural equipment with OSU Extension and Kenn-Feld Group at their Women's Tractor Safety and Operation Program. OSU Extension Educational Program Manager Lisa Pfeifer will demonstrate how to stay safe around agricultural equipment and identify equipment parts. Then take the driver's seat and practice operating equipment thanks to our hosting dealership Kenn-Feld Group.

The Women's Tractor Safety and Operation Program will be held on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kenn-Feld Group, 2772 US-6, Edgerton.

Women of all ages interested in learning how to operate compact to mid-size tractors in a supportive environment and network with other area women are encouraged to attend. Registration is required by August 23 and is limited to 20 participants. Register online at go.osu.edu/WmsCoTractor-Safety or call Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator Stephanie Karhoff at 419-636-5608 for more information.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Toni L Wilson, New Haven, IN; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared via Zoom with Mr. Chapel in person, pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 day jail, Pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Count B dismissed

Cody G. Roesser, Van Wert, OH; Reckless operation; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel, Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Complete 40 hours of community service within six months; Maintain general good behavior

David Schroeder, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; OVI/breath(low), Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Breininger, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Placed on probation, Submit to evaluation at Westwood, Complete 20 hours community service, Show proof of insurance, ALS vacated; Driving under non-FRA suspension, Count C dismissed; 60/55 speed, Count D dismissed; Left of center, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Breininger, Pled guilty

Devante S. Foster, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non-FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court, pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of insurance by 7/9/21; Pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled

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

Charlotte W. Smith, Romulus, MI; Distracted driving, Dismissed, Defendant completed course; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Teasia W. Starks, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brooke A. Riebesehl, Napoleon, OH; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Stanley, Pled guilty, IID has been installed, 3 days jail or DIP in a violation occurs, License suspension may be reduced to 6 months upon proper completion of IID, Show proof of insurance by 7/9/21; Head lights, Count B dismissed

Joshua T. Brown, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nicholas J. Fletcher, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony M. LaPoint, Toledo, OH; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel J. Mesker, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cody J. Clark, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel J. Schmitt, Saint Charles, MO; Seat belt/drive; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hyman, pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

David C. Bays, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Crates, pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Patrick C. Young, Brighton, MI; Possession of drugs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Billy J. Hale, Cloverdale, OH; FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Failure to yield/left turn, Defendant pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs

Tiffany M. Vann, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Randy E. Ruder, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Diane M. McKalvia, Latty, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled

guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Show proof of insurance by 7/9/21, Maintain general good behavior; Loud exhaust, Count B dismissed

Avery Apel, Saint Clair, MI; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant, All contraband, Shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; 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, Gun and ammo may be returned to the defendant; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Salmon, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and the same shall be destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Loud exhaust, Count B dismissed

Anthony Bailey, Washington, MI; Possession of hashish, Guilty; Possession of marijuana, Dismissed; Drug paraphernalia, Dismissed per state; OIV/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Weber, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days in jail; Fines and costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency, Maintain general good behavior

William D. Price, Paulding, OH; Theft; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Ethan W. Reust, Payne, OH; Robbery; Assault; Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Lyndell M. Ramos, Wauseon, OH; Identity fraud, Preliminary waived; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Felipe D. Ortiz-Ramirez, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived

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Mark A. Schuller, Saint Mary's, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Samuel C. Mitchell, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kevin L. Johnson, Detroit, MI; OVI/under influence; Driving under non FRA suspension; 88/64 speed; Seat belt/drive; Count A, B, C, D dismissed, Pay all fines and costs, Warrant block shall be recalled
Nicollette L. Collins, Continental, OH; Possession of marijuana; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jaime Gerchutz, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Victor F. Campos, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in court; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Joshua Heppeard, Mendon, OH; Failure to reinstate; Defendant appeared in court; Pled guilty; Fine may be suspended if license is valid and proof of insurance is shown by 8/2/21; Pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Mark Ferrin, San Antonio, TX; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Isac Armstrong, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Martianna A. Webster, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Dismissed; Seat belt/drive; Defendant appeared in court, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs
Robert R. Frost, Columbus, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Adam H. Troth, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Bryin R. Owens, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty;

Case was waived by defendant
Dona B. Ahouantodaho, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Case dismissed
Charles F. Potts, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Alejandrina Miller, Convo, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Noel V. Fernandez Jimenez, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs
Joshua D. Fritz, Columbia City, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Amanda Q. Garcia, Fort Wayne, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs
Jeremy L. Kelly, Silver Lake, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Chelsea M. Chester, West Unity, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Hunter S. Showalter, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Case was waived by defendant
Braeden J. Pease, Paulding, OH; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dwight L. Frater, Dunkirk, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dana L. Gunderman, Scott, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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Trustee; 23746 RD 110 Oakwood Oh 45873; 5.135 acres;
CARRYALL TWP
 7/13/21 Shepherd Brett to Shepherd Brett; 5700 RD 192; 4.043 acres
 7/14/21 Gerken Mason L to Gerken Mason L; Erie St; 1.036 acres
 7/14/21 Gerken Mason L to D & L Properties of Antwerp Ohio LLC; 406 Erie St; 0.2 acres
 7/14/21 Gerken Mason L to Gerken Mason L; W Buffalo St; 0.2 acres
CRANE TWP
 7/13/21 Wann Sandra E to Wann Sandra E Le; 7004 RD 424 Antwerp Oh 45813;
 7/12/21 Hernandez Miguel A Becerra to Esparza Norman; 207 E Plum St, 0.2515 acres; Plum St Cecil Oh

45821, 0.1667 acres
HARRISON TWP
 7/12/21 Benschneider Gary L Trustee & Benschneider Jane A Trustee to Benschneider Gary L Trustee & Benschneider Jane A Trustee; 9469 RD 51 Payne Oh 45880, 60 acres; RD 51, 60 acres; SR 49, 40 acres; Rd 106, 80 acres
 7/12/21 Bruce Armstrong LLC to Bruce Armstrong LLC; Rd 106; 40.796 acres
 7/12/21 Yearling Jack Carl to Yearling Jack Carl; Rd 106; 40.719 acres; 40.689 acres
 7/12/21 Young Brothers Farms LLC to Young Brothers Farms LLC; RD 106; RD 94, 37.535 acres
 7/12/21 Heck Thomas E to Heck Thomas E; 8610 SR 49 Payne Oh 45880, 1.593 acres; SR 49, 35.988 acres; SR 49, 40.372 acres
 7/12/21 Armstrong Implement Company to Armstrong Implement Company; RD 94; 34.67 acres
 7/12/21 Lichty Jonathon J to Ditto James G Ditto Kera R; 100 Flat Rock Dr; 0.2554 acres
JACKSON TWP
 7/12/21 Greear Rick W to Reichert Taylor J Richert Audrey M; 9562 RD 123 Paulding Oh 45879; 4.233 acres
LATTY TWP
 7/12/21 Myers Rick J to Myers Rick J; RD 48
 7/12/21 Sinn Gary R Sinn Paulette Etal to Sinn Gary R Sinn Paulette Etal; SR 114
 7/12/21 Miller Charles T Lautzenheiser Angela R to Houten 4 You LLC; 200 N Harrison St Paulding Oh 45879; 0.2 acres
 7/12/21 Miller Charles T Lautzenheiser Angela R to Miller Charles T Lautzenheiser Angela R; Harrison St; 0.2 acres
PAULDING TWP
 7/13/21 Saverino Michael J Jr Saverino Shonna L to Gier Grant Blaine J; 10385 Us 127 Paulding Oh 45879; 0.358

acres
 7/14/21 Mountain Express Oil Company to Mountain Portfolio Owner LLC; 614 E Perry St, 0.1561 acres; E Perry St, 0.1257 acres; E Perry St, 0.1121 Acres; E Perry St, 0.0629 acres; 602 E Perry St, 0.2242 acres; E Perry St, 0.0439 acres
 7/14/21 Prine Randy to Colley William C Colley Abigail J; 709 Perry St; 0.2 acres
 7/12/21 Coakley Jacquelyn to Coakley Jacquelyn Coakley Howard; 1096 N Williams St; 0.3444 acres

Sudoku solution from page 9

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for a culvert replacement project. Temporary traffic impacts are possible for finish work occurring off the roadway.

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

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 PROJECTSUS. 24 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 111 (in Paulding County) between State Route 637 and Cromley Road will close July 19 for approximately two weeks 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 Second St. back to SR 111/Clinton St.

State Route 249 between Cicero Road and Rosedale Road will be restricted to one lane for drainage work. Traffic will be maintained with portable traffic signals.

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 (see map).

PAULDING COUNTY:
 State Route 66 between the Putnam County line and the village of Oakwood will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

State Route 111 between State Route 637 and Cromley Road will close July 19 for approximately two weeks 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 Second St. back to SR 111/Clinton St.

STATE ROUTE 114 PROJECTS
 Listed west to east
 State Route 114 and Road C-17 (1.5-mile marker) are open following a closure for a culvert replacement project. Temporary traffic impacts are possible for finish work occurring off the roadway.

State Route 114 and Road C-87 (9.0-mile marker) are open following a closure

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PAULDING TWP
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OFFICER MEETS FAMILY IN TEARFUL GATHERING



Photo and story by Andrea Schlueter

I really don't know how to caption this, besides just tell you how life-changing Saturday was for so many. My words won't do justice for what this day meant for everyone, but maybe the shaky portraits I took can help story tell that. Shaky, because my emotions were also high.

Jason Evans, the officer who apprehended Matthew Dempsey in Nevada, had flown ALL the way to Ohio to meet Gina's children, family, and friends this Saturday, July 10th, 2021. This being 3 years after he had been the one to help bring Gina justice, and the family peace.

Here is a little background if you are unaware of the history, and loss that occurred in

our community.

On April 15th, 2018, Morgan, Macy, Evan, and Jensen received the worst news of their lives. Their Mother, Gina Mann was gone. Murdered.

During this tragic, dark day, they had also found out that the man responsible for their mother's death, was not able to be located...

I will not pretend to know in my words how any of them felt, or the emotions they endured, but I can tell you, that all of us were sunken, ANGRY, and just anxious to have this man found, to know WHY to have JUSTICE and eventually peace.

Across the country, 3 days after Gina was found, while Morgan, Macy, Evan, Jensen, all of Gina's friends and family waited for more news. Some

scared for their own lives (Some of 4 children even at friends hiding), there was an officer on duty in Nevada, getting his coffee, early around 8:00 am, just another day on duty, starting his day. It was supposed to be a routine day on duty.

IN FACT, this particular officer was not even supposed to be on duty this particular day but had filled in for a co-worker on his day off.

The officer's name was Jason Evans. The town Jason worked for is much like Paulding. He described it as even smaller than Paulding. Just like Paulding, everyone knows everyone in his town. There are also drug problems in his town, so he explained how they were always to be hyper-vigilant by the I-80

highway.

Jason stated while on duty, he saw a car that grabbed his attention, the vehicle had made an illegal turn while on the road, and the license plates the officer was unable to read.

Jason stated he pulled over the car thinking, this would be a routine ticket, and the driver would be off on his way.

Things did not end up like that. Jason stated the situation intensified quickly. During the pullover, Jason spotted a rifle with the driver. Jason acted quickly, and there was a standoff with Dempsey.

Dempsey was pointing the rifle at his head. The officer made the decision to try to talk down the driver. Jason still not knowing that this man was wanted for murder. Jason was able to talk down Dempsey and able to retrieve the weapon Dempsey had. The same weapon he murdered Gina with. Jason was able to apprehend Dempsey to where he would then be transferred to the local jail, and eventually, transferred back to Paulding where he would have to face his consequences.

Jason stated he found out the crime Dempsey had done in Paulding. He stated Dempsey began to talk about what he had done. Jason stated Dempsey had told him he was planning on going to the Redwoods in California and had planned to commit suicide. Jason kept composure during this, but during Jason speaking to all of us, he was emotional with everything that had happened to the events leading up to the arrest, knowing then what the family has been going through.

Macy, Gina's youngest daughter, had reached out to Jason after she had found out what had happened to her mother. She stated she called up the local town's police office, and was directed to Jason's line by the secretary. Jason, told us, that he was shocked, he had not expected this call, he stated he had to hold the phone away from his ear because he couldn't believe it.

Macy and Jason kept in touch, and Macy asked if Jason would ever consider coming to Ohio to meet their family and friends to be a guest of honor. Jason stated he had thought about this many times, but was afraid to reach out, and didn't know if enough time had passed for the family to heal.

This past Saturday, Jason flew from Nevada to Chicago, and then drove from Chicago to Paulding Ohio. Macy's family held a celebration of life for Gina, at a friend's house, and was surrounded by Gina's children, family, and friends, with Jason being the long-awaited guest of honor!

We all anxiously awaited his arrival, watching every car drive down the road.

When Jason arrived emotions were high, the family was in shock, Jason himself was in shock. There were tears, laughter, questions, serious conversations, and stories about Gina's personality, and what she meant to everyone.

I was so happy, I was able to be there, witness, photograph, watch everyone's reactions, and ask my questions as well.

We are all forever thankful for God, the universe, aligning and having Jason there at that moment during that early Nevada morning. He was in the right place, at the right time.

I believe from the conversations we had this past Saturday night, that it has given many of us more closure, and peace. We all sure hope the same for Jason as well.

Jason, even though from Nevada, is a hero in Paulding, Ohio for many of us!

More photos on Andrea Schlueter Photography Facebook page

PAVING PROJECT TO BEGIN ON U.S. 27 IN FORT WAYNE

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces lane restrictions on U.S. 27/ Lima Road in Fort Wayne.

Starting on or after July 18, crews will begin a resurfacing project on U.S. 27 from S.R. 930/Coliseum Boulevard to Edgewood Avenue.

One lane in each direction will be closed in the evenings after 6:30 and will be in place overnight. Lane restrictions will be removed in the mornings to allow for regular traffic flow. This work is expected to last for 10 days, weather permitting.

INDOT reminds motorists to slow down, use caution and drive distraction-free in and around all work zones.

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Fitzpatrick, is Executive Director of "Clevelawn." Fitzpatrick is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a graduate of Cleveland State University's Levine School of Urban Affairs. He is an accomplished public and motivational speaker, and was a Senior Doby Fellow for the Cleveland PeaceMakers Alliance. He spent time in prison and is a recovering addict with over 22 years in recovery. His education and experiences have prepared him to work with those who have also had hardships in their lives. You won't want to miss hearing Paul's story. It is very powerful.

Resource booths available—food and fun activities for the whole family. Join us as we celebrate recovery!

Families of Addicts is headquartered in Dayton, OH, and has multiple sites in the Miami Valley, including Van Wert. FOA rebuilds families and transforms lives through the 3 E's; Educate, Empower and Embrace. Through weekly meetings in Van Wert County, navigation, one-on-one phone support, and outreach opportunities, FOA is a sought-after and respected resource. The non-profit is unique because it supports the entire family

and advocates for individuals to find their face and voice, which is key to eliminating the stigma associated with addiction. Follow FOA Families of Addicts-Van Wert on Facebook for additional details about the Rally 4 Recovery event and services available to local communities year-round. For more information about this event and FOA, call (419) 203-0200 and ask for Shane Manson.

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U.S. 224, State Route 15, State Route 65, State Route 109, State Route 189, and State Route 190—will have lane restrictions and roadway delays for curb ramp upgrades and pavement repairs.

VAN WERT COUNTY: U.S. 224, just north of Old Tide Factory Road, may have temporary traffic impacts for drainage work.

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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