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PC SENIOR CENTER 12TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Pictured on left, Marsha Yeutter, Senior Center Director and Samantha Smith, Administrative Assistant.

The Paulding County Senior Center's Steering Committee will host their 12th annual car show on Sunday, September 12th. The show will be on the beautiful Courthouse square from 2 - 5. Registration for cars entering the show opens at 1:00 pm. The day will be filled with music, food, raffles, door prizes and of course, amazing cars! The

first 75 cars to register will receive a goodie bag and dash plaque. Judging starts at 3 pm with awards to follow at 4:30. Awards will be given to the top favorite vehicles! Everyone welcome to come and enjoy this annual outdoor event. Covid-19 precautions will be in place. Any questions call Marsha at 419-399-3650.

SHOOTING INVESTIGATION CONTINUES



Monday morning at 2:48 a.m., deputies were dispatched to The Landing Strip Bar, 204 North First Street in the Village of Oakwood for a fight that resulted in a man being shot. The altercation

happened outside on the street.

Known information at this point is 37-year-old Dustin A. Dobbelaere of Defiance, Ohio was engaged in fighting with Joseph L. Schilt, age 32, from Oakwood, Ohio. At some point, Charles W. Brown, age 32, from Oakwood, Ohio exited

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McCREERY'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. McCreery II of Cecil, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ed and Dodie (Gill) were married on September 4th, 1971, in a lovely ceremony along the banks of the Maumee River in Antwerp, with Rev. Charles Bradford officiating.

The couple has two chil-

dren: Jon, Antwerp, and Bonnie, Cecil. They have 8 grandchildren: Ethan, Jesse, Erin, Parker, Samantha, Nick, Michael and Jace. They have 8 great grandchildren: McKenna, Maycee, Brayton, Kainn, Penelope, Silas, Samaya and Melanee.

The couple celebrated the occasion with their family.

PAYNE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND - SEE PAGE 7 FOR EVENT DETAILS AND SCHEDULE!

'PAULDING COUNTY CHURCHES' IS FOCUS OF NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT

"Paulding County Churches" is the theme of the John Paulding Historical Society's latest exhibit.

Open now through Sept. 19, the exhibit features dozens artifacts and memorabilia from churches throughout the county. The items - all from the museum's collection - include photographs, church directories, cookbooks and histories.



An unusual antique "Altar Sick Call Outfit" is one of the features of a special exhibit on Paulding County Churches currently at the John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding.

Adding to the church stories are some paintings, quilts, dishes and altar furniture.

A cabinet displays a wide variety of century-old hymnals.

Two special pieces are large, beautifully illustrated Bibles from the 1880s.

Perhaps the most unique

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Community Calendar

Mons. & Weds.

- Food Pantry - Antwerp United Methodist Church 9 a-Noon

September 8

- Allen County Soil Health Day 8:30-3p
- Open mic w/Len Collier Band: Defiance Co. Coon Hunters Club 6-8:30pm

September 9

- Lunch on Canal Landing in New Haven, 11am-2pm.
- ACC Monthly Meeting at 7pm.

September 11

- Payne American Legion Post 297 - Celebrate its 100th anniversary, Parade at 2:30pm, Fireworks at 9:30pm.

September 12

- ACC Monthly Trap Shoot 1pm.
- Paulding Senior Center Car Show 2 pm

September 14

- Grab Your Neighbor: Karaoke/open mic and kids trivia game.
- Author Susan Paulus - Payne Branch Library at 1pm.

September 15

- Open mic w/Len Collier Band: Defiance Co. Coon Hunters Club 6-8:30pm

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OBITUARIES

Woodburn, IN. He was a member of Hicksville Mennonite Church and loved fishing, spending time with his family and just being around people. He also loved meeting up with family & friends at Harlan Café.

Calling was held on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 1-4 & 6-8 pm at Hicksville Mennonite Church (237 W. Arthur Street Hicksville, OH). Services were on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 2 pm with calling one hour prior at the church. Burial in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill, IN.

Memorials may be given to the Hicksville Mennonite Youth Program - 237 W. Arthur St. Hicksville, OH 43526.



PAULDING, OH:
Ellen R. Riggenschick, age 79, passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at Community Health Hospice, Defiance.

Ellen was born May 14, 1942 in Paulding County, OH, daughter of the late Earl and Mabel (Gilts) Riggenschick. For 31 years, Ellen worked as the Executive Secretary to the Paulding County Sheriff, retiring in 2000. She was also a telephone operator for the Paulding County Telephone Company for 13 years. Ellen was a member of the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587 Ladies

Auxiliary, Paulding Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #2405, Defiance Moose Lodge #2094, and the First Christian Church where she was an honorary elder.

Ellen is survived by her best friend, Diana "Bake" Bakle, Paulding, OH; sister, Nellie (Byron) Hooley, Ft. Wayne, IN; two nephews, Jeremy (Christi) Mishler, Rockwall, TX, Travis Mishler, Fort Wayne, IN; great nephew, Jake Mishler, Rockwall, TX; great niece, Madelaine (Connor) Bourgeois, Dallas, TX; as well as her two beloved cats, Jagger and Jocee.

Ellen will always be remembered as someone who loved cooking, quilting, music and singing, riding in the golf cart with Bake, and visiting with people. Ellen could always make every situation better by just being there.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, September 9, 2021 at First Christian Church, Paulding, OH with Paul Long officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding Township.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 8:00 PM, Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation on Thursday from 10:00 AM until time of services at church.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, the family requests that anyone in attendance that is not vaccinated for COVID-19, please wear a mask for the safety of all.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 1233 Emerald Road, Paulding, OH 45879 or CHP Hospice of Defiance, 6817 N OH-66, Defiance, OH 43512.

Friends may share condolences at www.denherderfh.com.



GROVER HILL, OH:
Talma I. "Tal" Gribble, age 92, passed away at 2:55 A.M., September 5, 2021 at his residence.

Tal was born January 12, 1929 in McDougal, AR, the son of the late Bernie T. Gribble and Eula (O'Guin) Gribble. On November 26, 1949, he married Martha L. Whitley, who preceded him in death in 1989. He then married Marilyn Klingshirm on July 22, 1990, who also preceded him in death in 2020.

He went from working in the cotton fields of Arkansas and the cotton fields as well as

construction in Missouri, and then moving his family to Ohio where he worked at McClure's Market in Grover Hill. Tal also worked at LaFarge Corporation for 34 years, retiring at the age of 62 in 1991. While at LaFarge, Tal was a loyal member of Local Union 375.

Tal was a member of the Grover Hill Baptist Church. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed spending time in his garden.

He is survived by his son, Talma Eugene (Barb) Gribble; daughter, Teresa (Arvell) McGuire; daughter-in-law, Kay Gribble; daughter, Kathryn (Thomas) Graham; son, Robert (Erin) Klingshirm; grandchildren: Andrew (Marie) Gribble, James Talma "JT" (Tiffany) Gribble, Jennifer (Josh) Adkins, Rob, Mike, and Tammy McGuire, Jessie (Ben) Lewis, Zane Graham, Holly (Lance) Carwile, Elizabeth, Mick, Wes, and George Klingshirm; great grandchildren: Ethan, Bridget, and Addyson Gribble, Zoey Adkins, Chris (Ashley) Calvelage, Kurtis and Alex Calvelage, Kevin, Jaden, and Sage McGuire, Kirsten and Cassidy Lewis, Ella and Piper Carwile.

Also surviving are two brothers: Alvin (Gail) Gribble and Lee (Lolita) Gribble; and one sister, Jeanie (Ish) Shelton.

Tal was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Gribble; great grandson, Keegan John Lewis; four sisters, Eladis, Sylvia, Leona, Emma; and three brothers, Denzil, Melvin, and Dale Gribble.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Burn officiating. Burial will be at Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, OH.

Visitation will be 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 until time of services at Den Herder Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grover Hill Fire Department and EMS, 104 S Main St., Grover Hill, OH 45849.

Friends may share condolences at www.denherderfh.com.

ANTWERP, OH
Larry C. Quisno, 69, of Antwerp Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Larry was born in Fort Wayne on April 19, 1952, a son of the late Maxine (Reeb) and Robert Quisno.

He attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, worked at the former Baer Field Restaurant and Casa DeAngelo in Fort Wayne. Larry always had a positive outlook on life and will always be remembered for his humor.

His service was held at 10 AM on Friday, June 18, 2021 at DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, ANTWERP.

He was laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Scripture of the Week

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

— Colossians 1:28

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY

Are you in need of help with groceries? Do you know there is a food pantry here in Antwerp that can help?

The Antwerp Ministerial Association Food Pantry is located at The Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street (use the west door). They are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, but are hoping to extend their hours in the future to be able to accommodate more people.

This is a free service to Antwerp and Cecil and a valid ID is required to sign up.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
I am an elderly man living mostly off social security. I am discouraged I can't do the things I would like to finan-

cially, and feel guilty I can't even work a physical job. How can I deal with these feelings?

My friend, God understands and invites you to cast all your care on Him (Hebrews 4:15-16; I Peter 5:7). The Lord looks for our spirit of contentment. Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." See also Philippians 4:11, and I Timothy 6:6-8.

God also values our life with respect to our faithfulness more than what we have (Matthew 25:23). Luke 12:48 says, "...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

May I remind you of the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4. She was faithful and sacrificial with what little she had, and according to Jesus she gave more proportionally than all the rich men. Can you imagine her surprise and rewards in heaven? I would guess by now her example has brought

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SOME THINGS I WONDER ABOUT

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitacker

We, as humans, do a lot of strange things and some things we do just become habitual. If I stop and think about some of the things I do and things I think about, I am sure it is not abnormal. There are



just some situations I wonder about.

For instance: sometimes I'll look at the clock 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is. I think it is just automatic that we look at the time and five minutes later look again, especially if you want to get off of work or leave a meeting.

Have you ever got into an argument and in the middle of it, realized you were WRONG?? Then you wonder why you argued in the first place? Oh no! That is a situation none of us want to admit to, but it happens. (and I am not about to admit I am wrong)

Then have you ever wondered why there isn't a font on the computer called "sarcasm?" This would be when I want to say something funny but I actually mean it. I wonder exactly what a sarcasm font would look like?

Did you know that bad decisions do make good stories? Yes, bad decisions usually dominate the news headlines. This is local, state and national news. Stop and think about it.

Here is another item I always think about. "Wouldn't obituaries be a lot more inter-

esting if they told you how the person died?" I know from looking at old news articles deaths were described vividly. Of course with today's privacy acts and many laws, you probably could not reveal how a person died. This isn't weird, we all wonder about the details.

Have you ever wondered about all the new technology? First we had records, then 8 tracks, cassettes, cds and then dvds. I am not even caught up from the cassettes yet so I wonder if I should update my collection or wait until the next new one?

I notice that I tend to save a persons cellphone number in my own phone, just so I know not to answer when they call. (silly or not?)

Then, why doesn't a freezer have a light in it? You dig around in it trying to find something and can't see what it is till you have it out. You may have been looking for a steak and found fruit. What do you think?

I don't know why, but I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger. The key is not to become bored. I go look in the refrigerator a couple of times and usually see that I have the same food as before. Now, there are times I look, but I am not hungry, so I close the door and go back five minutes later. Does anyone else do that or is it just me?

Have you ever just not heard or understood what someone was trying to say? I think I may say, "What", at least 3 times, but when is it appropriate to just smile and nod your head and pretend you heard them?

Don't you just love to see the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters! Hang together and don't let that fool jump the line in front of us.

Then I wonder about changing pants or jeans. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty, and you can wear them forever. I remember when we used to have a pair of pants for everyday and a pair to wear when we went to town. Now, shirts, socks and underwear gets changed everyday, I think.

Now even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and trying to Pin the Tail on the Donkey, but I wonder how everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every

time?
I think the older I get, the more things I wonder about. We are truly a nation of diverse people and personalities, but do you ever wonder about these type of things?

Now, here is one more thing to ponder: "The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974.

Of course they were used for safety measures, but I am just wondering why the helmet wasn't first. All we can do is speculate, but that answer is beyond me.

We all ponder, think, wonder and speculate. What are some of the things you wonder about? Is this just me letting my mind wonder about these topics? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Has anyone ever looked at the names on the buildings in towns, villages or cities? Hopefully not when you are driving through these towns, villages or cities! I like to study brick buildings and wonder who these people were who constructed the buildings.

Well, I noticed, while reading an article, a gentleman named W. H. Cullen, laid out an addition on the north end of Paulding called the Cullen addition. Who is this guy?

William Henry Cullen was born February 4, 1864 in Napoleon, Ohio. One of four children of Seth and Susanna Perrin Cullen. Seth was from England and Susanna was from Nova Scotia. William received a modest education, where he attended common schools. He acquired qualities of accuracy and promptness, which inspired him to make the choice of a strictly business like vocation.

The Cullen family moved to Paulding in 1873. At sixteen, William worked at a dry goods store for his first business experience. But he also worked as a farm hand for additional income. He continued to work as a clerk until 1888. William, seeing the need to be self-employed, ran his own dry goods store on the South side of the square in Paulding. Seeing his success, he wanted to share this with a special gal. On October 7, 1890, he married Lula Huston, the daughter of James and Rachel Huston from Hardin County, Ohio.

The early 1890's found William a partner in a large insurance agency on the South Main Street. His partner, James Richards, and William decided to expand the business. On June 1, 1891 both James and William took in E. M. Savercool for a partner. They now represented companies in New York, London, Connecticut, California, Michigan and Ohio.

Lula and William cele-

brated the birth of a daughter, Bernice M. on October 28, 1893. On November 15, 1893 William was elected County Auditor for a term of three years. On August 30, 1896, a son, Seth, was born in this high social rank family. Seth went on to serve overseas in France in World War 1.

The Cullen family lived on North Main Street in Paulding, enjoying the success and admiration from neighbors and friends. On March 9, 1898, William was appointed Village Postmaster for a term of four years. He was reappointed later to serve three more terms, serving until August 27th, 1914. William witnessed the beginning of rural mail service and the delivery of mail to homes in town. It was during this timeframe, William built the Cullen Block at 100 East Jackson Street as a rental investment.

By 1920, William, his wife Lula, daughter Bernice and William's sister Charlotte, were all living on 627 North Williams Street in Paulding. With the help of his son, Seth, they open the Armory Garage where he sold Dodge Automobiles. It was here where William started the Paulding-Ft. Wayne Bus Line. It made two round trips a day to Ft. Wayne by way of Payne and Antwerp.

By 1930, William and Seth have built a very successful automotive dealership and repair business. By 1940, William, seventy six years old, was trying to slow down a bit. He was still managing the garage, but had filed for Social Security in 1941. Seth had moved on, becoming a foreman at a factory.

William's wife of sixty four years, Lula, passed away in Paulding, on September 19, 1954. She was laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery, Section 2, Row 15. William lived to the ripe old age of ninety-two, he passed away August 30, 1955 in Paulding and buried beside Lula.

Until Next Time!

HELP GRANDKIDS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

If you're a grandparent, you don't need Grandparents Day, observed on Sept. 12, to remind you of the joys of having grandchildren. Yet, you might want to use this day as an opportunity to think about ways to help provide for your grandchildren's future.

The type of gift or support you provide will be different at various stages of your grandchildren's lives. Here are a few suggestions:

When they're born...

- Open a 529 plan. It's never too early to start saving for college or other types of advanced education. To help your grandchildren meet these costs, you could invest in a 529 education savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages if the money is used for qualified education expenses. If the grandchild for whom you've established the account ends up not using it, you can change the beneficiary to a qualified fam-

CLOSING STAGES

A group is being formed for anyone who has suffered spiritual abuse within the walls of the church. This group is about supporting those who have experienced abuse and want to recover, heal, and grow in Christ.

We will be started in the fall sometime in September or October. If you are interested contact us at closingstages@live.com with availability or if you have any questions.

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ily member of the original beneficiary. (Be aware, though, that a 529 plan could affect your grandchild's financial aid prospects.) If your grandchild doesn't go to a college or university, a 529 plan can also pay for expenses related to apprenticeship programs offered through trade and vocational schools and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

When they're children...

- Open a savings account. It's important for your grandchildren to develop good financial habits - and one way you can help is to open a savings account for them and encourage them to contribute to it. You might even offer an incentive, such as matching their contributions, either in whole or in part. Consider shopping around for a high-yield savings account that's free to open and charges no monthly maintenance fees.

- Establish a custodial account. You may want to introduce your grandchildren to the world of investing by starting a custodial account (known as UGMA or UTMA) in their name. You can put most types of investments, such as stocks and mutual funds, inside this account and track their progress along with your grandchildren. Children often enjoy learning about investing - and they may like owning shares of companies that make familiar products and services. The earnings generated by these investments can have tax implications, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor

before opening the custodial account. And you can't hold onto this account forever - once your grandchildren reach the age of majority, they gain control of the account, so they can do what they please with the investments.

When they're young adults...

- Help with the down payment on a home. Once your grandchildren are out in the world, they may well want to become homeowners. And, as you know, it can be challenging to come up with a down payment, so, if you can afford it, you may want to help in this area. You'll be doing your grandchildren a big favor, because home ownership is a key element in building wealth.

- Provide financial guidance. As your grandchildren join the working world, they could benefit from advice and guidance on various issues, such as setting short- and long-term goals, managing their 401(k) plans and choosing an appropriate investment mix. So, consider making an appointment for them with a financial professional.

By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant - and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction.

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

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

September 9- Monthly Meeting at 7pm.

September 12- Monthly Trap shoot at 1pm. This event is open to the public.

September 18- NRL22 MATCH- Registration opens at 8 am. Match Begins at 9 am. This event is open to the public.

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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PAULDING MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO THE CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY'S BUILDING FUND!



St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding, OH, has gifted a significant donation to help the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry kick-off their building fund campaign. The church donated \$12,875 to pay architect and planning costs needed to get this project started.

The pantry is building a new, permanent 3,900-square-foot building at 318 N. Walnut Street. The new facility will include space for stock storage, client shopping, office and new client enrichment space.

"In 2019, we identified the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry as our church's main mission project," said Pat Ross, church counsel president at the time. "We asked the pantry board what they worry about most, and they said outgrowing our current location. That was all we needed to hear."

The church convened a community committee including representatives from the pantry board, St. Paul's, other churches, as well as local construction project experts. Over the next year, this group conceived a building footprint, assessed location options and inspired the future site of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry.

"The people in our community who deal with food insecurity on a regular basis needed us to do more than just donate cans of food and toilet paper," said Ellie Barnes a long-term member of St. Paul's and pantry volunteer prior to the pandemic. "That out-of-the-box thinking is now coming to life."

The estimated budget for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry building project is \$500k, and the fundraising has only just begun. Donations can be sent to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 601 Flatrock Drive in Paulding, OH, and is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA is a Christian church that believes its people are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors: "With our hands we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities around the world."

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry serves the people of Paulding County Ohio and is committed to making food available to our neighbors through the gifts of the community and the support of the West Ohio Food Bank: "We are focused on eliminating the food insecurity of the people in Paulding County."

For more information, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. To contact, the pantry call (419) 399-9562 or email paulding-foodpantry@gmail.com.

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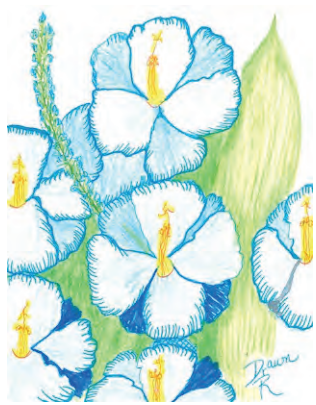
ties. Eight of those original classmates met for a class reunion on August 21, 2021, to enjoy lunch, laughter, and good times. They remain relevant, purposeful, and cherished.

FALL RETREAT

The Napoleon and Defiance Zones' Lutheran Women in Mission will host its Fall Retreat Saturday, September 18, from 8:30 - 2 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 23120 U.S. Rte 6, Stryker, OH. The theme is "The Wonderful Surprise," based on 1 Corinthians 2:10.

The Bible study leader will be Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer. Senior Pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School in Ft. Wayne, IN. From 2005 to 2009, he served as President of Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. Attendees are asked to bring used Christian books, CDs, and puzzles. These items will be sold for a freewill offering of which will go to MITES (mission work). In addition, there will be an ingathering of new socks and underwear in all sizes for Orphan Grain Train. For more information

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ARCHERS GET WIN OVER WT, RAMS

Gaige McMichael and Braylen Moreno shot a 42 each to lead the Antwerp Archers to a boys golf tri-match victory over Wayne Trace and Tinora at Eagle Rock Golf Course in Defiance Monday night.

The Archers totaled a 180 to nip the Raiders' round of 182 for the win. Tinora was third at 191.

Ethan Lichty and Ross Lee each carded a 48 for the blue and white while Draven Baumert posted a 67 for Antwerp.

Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton claimed match medalist honors with a 39 with Nyle Stoller posting a 45 and Evan Crosby carded a 47. Tyler Davis added a 51 for the Raiders while Conner Davis and Caden Tumblin both finished with a 52.

Carter Bernal paced the Rams with a 46 while B.J. Morlock and Theo Ripke finished with a 48 each. Aiden Rittenhouse totaled a 49 followed by Sammy Sinn (51) and Mason McQuillin (65).

BULLDOGS NIP WT

In a Green Meadows Conference tri-match at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Woodburn, it was Edgerton that posted a win over Wayne Trace Monday night in girls golf action.

The Lady Bulldogs finished with a 196 to get past the Lady Raiders' total of 234 while Antwerp's three individuals played as well.

Ashlyn Slesman and Gretta Brown both had a 47 for Edgerton while Lola Giesige and Charlotte Blay-

DRIVER WHO FAILED TO MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN CAUSES FATAL CRASH



The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred September 4, 2021 at approximately 2:35 p.m. on westbound U.S. Route 24 between Jewell and Independence Roads in Richland Township, Defiance County. At the time of the crash, Sergeant Fernando Chavez, 46, of the Defiance Post had a vehicle stopped on the shoulder for a traffic violation when a pick-up truck drove off the right side of the road and struck Sergeant Chavez' patrol car and the vehicle he had stopped.

Troopers determined Justin R. Johnson, 28, of Defiance, was driving a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck when it ran off the right side of the roadway and struck Sergeant Chavez' patrol car, a 2019 Dodge Charger. The pickup and the patrol car then struck a 2009 Nissan Maxima that Sergeant Chavez had stopped on the shoulder. Sergeant Chavez had stopped the Nissan, driven by Caleb A. Wolfe, 19, of Delphi, Indiana, for a speeding violation and was in the driver's seat of his patrol car completing a citation when the crash occurred.

Johnson sustained life-threatening injuries and was taken by air ambulance to Promedica Toledo Hospital while his passenger, Steven R. Johnson, 52, of Bryan, suc-

cumbed to fatal injuries at the scene. Sergeant Chavez sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by ground ambulance to



Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital. Wolfe and his passenger, Christian L. Jarrell, 17, of Lafayette, Indiana, were also transported by ground ambulance to Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital with possible injuries.

The westbound lanes of U.S. Route 24 were closed for approximately one hour following the crash. It was reopened and reduced to one lane until the scene was cleared approximately three hours later.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Richland Township Fire Department, Defiance Fire and Rescue Department, Ohio Department of Transportation and John's Towing & Repair Service.

The Patrol reminds motorists to move over or slow down for vehicles on the side of the roadway with flashing lights and to always buckle up.

lock chipped in a 51 apiece. Madison Brown posted a 55 and Briana Walkup recorded a 56 for the Bulldogs.

Wayne Trace was led by Kristin Wannemacher with a 51 and Anna Miller carded a 53. Rylee Miller (62), Brenna Parker (68), Morgan Riebeschl (71) and Ava Dougal (73)

completed the list of Lady Raider golfers.

Antwerp's McCartney Lucas claimed medalist honors with a 40 while Bella Litzenberg and Breanna Fulk totaled rounds of 60 and 62, respectively.

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Ray and Grace Gross will be celebrating their 71st Wedding anniversary on September 9th. The lovely couple were married September 9, 1950. They are the parents of five children.

Ray and Grace now call Antwerp Manor Assisted Living their home. Their mailing address is PO box 759. The residents are planning a small party for the couple.

ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB'S LITTLE LIBRARY NOW LIVE!



Wyatt, Eliza, and Adelle Cline are making the first donation of books into Antwerp's Free Little Library. The books were donated by Antwerp Manor Assisted Living and Mrs. Hilary Cross, an Osborne Book consultant. Another donation from Mrs. Angie Carnes and her Girl Scout troop will be placed in the box soon.

The Free Little Library is one of Antwerp Rotary's community projects. The suggestions for using our library are found inside the bright red box which is located beside the police station.

If you have any questions about our new Little Library please contact Jennifer Ramzier at 419-258-1500 ext 5.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$925,620 CHECK TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The NSCC Foundation presented the Board of Trustees a check for \$925,620 at today's meeting. Pictured L to R: NSCC Executive Director of Development/ Foundation Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Foundation Board Chair Peter Beck, NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez, and NSCC Board of Trustees Chair Lisa McClure

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, August 27 on the Archbold campus. After roll call, Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Executive Director for Development & NSCC Foundation and Foundation Board Chair Peter Beck presented the Board with a record-setting check in the amount of \$925,620. The money is designated for student scholarships, equipment, outreach programs and student support efforts.

OVER \$6 MILLION HAS BEEN PROVIDED...

Over \$6 million has been provided through the generosity of businesses and individuals who have supported the Foundation over the past ten years. Peter Beck, NSCC Foundation Board Chair, applauded the generosity of individuals and businesses who have donated to the NSCC Foundation, for helping make this presentation possible. "I cannot imagine our region existing without Northwest State," Beck said.



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a vehicle with a gun and shot Dobbelaere multiple times. The fight continued as people then assaulted Brown.

"Deputies were getting conflicting statements from participants and witnesses," said Sheriff Landers. "There are a lot of facts yet to gather to determine what truly happened this morning. My deputies believe alcohol played a major role in this violence. Anytime you mix alcohol and guns, nothing good is going to happen."

The semi-automatic pistol allegedly used in the crime was recovered from the scene. Both Dobbelaere and Brown were conscious when they were transported to the Paulding County Hos-

pital and later transferred to other hospitals. There is currently no update on their condition.

Investigators are working with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to determine what charges will be filed in this case.

UPDATE 9/7: Oakwood, Ohio—Today, deputies arrested Charles W. Brown, age 32, from Oakwood, Ohio in regards to the shooting incident that occurred in Oakwood, Ohio in the early morning hours of September 6, 2021. Brown is initially charged with Felonious Assault, a Second-Degree Felony, and Using Weapons While Intoxicated, a First-Degree Misdemeanor. He is currently being held in the Paulding County Jail with no bond. Brown will be arraigned in the Paulding County Municipal Court via Video Arraignment on September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The victim of the shooting, 37-year-old Dustin A. Dobbelaere of Defiance, Ohio remains in Parkview Hospital. His condition is unknown.

This investigation is ongoing.

RAIDERS PICK UP THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

Wayne Trace traveled to Henry County Monday night for a battle at Liberty Center where the Lady Raiders improved to 3-0 with a four set win over the Tigers in high school volleyball action.

The host orange and black took game one 25-12 before Wayne Trace responded to win the next three games by scores of 25-22, 25-21 and 25-16 to record the victory.

Sydney Sinn picked up 16 digs and added two kills and two aces for the Lady Raiders with Christina Graham posting five digs, two kills and an ace.

Gracie Shepherd also aided the Wayne Trace cause with 18 kills, 16 digs and four blocks and Kacy Hornish dished out 17 assists to go along with five digs and three slams.

Rachel Stoller finished the night with a dozen kills and nine digs while Paige Alber contributed a dozen assists and one dig. Macy Doster also had a dig for the Lady Raiders with Harper Myers totaling four blocks.

Wayne Trace's junior var-

sity squad was victorious as well, posting a 22-25, 25-18 and 25-10 win over the Tigers. The Lady Raider freshman team also defeated Liberty Center in three games, posting a 17-25, 25-18 and 25-19 victory.

RAIDERS SWEEP ARCHERS

Wayne Trace won a battle of Paulding County rivals Monday night in junior high volleyball action as the Lady Raiders swept past Antwerp in the 'Pit.'

The red, white and blue posted a 25-11, 25-20 victory over the Archers. Olivia Zartman was a perfect 18 of 18 serving with seven aces while Campbell Volk and Kenzie Johnson both recording a kill.

In the eighth-grade match, Wayne Trace defeated the Archers 25-14 and 25-23. Careen Winans was 13 of 14 serving with eight aces while Sierra Young finished a perfect eight of eight serving with an ace. Careen Winans also

posted a pair of kills with Lexi Moore and Torree Sinn getting one each.

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Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon

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Sherwood: Sherwood Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
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WAYNE TRACE INVITE - WOODLAN TEAMS PLACE!



Woodlan High School Cross Country teams competed in the Wayne Trace Invite on August 31st. The men's team finished 2nd and the women's team finished 3rd. The women's team again was led by sophomore Mae Emehiser finishing in 6th place with a time of 21:42. Following was Brenna Lake in 14th place, Cara Chen in 15th place, Addie Goheen in 17th place, Ellie Koos in 20th place,

Hannah Dietel in 21st place and Bethany Lockridge in 24th place. The men's team again was led by junior Carter Hohenbrink placing 9th with a time of 18:07. Following was Ryan Hubbard in 10th place, Tyler Loucks in 11th place, Brady Garrison in 19th place, Nate Lockridge in 38th place, CJ Handerson in 48th place and Camden Bullerman in 49th place.



CLOSING DRIVE STALLS IN RAIDERS 7-POINT LOSS

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In the Crestview verses Wyne Trace match-up last Friday at Raider Field the Raiders put forth a gallant effort but a closing drive stalled on the 10-yard line and the Knights managed to leave the field with a hard fought 22-15 non-conference win. The loss leaves the Raiders searching for their first win as they fall to 0-3 on the season.

The Raiders used a six-yard pass play from quarterback Cooper Wenzlick to receiver Tucker Antoine on the first play of the fourth quarter to trail 15-14. Wenzlick connected on the all-important point-after to knot the score at 15 a piece with 11:50 remaining in th3 final period.

The Crestview Knights didn't panic and responded with a 67-yard scoring drive on 11-plays. The drive ate up 5 1/2 minutes when quarterback JJ Ward paved his way into the end zone on a two-yard scamper for what would be the winning score. The extra point was perfect and the Knights were on top 22-15 with five minutes remaining.

Wayne Trace never quit as Wenzlick went to work and

guided the red, white, and blue on two completions: a 27-yard strike to Ezra Sinn followed by a nine-yard connection to Antoine. The Raiders kept the ball on the ground when senior Ryan Rupp followed with an eight-yard romp to put the Raiders in good field position and threatening from the Knight's 24-yard line.

Wenzlick would hit Antoine again for a six-yard gain followed by Jared Pierce responding on a run covering five-yards of real estate and the Raiders sitting at the 13-yard line. Unfortunately for the Raiders the Knight's defense would stiffen and Wayne Trace would manage just three-yards on three attempts. A fourth down Wenzlick pass fell short ending the Raiders threat. Crestview took over and managed to control the offense for the final 3 1/2 minutes.

In the opening frame the Knights used an 88-yard drive on just 11 plays to light up the scoreboard. A three-yard push into the end zone by Donovan Ward and a Aiden Lichtensteiger extra-point had the Van Wert County visitors on top 7-0.

Wayne Trace managed to score in the opening quarter as well on a holding call in the end zone that gave the Raiders a two-point safety. The 7-2 score would hold up throughout the first half.

The Raiders came out in the second have and had some early success moving the ball. In the third quarter they managed to take the lead - although, a short-lived lead. Wenzlick delivered a 27-yard TD connection to Race Price with 7:51 remaining and WT on top 8-7.

WTJH CROSS COUNTRY WINS PH INVITE



Pictured are members of the squad (front L-R) Abby Elkins (6th place), Cole Manz (20th), Konnor Wannemacher (22nd) and Aubree Miller (7th). In the back row are (L-R) Eli Treece (12th), Lance Maenle (7th), Seth Rosswurm (4th), Riley Manz (6th) and Colton Kimmel (11th). Coaches of the squad are Terry Campbell and A.J. Mavis. Missing from the picture is Ingrid Bautista, who took 15th in the junior high girls race.

The Wayne Trace junior high boys cross country team won the team championship of the Patrick Henry Invitational at Leaders Farms outside of Napoleon on Saturday. The Raiders totaled 17 points

to get past second place Patrick Henry's total of 38 points. The Lady Raiders also had a successful finish with a pair of top ten finishes individually.

Crestview needed just 15 seconds to regain their scoring advantage. Rontae Jackson took the kickoff and danced his way through the Raider's coverage for an 80-yard scamper to put the knights back on top 15-8 with 7:35 remaining.

Statistically for the Raiders Wenzlick connected on 23 of 41 pass attempts while rushing for 46 yards on 14 totes. Antoine finished with 16 receptions covering 110 yards. For Crestview the Knights had a trio of rushers contributing with Nick Helt finishing with 50 yards followed by Isaac Kline with 48 yards and Ward adding 46 yards. Ward also contributed 73 passing yards on 8-15.

BULLDOGS GET PAST ARCHERS

Antwerp, Edgerton and Edon hooked up for a tri-meet in cross country action Tuesday night with the Bulldog girls claiming first place in the only portion with full squads.

Edgerton's girls totaled 18 points compared to Antwerp's 43 to win the meet while Edon did not field a full team.

Aeriel Snyder took third for the Lady Archers in 23:50 while Emerson Litzenberg was eighth at 26:00. Isabelle Graham finished ninth in 26:01 followed by Emma Saul (12th, 27:05) and Megan O'Donnell (14th, 29:49).

In the boys meet, no school fielded a full team with Antwerp's Kameron Johnson finishing first in 19:26. Avin Johnson placed third at 19:41 while Zach Lockhart took sixth in 22:50. Owen Franks posted a time of 26:44 to take tenth place.

Levi Shelton paced the junior high boys squad took fourth with a time of 15:00 and Grayson Parrish was sixth in 20:56.

On the junior high girls side, Leigha Doster was first in 14:29 followed by Gabriella Snyder in second with a time of 14:30. Emily Laker placed third, crossing the finish line in 16:14.

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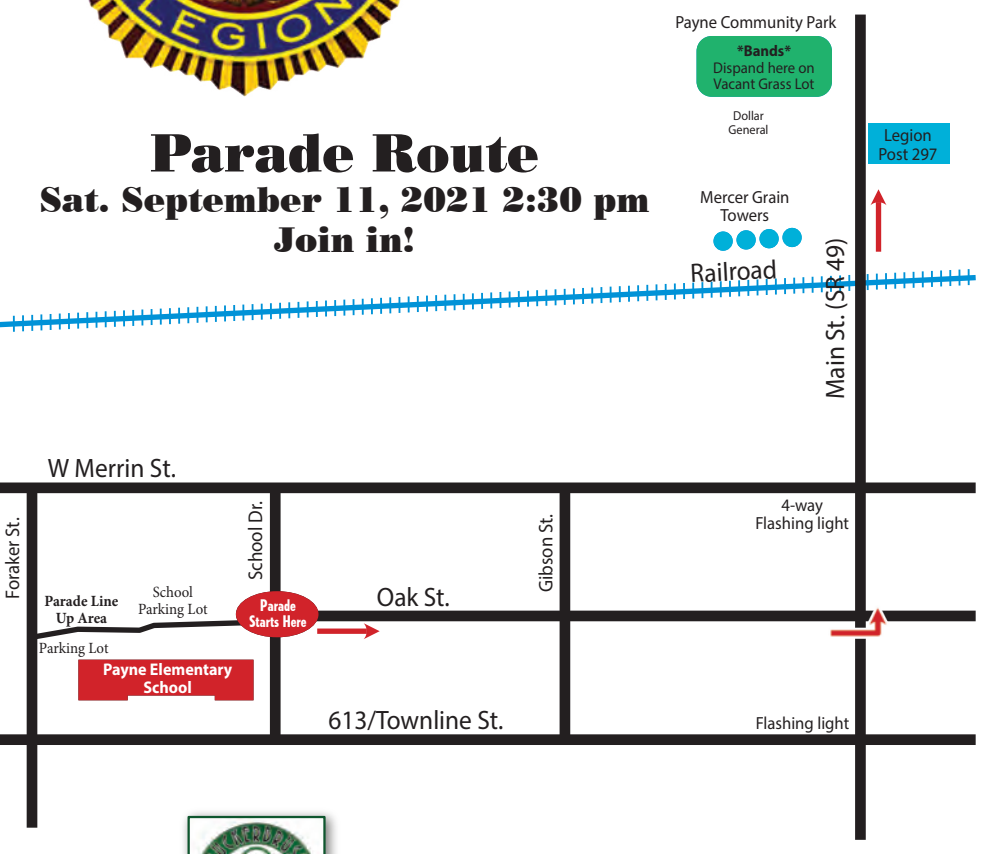
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On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion, Legion Post 297, Payne Event Committee, Payne Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Payne and the Payne Ministerial Association, I would like to encourage you to join with us this coming Saturday, September 11 and Sunday morning, September 12 as we celebrate Reuben J. Smith, American Legion Post 297's Centennial Celebration, commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 AND recognize all of Payne's 'First Responders' for their selfless service to the Community throughout the years, but especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

parades in nearly four decades at 2:30PM, that includes the high school marching bands from Hicksville, Paulding, Antwerp and Wayne Trace...to a special program commencing at 4, focusing on all of Payne's First Responders...to evening...Payne will undoubtedly be the place you'll want to be.

Payne's 'Rock Star' of the year will be presented during the afternoon's 4PM program and Jason E. Rue, Past Commander of the Legion's Great First District of Ohio, who served 6 years in the US Marine Corps Reserves and retired out of the Ohio Army National Guard that included a tour in Iraq and Afghanistan, will be the featured guest speaker.

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And as the day turns to night, and for the first time since 1979, a professional fireworks display will fill the sky just east of the Legion Post, beginning at 9:30PM. After the fireworks show, live music by the group 'Eratus' will continue till 11:45 and food and refreshments will be available till the Celebration concludes.

The Saturday celebration will be followed by a Community-wide 'praise and worship' church service on Sunday, commencing at 11AM under the tent, with St. Jacob Church's Pastor Eric Durre delivering the message. An attitude of gratitude will prevail.

This Celebration will be one of our Community's biggest and best for many, many years. From the poker run beginning at 10AM to the kids' activities at The Rock and cruise-in from 11-2 on Main Street mid-day...to, perhaps, one of the biggest

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- 2:30 pm : Parade Starts at Elementary Parking Lot. (Veterans parade, Fire, EMS, golf carts, motorcycles, marching bands and more (Oak St. to Main St. & on to the American Legion Post 297)
- 2:30 pm – 12:30 am : Beer Tent @ Legion event tent
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Kirk Baker, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Early Literacy Specialist.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

The first 3 years of your baby's life is important, their brains are open to learning, much more than school age or adult brains, according to Janet Ingrham Dwyer Library Consultant for Youth Services State Library of Ohio. You as the parent are the key, it is important that your preschooler gets positive and consistent adult personal interaction. Take time to read together with your child. It is one of the most powerful ways to develop early literacy skills.

According to LINC.S.ed.gov, there are five activities you can do with your preschooler to develop a love for reading.

- Ask your child questions that cannot be answered with a yes or no answer.
- Ask questions that start with what, when or how.
- Encourage your child to describe things, places and people to help build their vocabulary.
- Sing songs together.
- Take your child to a storytime at the library.

Preschool storytimes at the Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room begin Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 am. Storytime will be every Wednesday following. Kirk Baker our resident storyteller holds a Bachelor Degree from Defiance College and has been storytelling for 20 years.

In addition to a theme based storytime with music and puppets Kirk includes a craft for the preschoolers. For more information call the Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room at 419-399-2032.



Kirk Baker of the Paulding County Carnegie Library ready for The Candyland Spectacular!

CANDYLAND SPECTACULAR

The Paulding Library Children's Room is pleased to announce the "Candyland Spectacular" a life size version of the children's famous Candyland game. Stop by the library's Children's room anytime September 13 to 25 during normal hours and have some fun with our version of Candyland. There will be games, prizes, fun and of course candy. Call the Library for more information at 419-399-2032.

PAULDING PRIDE WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Shown in the picture are students from Paulding Middle School who earned Paulding Pride cards during the month of August. Students earn Paulding Pride cards by being recognized for going above and beyond what is normally expected of a Paulding Middle School student.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS RECEIVE NEW BOOKS FROM THE SNAP PROGRAM



Shown here in back with our new books are: Jacob Shaffer, Braylon Hogans, Lienna Stoller, Isabel Isidoro, and Brynlee Stoller. In front are: Colton Barajas, Cayden Barajas, Savannah Coil, Macklen Osting, Kyla Barajas, River Stoller and Hadley Mohr.

Miss Erika Lee from the SNAP program visited via Zoom every Tuesday this summer to talk with our children about proper nutrition, exercise, and wash, wash, washing our hands. Our last visit, she dropped off books for everyone

entitled "The Two Bite Club". We pledged to try two bites of unfamiliar foods before saying we don't like it. For more information regarding preschool or before and after school care, call 419-399 KIDS (5437) Yes, we have openings!

LADY WARRIORS IMPROVE TO 9-0

Woodlan's volleyball team made the trip to the south side of Fort Wayne to battle Wayne High School Thursday evening where the Lady Warriors rolled to a 25-15, 25-7 and 25-4 victory over the Generals.

Lauren Snyder and Marissa Smith both recorded five kills for the Lady Warriors with Maryella Sharrar adding five aces.

Ashton Widenhoefer totaled five digs and Taylor Kneubuhler recorded a pair of blocks for Woodlan. Myah Van Camp also dished out 13 assists for the Lady Warriors in the victory.

SPOTLIGHT ON WOODBURN BUSINESSES: 101 BOWL



101 Bowl is the fourth business the Woodburn Main Street Organization is putting in the spotlight this year. It is located along Indiana Highway 101 in downtown Woodburn, 260-632-1018. You can also find 101 Bowl on Facebook. There are 8 lanes available for league bowlers and for open bowling. It also hosts multiple tournaments.

The original bowling center was built in 1954. The building had been the garage and storage building for the hardware for many years. Before that the building had been a commercial garage. The building needed a great deal of work done to it in order to make it a working bowling alley. In order to raise funds for the project the organizing committee decided to incorporate and sell shares to

any interested party. The shares sold for \$10 each.

101 Bowl is currently owned and operated by Dustin Sarrazine and Jeni Jones. Dustin and Jeni purchased and re-opened the facility in July 2012 after it had been shut down for a year.

Major improvements were made to the bowling center in 2012. The pinsetter machines were refurbished, the wood lanes and approaches were cut and refinished, the concourse was remodeled and a new touch screen automatic scoring system was installed. The center also has glow lights and cosmic bowling lights.

The entire 101 Bowl facility can be rented for parties, events, and fundraisers. All lanes are available with bumper bowling for the little ones.



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Dates: Monday, October 18th; Tuesday, October 19th; and Thursday, October 21, 2021

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- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Loss of taste or smell



Registration available the day of fair or pre-registration packets are available at Paulding County Hospital provider offices and online at pauldingcountyhospital.com. Cash and check accepted the day of the fair. Credit Card accepted ONLY when pre-registered.

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Volunteers Sue LaFountain (left) and Sue Weible organize a display on "Paulding County Churches" at the John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding. The exhibit is open through Sept. 19.

(Continued from Page 1)
 artifact is a portable altar box dating to around 1900. An "Altar Sick Call Outfit" was used by Catholic priests when visiting parishioners in their home to administer communion to those who were unable to attend Sunday Mass or for Last Rites.

The outfit includes a silver-plated candelabra, crucifix, two small trays, font and spoon.

All the items in the collection were donated to the museum.

Not all of the county's churches are represented, noted museum volunteer Sue Weible, who curated the exhibit along with Sue LaFountain.

"There's a lot of churches we don't have information about," Weible says. "We would like to have information on all the churches and would welcome donations of items."

The exhibit will be open through Sunday, Sept. 19, which is the day of the museum's 20th annual antique and vintage truck show dur-

ing Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. The truck show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The museum, located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding, is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission and parking are free. Updates will be posted on the historical society's Facebook page facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Joshua J. Helms, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Destinee R. Taylor, Indianapolis, IN; 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

Maria L. Wheeler, Payne, OH; Failure to control; De-

pendant pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 10/29/21

Jodi E. Perkins, Defiance, OH; Hit skip, Count A dismissed; No operator's license, Defendant appeared in court wit Ms. Smith, pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 9/30/22; Failure to control, Defendant appeared in court wit Ms. Smith, pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 9/30/22; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Destinee R. Taylor, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court via video without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 8/27/21

Evan J. Proxmire, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rodney Schafer, Defiance, OH; Confinement of dog (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Esteven G. Gomez, Louisville, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bryant R. Adkins, Antwerp, OH; No motorcycle license, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 9/24/21; Show proof of insurance 9/3/21

Rebecca A. Stonebarger, Parma Heights, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Proof of financial responsibility provided; Pay all fines and costs

Marie Budd, Oakwood, OH; No operator's license, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Count B dismissed

Robert L. Trammell Jr., Payne, OH; OVI/breath (low); Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Secure valid operator's license, SCRAM may be removed today, Proof of insurance not provided; Driving under operator license forfeiture, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fines

Seth Dailey, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott A. Flannery, Bourbon, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Victoria M. Courtney, Defiance, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Anthony L. Baxter, Payne, OH; Possession of drugs; Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Defendant appearing in court with Mr. Gordon, Pled no contest, found guilty, Proof of financial responsibility provided, Pay all fines and costs by 2/25/22

Jayana N. Taylor, Parma, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Glenn L. Decker, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly con-

duct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Remain medication compliant; No alcohol or drugs

Matthew C. Wiswell, Paulding, OH; Breaking and entering (2 counts); Theft (2 counts); Receiving stolen property; Burglary; Defendant waived preliminary hearing in open court; Shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

April A. Csendes, Napoleon, OH; OVI/under influence; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Bayoneto; Pled no contest, found guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; ALS vacated; Pay all fines and costs

Elias C. Estephane, Louisville, KY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carter L. Baksa, Haviland, OH; No operator's license, Count A dismissed; Failure to control, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Proof of financial responsibility provided, Pay all fines and costs

Melissa K. Draper, Defiance, OH; No operator's license, Count A dismissed; Registration violation, Guilty, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 9/24/21

Richard M. Williams, Haviland, OH; Failure to control; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pay all fines and costs by 9/24/21; Show proof of insurance by 9/3/21

Blake D. Davis, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Adam M. Bockey, Delphos, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tony G. Fisher Jr., Defiance, OH; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat/belt drive; Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Lino M. Villa, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bradly S. Riethman, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John F. Kohler, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin J. Miller, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy C. Bradford, Grover Hill, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

LADY RAIDERS GET PAST WILDCATS

Wayne Trace's top three players shot within two strokes of each other as the Lady Raiders recorded a 236-253 win over Delphos Jefferson Monday night in girls golf play at Pleasant Valley Golf Course outside of Payne.

Kristin Wannemacher topped the Raider efforts with a 55 while Riley Daeger carded a 56 and Anna Miller chipped in a 57 for the red, white and blue. Brenna Parker was the fourth scorer for Wayne Trace, posting a 68. Rylee Miller and Ava Dougal each recorded a 75 for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Wildcats were

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

led by Chloe Kroeger with a 56 and Zada Brogg recorded a 59. Other Wildcat varsity scorers included Rachel Ryan (69), Caitlin Jettinghoff (69), Ariel Wallace (73) and Josie Stemen (73).

Morgan Riebesehl and Kristin McDonald shot scores of 57 and 58 for Wayne Trace in junior varsity play while Avery Eickholt and Ava Munoz carded rounds of 70 and 75, respectively, for Delphos Jefferson.

LUCAS BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD

Antwerp's McCartney Lucas set a new school record for nine holes in girls golf play with a round of 36 Thursday night at Pond-A-River Golf

Course.

Lucas' par round was four strokes better than the previous school record of 40 for Antwerp.

Melanie Mills added a 42 for the Lady Archers and Shae McCrea posted a 65.

Tinora also took part in the tri-match with Riley Joost posting a 43 and Maryann Meyer added a 56. Rose Billing recorded a 70 as well for the Lady Rams.

Patrick Henry was the lone full squad at the tri-match and the Patriots finished with a 216.

Kasey Nelson led the way for Patrick Henry with a 45 and Alyssa Gebers shot a 51. Maddi Latta and Kathryn Johnson finished with scores of 56 and 64, respectively.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO -PROBATE DIVISION- IN THE MATTER OF: Jacqueline S. Hyman, Administratrix of the Estate of Carroll Eugene Conley, deceased, Plaintiff V. April L. Hollingsworth, et al., Defendants,

Case No. 20191044. To: Erica L. Emerick LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

Residence is unknown and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that on July 31, 2021 Jacqueline S. Hyman, Administratrix as aforesaid filed her Complaint against April L. Hollingsworth and others as Defendants in the Probate Court, Paulding County, Ohio in Case No. 20191044 in that division, demanding the sale of real property of said decedent, Carroll Eugene

Conley, deceased, situated in the Township of Auglaize, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio, and for directions of the Court respecting the rights of the parties in interest and for other proper legal and equitable relief.

You are required to answer the Complaint twenty-eight (28) days after the sixth consecutive publication hereof.

You are also required to serve a copy of your Answer upon Plaintiff's Attorney of record, David A. Hyman, Esq., 123 North Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 and upon the other defendants.

Scott D. Wannemacher
 Clerk of Probate Division
 Court of Common Pleas of Paulding County, Ohio

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PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages
 1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds
 2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW
 3rd Weekend- Payne , (Paved lot east of Homier's)
 4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)
New Schedule For Smaller Villages
 3rd Wednesday of each month
 Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
 Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
 Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
 Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)
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Pictured here is the Paulding FFA Officer team left to right: Lathan Schneider, Jaylyn McCloud, Ally Jo Merriman, Paige Jones, Carter Manz, Mason Schlatter, Tyler Schlatter, Kyle Mobley, not pictured Jamy Hunt and Sydney Trahin.

PAULDING FFA PARENT/MEMBER MEETING IS A SUCCESS!

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Carter Manz

Last Monday, August 30th, the Paulding FFA Chapter held their first meeting. Both members and their parents were at this meeting, so they could learn a little more about FFA from the advisors and the officer team. At this meeting there were over 160 members and parents in attendance

along with many FFA Alumni members.

First everyone ate sausage sandwiches prepared by Alumni members, then the meeting commenced. FFA Advisors Mrs. Staci Miller and Mrs. Nicole Harris, explained how agriculture education is made up of three parts: Classroom instruction, SAE (supervised agricultural experience), and FFA. They also reviewed this year's busy schedule of FFA events that members can participate in.

Then the FFA officers

talked about CDE's (career development events) and the many opportunities these contests offer. This meeting provided a great opportunity for parents and students to get to know this year's officers and advisors better. Overall, the meeting was a very successful meeting and the Paulding FFA is ready for the exciting year of FFA events to begin!

LATTA: LEAVING AMERICANS BEHIND IS ENTIRELY UNCONSCIONABLE AND UN-AMERICAN

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) provided the following statement on President Biden's decision to continue with the withdrawal from Afghanistan while knowingly leaving American citizens behind:

"President Biden made the decision to leave Americans behind by not extending the deadline to withdraw from Afghanistan, which is today, August 31st. We no longer have troops on the ground, yet there are American citizens who remain in Afghanistan and are trying to get out. Leaving Americans behind is entirely unconscionable, and it does not represent our values.

"Tens of billions of dollars of equipment were left behind and are now in the hands of the Taliban. Last week, we lost 13 of our bravest citizens in a terrorist attack in Kabul, which was the deadliest attack on Americans in Afghanistan since 2011. Innocent Afghans were also killed. Our Afghan partners who have been essential to our presence in the country are now living in fear because of what the Taliban may do to them or their families as retribution for their support of our troops. The United States and the world are less secure because of the reckless decisions President Biden and his Administration have made.

"This is shameful. President Biden said the buck stops with him, and it sure does. The President needs to be held accountable for leaving Americans behind. The President needs to be held accountable for the decisions his Administration has made resulting in loss of life and the loss of security.

"I'd like to make this clear: for 20 years, the military did their job, and they did it well. We owe them our sincerest thanks and gratitude for their sacrifices and dedication to our country. To every American who served in Afghanistan, we thank you. You served admirably, and you represent the very best our country has to offer. Thank you for your service, and God Bless America."

ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of August 30, 2021. All outlined work is weather permitting.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:
U.S. 24 PROJECTS: U.S. 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
• State Route 66 to the Henry County line is nearly complete. Lane restrictions may occur for finish work.
• U.S. 24 between State Route 66 to Baltimore Street work is underway. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in both directions.

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 66, just south of the Auglaize River, will have traffic will be shifted to the southern side of the roadway beginning August 3 for approximately two months for a project to repair a slope failure adjacent to the roadway, by constructing a plug pile wall. Visit the project page for more information.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
• Southbound traffic will shift to the southbound shoulder, northbound traffic will shift to the southbound lane.
• Traffic may be restricted to one lane at times.

State Route 249 between the Indiana state one and State Route 49 will have lane restrictions for drainage maintenance.

State Route 18 between Cicero Road and Rosedale Road will have lane restrictions for drainage maintenance.

PAULDING COUNTY:
(Delayed) State Route 49 between the village of Payne and the Van Wert County line will now close August 30 for approximately 50 days to reconstruct the pavement along the west shoulder. Residents and property owners within the closure area will have one-way access to their homes and properties.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
The work will be completed in two stages. Stage 1 will be completed before moving to stage 2.

• Stage 1: Between the village of Payne and SR 114
• Detour: SR 500 to SR 613 to U.S. 127 to SR 114 back to SR 49.
• Stage 2: Between SR 114 and the Van Wert County line

• Detour: U.S. 30 to U.S. 127 to SR 114 back to SR 49.
• Detour map for both stages.

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

PULTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 108 just south of the village of Miller City will close September 7 for approximately two weeks for slope repairs along a tributary to the Miller City Cutoff.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS
• Detour: SR 613 to SR 109 to SR 18 back to SR 108

State Route 108 between State Route 15 and the village of Miller City will have lane restrictions for mill and fill pavement repairs.

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

TRAFFIC IMPACTS
• Detour: SR 65 to SR 15 to SR 108 to SR 613 back to SR 109

State Route 189 and Water Street in the community of Rimer will close at the intersection on August 23 for five days for a culvert replacement.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS
• Detour: SR 634 to U.S. 224 to SR 115 back to SR 189

State Route 634 between U.S. 224 and State Route 114 will have lane restrictions for mill and fill pavement repairs.

State Route 694 between State Route 114 and the village of Glandorf will have lane restrictions for mill and fill pavement repairs.

State Route 696 between the Allen County line and State Route 12 will have lane restrictions for mill and fill pavement repairs.

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

VAN WERT COUNTY:
U.S. 30 PROJECTS

U.S. 30 between Middle Point Wetzel Road in Van Wert County and Lincoln Highway in Allen County will have lane restrictions for a resurfacing project.

U.S. 30 near Middle Point will have drainage maintenance. The work is not expected to impact traffic.

Middle Point Wetzel Road at U.S. 224 is open following a culvert replacement.

Market Street between Central Avenue and Crawford Street in the city of Van Wert is open following a project to replace the bridge over Town Creek. Short temporary closures may be needed for finish work. Visit the project page.

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.

UPCOMING LANE CLOSURES

Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021 through approximately Friday, October 22, 2021 Lincoln Highway in New Haven, Indiana will have closures associated with the Lincoln Highway Improvement Project. These dates are subject to change. Signs and signals are the responsibility

of API Construction.

Lincoln Highway

• Approx. 9/7/21 - 9/24/21: Eastbound South Lane closure from SR 930 E to Broadway Street.

• Approx. 9/27/21 - 10/8/21: Eastbound South Lane closure and Westbound North Lane closure from SR 930 E to Broadway Street.

• Approx. 10/11/21 - 10/22/21: Eastbound Center Lane closure and Westbound Center Lane closure from SR 930 E to Broadway Street.

UPCOMING FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE PROGRAMS

By: Casey Bishop, Extension Educator, Family, and Consumer Sciences, Paulding County

9/23 - Generation RX at the Paulding Library at

1:00pm

This program is designed to provide education and information on safe medication practices to help prevent misuse of prescription medications. To register or for more information please visit the link below or call the Paulding County Extension Office.

go.osu.edu/pauldingcountytgenrx

9/24 - Canner Testing at the Paulding County Extension Office from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Brandon Lambert, Defiance, OH; Prohibited acts, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good

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THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: WELLS FARGO BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JULIA A. WAGONER, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 20 040.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

205 North Main Street, Grover Hill, Ohio Parcel Number: 26-07S-020-00

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

www.uslandrecords.com.

Said premises was appraised at Fifteen Thousand and No/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the 23rd day of September, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on the 7th day of October, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers 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.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com Yanfang, Marilyn Ramirez, Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO -Juvenile Division-

Case No. 20213002

IN THE MATTER OF:

ASHTON BLANKENBECKLER ADJUDICATED DEPENDENT CHILD

To: Ronald Blankenbeckler

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1939 East 2nd St., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Please take notice that a motion to transfer legal custody of Ashton Blankenbeckler to Beth Banks has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Legal Custody hearing scheduled for October 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Please be advised that the granting of this motion will affect

your parental rights. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Kayla Prowant, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.

Kayla Prowant, Clerk Juvenile Court Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Kayla Prowant* Deputy

Respectfully submitted, *[Signature]*

Joseph R. Burkard (0059106) Paulding County, Ohio Prosecuting Attorney 120 S. Walnut Street Paulding, Ohio 45879 419-399-8270

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO -Juvenile Division-

Case No. 20213003

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAZLYNN A. BLANKENBECKLER ADJUDICATED DEPENDENT CHILD

To: Ronald Blankenbeckler

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1939 East 2nd St., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Please take notice that a motion to transfer legal custody of Jazlynn A. Blankenbeckler to Beth Banks has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Legal Custody hearing scheduled for October 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Please be advised that the granting of this motion will affect your parental rights. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, and if you are unable to retain legal counsel due to indigency, you have the right to have legal counsel appointed to you. If you are indigent and would like to have legal counsel appointed, please contact Kayla Prowant, Deputy Clerk, at 419-399-8255.

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF INVENTORY WITHOUT APPRAISAL

PROBATE COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp

Estate of Diana Lyn Conley, Deceased

Case No. 20201086

TO: Joan M. Egly, Jason L. Mobley, John W. Mobley, Christy Wobler, Terry L. Mobley.

You are hereby notified that the inventory of Diana Lyn Conley was filed with the Paulding County Probate Court located at 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879 on April 23, 2021 under case No. 20201086.

This notice is given to all persons who would be entitled to inherit from the decedent's estate. Any objections to such appointment should be submitted to the Probate Court of Paulding

County, Ohio and James K. W e a n e r, Attorney for the Estate at 401 Wayne Ave, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

The hearing to approve the inventory Without Appraisal of the Estate of Diana Lyn Conley is scheduled for September 24, 2021. at 10:00 a.m.

Dated: 8/31/21

[Signature]

Judge Michael A. Wehrkamp

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behavior, Placed on standard probation, Defendant may be released early if Health Dept. inspection passes, PCHD shall provide a list for clean up; Prohibition junk, Same conditions as Count A

Jessica Lambert, Defiance, OH; Prohibited acts, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant waived preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court, Bond continued; Receiving stolen property, Defendant waived preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Possession of drugs, Defendant waived preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Miguel A. Garcia Sr., Toledo, OH; Driving under suspension; Count A dismissed

Zachary O. Lowery, Owensboro, KY; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
Shawn M. Dempsey, Paulding, OH; Breaking & Entering, Defendant waived preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court, Bond continued; Receiving stolen property, Defendant waived preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Dariana T. Jones Cummings, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled no contest; Pay all fines and costs; Warrant and warrant block recalled

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Cordsville, IN; Passing bad check; Case dismissed per state; Costs to defendant

Richard L. Froelich, Cecil, OH; Aggravated arson (2 counts); Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over

Robert S. McVicar, Clovis, CA; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aaron D. Bradford, Van Wert, OH; OVI/refusal; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Lee, Pled guilty, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Fines and costs to defendant, Standard probation, Alcohol evaluation, Secure valid operator's license, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, No alcohol, Online course, Remove SCRAM; Turn signals, Count B dismissed

Laurie S. Garn, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel T. Lehmkuhle Jr., Delphos, OH; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Anthony S. Taylor, Roseville, MI; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Jameal Williams, Hamtramck, MI; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant
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Hill, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs today; Shall have no contact with victims; Write a letter of apology to the Antwerp Police Department and shall be turned in to the probation department within 30 days

Archie E. Short, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jordan Leverton, Van Wert, OH; Physical control; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Gordon, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, Repay court appointed counsel fees, Pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed

Terrance Allen, Toledo, OH; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thaddeus W. Lang, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21

Noah W. Rel, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Bryant Calzada, Detroit, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Riley B. Nagy, Oakwood, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Katherine R. Pessefall, Antwerp, OH; Driving under

suspension, operator license forfeiture; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 9/3/21

Britni Morris, Ashtabula, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stevanna Linton, Convoy, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tobias A. Bassler, Mark Center, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hussein Ahed M. Saleh, LeLand, NC; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sudoku solution from page 9

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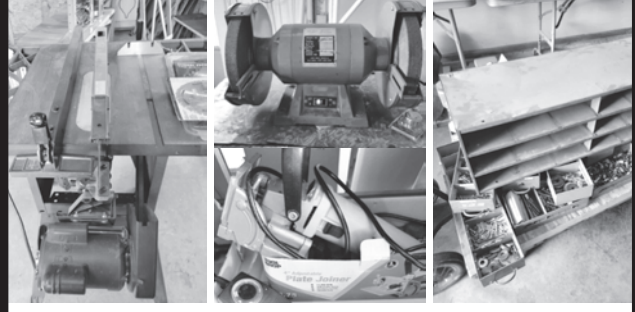
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LEGAL NOTICE

Robert M. Scott, Attorney
In the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, Case No. CI 21 091

Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz

-vs
Daniel Tiul Coc AKA Daniel Tiul and Eduardo Choc Botzoc and Progressive Specialty Insurance Company.

To the Defendants, **Daniel Tiul Coc AKA Daniel Tiul**, whose last known address was **1103 N. Franklin Street, Danville, IL 61832**, but whose present address is unknown to Plaintiffs and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, and Defendant **Eduardo Choc Botzoc**, whose last known address was **1103 N. Franklin Street, Danville, IL 61832**, but whose present address is unknown to Plaintiffs and cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that on June 16, 2021, Plaintiffs Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz filed their Complaint in the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, where the same is now pending in Case No. CI 21 091, and thereby commenced a civil action against the above-named Defendants and others, for monetary judgment with interests and costs, alleged due for negligence and permanent personal injury.

The relief demanded is for judgment for compensatory and special damages based upon the evidence presented.

You are required to answer the Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this notice.

In case of your failure to answer or otherwise respond as permitted by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure within the time stated, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Holly Manz, Brynley Manz, a minor, by and through her mother and natural guardian and next friend, Holly Manz and Brandon Manz, Plaintiffs

By: Robert M. Scott #0006643
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Phone: (419) 241-5500
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

Woodburn City Wide Garage Sales

Fall Garage Sales will be on September 17th and 18th, from 8am-?? Clean out your attics, basements, garages and yards. Get rid of all your old treasures and get some new treasures. Lion's Club will be serving their famous donuts on Saturday morning, the 18th at 7am. City-Wide Cleanup will be on the following Saturday the 25th, put your stuff out early and mattresses have to be wrapped to dispose of. Any questions call City Hall.

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FUTURLINER RETURNING TO ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW SEPT. 19



The GM Futurliner No. 10 is making a return engagement to the annual John Paulding Historical Society's annual vintage truck show on Sunday, Sept. 19, during the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival. Truck show admission is free. The Futurliner appeared at the truck show in 2019 and 2017 (above).

The John Paulding Historical Society will host its 20th AHS Vintage Truck Show, featuring antique, classic and special interest vehicles, on Sunday, Sept. 19, during this year's Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival.

One highlight will be the return of the popular GM Futurliner. In addition, military vehicles are expected to join the exhibit of all sizes, eras, makes and models of trucks.

The show will be held on the museum grounds, located across from the fairgrounds and the fall festival. The truck show has free admission and free parking.

Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine.

At the 2019 show, a record-breaking 165 vehicles were registered, traveling to Paulding from around Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. No entry fee is charged, so anyone can bring their truck and enjoy the day.

Lunch will be available at the museum for a free-will donation.

Although admission is free, donations are welcome and appreciated. Proceeds benefit the historical society.

This will mark the Futurliner's third visit to the truck show.

The Futurliners were 12 custom buses built by General Motors in the late 1930s and early 1940s. Each bus promoted modern advances in science and technology of the

time, such as jet engines and television, to crowds in a national GM Parade of Progress tour.

Futurliner No. 10, the vehicle that will be featured at the truck show, is owned by the National Automotive and Truck Museum in Auburn, Ind. More than 30 volunteers meticulously restored the vehicle over seven years to its original streamlined red-and-silver glory. The Futurliner is considered a priceless piece of American automotive history.

John Henry Kauser and Mike Kauser are organizing the American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) truck show. For additional information, call 419-399-5462 or 419-399-4856 or visit kausertrucking.org.

JIM RENACCI CALLS FOR OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO MIKE DEWINE'S INVOLVEMENT IN FIRSTENERGY'S PAY FOR PLAY SCANDAL

Jim Renacci has officially requested an investigation into Mike DeWine's involvement in FirstEnergy's pay for play scandal to determine how much money was funneled to help DeWine politically. Renacci addressed and delivered his letter to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and Secretary of State Frank LaRose because these specific state agencies are responsible for the overview of non-profit organizations and political finance violations.

In his letter, Renacci stated: "I am formally requesting the Attorney General's Office and the Secretary of State investigate all sources of donations directly or indirectly to Governor DeWine and fully report all proceeds received to the benefit of his campaign. Taxpayers deserve accountability and it begins with following the money trail and returning that money to those who have been negatively affected by the outcome of this pay-for-play scandal."

"Governor DeWine has agreed to pay this money back. This money should go directly back to the utility customers who were affected by the rate increases and additional charges. The problem is this

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The Harlan Days board would like to give their appreciation to all who attended the festival this summer. As the world and its news continues to spin, we thought it important to take time out and enjoy the fellowship of our neighbors. The weather was wonderful all three evenings. And while the Saturday morning parade was quite soggy, the children enjoyed themselves nonetheless. The festival attendance was a record breaker by all accounts and on August 26th the board presented Harlan Park with a \$20,000 donation check.

The Harlan Days board

would also like to thank all the area businesses who made financial contributions to the festival. We could not do this without the charity of all them. And thank you to the hundreds of volunteers, organizations, and churches who make it all happen. The children of this community will be better for the work you have done. And since this year went so well, we have decided to try it again next summer. Come celebrate our 75th anniversary in early August next year, it will be one heck of a good party, God willing and the creek don't rise.

money was paid through multiple organizations either directly or indirectly to the benefit of the Governor and has not been 100% accounted for."

Text of the Letter:

To Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose:

FirstEnergy Corp, an Ohio-based company, recently agreed to a \$230 million prosecution settlement stemming from an investigation into bribery and corruption charges against some of Governor Mike DeWine's closest allies. Although Governor DeWine has not been named in the investigation, he has certainly received funds from FirstEnergy and signed HB6 which has become the center of attention in this investigation. One individual who was indicted wrote a book before committing suicide alleging that Governor DeWine took \$5 million from FirstEnergy. Ohio's Attorney General has called the money

tainted and has also filed charges against FirstEnergy making this the largest pay-for-play scandal in Ohio's history.

Governor DeWine has agreed to pay this money back. This money should go directly back to the utility customers who were affected by the rate increases and additional charges. The problem is this money was paid through multiple organizations either directly or indirectly to the benefit of the Governor and has not been 100% accounted for.

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accountability and it begins with following the money trail and returning that money to those who have been negatively affected by the outcome of this pay-for-play scandal.

We know the money trail also involves the Ohio Republican Party who has received money from FirstEnergy and has, in turn, provided Governor DeWine with donations and financial support. The Republican Governors Association, one of Governor DeWine's biggest financial backers, were also the recipients of FirstEnergy money. Even his daughter received funds from FirstEnergy in her failed campaign in a country prosecutor election.

There is a culture of corruption within our politics and we need to shine a spotlight on how shady money has corrupted our system. The public has a right to know how their taxpayer dollars are being spent and if those funds are being used in a proper manner.

They have a right to know how far and how deep this corruption goes.

With the recent media reports on allegations made by an Ohio lobbyist in his book and FirstEnergy agreeing to a prosecution settlement, an investigation will provide more clarity into Governor DeWine and his associates' roles.

Best,
Jim Renacci
Former Congressman from Ohio's 16th District

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