

WT GROVER HILL ELEM. PRESENTS FOREVER CHRISTMAS



The most effective Christmas celebrations are those that have all of the emotional elements of the seasons included. FOREVER CHRISTMAS has the splendor of a snowy winter's night, from Rockin' and Rollin' around the tree to gleefully caroling from door to door. Director of the program is Grover Hill Music Teacher Mrs. Caitlyn Schmidt.

Wayne Trace Grover Hill 4th, 5th & 6th graders will perform FOREVER CHRISTMAS on Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 2:00pm & 7:00pm

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP OPENS IN ANTWERP

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring Santa's Secret Shop this year. It is set to take place November 30 -

December 2 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Antwerp VFW.

This is a Chamber sponsored event as the items for sale are from Antwerp Chamber businesses!

Let the kiddos go shopping right in their hometown and support local businesses at the same time!

Chamber volunteers will be available to help your smaller ones shop and there is even a wrapping station, so the gifts come out all ready to put under the tree!

For more information or if you have any questions about this event, send a message to Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or email antwerpchamber@gmail.com

Happy Thanksgiving!

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS @ CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Shown in the picture from left to right are: Mrs. Pam Moore, Presley Barnes, Kayde Kuckuck, Xandyr Carlisle, and Addison Arend.

On Saturday, November 13th members of the Paulding Middle School sixth grade class volunteered at the Caring and Sharing food pantry.

PREMIER BANK LAUNCHES 2ND ANNUAL KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

Premier Bank is pleased to announce the launch of their 2nd annual "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled By You." campaign.

The "Powered By (kind) People. Fueled by You." tagline is a reflection of Premier Bank's longstanding commitment to the community. Powered By (kind) People represents the strong sense of passion the Bank's

associates have for supporting local communities, coupled with the Bank's commitment to giving back. Fueled By You represents the inspiration that the Bank's clients and communities give them to give back and spread kindness in the places they call home.

"This campaign is particularly important to us because it represents our associates, customers and the communities that we serve," said Vince Liuzzi, EVP, Head of Community Banking Group and Chief Banking

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p

November 25

• FREE Thanksgiving Dinner @ Paulding Eagles, 12-3pm

November 26

• FREE Thanksgiving Dinner @ Paulding NAZ family center, 5-6:30pm

November 27

• Shop Small Saturday (pg 6-7)
• Shop the Village, Paulding
• Bel;eve @ Paulding Eagles 5p

November 29

• Christmas Tree Lighting, Antwerp, 5:30pm
• Merry & Bright Festival, Paulding; parade @ 5pm

Nov 30 - Dec 2

• Santa's Secret Shop @ Antwerp VFW (Antwerp chamber), 5-8pm

December 1

• PERI meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

December 2

• Ladies Ecumenical Christmas Potluck @ Divine Mercy, Paulding, 6pm

December 4

• Lifeway Church Craft Bazaar & Cookie Walk 8:30-2:30p
• NH UMC Bazaar 9-3

December 4-5

• Dance Dolls Christmas Show @ Huber

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OBITUARIES



DETROIT, MI

Gerald "Jerry" Dorsett Avery, 77, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at home. Born in Detroit, Michigan he was the son of the late Dudley and Margaret (Gardiner) Avery. He was a longtime member of St. Paul Gar Creek Lutheran Church, New Haven. He retired in 2007 from Keefer Printing Company after 40 years. Jerry enjoyed restoring cars, camping, and the outdoors. He was also a great handyman and could fix anything. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marge Avery; daughters, Lori (David) Melcher of Woodburn and Teri (Kent) Delagrange of New Haven; brothers, Robert (Karen) Avery of Gainesville, VA and Thomas (Cindy) Avery of Panama Beach, FL; and grandchildren, Baili and Boston Melcher, and Jade and Josie Delagrange. Funeral service will be 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, with Father Austin Ammann officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Den Herder Funeral Home with rosary service at 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made in Theresa's name to masses or Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne - Maintenance Fund, 203 W Townline St., Payne, OH 45880. Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

Baumle, who preceded her in death on September 30, 2003. Theresa was a devoted wife and mother who spent her life providing a loving home for her family. She was one of the oldest members of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne formerly St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She is survived by sons: Roman (Kylee) Baumle, Haviland, OH; Steven (Judy) Baumle, Middlepoint, OH; Jerry (Kathy) Baumle, Payne, OH; Victor Baumle, Payne, OH; Curt Baumle, Woodburn, IN; daughters: Karen (Mark) Bennett, Payne, OH; Joan (Clem) Moser, Reading, MI; Jean (Bob) Porter, Lodi, WI; Jan (Rick) Smith, Paulding, OH; Angela (Steve) Bidlack, Payne, OH; brother, Maurice (Violet) Linder, Ft. Wayne, IN; 24 grandchildren and 60 great grandchildren.

Theresa was also preceded in death by sisters: Genevieve Wilson, Catherine Gonya, Marie Linder, Rita Linder, Rosemary Perrine, Josephine Huguenard, Sister Jean Linder, Sister Helen Linder; brother, James Linder; granddaughter, Katie Baumle; grandson, Kirk Porter.

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CHOOSE THE HIGH ROAD**By: Doris Applegate**

Hopefully you have been in a church group and enjoyed singing the song: "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be; when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory." This song started as a poem birthed in great pain by Eliza Hewitt, born in 1851. She taught school, loved each child and guided them to be the best of the best." One fateful day while correcting a boy, he hit her, knocking her to the floor where she suffered great pain and became a cripple.

In her long years of struggling with her handicap she wrote poems to offset the loneliness she felt. As she thought of a better day to come, where pain, suffering,

sadness and loneliness would be no more, she wrote this beautiful song of hope.

Millions are encouraged by the following words as you also can be: "Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace, In the mansions, bright and blessed. He'll prepare for us a place. When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be; When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory. While we walk the pilgrim pathway; clouds will overspread the sky; but when trailing days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh, Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day. Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. Onward to the prize before us, soon His beauty we'll behold, soon the pearly gates will open, we shall tread the streets of gold."

Reading the words of this song will make you want to sing and singing will, as I did many, many times in my Christian walk, helped to "stay the course" and "keep on keeping on".

There is an end to the heartache, sorrow and despair but we must get on the so-called 'Gospel Train'. We cannot make it to the Heavenly shore if we don't have our 'ticket' for the ride. The 'ticket' is already paid for, but we must get 'hooked up' with the 'ticket master': Jesus Christ who gave His blood as a sacrifice for our sins. Confess and repent of your sins (turn away from them) live a new life through trusting the Holy Spirit to guide you into Heaven.

The road to Hell is bumpy, fearful, low and full; stay off of it, stay on the high road!

Amen

PARSON TO PERSON**By: Dr. James Bachman**

Dear Parson,
What should a Christian do when his government seems to be advancing in a non-Christian direction?

- Continue to pray for your leaders (I Timothy 2:1-2).

- Obey the laws unless they are anti-Bible. Acts 4:19 - "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." (See also I Peter 2:13-14; Acts 5:28-29.)

- Honor your leaders for their position and anything they do which is good. I Peter 2:17 - "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." Romans 13:7 - "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

- Give biblical counsel to your leaders (Matthew 14:3-4).

- Vote - James 4:17 - "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (See also Galatians 6:10.)

- Continue to evangelize and disciple the citizenry (Matthew 28:19-20).

Remember, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" - Proverbs 14:34. God shall eventually destroy the wicked and deliver the righteous (Psalm 37:38-40).

In the meantime we must be light and salt, trusting, obeying and serving the Lord (Matthew 5:13-16; Psalm 62:8;

Deuteronomy 10:12).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

STATE REP. CRAIG RIEDEL CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE SECOND AMENDMENT

This week State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) supported a major Second Amendment Bill, House Bill (HB) 227, that supports the right of law-abiding Ohioans to protect themselves and their loved ones. HB 227 is a "permitless" carry plan that would allow Ohioans to carry a concealed handgun without first obtaining a government-issued permit.

"I am very passionate about protecting the gun rights and Second Amendment freedoms granted in the US Constitution. That's what this bill does," said Rep. Riedel. "Constituents of the 82nd House District and across the state have been very vocal in saying that these rights are essential to current law abiding gun owners."

He said the bill is the result of extensive work in the legislature, and was crafted with input from many perspectives, including the National Rifle Association and Buckeye Firearms Association.

Ohio currently has a concealed-carry license system. It would not be eliminated, but instead would become optional for people who wish to secure a concealed-carry license.

In addition, Ohio will retain its reciprocity with other states, but in order for an Ohioan to carry a concealed weapon in those states they must obtain a concealed carry permit.

Other key highlights of the bill include:

- A provision requiring an individual to notify a police officer if the person is carrying a concealed handgun when asked by the officer.

- Maintaining current law that does not require churches to identify as "soft targets" from their posting of "no concealed carry" signs and leaves the decision of who carries with those that oversee the church.

During House session on Wednesday, Riedel also showed his support for House Bill (HB) 99, a bill to improve school safety. The legislation will enhance school safety measures by enabling school districts to have local control of training requirements for arming teachers or school staff.

Current law requires school employees to complete Peace Officer Training, which is over 750 hours. Under HB 99, a person authorized to go armed in a school safety zone will have to complete general initial training (18 hours), handgun training (2 hours), an annual training (2 hours of initial training and 2 hours of handgun training) along with having a concealed handgun license.

"Local control when it comes to school safety is vital. As parents we need to put trust in our school's educators to defend our children from any serious threat of violence," added Rep. Riedel.

Both HB 227 and HB 99 now go to the Senate for consideration.

Scripture of the Week

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- Colossians 3:15

JEREMIAH 31:12

They will be like a well-watered garden

(Premier Bank
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Officer for Premier Bank. "We are inviting the entire community to join us in our dedication and passion for spreading kindness, doing good deeds and making our communities stronger."

Because one simple act can fuel the cycle of kindness, Premier Bank has proudly invited their associates to participate in their Community Volunteer Program in honor of World Kindness Day, which was held on November 13. The Bank's Community Volunteer Program is designed to give associates the opportunity to represent Premier Financial Corp. at community events, and with organizations that they are passionate about. This program provides paid volunteer time for employees annually.

The Bank has also invited 20 of their valued community partners throughout their markets to join them in a video series as they work together to spread kindness and collectively support important programs to benefit families in the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit YourPremierBank.com/Kindness.

About Premier Bank
Premier Bank, headquar-

tered in Youngstown Ohio, operates 75 branches and 12 loan offices in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania and West Virginia (West Virginia office operates as Home Savings Bank) and serves clients through a team of wealth professionals dedicated to each community banking branch. The holding company for Premier Bank and First Insurance Group is Premier Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: PFC), headquartered in Defiance, Ohio. First Insurance Group is full-service insurance agency with ten offices in Ohio. For more information, visit the company's website at YourPremierBank.com.

*A Heartfelt
Thank You...*

... a heartfelt thank you to all the fire, EMS and police officers who responded to Jerry Avery's medical emergency. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

—Marge Avery,
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Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

After the last cookie is eaten, the last gift opened and then it is time to take down Christmas decorations for another year. We won't be singing those carols for another year, but the tunes and words to them will linger on just as they have for centuries.

One Christmas song that delights young as well as old is, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." For years, children have looked forward to the cartoon of Rudolph and some cry to see that Rudolph was laughed at and made fun of.

(In fact Rudolph may have been bullied)

But, did you know this song hasn't been around for centuries? Even though the song is an American icon, it was actually written in 1939 by a department store admin who was enduring a personal tragedy of his own.

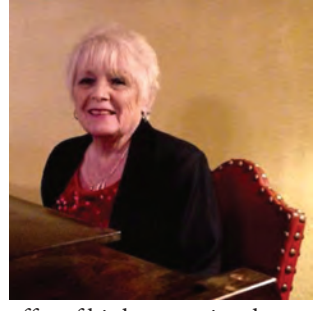
The department store, Montgomery Wards, had always purchased and distributed coloring books to children as a holiday promotion, but the advertising department thought it would be more cost saving to have their own "in house" book.

This was a time in history when the United States was trying to shake off the effects of the decade long Great Depression. Plus, there were rumblings of war again in Europe. The assignment fell to Robert May, a copywriter with a knack for turning a limerick at the company's holiday party. The admin, however, had difficulty summoning up holiday cheer because his wife was suffering from cancer and medical bills had placed the family in debt. May, age 33, had a degree from Dartmouth College and would rather write the Great American novel instead of copy for a catalogue.

Given the assignment to develop an animal story, May thought a reindeer was a natural for the leading role (not to mention that his 4-year-old daughter, Barbara, loved the reindeers every time she visited the zoo). As he peered out at the thick fog that had drifted off Lake Michigan, May came up with the idea of a misfit reindeer ostracized because of his luminescent nose who used his physical

abnormality to guide Santa's sleigh and save Christmas. Seeking an alliterative name, May scribbled possibilities on a scrap of paper. Names he came up with were Romeo, Rollo, Raymond were some of the choices but he finally decided on his favorite name of Rudolph.

As May worked on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" through the summer, his wife's health worsened. She passed away in July 1939. Now a widower and a single father, May refused the



offer of his boss to give the assignment to someone else. "I needed Rudolph now more than ever," he later wrote. Burying his grief, May finished the story in August.

The 89 rhyming couplets in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" borrowed from Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" right from the story's opening line: "Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the hills; reindeer were playing...enjoying the spills." Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Ugly Duckling" also inspired the storyline as did May's own childhood when he endured taunts from schoolmates for being small and shy.

"Rudolph and I were something alike," the copywriter told Guideposts magazine in January 1975. "As a child I'd always been the smallest in the class. Frail, poorly coordinated, I was never asked to join the school teams."

Those familiar with only the 1964 animated television version of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," which remains the longest-running Christmas special in television history a half-century after its debut on NBC, might not recognize the original tale. There is no Hermey the elf, no Abominable Snow Monster, not even the Land of Misfit Toys. While Rudolph was taunted for his glowing red nose and disinvited from reindeer games in May's story, he did not live at the North Pole and was asleep in his house when Santa Claus, struggling mightily with the fog, arrived with presents and realized how the reindeer's radiant snout could help him

complete his Christmas Eve rounds. Montgomery Wards had high hopes for its new 32 page illustrated booklet which would be given to children visiting any of their 620 locations.

The retailer's holiday advertisements touted "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" as "the rollicking new Christmas verse that's sweeping the country!" That wasn't just hype. Children snapped up nearly 2.4 million copies of the paper-bound book in 1939. Plans to print another 1.6 million copies the following year were shelved by paper shortages due to World War II, and Rudolph remained on hiatus until the conflict's conclusion. When the reindeer story returned in 1946, it was more popular than ever as Montgomery Ward handed out 3.6 million copies of the book.

In the interim, May married a fellow Montgomery Ward employee and became a father again, but he still struggled financially. In 1947, the retailer's board of directors, stirred either by the holiday spirit or belief that the story lacked revenue-making potential, signed the copyright for "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" over to May. In short order, May licensed a commercial version of the book along with a full range of Rudolph-themed merchandise including puzzles, View-Master reels, snow globes, mugs and slippers with sheep wool lining and leather soles.

In 1949, songwriter Johnny Marks, who happened to be May's brother-in-law, set Rudolph's story to music. After Bing Crosby reportedly turned down the chance, singing cowboy Gene Autry recorded the song, which sold 2 million copies in the first year and remains one of the best-selling tunes of all time.

The song and merchandise sales made May financially comfortable, but hardly rich. After leaving Montgomery Ward in 1951 to manage the Rudolph commercial empire, May returned to his former employer seven years later. He continued to work as a copywriter until his 1971 retirement.

By the time he died five years later, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" had become a piece of modern folklore and a metaphor for overcoming obstacles, embracing differences and recognizing everyone's unique potential. Do you recall when the story of Rudolph came out? Have you ever thought about the meaning of the song? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

RIEDEL VOTES FOR OHIO MEDICAL FREEDOM PLAN

The Ohio House of Representatives today approved a COVID-19 medical freedom plan that protects workers and students from vaccine mandates, and bans "vaccine passports." State Representative Craig S. Riedel (R-Defiance) voted in favor of the Ohio Medical Freedom Plan, known as House Bill (HB) 218. HB 218 is the result of extensive committee debate and deliberation by state lawmakers.

"House Bill 218 is a thorough and comprehensive bill that protects the rights of Ohioans," said Rep. Riedel. "In our communities and across the state, the message was clear: Ohioans want a clear,

balanced and unambiguous plan on this important and deeply personal issue."

The bill ensures most Ohioans would be empowered to refuse mandated COVID-19 vaccinations by claiming an exemption for medical reasons, natural immunity as demonstrated by the presence of COVID-19 antibodies, and reasons of personal conscience including religious convictions.

Those same exemptions would also be available for students and employees at Ohio's public and private schools, colleges and universities. A written statement claiming the exemption is all that would be required for students and employees to receive the exemption. The bill also allows for a student or employee to seek relief in the event of a violation, including going to court or filing an employment discrimination claim.

Additionally, the bill bans "vaccine passport" requirements from being imposed for entry into a public building or private business.

"I believe no one should be forced to be vaccinated no matter what type of inoculation. It should always be a personal choice. HB 218 protects individual freedom when it comes to COVID-19," added Rep. Riedel. "The vast majority of Ohioans have asked for this freedom and today the Republican Caucus in the Ohio House of Representatives delivered for Ohio."

The bill also prohibits public and private K-12 schools, colleges and universities from discriminating against a student based on their vaccination status while in a school setting or on school property.

Other elements of the bill include:

- Employees of a children's hospital, an intensive care or critical care unit of a hospital, would not be able to receive a vaccine exemption, under the bill. However, a hospital must make a good faith attempt to provide equitable employment to an individual who refuses to get a vaccine.

- Schools and employers would be prohibited from requiring a student or employee to receive a vaccine if it has not been issued a biologics license or otherwise been granted full approval by the FDA.

- Extends through June 2023 provisions from House Bill 606 (133rd General Assembly) that would protect employers from COVID-19 liability under certain circumstances.

- Other provisions sunset on September 30, 2025.

HB 218 will now go to the Senate for consideration.

LADIES - YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL GATHERING

Please join us at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 417 N. Main St. in Paulding on Thursday, December 2, 2021 for an ecumenical Christmas potluck and program. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. The church will furnish meat and drinks; please bring a favorite dish to share as we celebrate the birth of Christ. A program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. All women are invited to attend this annual event as we gather for fellowship, fun and delicious food.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

William Arthur Henry Dempsey was born August 6, 1892 in Van Wert, Ohio. He was a member of the "Moxley family", but William was adopted and raised by Willis H. and Mary Belle Dempsey (I'm not clear of the year William was adopted). Willis H. Dempsey was born in 1849, his wife Mary Belle was born in 1851. By 1880, the Dempsey's were living in Washington Township. Interesting facts about the census, listed the Dempsey family as



"Mulato", and listing them as farmers.

By 1900, the Dempsey family was raising a niece named, Etta Booker, as well as William. He helped on the farm to make a living. William, working on the farm, found the time to meet a girl named Lola Mae Phillips. Lola Mae was born, May 18, 1890, the daughter of Loyd and Georgeanna Phillips.

William and Lola Mae were married on October 23, 1909 in Paulding, Ohio. They became the parents of a son named, Floyd Wilbur Dempsey. By 1910, it seems because of Willis's age, William was running the farm. As the world was drawing itself into war, the draft

was installed on June 5, 1917, William had signed up for the draft, listing him as slender build, brown eyes and black hair, also listing himself as "Negro", but the interesting note from the draft records indicate that he was single.

I do not know for sure what happened to his marriage to Lola Mae. On August 3, 1918, William was selected to serve in the army. On September 2, 1918, William was sent to serve with 40th Company, 10th Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade. Then on September 29, 1918, William was sent to serve with, 16th Company, Automatic Replacement Draft to serve with the engineers.

As a proud member of the American Expeditionary Forces, William was doing his duty. On September 29, 1918, leaving Hoboken, New Jersey, William left on the ship Leviathan. William caught bronchopneumonia, and died, October 12, 1918.

His father, Willis, was notified of his death and William was buried in Middle Creek Zion Baptist Cemetery, New Section, Row 1, Grave 51. William's wife, Lola Mae, remarried a guy named, Edgar Martin Elliot on August 25, 1923 in Allen County, Indiana. That marriage did not last either. Lola Mae passed away, April 26, 1952 and was buried in Middle Creek Zion Baptist Cemetery. Edgar remarried and he passed away in 1996 and was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. As for Floyd Wilbur, I could not find what happened to him after 1940.

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Shopping local – especially in events like Small Business Saturday – are essential to the longevity of small businesses. Small Business Saturday is a jumpstart to the holiday shopping season and a big boon to small businesses.

Beginning at 9am, a welcome center will be open at the Antwerp VFW. Volunteers will be ready to give you a Shop Small bag for all your shopping needs of the morning. There will be a coupon page of many of the Chamber businesses offering deals for November 27th and all thru the following week.

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AgCREDIT DEBUTS AGRICULTURE PODCAST, AGCREDIT SAID IT

AgCredit, a cooperative agricultural lending institution, announced the launch of its new podcast. AgCredit Said It, a podcast about all things rural living, brings together a team of experienced ag lenders dedicated to serving the rural community as they interview experts from across the agriculture industry.

The show focuses on topics such as how new borrowers can build a strong relationship with their lender, how to prepare year-end financials for farm operations and the benefits of cooperative lending. The podcast is geared toward beginning farmers and seasoned professionals alike and releases new episodes every first and third Monday of the month.

Hosted by AgCredit lenders, Phil Young, Brenna Finnegan, Libby Wixtead and Matt Adams, each episode brings insights, advice and must-have information to its listeners to help them understand topics like agronomy, succession planning, farm security and equipment financing.

"When we first started talking about doing a podcast, one of my goals for this was to answer questions that a member or non-member may be

afraid to ask, or may not know how to ask," said Matt Adams, AgCredit account officer and AgCredit Said It podcast host. "I hope that we can answer those questions and also bring up topics that listeners never really thought of before. The more knowledge that we can put out there about our industry - it makes agriculture as a whole that much stronger."

The most recent episode featured guest Joel Althaus, credit analyst at AgCredit. The episode discusses what a balance sheet is, why it's important, and other valuable tips on filling out this essential record keeping document. In its first week of launch, episodes received nearly 500 downloads.

Fans of the podcast can contact AgCredit via email at podcast@agcredit.net to share questions and topic ideas for the podcast.

To listen to the podcast, visit AgCredit.net or your favorite podcast app.

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PUTTING A VALUE ON MANURE

Farmers are looking for ways to lower their fertilizer bill as fertilizer prices soar. While applying manure is more complicated than commercial fertilizer, manure is a valuable source of plant nutrients and improves soil health. Putting a value on manure is not easy because it depends on many factors including how it is stored, applied, handled, etc. A review of 159 manure research articles found manure fields had an average yield increase of 4.4%. Adding roughly 5% yield increase to a 200 bushel/acre corn crop (10 bushels) adds value. Most of the yield boost did not compare with the value of the P and K in manure according to Dr. Rick Koelsch from Nebraska.

Manure should always be tested because nutrient values vary. Take a manure sample close to the date of application to get accurate results. Soil testing is also recommended to avoid over application. Pre-side dress nitrogen tests (PSNT) are commonly taken but take these tests close to manure application date. Weather, moisture, soil temperature, and overall soil microbial activity changes PSNT values tremendously.

To protect water quality, apply manure based on the phosphorus (P) plant needs to avoid over application of N. Target fields first with the lowest soil P, then the lowest K, then the lowest N based on soil test. Applying manure nutrients to fields that have high soil test values reduces the value of manure since those extra nutrients do not increase crop yields immediately. Applying manure at the lower P-rate means you may have to supplement your fields with additional commercial N fertilizer but it's safer for the

environment and utilizes your manure more efficiently.

The nitrogen (N) value of manure is usually the most difficult to determine due to expected storage and application losses. Solid or semi-solid N manure losses can be 20-40% in manure pack, 25-50% in deep pit poultry manure, and 25-50% in litter, 40-55% in open lots and 40-55% in open lots. In liquid systems, pits under floors can have N losses of 15-30%, 10-30% in above ground tanks, 20-40% in holding ponds, and 70-85% in lagoons. In manure, only about 50% of the N may be available the first year, while generally 80-90% of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) are available immediately. Source: Ohio Livestock Management Guide, Bulletin 604.

Valuing manure is based on the commercial value of N-P-K and any micronutrients. For simple analysis, current commercial fertilizer for actual N is around \$0.67 to \$0.85 (assume \$0.70), actual P is \$0.70 and actual K is \$.60. For poultry manure with 52# N, 72# P and 38# K per ton of solid manure, the maximum value for these three nutrients is \$110.60 per ton. However, N losses can be quite high so usually the manure value of N is reduced by 50-75% or even ignored plus there are higher costs for applying manure. The manure value is definitely challenging and is usually negotiable.

For dairy manure, pen pack values might be 6.9# N, 5.1# P, and 5.2# K depending on the amount of bedding resulting in a maximum value of \$11.52 per ton. Liquid dairy manure from a holding pond might have an analysis of 18.9# N, 13.9# P, and 14.4# K per 1000 gallons with a maximum value of \$41.60. Adjustments for N losses in storage, handling, and application costs may reduce the manure value.

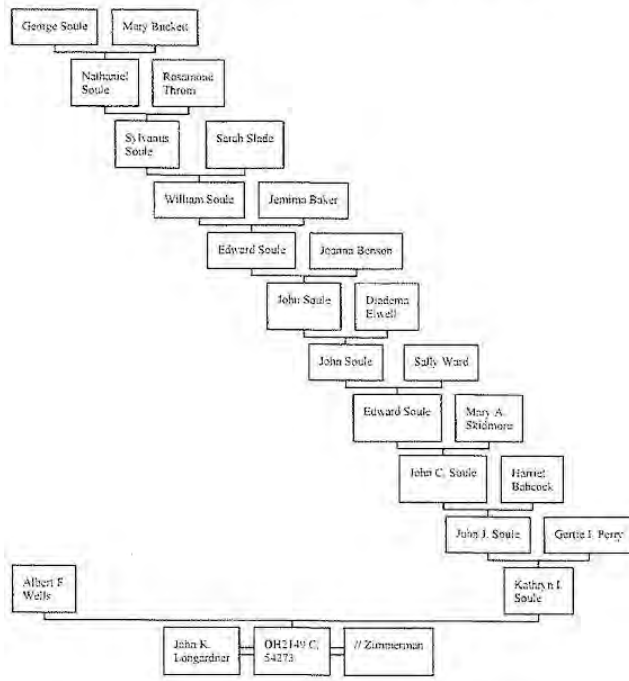
Similar analysis can be done for hog manure with pen pack values around 6.6# N, 5.9# P, and 4.8# K depending with a maximum value of \$11.63 per ton. Liquid hog manure from a holding pond might have an analysis of 18# N, 16# P, and 13# K per 1000 gallons with a maximum value of \$31.60 without making any other adjustments (storage, handling, application) for manure value. Manure values were obtained from OSU Bulletin 604.

For corn production, corn removes about .37# P and .27# K per bushel. Based on a P-rate, a 200-bushel corn crop removes 74# P and 54# K. To replace the P with pen pack dairy manure (P=5.1#, K=5.2#) requires 14.5 ton but also supplies 75# K. Assuming 50% plant use of N in the manure, the dairy manure supplies about 50# N. On liquid dairy manure, 5,300 gallons of dairy manure supply the P needs but also add 76# K and about 47.7# N, based on 50% N loss. Manure is a valuable resource as a fertilizer but as you can see, putting a value on it can be difficult depending on many factors and assumptions.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

TOLEDO MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEETS

Ancestors of OH2149 Caroline Mae Wells 54273



By: Caroline Longardner

The Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Ohio - the Toledo Colony met on Sat. Nov. 13 for the Annual Compact Day meeting and Luncheon at Ohio-Living Swan Creek Retirement Center in Toledo, Ohio. Fellowship was at 11:30 and the traditional Thanksgiving meal was at 12 and the speaker spoke at 1:15p.m.



George Soule

Peter Wilhelm presented an interesting program: "The Great Black Swamp of Northwestern Ohio". The program was very informative as Paulding Co. is the only county completely in what is called the "Black Swamp" Crane Twp. is considered the flattest twp. in Paulding Co. The glacier caused ridges (US Rt. 30 and US Rt. 2) which became "beaches" of sand and gravel over time. The native Americans eventually stayed close to these areas because of the rivers that came out of them and the wildlife that they produced. His slide program covered several eras of the Swamp.

The Lt. Governor, Susan Fisher of the Toledo Colony

opened a short business meeting, welcoming all guests and asking for introductions and for those members present to state from which Mayflower Pilgrim they were descended. Members were thanked for their past help and reminded of the Annual meeting for which we are the hosts on May 13 and 14 in 2022. Volunteers were asked to stay after the meeting.

Attending from Paulding Co. (Antwerp, Ohio) was Caroline Wells Longardner, who is a direct descendant of George Soule. Her mother was Kathryn Irene Soule. George Soule, the Mayflower Pilgrim was her 9th great-grandfather. Caroline's three children in the Antwerp area

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Event Schedule
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 DECEMBER 18 - NRL22 MATCH - Registration and sight in starts at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.
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are: Melanie (Verberkmoes), Nick and Julius Longardner.

Caroline's guest from Defiance was Alexander Fodor whose family history has been researched extensively by his brother James Fodor.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP WINS GOLD AND SILVER STEVIE® AWARDS IN 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS®

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) was named the winner of two Gold Stevie® Awards in the categories of Company of the Year - Diversified Services - Medium-size and Education Hero of the Year. The organization was also named the winner of one Silver Stevie® Award Company of the Year - Business or Professional Services - Medium-size category in The 18th Annual International Business Awards® today.

The International Business Awards are the world's premier business awards program. All individuals and organizations worldwide - public and private, for-profit and nonprofit, large and small - are eligible to submit nominations. The 2021 IBAs received entries from organizations in 63 nations and territories.

As the ongoing COVID-19 crisis will prevent winners from receiving their awards on stage during a traditional gala IBA banquet, winners will be celebrated instead during a virtual ceremony on Wednesday, December 8.

More than 3,700 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every

industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories, including Company of the Year, Marketing Campaign of the Year, Best New Product or Service of the Year, Startup of the Year, Corporate Social Responsibility Program of the Year, and Executive of the Year, among others. This year's competition also featured a number of categories to recognize organizations' and individuals' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the judges comments include:

- You are doing a noble job in education.

- NHEG is providing a lifeline for people with special needs. This is a very good cause and worthy of recognition. A few testimonials and schools would have been great supporting material.

- This is a very good initiative.

- Great social cause and appreciate Pamela's fearless leadership.

- This is an inspirational story about a very good initiative. Keep up the good work!

- Very good accomplishment towards reading and learning and giving back to the community.

- Impressive work done by this organization in a segment that is often ignored. The organization clearly fulfills a need, and appears to have done well. Their efforts need to be honored.

- New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) has done phenomenal work with children affected with ADHD, bipolar disorder, autism and neurological dis-

orders.

Pamela Clark, Executive Director of NHEG, stated, "We are honored by this win, the volunteers who work tirelessly for our organization, the families we serve and the judges' comments. I'm blessed with a supportive family as well. This organization is my life's work, and something I'm passionate about. Being blessed with those who support the cause is crucial to what we do and continue to accomplish."

Stevie Award winners were determined by the average scores of more than 260 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process from June through early August.

"What we've seen in this year's IBA nominations is that organizations around the world, in every sector, have continued to innovate and succeed, despite the setbacks, obstacles and tragedies of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Stevie Awards president Maggie Gallagher. "All of this year's Stevie Award winners are to be applauded for their persistence and their resilience. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them during our December 8 virtual awards ceremony."

NSSC COLLABORATION WITH OHIO MEANS JOBS-HANCOCK COUNTY & CITY MISSION

Northwest State Community College is excited to announce a collaboration with OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County and the City Mission to offer an Introduction to Welding program at the Fostoria Learning Center. This program will provide seven individuals from the City Mission the opportunity to earn valuable welding skills and an OSHA 10-hour certification. This program is designed to provide a pathway for skill attainment, employment with a livable wage, and ultimately a pathway out of homelessness and poverty.

LAROSE ANNOUNCES NEW OCTOBER BUSINESS FILINGS AS OHIO CONTINUES TO BEAR DOWN ON ALL-TIME YEARLY RECORD

With 14,140 new business filings in October, Ohio entrepreneurs are close to breaking the record total for 2020 with two full months remaining to create a business. Ohioans have submitted a total of 170,740 new

business filings through October this year versus last year's record of 171,073 new filings from January to December.

"We are witnessing the hard work and enterprise of Ohio entrepreneurs not only breaking records, but making a difference in their communities," said Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. "Despite residual economic uncertainties from the coronavirus and anti-business policies coming from Washington, Ohioans are taking chances to provide for their families and build their own way through a pandemic, better than DC can."

Establishing a new business in Ohio has become increasingly quick, easy, and inexpensive through the Ohio Secretary of State's Ohio Business Central website, OhioBusinessCentral.gov. Ohio's business-friendly climate and the array of resources available to Ohio entrepreneurs have helped Ohio maintain our economic momentum throughout 2021.

NOTE: New business filings are classified as forms filed with the Ohio Secretary of State that declare the formation of a business entity, including for-profit, nonprofit and professional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships. Filing as a business in Ohio does not guarantee the company will begin operations, be profitable or create jobs.

QUICK FACTS:

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- New business filings through October of this year show an 18% increase over the first ten months of 2020 (145,157)

- New business filings in 2020 totaled 171,073, beating 2019's previous record of 130,621

- Ohio entrepreneurs can visit OhioSoS.gov/Business-Resources to discover the helpful opportunities available to them that can help them start and grow their business.

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



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

Antwerp Manor was pleased to recognize our nine Veterans. Starting with the back row left to right, our Veterans include; Gary Whitney, who served in the Navy from 1979-1981. Ken Rau, who served in the Army from 1966-1967 during the Vietnam War. Jackie Filka, who served during the years 1955-1959 in the Air Force between the Korean and Vietnam Wars. George Underwood who was in the Army National Guard from 1952-1958. Jim Shull, who served in the Navy from 1980-1981. Rodger Temple, a Navy Veteran, who served in the Vietnam War from 1970-1973. Front row from

left to right is Harry Terwilliger. Harry served in the Air Force from 1954-1956 following the Korean War. Bill Hablawetz, who served in the Army from 1964-1966 in Korea, and Walt Womack who served in the Navy from 1958-1961 following the Korean War.

The residents and staff of Antwerp Manor salute each one of these gentlemen and we thank them for their service to our wonderful country.

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- **November 30 - December 2nd** - Make plans to attend Santa's Secret Shop at Antwerp VFW from 5-8pm. Kids are welcome to come & shop for loved ones where items are only \$5 each! Most items come from Chamber businesses too! Chamber volunteers will assist your smaller ones will choosing gifts & wrapping them.
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LADY PATRIOTS OUTLAST LADY BRAVES

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The first half of the contest was controlled by the Adams County squad as Belmont opened a 13-12 lead at the end of eight minutes of action.

In the second stanza, the Lady Braves bucketed 16 points compared to Heritage's 11 as Belmont seized a 29-23 halftime advantage. The Lady Patriots answered with a 15-point third quarter while Belmont posted ten as Heritage trimmed its deficit to 39-38 at the end of three periods.

Heritage then completed the comeback in the final stanza, scoring 16 points while limiting the Braves to ten in wrapping up the 54-49 victory.

Ella Bickel led the way for the Patriots with 17 points to pace four Heritage players in double figures. Kendall Zelt added 14 markers while Claire Bickel bucketed 11 and Shelby Schane chipped in ten points. Abby Zelt scored the remaining two Heritage points. Sydney Keane topped Belmont with 14 points while Kenzie Fuelling and Hailey Cole both scored eight markers.

Other scorers for the Lady Braves were Emily Bleke (seven), Scott (seven) and Rachel Bleke (five).

PATRIOTS CRUISE TO WIN OVER GENERALS

Host Heritage outscored visiting Wayne in three of four quarters as the Lady Patriots cruised to a 65-51 win over the Generals Tuesday in non-league girls basketball play.

At the end of one quarter, it was the Lady Patriots who held a slim 13-11 advantage

before Heritage opened the game up in the second stanza. The Lady Patriots bucketed 15 points in the quarter while Wayne added five, putting Heritage in front 28-16 at the intermission.

Wayne scored 14 third quarter points to cut into the deficit, limiting the Patriots to a dozen markers as the General pulled within 40-30 entering the fourth quarter.

Heritage, though, put the game away with a 25-point output in the final eight minutes of action to seal the 65-51 victory.

Ella Bickel topped all players in the game and paced the Lady Patriots with a 27-point effort while Claire Bickel added 13 markers.

Rounding out the scorers for Heritage were Carly Gerardot (six), Natalie Otte (five), Lydia Schultz (four), Shelby Schane (four), Kendall Zelt (three), Raelyn Mullins (two) and Madilyn Scheumann (one).

The Lady Generals were paced by Sydney Gorman and Emilia Diaz with a dozen markers apiece and Aniah Hill chipped in ten points.

Tani Hairston (nine), Tanea Hairston (three), Allyah Holbrook (three) and Malajaha Moore (two) picked up the remaining Wayne points.

Ella Bickel rounded out her double-double game with a dozen rebounds while also recording three assists and three steals. Schultz hauled down six boards for Heritage with Schane adding seven rebounds and three assists. Claire Bickel picked up four assists and three steals as well for the Lady Patriots.

Diaz and Hill both grabbed five boards for Wayne with Hill dishing out three assists and picking up three steals.

PANTHERS DROP OPENER TO TIGERS

Visiting Liberty Center outscored host Paulding in

only one quarter of Friday's girls basketball season opener but it was enough as the Lady Tigers defeated the Panthers 36-33 at the 'Jungle'.

The maroon and white won the opening quarter, posting a 7-6 advantage, before Liberty Center answered with 13 second quarter points compared to eight for the Panthers as the Tigers took a 19-15 halftime advantage.

Both teams picked up eight markers in the third quarter to put Liberty Center on top 27-23 entering the final period. Paulding did score ten in the period compared to the Tigers' nine but it wasn't enough as the black and orange held on for the three-point win.

Liberty Center was led by Kailey Blanton with a dozen markers and Bea Barrett also reached double figures with 11 points. Kate Mohler and Haley Mohler recorded four points with Peyton Armeay and Alyssa Giesige picked up two markers apiece. Emerson Gray also had one point for the orange and black.

Janae Pease led the way for Paulding with 14 points while Audrey Giesige added seven and Brooke Ankney chipped in six. Alivya Bakle, Claire Schweller and Carlea Kuckuck all posted two points each for the maroon and white.

WARRIORS ROLL PAST CAVALIERS

Woodlan dominated the first half and the Lady Warriors rolled to a 45-16 victory over Canterbury Monday night in non-league girls basketball action.

The Lady Warriors scored 17 points in the opening quarter of action while holding the Lady Cavaliers to three as Woodlan took a commanding 17-3 advantage into the second quarter.

In the second stanza, Woodlan's defense posted a shutout while the Warriors scored ten points in seizing a 27-3 lead at the midway point of the contest.

Woodlan cruised from there, outscoring Canterbury 14-4 in the third quarter to post a 41-7 margin at the end of three periods.

Dakotah Krohn topped the Lady Warriors with 15 points and Avah Smith added a dozen markers while Olivia Baumert chipped in six points.

Gabi Klopfenstein (four), Kate Spangler (two), Brianna Roney (two), Katlyn Crosby (two) and Ella Yagodinski (one) also found the scoring column for the Lady Warriors.

Baumert topped Woodlan with ten rebounds and Klopfenstein hauled down eight for Woodlan. Smith also had eight boards for the Lady Warriors while posting five steals.

Krohn dished out five assists and had three steals while Ashton Widenhoefer and Roney dished out two assists apiece. Yagodinski, Klopfenstein and Crosby all had two steals for the Lady Warriors.

Woodlan will host Jay County Friday night in the ACAC opener for the Lady Warriors before traveling to Eastside for a non-league battle on Tuesday.

PPEC MEMBERS DONATE \$13,050 TO 10 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Crime Stoppers of Greater Fort Wayne received \$500 for new signage in the New Haven, IN area

Members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative recently donated \$13,050 to ten local charities and community projects through the cooperative's Operation Round Up program. About 75% of PPEC members round up their electric bill and donate those pennies to this fund, making a huge impact in the co-op's northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana communities.

Participating members round up their monthly electric bill to the next dollar, with the extra pennies being used to help fund charities and groups in their communities. Each quarter, the funds are dispensed to local causes that applied for funding.

The most recent donation recipients include:

- Christmas for Kids/Coats for Kids Program through Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission, Inc (NOCAC); \$1,500 for Coats, food and supplies to Paulding County kids.
- Crime Stoppers of Greater Fort Wayne; \$500 for new signage in the New Haven, IN area
- Delphos Middle School; \$1,500 for the Positive Behavior Program
- Paulding High School; \$1,800 for a wood planer
- Paulding Soccer Club; \$1,500 to purchase benches and trash cans
- Power2Change; \$1,000 for class supplies
- Putnam Co. Homecare & Hospice; \$1,000 for low-income patient services
- St Rose of Lima School (Monroeville, IN); \$2,000 for



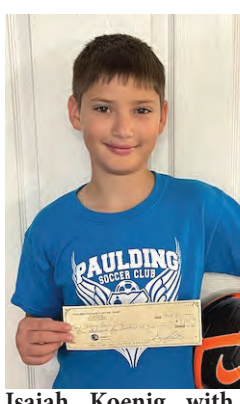
Wayne Trace Schools (Grover Hill & Payne Elementary) received \$750 to help start a mentoring program.

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- YMCA of Van Wert County; \$1,500 for AED and CPR Certifications.

Operation Round Up was started in 2010 as a way to give back to PPEC's communities. Groups in both Ohio and Indiana can apply.

Organizations can apply for Operation Round Up assistance by contacting Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op's Communications Coordinator Samantha Kuhn at skuhn@ppec.coop or visiting www.ppec.coop/operation-round. If you want to participate by rounding up your monthly bill, call PPEC's office at 800-686-2357. The average member's donation is about \$6 per year. Paulding Putnam Electric



Isiah Koenig with ORU donation for Paulding Soccer Club

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WILLIAMS COUNTY FATAL CRASH

A fatal crash occurred 11/19/21 at approximately 6:19AM on State Route 107 just east of State Route 49 in Florence Township.

Nathan A. Gamble, age 33, of Montpelier, Ohio was attempting to put gas in his disabled 2005 GMC Envoy when he was struck by a westbound 2009 Dodge Dakota being driven by Craig A. Kaiser, age 66 of Edon, Ohio. Mr. Kaiser was not injured and his safety belt was in use at the time of the crash.

Mr. Gamble was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Williams County Coroner.

Assistance at the scene was provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Reconstruction Unit, Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williams County EMS and Florence Township Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation by the Defi-

ance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to

always wear safety belts and never drive distracted or impaired.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: **LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,** vs. **BRENT J. MEEKER, ET AL., Defendants.**

Case No. CI 21 030

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

308 North First Street, Oakwood Parcel Number: 10-09S-011-00

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

Total amount of judgment is Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-seven and 74/100 (\$5,347.74) Dollars, plus interest and costs of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel at 10:00 a.m. at the East door of the Courthouse in Paulding, Ohio, on Thursday, the 16th day of December, 2021, and continue from day to day thereafter. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place on the 30th day of December, 2021 for an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the parcel.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Case No. CI 21 147 TIM MILLER, AKA TIMOTHY MILLER, ETAL PLAINTIFFS vs. VILLAGE OF HAMER, ETAL. DEFENDANTS

heirs at law of any owners of Lots 13 through 20 and/or Lot 25 in the Village of Hamer.

Please take notice that a Complaint has been filed against you seeking to quiet title, free and clear of any and all claims by you, in favor of Plaintiff to the real property located in the Village of Hamer, part of which is more particularly described as follows:

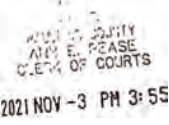
To: The Village of Hamer and any Unknown Owners and/or

Parcels Nos.	31-36A-032-00	Lot 17
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31-36A-031-00	Lot 16 31-36A-036-00	Lot 25

You are required to answer the Complaint within 28 days after publication of this Notice, which will be published once a week for six (6) successive weeks, the date of the last publication will be on December 14, 2021, and the 28 days for Answer will commence on that date.

In case you fail to answer or otherwise respond as required by the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Jennifer L. Klausning, Esq. (#0078055) 814 N. Locust St., Ste. 2, Ottawa, OH 45875 (419)523-3322 Attorney for Plaintiff



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES OVER \$33,000 IN TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced \$23 million has been awarded to support local and statewide initiatives to improve traffic safety and reduce traffic-related fatalities.

Paulding County Sheriff's Office has been approved for \$33,758.46 for fiscal year running October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022.

To save lives and improve the quality of life for our citizens, the Sheriff's Office will use the grant funds to participate in several blitz campaigns, including the "Click It or Ticket It" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" national campaigns.

In total, 170 grants were awarded to 132 local agencies in 66 counties for statewide programming. Grants are administered by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office which is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Mary Neal, Oakwood, OH; Petit theft, Case dismissed per state; Cont Delinquent child, Case dismissed per state

Angela K. Bowers, Albion, IN; Passing bad check (2 counts); Case dismissed per state

Randy Holt, Paulding, OH; Petty theft (2 counts); Case dismissed per state

Louis A. Wannemacher, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence (2 counts); Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Darrell Guinn, Missouri City, TX; Violation of brake requirement; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Samantha M. Riggsby, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amanda J. Hopkins, Melrose, OH; Child restraint, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Cameron G. Watters, Monroeville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth M. Folsom II, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashley L. Combs, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Seibel, Pled guilty, ALS vacated, Shall install IID for 90 days, Pay all fines and costs; Equipment regulation, Count B dismissed

Jazzmine C. Walker, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stephen J. Golden, Woodburn, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Curtis Miller, Hicksville, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Draven M. Bartley, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Norman L. Koenig, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sartaj S. Mand, Oakville, ON; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ryan C. Carlson, Frankfort, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Emil A. Stoller, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Talon D. Paul, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher H. Freehling, Spencerville, IN; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David E. Stiebeling, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Frankie T. Jones, Rockford, IL; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to be taken from bond, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence,

Defendant appeared in court with Mr. DeMuth, Pled guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 11/18/21, Report to jail on 1/20/22 at 10:30 a.m.

William T. Vance, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Shall have no contact with victim; State withdrew motion to revoke bond; Motion granted

Dereck A. Morrow, Hicksville, OH; Disorderly conduct, Count A dismissed; Aggravated menacing, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Write letters of apology to the police officers, SCRAM may be removed today, Maintain general good behavior

Wyatt M. Altaffer, Bryan, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Collin Gee, Paulding, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Wrong plate, Count A dismissed; Possession of marijuana, Count B dismissed; Turn signals, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Proof if insurance provided, Pay all fines and costs

Ashlee Gates, Greenwood, OH; 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

Ricky L. Porter Jr., Grover Hill, OH; Handle firearm, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Possession of deer, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Alexis N. LaBounty, Payne, OH; No operator's license; Case dismissed at defendant's cost

Kayla P. Ewing, Detroit, MI; OVI/breath(low), Count A dismissed; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled guilty, Fines and costs taken from bond, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Driving under non-FRA suspension, Pled guilty, Fine to be taken from bond; Marked lanes, Pled guilty, Fine to be taken from bond

Zachary S. Horg, Continental, OH; Driver license <6months, Count A dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Proof of insurance provided

Jason M. Roberts, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/pass; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 11/19/21

Charles F. Potts, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Defendant appeared in court without counsel; Pled guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/17/21; Proof of insurance provided

Dakota S. Henry, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amber N. Merriman, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ashlee Gates, Greenwood, IN; Driving under non-FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; No taillights, Defendant appeared in court without counsel, pled no contest, found guilty, Show proof of insurance by 11/18/21, Pay all fines and costs

Brent G. Schaffner, Fayette, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Michael A. Cramer, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas D. Braswell Jr, Indianapolis, IN; No license; Case dismissed without prejudice; Warrant recalled

Marlene Holley, Fort Wayne, IN; Passing bad check; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Warrant recalled

Penny S. Loveland, Oakwood, OH; Passing bad check (2 counts); Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant recalled

John J. Dyer, Jr, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Caleb J. Neer, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving on closed road; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew M. Roehrig, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Robert Garcia, Scott, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lawrence N. Maag Jr, Las Cruces, NM; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On November 5, the Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a manhole cover that was sticking up in the 500 block of N. Main. An officer responded, put the cover back in place and secured it.

On November 5, the Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a residence on W. River in reference to a 911 call. When the officer arrived it was discovered the call came from a small child playing with the phone.

On November 7, an officer was sent to North Garden Apartments in reference to a 911 call. When the officer arrived it was discovered the resident was suffering from a medical emergency and the officer contacted the EMS.

On November 7, an officer responded to a residence on S. Main St in reference to a domestic dispute. An individual was arrested for domestic violence and was taken to the Paulding County Jail.

On November 8, an officer assisted a resident with unlocking their vehicle.

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On November 9, the Antwerp Police Departed received a Civil Protection Order from the court. The defendant and the victim for the order both reside in the Village of Antwerp.

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The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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TO WOODBURN RESIDENTS:

Woodburn City Hall will be changing their hours of operation beginning the first week of 2022. The new hours will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 7am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm, and Thursdays from 7am - 1pm. The office will be closed on Fridays.

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

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PAULDING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS UTILIZE "PASSION FIRST"



Paulding Middle School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was Passion First. Shown in the picture are Paulding Middle School's Passion First Mindset Motivators.

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gotten loose. As the officer responded the dogs were captured.

On November 14, an officer was called to Wilcox St. to unlock a vehicle.

On November 15, an officer was called to West River to keep the peace while one resident removed belongings.

On November 16, an officer was called to Buffalo St. to keep the peace while one resident removed belongings.

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

ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021

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

Work will not take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25.

This is the final weekly construction update from ODOT District I for the year. Updates on area projects will be provided as needed throughout the winter. Weekly communication will

resume in April.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

US 127, a half-mile south of State Route 249, will be restricted to one lane for drainage work.

State Route 15 at Beerbower Road will be restricted to one lane for drainage work.

PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and the city of Van Wert will have lane restrictions to upgrade signage for the intersections.

VAN WERT COUNTY

U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and the city of Van Wert will have lane restrictions to upgrade signage for the intersections.

State Route 118 in the village of Ohio City will close November 8 for approximately six weeks for storm drainage and catch basin installation.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

• Detour: SR 81 to U.S. 127 to Fox Rd. back to SR 118 (see map).

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.

ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Antwerp Local School board took place on Thursday, November 18 was opened by board President, Sara Schuette. Bob Herber gave the liaison report for this year's OSBA. He said it was very contentious year. Choosing the orientation of biological gender vs "chosen" gender for athletics did not get on the ballot and did not have enough support. Herber believes that it could get on the ballot in the future.

Dennis Recker gave the report for Vantage.

The financial report was given by treasurer, Kristine Stuart. The Income was \$848,197.39, expenditures: \$1,340,833.23, interest \$1666.10. It is projected that 39% of the estimated revenue has been received for the year; 28.29% of the estimated annual spending. The forecast is deficit spending for the next five years. The bond levy was passed in 2000 4.9 mills. \$245,000 was saved when interest rates were negotiated in 2012. The tax was reduced to 1.1 mills and the final payment for this original bond will have a December 2022 payment date.

Travis Lichty gave the Principal's Report. He reported that all of the eighth graders visited Vantage Career Center. Lichty pointed out the Veterans Day video that was created here at the school with Kayla Bagley and several students. Students of the Quarter were taken to the zoo for their reward day. Avin Johnson had qualified for the regional cross country. The football team wrapped a good season this year. There were 10 football athletes who were recognized as All-District. The Archer Yearbook staff was recognized in Philadelphia for their outstanding work.

Tracy Stokes gave the Elementary Report. Stokes mentioned the musical coming up, Elf Jr. Third grade finished their state testing. The students for September and October were listed for Students of the Month.

Dr. Martin Miller presented a letter that Kathy Smith has announced her retirement on December 31st.

Charlie Peters will be moving into that position. The Innovation Center is moving quite well and looks like a construction zone. It is now completely enclosed in, meeting their 'before winter' goal. The construction costs for the new facility on the west side of the campus— it was higher than anticipated. They investigated going smaller to potentially save costs, but Miller recommends keeping it the larger size since it wasn't that much of a cost savings.

Harold Gottke talked about companies, such as Perry Pro-tech, may want to help sponsor the Innovation Center. He talked about putting in printers that will could print signage and banners. Miller also stated that Metalink will also be putting in high speed internet.

Dr. Miller explained a new situation — the food for the cafeteria is not available and may be encountering supply issues that will force the school to possibly not meet minimum caloric levels for breakfast and possibly lunch. Some of the meals may need to be cancelled due to not being able to get the food from suppliers. The school is also still looking for substitute teachers and bus drivers.

FAMILIES IMPACTED BY ALZHEIMER'S OR OTHER DEMENTIA CAN ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON USING ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TIPS

While holidays can be a joyous time for many families, they can be especially challenging for families affected by Alzheimer's or other dementia. Caregivers may become overwhelmed trying to maintain traditions while also providing care.

Pamela Myers, program director for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter, said caregivers and families should endeavor to create new traditions and find new ways for their family members to help make this season satisfying for all.

"Depending on how your loved one copes with the noise and extra commotion that comes with holiday time, you may have to change things up a bit and make things easier for everyone in the family," Myers said.

To help families navigate challenges and provide a meaningful and enjoyable holiday season, the Alzheimer's Association recommends the following tips to make the holidays enjoyable and safe for all:

Talk to Your Family: As caregivers consider options for the holiday, Myers suggests that they arrange a group discussion via telephone, video call or email for family and friends to discuss holiday celebrations in advance. Everyone needs to understand your caregiving situation, the safety precautions you're taking to help keep your loved one healthy and to set realistic expectations about what you can and cannot do.

Modify and Adjust: No one should expect you to maintain every holiday tradition or event. Do what is manageable and safe. Schedule your own "holiday parade" and ask family members and friends to drive by with homemade signs or other festive decorations. Take a ride to go see holiday lights.

Involve the Person Living

PAULDING FFA FOOD SCIENCE TEAM MOVES ONTO STATE!



Pictured left to right are Paulding FFA food science members Carter Manz, Paige Jones, Ally Jo Merriman and Jamy Hunt.

By: Asst. Reporter, Jaylyn McCloud

On November 11, 2021, 4 Paulding FFA members competed in the District Food Science Contest at Riverdale. There were 11 schools that attended the district contest this year. Team members included Paige Jones, Carter Manz, Jamy Hunt, and Ally Jo Merriman. The contest consists of a team and individual parts. As a team, the members had to complete a product development scenario. This consists of designing the packaging, creating the nutrition label, and finding all of the nutrition

information for the given product. The individual part of the contest consists of identifying aromas, identifying food processing equipment, and responding to customer inquiries. They also must be able to identify safety hazards around food and complete a math portion about the calories in food. Individually, Paige Jones placed 3rd in the district and Jamy placed 7th out of 44 individuals. As a team, they placed 1st out of 11 schools. The team will advance to the state competition in Columbus on December 4th!

with Dementia: Ask him or her to help you prepare food, wrap packages, help decorate or set the table. Myers said maintaining their normal routine as much as possible so holiday preparations don't become disruptive or confusing. Also consider decorations. Blinking lights may confuse those with dementia.

Use Technology to Your Advantage: Record and send a holiday video greeting to family and friends. Schedule a time for several households to watch a favorite movie and share comments over the phone. If not gathering in person, determine who is best to coordinate and manage needed technology.

Adapt Gift Giving: Provide family and friends with suggestions for useful and enjoyable gifts for your loved one living with Alzheimer's. This may be comfortable, easy-to-remove clothing; favorite music, or favorite treats. Involve your loved one depending on their abilities, such as having them package baked goods in tins or boxes, or wrap gifts you purchased for them to give.

The Alzheimer's Association Helpline is available 24/7 at 800.272.3900. For a complete list of tips and suggestions, visit the special website resource section with information about the holidays, Alzheimer's and COVID-19 at

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments
Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

www.alz.org/help-support/resources/holidays.

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KEEP YOUR THANKSGIVING FULL OF TURKEY & FREE FROM FOODBORNE ILLNESS

Americans will enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. While the COVID-19 pandemic is still top-of-mind, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds us all that it's also important to keep family and friends safe from foodborne illness this Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times to remind people about food safety," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I personally know how much effort it takes to prepare a full Thanksgiving meal, and I always ensure I'm following safe food practices like handwashing, using a food thermometer and avoiding cross-contamination."

By following the tips below, you'll lessen the chances of having a visit from foodborne illness — an unwelcome visitor — at your table this Thanksgiving.

Clean and Sanitize

Always wash your hands before preparing and handling food. Handwashing helps to prevent the spread of germs. Recent USDA observational research showed that 95 percent of participants failed to properly wash their hands before handling food. Make sure to follow the steps to wash your hands properly.

Clean and sanitize any surfaces that will touch food such as tabletops, kitchen counters, stoves, sinks, etc.

Avoid Cross-Contamina-

tion

In a recent study (PDF, 1.7 MB), USDA found 60 percent of kitchen sinks were contaminated with germs after participants washed or rinsed poultry. USDA advises against washing your turkey; however, if you do wash your turkey in the sink, it must be fully cleaned and sanitized afterwards. To clean, rub down surfaces — including the sink, cutting boards and counter tops — with soap and hot water, and then sanitize them with a cleaning solution to remove any residual germs. You can use a homemade solution of one tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach in one gallon of water. Let the surfaces air dry. Be sure to use separate cutting boards—one for meat and another for vegetables and fruit.

Thaw the Turkey Safely

Never thaw a turkey on a counter or in hot water. USDA recommends thawing a turkey in a refrigerator since this allows for slow and safe thawing. The turkey will need about 24 hours for every four to five pounds of turkey. After thawing, it is safe to store in the refrigerator for one to two days. Turkey can also be thawed in a cold-water bath or microwave; however, it must be cooked immediately after it has thawed using these methods. If using the cold-water method, allow 30 minutes per pound and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. It's safe to cook a turkey from its frozen state; however, it will take at least 50 percent longer to fully thaw. Lastly, never leave a raw turkey out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Cook Thoroughly

Make sure your turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165 F. Use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature in three parts: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing and the innermost part of the thigh. USDA recommends using a food thermometer even if the turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator to ensure it has reached 165 F in the three previously stated places. When cooking a turkey breast in-

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stead of a whole turkey, check the temperature with the food thermometer to ensure it reaches 165 F at the thickest part the breast. All previously cooked side dishes should be reheated to 165 F.

Stuffing your Turkey

USDA does not recommend stuffing your turkey because it can be a breeding ground for bacteria if not prepared carefully. However, if you plan to stuff your turkey, please keep the following in mind:

- The wet and dry ingredients for the stuffing should be prepared separately from each other and refrigerated until ready to use.
- Stuff the turkey loosely — about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound.
- Immediately place the stuffed, raw turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 F.
- A stuffed turkey will take longer to cook. Once it has finished cooking, place a food thermometer in the center of the stuffing to ensure it has reached a safe internal temperature of 165 F.
- Let the cooked turkey stand 20 minutes before removing the stuffing.

For more information on turkey stuffing, visit Turkey Basics: Stuffing.

The Two-Hour Rule

All perishable foods must be refrigerated within two hours of being cooked, or one hour if the temperature is 90 F or above. After two hours, perishable food will enter the "Danger Zone" (between 40 F and 140 F), which is where bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. Discard all foods that have been left out for more than two hours.

Leftovers

After the meal (but within the two-hour rule), separate larger quantities of leftovers in small shallow containers and place them in the refrigerator. Thanksgiving leftovers are safely stored in a refrigerator for up to four days. In the freezer, leftovers can be safely frozen indefinitely but will keep best quality for two to six months. Reheat leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 F. Check the internal temperature of the food in several places with a food thermometer after allowing a resting time.

For Thanksgiving food safety questions, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time,

Monday through Friday.

Do you have any last-minute turkey day questions? The Meat and Poultry Hotline will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 8am-2pm EST.

Check out the USDA FoodKeeper App, which helps to reduce food waste by providing food and beverage storage information. For more information about FoodKeeper, you may view the FoodKeeper website.

BOB LATTA ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID IN OHIO'S 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

U.S. Representative Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) provided the following statement announcing his re-election bid in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District:

"The people who call Ohio home represent the best of our country. It is my greatest honor to represent such hard-working Americans who are committed to our country's success both at home and abroad. While it is always hard to lose constituents who have been a part of the Fifth District, I look forward to welcoming back the counties that I formerly represented. There is much work ahead of us to get our country back on track, including lowering every day costs at the pump, combating inflation, securing and strengthening our southern border, and getting folks back to work while supporting our job creators. It is a privilege to be Ohio's Fifth Congressional Districts' voice in the U.S. House of Representatives today, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to do so for years to come."

In the Congressional map approved by the Ohio legislature, Rep. Latta currently -- or previously -- has represented 10 of the 11 counties comprising Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The Fifth Congressional District also includes his hometown of Bowling Green.

RENACCI STANDS WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DEFENDING SECOND AMENDMENT

Ohio Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Renacci announced his support for two firearms bills currently making their way through the Ohio General Assembly. House Bill 99 sets standards for those carrying firearms in school zones, improving the security of our

children in the classroom. House Bill 227 establishes constitutional carry in Ohio. Renacci released the following statement on the proposed legislation:

"I am a fierce advocate of the Second Amendment because I recognize that our right to bear arms is vital to maintaining our other rights. I applaud the Ohio General Assembly for their bold legislative proposals establishing constitutional carry and equipping educators to defend our students. Legislators are leading where our gun-hating Governor has failed. These are good bills and deserve the Governor's support. I can assure you, if I were Governor, these bills would be signed the moment they hit my desk."

REP. BANKS' BILL WOULD BAN CHILD COVID VACCINE MANDATES

RSC Chairman Jim Banks (IN-03) introduced the Parental Rights Protection Act to prohibit federal funding of any state, local, or tribal entity that requires a COVID-19 vaccines for minors. This is the House companion for Senator Ted Cruz's (R-TX) bill, S.3184.

Said Congressman Banks: "As a father of three school-aged girls, I will not sit by and allow liberal activists and non-elected bureaucrats to control the health of our children. Democrats at every level of government have proved time and again that when it comes to children's health, they put radical teachers' union leaders before the science.

Parents knows what is best for their child's health. It's dangerous for the federal government to involve itself in private medical decisions. I introduced this legislation to stop the government from using public schools as leverage to interfere with parents right to decide what is best for their family."

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use for children ages 5 to 11, opening up the possibility of COVID-19 vaccine mandates for minors. The bill specifically prohibits vaccine mandates in school districts and requires parental consent for the administration of any COVID-19 vaccination.

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

CFAES WOOSTER EVENT TO EXPLORE ROBOTICS IN AGRICULTURE

Farming is becoming even higher-tech, and an upcoming event will talk about how.

"Robotics in Agriculture: What Will It Mean to the Food You Eat" will feature five speakers from the farm industry and from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). It takes place at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in Fisher Auditorium at CFAES Wooster, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster.

"We hope attendees will broaden their understanding of the possibilities for using robotics, artificial intelligence, and related technologies to improve food production," said co-planner Mary Wicks, a program coordinator for CFAES' Program for Bioproducts and the Environment.

Wicks said the speakers will give a variety of perspectives, from food and animal production to family, community, and environmental impacts, and will answer questions from the audience.

The topics and speakers:

- "Robotics in Agriculture: Where Are We Headed?" by Scott Shearer of the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE)

- "Robotics in Greenhouse Production" by Peter Ling of FABE

- "Robotics in Animal Production" by Mark Dotterer of Rittman's RMD Dairy Farm

- "Sustainability: Social, Economic, and Environmental Implications," featuring Casey Hoy of the CFAES Department of Entomology on smart foodsheds and Shoshanah Inwood of the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources on family and community impacts.

PUBLIC NOTICE HOSPITAL BOARD POSITION(S)

Applications will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, for one or more positions, to complete six-year terms, as Paulding County Hospital Trustee expiring March, 2027.

Applications may be picked up in the Commissioners' Office for these positions between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previous applicants must reapply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PAULDING COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES POSITION

Resumes will be accepted at the Paulding County Commissioners' Office, 115 North Williams Street, Suite B-1, Courthouse, Paulding, Ohio, until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for two positions, to complete four-year terms, as Board Members for the Paulding County Board of Development Disabilities.

Resumes may be turned into the Commissioners' Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email to: pccommissioners@pauldingcountyoh.com for these positions. Previous applicants must reapply.

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS HAVE FUN IN THE LEAVES



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently went outside to play, play, play on a nice windy day in the beautiful fall leaves. We enjoyed being together, laughter, and tossing autumn leaves into the air. Shown here from the top clockwise are: Hadley Mohr, Mylann Good, Savannah Coil, Nathan Sizemore and Sawyer Stoller.

PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE!! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Speaker will be Marsha Yeutter, Director of Paulding County Senior Center.

A SEASON TO ENJOY AT THE HUBER

December at the Huber is full of events for everyone! The holiday season brings us a variety of performances at the Huber Opera House for your enjoyment. The Dance Dolls will kick off the season with their annual "Nuts & Crackers" Dance Show on Sunday,

Dec. 5 @ 2:30. They will perform ballet, jazz, tap, and lyrical routines to many of your favorite holiday songs.

The following weekend is a trifecta of music as the Hicksville School Music Department will fill the auditorium with music on Friday, December 10 @ 7 pm at their annual holiday concert. Followed by The Siberian Solstice, who return to the Huber stage on Saturday, Dec. 11 @ 7 pm with their magical presentation of sight and sounds. Rounding out the weekend will be the debut of the new Huber Junior Choir led by Earlee Harris and Lindsay Clem on Sunday, Dec. 12 @ 4 pm.

The weekend prior to Christmas is comprised of a new event, "Christmas at the Huber" and is being presented on Friday, Dec. 17 @ 7 pm by a collaboration of churches in Hicksville. Then for the grand finale with The Antwerp Community Band presenting their holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 7 pm.

The Huber invites you to join us for these family friendly events to share the holiday spirit.

OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROVES GRANT TO NAPOLEON DEFIANCE AND WESTERN RAILWAY

On November 17, 2021, the Ohio Rail Development Commission approved a grant of up to \$687,622.50 to replace rail on a portion of the Napoleon Defiance and Western Railway's (NDW) line east of Defiance, Ohio.

NDW's line runs from Woodburn, Indiana to Napoleon, Ohio with interchanges with Norfolk Southern in Woodburn and CSX in Defiance. The railroad suffered from many years of deferred maintenance, which led to frequent derailments and reduced efficiency by limiting the height and weight of loaded railcars and lengths of trains. In recent years, however, new ownership and funding opportunities have led to increased investment in the line. This project involves replacement of approximately three miles of rail between MP 40 and MP 43 east of Defiance and surfacing following replacement work. Pioneer Lines, NDW's parent company, will provide good-quality, 112-pound relay rail and materials (tie plates and joint bars) from a Pioneer-owned railroad in another state. Utilizing this rail represents cost-savings over acquiring similar

relay rail from suppliers.

Matthew Dietrich, Executive Director of the ORDC, said "After decades of deferred maintenance by the previous owners, ORDC is happy to partner with Pioneer to make these critical investments in the rail line. This project, as well as the recent federal grant award, will make this rail line an asset for the region's economic development efforts for many years to come."

"We are so appreciative of ORDC and its support of the Napoleon, Defiance and Western Railway," noted Pioneer Lines President and CEO, Alex Yeros. "Prior to our ownership, the NDW suffered from years of deferred maintenance. By all accounts, this lifeline for the business community was on the brink of abandonment. When we assumed operational control, we committed to investing in and restoring the full functionality of the line. Not just to create a safer railroad, but also because we understood - and ORDC understood - the value it provides to the local economy. Last year, ORDC and NDW worked together to fund rehabilitation on the line between Woodburn, Indiana and Defiance, Ohio. This new project will build on that initial investment to improve another three miles east of Defiance and bring the entirety of the NDW one step closer into a state of good repair. There are a number of businesses poised to grow and expand, and now will be able to with a safe and reliable railroad partner."

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rail service to new customers. In addition, the ORDC funds projects to improve railroad-highway grade crossings to increase safety to the traveling public. Please

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