

MR. & MRS. KIPFER CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Chuck and Debbie Kipfer, of Payne, Ohio, will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 9, 2022. The couple were married in 1972 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They are the par-

ents of Bethany (and Greg Parker), Katrina (and John) Polizzi, and Scott (and Chingy Wong). The couple have six grandchildren: Chloe, Brenna, Ryan, and Megan Parker and Jack and Evelyn Polizzi.

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS YOU!

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

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Smith, Louise Miller, Dick Dunderman, Jan Hahn, George Rhonehouse, Jeanne Schmunk, Karen Sanders, Bill Bricker, Doug Bragg, Fred Kammeyer, Bill Fish, Bob Johnson, Tim and

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PPEC WINS TWO NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2021 MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT



PPEC employees on the Member Appreciation Day Drive-In Movie Committee included (L-R) Samantha Kuhn, Barb Rife, Todd Taylor, Joanne Mobley, Eric Herman, Peter Niagu, Tara Schlatter, Dee Renollet, Heather Hunt. The committee showcases their silver "Best Event" award in the national co-op Spotlight on Excellence Contest, along with magazines from the event and the gift bag giveaways. See the event online at www.ppec.coop/driveinrecap.

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) recently received recognition in the national 2022 Spotlight on Excellence Awards program,

sponsored by the Council of Rural Electric Communicators (CREC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

PPEC received a 2nd place silver award in two categories: "Best Video" and "Best Event." Both awards

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KROUSE NAMED GMC PLAYER OF THE YEAR



After leading his squad to a share of the Green Meadows Conference championship, Antwerp senior Luke Krouse was voted the 2022 GMC Baseball Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches.

Krouse was joined on the all-GMC first team by senior teammates Chase Clark and

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RIEDEL & MCCOLLEY SUPPORT CAPITAL BUDGET

Antwerp Village & Paulding Village Slated to Receive Funds

State Representative Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) and State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) have supported the passing of House Bill 687, the state capital budget, which will provide funding for local projects throughout Ohio and within the 82nd House District.

The capital budget focuses on the most pressing needs of state government, schools,

and economic development within Ohio's communities. It is a collaborative process involving state and local leaders, the economic development community, the arts community, and others to provide guidance on local investments, while balancing the state's need for fiscal restraint and responsibility.

The legislation will also make appropriations that will fund the following district projects:

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Add event to the calendar
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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

June 5

• Dance Dolls Recital @ Huber, 2:30pm

June 6

• VWCOA Drive Thru Dinner, 3:30-6p
• VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

June 7

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

June 10

• Daddy Daughter Masquerade Ball @ Huber, 6-7:30pm

June 11-18

• Paulding County Fair

June 11

• Live music & Ziffles BBQ @ Grounded CC, Paulding, 5-8pm

June 12

• Blessing of the Bikes @ Payne NAZ, 10:30am

June 13

• VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

June 14

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p
• FW Comm Band concert @ Franke Park, 7:30pm

June 16

• Pan! - Huber Youth KIDZ Production, 7pm

June 19

• Father's Day BBQ @ Woodburn Fire & EMS, 11a-1p



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PEVS 2022 HONORS RETIREES



Angie Wiswell and Mary Shrider



Jerry Yoh



Dave Mansfield



Pam Moore

Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to recognize their 2022 retirees. Each staff member received a personalized hand made crock make by Sandy Dobbelaere. Those retiring were: Dave Mansfield, Bus Driver-20 ½ years; Pam Moore, Jr. High ELA Teacher-32 years; Angie Wiswell, Paraprofessional-26 years; Marie Shrider, Paraprofessional-20+ years; and Jerry Yoh, Custodian-38 ½ years.

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- The Kingsbury Riverfront Park will receive \$150,000 for upgrades to the park;
- The Paulding County Park District will receive \$14,500 to install a new floating pier, improve access to the Auglaize River and installation of swings overlooking the Maumee River near Cecil;
- The Penny Nature Center will receive \$50,000 for drainage, bridge and parking lot improvements;
- The Girl Scouts of Western Ohio will receive \$250,000 for renovations at Camp Libbey;
- The Village of Antwerp will receive \$125,000 for the construction of the Holly Kobee Memorial Splash Pad;
- The Village of Paulding will receive \$50,000 for improvements to Leila McGuire Jeffrey Park;
- Paulding County will receive \$25,000 for lighting improvements at the fairgrounds;
- The Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center will receive \$150,000 to complete work on the annex workshop;

- The Village of Middle Point will receive \$150,000 to convert an abandoned building into a community center;
 - The Village of Convoy will receive \$31,000 for the restoration of the Convoy Opera House Annex;
 - The Friends of the St. Marys Theater and Grand Opera House will receive \$500,000 to restore the St. Marys Grand Opera House;
 - The Armstrong Air and Space Museum will receive \$100,000 for updates
 - Auglaize County will receive \$50,000 for parking lot improvements;
 - The City of Wapakoneta will receive \$50,000 for the construction of a playground at the waterpark.
- The legislation also provides more than \$100 million for Ohio school safety grants, which will help public and private schools address local building security needs, \$600 million for public school building construction, renovation and repairs and \$400 million for the Public Works Commission to help communities with local road, bridge and water projects.

This legislation passed the

Ohio House and Ohio Senate Wednesday, June 1, 2022 and now heads to the Governor for his consideration.

ROSE HILL CHURCH OF GOD HOSTS SUMMER VBS

VBS at Rose Hill Church of God, 17965 County Road 138, Paulding, Ohio, will be June 20-24 from 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.

Come learn how Jesus can rescue us when all kinds of things go wrong.

Ages 4 - 5th grade. For more information call 419-399-4993.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
I am fearful about God's coming judgment on America for our wickedness, but I don't know what I can do as just one insignificant person.*

There is no insignificant person in the eyes of God. He loves each individual and gave His life to prove it. Judgment has already been pronounced. Micah 5:15 -

"And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard." Nahum 1:2 - "God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies." Ecclesiastes 12:14 - "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Jeremiah 32:19 - "Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Hebrews 10:30 - "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people."

However, there are some things we can do. The most familiar passage is II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

As an individual I can also, through God, grow in righteousness and perhaps delay the coming judgment. Manasseh was the most wicked king of Judah. He brought in false worship, satanic practices, immorality, shedding of innocent blood, worship of heavenly hosts and promotion of homosexuality. God pronounced national judgment and destruction by the Babylonians. He held it off, however, until after the righteous King Josiah died (II Chronicles 34:24-33).

Yes, your personal growth in righteousness may also help delay the certain coming judgment on the United States of America. Remember, Noah was but one man, and his walk with God preserved the chance of his billions of offspring to have life.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

NW OHIO MAN HOLDS 4th ANNUAL ROWING EVENT

Chris Heerdegen, a longtime supporter of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter and captain of the "Rowing to Re-

member" Longest Day fundraising team, will be hosting a charity country concert at Forest View Lanes in Bedford, MI on Fri., June 17, to help raise money for the chapter and provide free Alzheimer's community services and programs and advance critical disease research.

"My goal for "Rowing to Remember" last year was to row a total of 72 miles in honor of my father who lost his life to Alzheimer's. I picked 72 miles because that was the age my father was when he passed away from this horrible disease. We raised over \$29,000 and this year we hope to raise more," said Heerdegen.

The rowing portion of the event will be held on the patio of the outdoor bar near the volleyball courts from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Volleyball, bowling, and corn hole tournaments hosted by Forest View Lanes will also be held during the event to benefit the Northwest Ohio chapter.

Country musician Jason Michael Carroll will perform an outdoor concert starting at 6:00 p.m. He will be performing his latest single titled "Tell Me Your Name (Diane's Song)" about his mother's struggle with Alzheimer's. He is an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association and brings awareness to the issue through his stories of Diane. General admission tickets are being sold on showtix.com.

Although the Alzheimer's Association brings special attention to The Longest Day around the summer solstice, June 21, these events can be held year-round. Thousands of participants from across the world come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. Together, they use their creativity and passion to raise funds and awareness for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. However, participants can hold their events at any time during the calendar year.

The community can register and participate by visiting alz.org/thelongestday to select an activity that brings friends, family and colleagues together for a great cause. From basketball to baking and card games to crafts, any activity can be a fundraiser.

For questions about the concert or "Rowing to Remember", contact Jessica Gozdowski, Social Media Communications at 567-277-0995, rowingtoremember.com, rowingtoremember@gmail.com or @rowingtoremember on Facebook and Instagram.

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter can be reached at 419.537.1999 or alz.org/nwohio.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementias — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementias*. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

Scripture of the Week

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger,"

— Proverbs 15:1

MATT'S MISHAPS



"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"

— Matt

Mind the Mine Field

Have you been on a military base before? When we first moved overseas, security was thankfully not an issue for American bases. We could drive up to the gate post, let them know we were Americans, and they would let us drive right onto the base. With terrorism and real threats, getting onto an American base overseas base is no longer quite that easy.

My wife spent her first couple years of life near an overseas American Air Force base as her dad served as an elementary teacher to military kids. Today we live overseas in an apartment complex that borders along a foreign military army base. Our view out our windows is of the military's high school playground and a field used for maneuvers.

A foreign friend of mine in their air force was organizing a half marathon race for service men and women. My friend invited me to join in the race, and I encouraged my wife to join along with me. She was a good sport, traveled with me, and jumped into the race. The base authorities allowed us in as Americans and special guests. The race course wound around their base, but didn't have many of the typical amenities a normal long race would have - like porta-pots. The other runners

were familiar with the route that stretched around their workplace (the base) and the race organizers didn't inform us of the features around the course. As we were reaching the last miles of the race and had been over-hydrating along the way, my wife needed to find a bathroom, which there was none. I noticed an out-of-the-way, lightly wooded and vegetated field that would serve as a perfect port-a-pot and I encouraged her to use the facilities. I didn't notice that off in the distance was a military police patrol vehicle, who had been following the only clueless people on the course. I was waiting on the road for my wife when the officers pulled up to me. They advised me to get my wife quickly back on the course as she was in a mine field. Needless to say, she finished up quickly, and got back on the course.

Foreign military bases can be interesting places overseas, but don't get off the course.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!



The foreign military base next to our apartment building is a rundown complex that has seen better days. The military and their facilities don't get the same respect and resources they do in America. I have never met a foreign soldier who hasn't told me that he wished he served in the American forces.

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OH MY ACHING BONES

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

This year I played it smart and got a pneumonia shot, a flu shot and all my COVID shots. I thought I was all set for the heat, cold, rain and snow, but I found out about a few weeks ago that there are other ailments which are



going anywhere. The next day my back and leg was not much better, so I tried to hobble around the house and pretend I was 16 once again. I turned on some music and tried wiggling a bit. Guess what! I wasn't 16 and I had lost my wiggling ability.

By this time I had self diagnosed myself as having a sciatic nerve problem. I told myself, "this hurts more than having a baby." And it did.

As much as I hated to admit it, I knew these aches and pains were probably due to perhaps an aging problem?

I finally called my doctor's office who called me in some medicine. With my medicine, pain rubs, and a heating pad in tow, I thought these items would instantly cure me or at least help me move.

I thought in my own mind that I could still run, jump and dance. But, it even hurt when I just went up and down the steps.

For the life of me I do not understand why people call our older stages of life "The Golden Years?"

How can we enjoy these so called Golden Years with all these aches and pains? Heck I would be thankful just to hobble across my street and get in my car.

The next day, I went into the doctor's office and got a shot. I thought I was going to get instant relief then, but as of right now that old back and these old legs of mine are still stiff and sore.

After a few days I get a case of cabin fever. Oh I don't like these achy bones at all. If this is old age catching up me, it sure hurts.

I wound up going to physical therapy and learned stretches and exercises to give my muscles more flexibility. I bought various back braces, a tens unit and 2 heating pads.

They helped ease the pain, but it took me about a month to be able to stand up to the sink and do my dishes. The day I did that I clapped

my hands and said, "Thank you Jesus."

Being so short, with short legs, I have never been a fast runner. Now, I didn't care to be fast, just a slow pace would be enough.

I will never take my everyday activities for granted. It is really a blessing to walk, go up and down steps, do dishes and drive a car.

Well let me say this. "I still have back problems, but praise God I can still get around." In my soul there is an immortal kid refusing to keep up with my aging body. ~Shyma, (quote Garden)

Cheers to the Golden Years...

As George Burns said, "Look forward to your future. It's where you spend the rest of your life" (Golden years or not).

Are you in the golden years yet? How old do you think we should be to say we are in our golden years? When I was a little child, I always thought my grandma was really old. (And she was only in her 40s) What do you think?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your thoughts.

SECRETARY OF STATE LAROSE ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS FOLLOWING FEDERAL COURT RULING

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued a directive today, following a federal court order to conduct a statewide primary election on August 2 using the third set of General Assembly district maps adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission in February.

The federal court recognized in its decision that Ohio voters have a constitutional right to make their voice heard in a primary election this year. This ruling is a temporary solution that allows Secretary LaRose and the 88 bipartisan county boards of elections to conduct the election that Ohioans deserve, while not removing the burden on the Ohio Redistricting Com-

mission to adopt a more permanent, constitutional solution for the 2024 election cycle and beyond.

"The court's order eliminates any lingering uncertainty and sets the remainder of the 2022 election year in motion," said LaRose. "My office and our partners at the 88 county boards of elections are already working this weekend to implement these directives. Despite the unprecedented delays and challenges we've faced this year, we remain committed to giving Ohioans the accessible election they expect and the confidence in the integrity of that election which they deserve."

The directive issued today by the Secretary of State's Office informs Ohio's 88 county boards of elections of the following:

- A statewide primary election will be conducted on August 2, 2022 for the offices of State Representative, State Senator, and Member of [Political Party] State Central Committee.
- The boards will use the district data files for the Third District Map adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission on February 24, 2022, (86 of 88 counties have already completed programming their systems for this set of maps).
- All boards must program their voter registration and central tabulation systems with the Third District Map data by June 7, 2022.
- Boards must follow the revised elections calendar set forth in the directive for candidate petition recertification, protests, residency, withdrawals, independent candidacies, campaign finance deadlines, and other key requirements associated with conducting a statewide primary election on August 2, 2022.

Ohio voters can find their State Representative, State Senate and Party State Central Committee districts using our "find my district" tool available at VoteOhio.gov/Districts.

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Brenda Copsy, Pudge Kennedy, Ray Friend, George and Victoria Clemens, and Laurel Hopkins.

Each of the above people have been deemed invaluable by friends, family and neighbors in the village of Antwerp. Each have been named a Gem of the Year at Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's Day in the Park. This year's event is set to take place on August 13, 2022 and another selfless resident will be named Gem of the Year.

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

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

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Iden Edwin Chatterton was a Paulding County born young man who ended up coming home. Iden was born September 21, 1888 in Paulding, Ohio. The son of George Iden, born January 21, 1856 in Ohio and Nora Ethelynne (Champion), born October 2, 1863 in Hicksville, Ohio. The Champion family had moved to Antwerp and that is where George and Nora met. Nora was a very popular school teacher at Antwerp schools. In 1880, George was a law student. It is unclear if he chose that career or not, but on January 13, 1887, George and Nora were married. A son, Eugene was born February 17, 1893. After moving to Paulding, George became ill, on November 27, 1896, he had a will written and presented to probate court. The judge signed off December 8, 1896, by then, George had passed away. He was laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery.

In 1900, Nora with her two sons, Iden and Eugene, moved to Carryall Township, to live with her parents, Richard A. and Lucy J. Champion. As a side note, Richard was a Civil War Veteran, serving with 142nd Indiana Infantry. By 1910, Iden had moved to Yakima, Washington working as a timekeeper with the United States Reclamation Service. This is a Federal agency under the United States Department of the Interior. This agency, founded in 1902, oversees water resource management. By 1912, Iden left Washington to move to Michigan. He found a job as a waiter and lived at 611 Church Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. By 1914, Iden moved to Akron, Ohio and was a clerk, living at 111

South Maple Street, Akron. As World War 1 broke out, Iden went to Michigan to enlist in Company H. 126th Infantry of the Michigan National Guard. This unit became part of the 31st Division. Iden was promoted to 1st Lieutenant as a 2nd Battalion Scout Officer. His brother Eugene was in training at Camp Custer, Michigan.

August 4, 1918, Iden was gassed in the Battle of the Marne. On October 2, 1918, the 31st Michigan with other troops had been in the battle against the Hindenburg line for three days. Iden was acting as battalion scout officer. The 31st attacked on the morning of September 26th. Attack renewed on October 1st and German barrage was so strong that most of the companies were forced to leave the field. Iden and a number of companies, en-



tered a building back of the lines to secure sleep and rest. During the early morning hours, a shell struck the building and exploded. A splinter from which struck Iden in the head, killing him instantly. Iden's body was temporarily buried in the woods about a mile southwest of the village called Ciergas and about three miles west of Montfaucon. Iden's mother, Nora, was living in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the time, was notified of her son's death. His body was brought home and buried in Live Oak Cemetery. Iden's brother, Eugene, lived through the war and returned to Ann Arbor, Michigan. He married, had two children and passed away July 23, 1932. He is buried in Michigan. Iden's mother, Nora, passed away May 18, 1940, in Michigan. She was returned to Paulding and buried with her husband George, in Live Oak Cemetery.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Here we are at summer, a time to be able to go places, do things and enjoy having extra money because bills should be lower. Not this summer from Hades that most of us have never experienced in our lives.

People aren't doing things because they can't afford to. My activities are different from others but the idea is the same. Under Trump... Up early, if hot humid weather go to the course and get 18 holes

in, come home and work in the shop to make extra money, do odd jobs around the house or other shop, work in the garden and if need to drive take the car. Ride bike a lot because I like to. If comfortable weather go over later and play with the guys. Or go to a different course with friends once a week. Hot weather, maybe rest in the afternoon then in the evening maybe go to a car cruise, go back over and play another 9 holes, go for a bike ride or to the other shop to mow and trim. In other words enjoy the summer because we could afford gas, food, building supplies and things we needed.

Under Biden... Up early but know you can't afford to do much. Poke on this stupid computer to see if anything interesting and there's no hurry to do nothing as you do every day. Golf, forget about playing a lot. No cart membership, couldn't afford it so maybe go over in the evening a couple times and walk the course. Playing other courses? Forget it with the gas prices. Don't drive the cars any more than you have to. Car cruises, forget them too, other than some local ones here in town. Last year put \$20 in a week at the most, this year would be \$40-\$50 and not doing it. Riding the bike everywhere I can not just because I like to but I have to. Food, building supplies, other commodities we need you better hold your breath at the prices. Spend the day trying to do things that don't cost money or you have to drive. Lots of sitting on the front porch or putting around the yards trying to find things to do. Mowing, costs more to fill than your car but we have to do it about every 4 days. This is the Biden

summer, trying to afford to do anything and its getting worse, higher gas prices, possibly a food shortage, bills higher because everyone wants to gouge us as much as possible before our country is completely destroyed financially by Biden's plans.

This is the platform he ran on and people voted for it anyway but you sure don't hear his voters bragging now. They are kind of quiet about what he's doing to our country. Funny that they hated Trump but I never heard them complain about cheap gas, food prices and availability, plenty of all kinds of other commodities you could get right away and being able to afford everything and having money to enjoy the summer. They obviously voted out of hatred rather than common sense and now the country is paying for it with that evil administration in there taking everything we knew America stood for.

Wonder what it was like living in Nazi Germany in a socialist society under Hitler?? You are approaching that now unless something is done with those people. They want total control over everything we do or have and allow us to just barely live so. They have made themselves gods to get us to kneel at their feet and beg for everything we need. And people think they are doing a good job??? If destroying the country is a good job they are right, he's doing it.

If this is summer what will winter be like under these people? \$5-\$6 gas, food shortages, high utility bills and lots of us with limited incomes. It's scary and I've talked to other people about the same thing. Do we pay bills or buy food? Huh Biden?? He and his bunch care nothing about the everyday person and how they are going to survive.

Politicians should be made to retire with no benefits but live on the same checks they think we can live on, see how they like having to live on less or do without. And they blame everyone and everything else for this destruction but all they need to do is look in a mirror to see the problem.

Our country was founded and defended by brave people who fought and stood up against the very thing our government is doing to us now. And these people have the nerve to brag about what they are doing. There was a time when people like them were arrested and tried for being traitors to our country and committing treason and executed, put in prison for life or

banished from our country and never allowed back in.

That whole bunch are doing this very thing but nobody has the guts to do what's needed to bring our country back to being respected, we are a joke to the world today. It's just sickening to wake up every day to this continuous destruction and wondering how long America can last under this administration.

Time to start another day of doing little as usual. Thanks to all the people who believed in lies about what was going to happen when he was running. Destroying the country isn't build back better. Thanks to the West Bend News for giving us equal time and the right to voice our opinions. Remember, these are our opinions, don't like or agree don't read them. This is free America at least for now and everyone is entitled to theirs.

—Gregg Gorman,
Paulding, Ohio

ENERGY CONTROL INSULATION SPONSORS HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) is slated to celebrate its 37th flight to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Ruoff Mortgage is the Full-Flight Sponsor for Flight #37. Kim Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer of Ruoff Mortgage, said, "Our sponsorship of an all-expenses paid Honor Flight trip is a small token of appreciation for the veterans who gave so much for our country. It's a wonderful way to give them some recognition and ensure they can make that once-in-a-lifetime visit to the memorials in our nation's capital. The volunteers that work behind the scenes are just as much heroes, who work tirelessly to ensure these trips happen".

The June 8th Honor Flight currently consists of a total of 88 veterans: 1 WWII veteran, 18 Korean War veterans, 41 Cold War veterans and 22 Vietnam War veterans. An additional 6 veterans who served in Afghanistan, Desert Storm (or various eras) are also included. Of these veterans, 42 served in more than one era. To date, 2,701 veterans have been transported to Washington by Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, to reflect upon the memorials built in their

honor. Flight 37 Highlights include: -Four Female Veterans will be honored at the Women's Memorial -A Marine Corps Veteran and his two Marine Corps Veteran sons will be together on the flight. (Father is Jerry Lutterbeck, sons are Scott and Jeffery, all USMC Veterans) -Army Colonel Debra Chappel will be traveling with her Air Force Veteran father, Phillip Debolt. David Debolt will be the guardian for his father and sister. Due to construction at the airport, no welcome home festivities are permitted. Honor Flight Northeast Indiana President, Cathy Berkshire, is excited to lead the third flight in 2022! "There is nothing better than seeing the pride and joy on the face of a Veteran who has been honored with a special day of seeing the memorials built for them and we are proud to be able to help them do it."

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

LATTA JOINS LEADER MCCARTHY, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL YOST & OHIO DELEGATION IN FENTANYL ROUNDTABLE IN COLUMBUS

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA23), Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, Representative Troy Balderson (R-OH12), Representative Mike Carey (R-OH15), Representative Steve Chabot (R-OH1), and Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-

OH2) for a roundtable regarding the rising fentanyl crisis plaguing our nation. "As a conference, we are united in the fight against the fentanyl crisis," said Latta. "This afternoon, Leader McCarthy was able to hear firsthand how this epidemic is affecting our friends, families, and neighbors in Ohio. We continue to see the horrific effects of this crisis and medical professionals do not believe that we have yet reached the ceiling on overdoses. This crisis will continue to wreak havoc as these harmful narcotics pour across our southern border. Ensuring that fentanyl is classified as a Schedule 1 narcotic is critical to providing law enforcement with the tools they need to keep this poison out of our communities."

Congressman Latta speaks about the effects of fentanyl across Ohio

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) and Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA9) introduced the Halt Lethal Trafficking (HALT) Fentanyl Act. The Halt Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act closely tracks recommendations to Congress submitted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in September. It would permanently place fentanyl related substances (FRS) into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), simplify registration processes for certain research with Schedule I substances, removing barriers that currently impede such work, and provide for exemption of individual FRS from Schedule I when evidence demonstrates it is appropriate.

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS
Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
Charloe: Charloe Store
Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of

Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
INDIANA LOCATIONS
Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library

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Communications Coordinator Eric Herman and Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn with their silver "Best Video" award from the national Spotlight on Excellence contest. Watch the winning video on YouTube or ppec.coop.

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were from the co-op's July 2021 Drive-In Dinosaur-themed Member Appreciation Movie Night, for the event overall and for the video broadcast featuring employees, a walk-and-talk with CEO George Carter, and a co-op update to announce a bill redesign, COVID update, supply chain issues, and more.

The video was shot and produced by Communications Coordinator Eric Herman and Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn. The 2021 Member Appreciation Day planning committee consisted of nine dedicated employees: Energy Advisor Peter Niagu (Event Co-Chair), System Software Analyst Tara Schlatter (Event Co-Chair), Lead Member Service Representative Joanne Mobley, Engineering/GIS Tech Barb Rife, Safety and Compliance Manager Dee Renollet, IT Manager Todd Taylor, HR and Administration Manager Heather Hunt, Communications Coordinator Eric Herman, and Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn.

"I am proud of our hard-working staff for planning such a successful member appreciation event last year at the Van-Del Drive In, especially not knowing what would happen with the pandemic situation and wanting to prioritize the safety of our members while giving their families a fun night out to de-stress," said PPEC CEO George Carter. "Our marketing department also stepped up to produce a quality - and humorous - drive-in worthy video that allowed me to communicate effectively with members on a variety of

important topics. This was essential after waiting nearly two years to hold an in-person event and update the membership on our current status."

PPEC designed a special cover wrap with a registration card featuring a T-Rex on the cover of the July member magazines (Ohio Cooperative Living and Indiana Connection), as well as created a variety of flyers, banners at parades, and online content to help get word out about how much the co-op cares for its members.

Other staff at the national trade level agree; a variety of member communication is crucial in today's shifting environment.

"Printed news publications, social media and videos are all more important than ever to keep members updated on issues affecting the electric cooperatives and their members," added Scott Peterson, Senior Vice President Communications for NRECA.

The contest winners are recognized annually during the CONNECT conference, a national conference for communications and marketing professionals. Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn attended on behalf of PPEC to accept the awards.

NRECA is a national trade association representing more than 900 consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives, public power districts, and public utility districts in the United States. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 2021-2022 4th QUARTER HONOR ROLL

All A's:
 3rd Grade - Carter Beregszazi, Ian Clark, Keigan Custer, Jameson Malfait, Makenzie Muir, Brady Stairhime, Sylvie Zartman, Carter Bagley, Conley Bissell, Charlotte Kauser, Jocelyn Laker, Josie Laker, Rile Martin, Luke Saylor, Cy Zuber, Aubree Feehan, Braxton Fidler, Carson Forbes, Kloe Goudy, Dalton Hines, Adrian Hogans, Kaylie Kapperman, Colt Lockhart, Addyson McKay, Owen Parisot, Avery Parrish, Julian Rivera, Devin Smith, Lily Zjilstra, Kennedy Zuber

4th Grade - Hannah Bradbury, Eliza Cline, Hayden Grant, Anderson Honigford, Alivia Kirtacofe, Isaac Meyer, Briggs Zartman

5th Grade - Elliana Burnett, Brooklynn Lawson, Garrett Robbins, Brennan Barker, Allison Miller, Alaina Reinhart

All A's & B's:
 3rd Grade - Audreylynn Comer, Braylon Hogans, Stella Schmidt, Alexander Shipman, Edwin White, Matilyn Zielke, Quine Bradbury, Riel Gonzalez, Juliet Jones, Emma Justinger, Jaxton Leinbach, Lane Sensabaugh, Adelynn Slattman, Serenity Smith, Owen Dangler, Bradyn Miller

4th Grade - Parker Bermejo, Liam Burelison, Jameson Graham, Brady Henning, Kyler Johnson, Marshall Rice, Benton Rogge, Sophia Antoine, Brooklyn Baum, Laylah Bermejo, Luke Jones, Heidi Rice, Kolton Stuckey, Bentley Taylor, Emma White, Rylan Winslow, Christopher Yanez, Ava Dunham, Conner Fidler, Isaac Friend, Cooper Nestleroad, Jordan Steel

5th Grade - Tyler Bradbury, Pearce Cottrell, Charlotte Hook, Braylan Ingol, Emerson Morrow, Evan Overman, Annabelle Mowery, Lorelai Mylek, Cate Rohrs, Aleta Sorrell, Haydyn Walton

FIVE EARN GMC ALL-LEAGUE FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS

The Green Meadows Conference announced its all-league softball selections last week with five Paulding County athletes earning first team honors.

Tinora sophomore Scylea Zolman was voted the Green Meadows Conference Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches.

Joining Zolman on the first team are the Antwerp duo of seniors Astianna Coppes and Lauren Schuller, Paulding sophomore Maci Kauser along with Wayne Trace junior Macy Doster and sophomore Kaitlin Slade.

Other players selected for the first team in the GMC were Tinora senior Quinn Horn, Fairview junior Allison Rhodes, Ayersville senior Hailley Johnson and Fairview junior Paige Ricica.

Second team honorees included Antwerp senior Samantha Rigsby, Edgerton freshman Casey Everetts, Fairview junior Carrie Zeedyk, Paulding freshman Jalyn Klopfenstein, Tinora junior DeVona Holmes, Hicksville junior Morgan Fogle, Fairview senior Alyssa Merritt, Edgerton freshman Corinne Cape, Paulding sophomore Jocelynn Parrett and Wayne Trace sophomore Logen Bland.

Garnering honorable mention were Antwerp senior Emerson Litzenberg, Ayersville sophomore Taylor Waldron, Edgerton senior Ashlyn Slesman, Fairview senior Kaylin Mack, Hicksville sophomore Allie Nelson, Paulding senior Alivya Bakle, Tinora junior Logan McQuillin and Wayne Trace sophomore Tatum Tigner.

PATRIOTS RUN-RULE BELLMONT

The Heritage Patriots scored six runs in the first two innings and added three more in the bottom of the sixth to wrap up an 11-1 victory over Belmont in high school baseball action last week.

The Patriots scored once in the first before plating five runs in the second, seizing a 6-0 advantage. After the Braves got one run in the third, Heritage put the game away with a two-run fourth before scoring three times in the sixth to seal the 11-1 victory.

A quartet of plays posted two hits each for Heritage, including Noah Redmon, Dalton Wasson, Dalton White and Caleb Abbott. Barry Lomow, Tyler Redmon, Jackson Bearman and Leroy Lepper all had one hit for the Patriots.

White and Lomow each scored twice for Heritage with Bearman, Redmon, Wasson, Payton Fields, Hunter Miller, Andrew Mirelez and Kobe Meyer also scored for the Warriors.

Bearman topped Heritage with three runs batted in with Tyler Redmon, Wasson and White picking up a pair apiece. Noah Redmon and Abbott also had an RBI each.

Wasson got the win for the Patriots, pitching the complete-game six innings surrendering five hits, one run and one walk with five strikeouts.

ARCHER TRACK ATHLETES COMPETE AT REGIONAL

The Archers competed in the Regional Track Meet at Port Clinton on Wednesday. The Archers showed great effort in a very competitive meet. Here are the results from Wednesday:

- Gaige McMichael: 15th 110 hurdles; 11th pole vault; 11th 300 hurdles
- Mia Altimus: 10th 100m
- Kaden Recker: 15th 100m; 13th 200m
- Boys 4x200 (Sholl, Wagner, Lengacher, Recker) 15th
- Boys 4x100 (Sholl, Wagner, Lengacher, Recker) 16th
- Girls 4x100 (Altimus, McMichael, Reyes, Copsey) 15th
- Hayden Wagner 9th 400m
- Tavin Sholl 14th 400m
- Leslie Pollock 13th shot put

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY



Shown here with Firefighter Mike are from left: Nathan Sizemore, Savannah Coil, Darius Ash, Scarlett Simonin, Harper Snyder, Owen Gamble, Mylann Good and Hadley Mohr.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers were visited by Firefighter Michael Schweinsburg at the end of the school year to teach them about fire safety and show them his big, red fire truck. We learned to yell "HERE I AM" really loud

so the firefighters can find us in an emergency and to never, ever hide in a fire. Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS to hear about our new lower prices for summer care and/or fall preschool. We have openings!

Jagger Landers 9th place discus
 What a great job by these amazing athletes representing Antwerp at the regional meet! Excellence on your work and dedication this year!

CFAES REPORT FOCUSES ON WAYS TO EXPAND, ENHANCE RURAL ACCESS TO BROADBAND INTERNET IN OHIO

While most Ohioans have access to broadband internet, nearly 1 million still lack access to the fast, reliable broadband services in their homes, says analysts with the C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"This unserved population largely lives in less populated rural regions of the state where it is prohibitively expensive for internet service providers to extend service," according to Mark Partridge, chair and professor in the CFAES Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics. The Swank program, housed in the department, conducts research, teaching, and outreach within the college.

An April report released by researchers with the Swank program says there is a strong economic benefit for Ohio to invest in expanding and enhancing broadband coverage

to unserved areas, as well as making the service more affordable and ensuring that users have access to adequate devices to use the internet for their needs.

Broadband internet services are those that meet the Federal Communications Commission's current minimum speeds of 25 megabits per second for downloading and 3 megabits per second for uploading. But those definitions of "high speed" are woefully out of date and need to be updated by the government, Partridge said.

"When comparing Ohio in which 12% of the population lacks broadband access—to its neighbors, there are considerable differences," he said. "For example, over 50% of West Virginians lack access to broadband service versus only 6.5% of New Yorkers, though West Virginia is uniformly inhibited by difficult terrain."

Partridge said Ohio's relative performance is middling, with some states achieving higher broadband penetration, such as Illinois with 90.3% and New York at 93.5%, while other states fare considerably worse than Ohio, such as West Virginia at 49.8% and Kentucky at 81.4%.

"The last few years saw rapid transformation of broadband use throughout America with almost every aspect of life now wholly reliant on digital technology," Partridge said. "Streaming ser-

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ANTWERP HANDILY DEFEATS PLYMOUTH



Antwerp's Parker Moore bunts the ball and ends up on second base after the ball bounces over the first baseman's head. More pictures at westbendnews.net

The Antwerp Archers went to regional baseball action once again this year after winning the Bryan District Championship against county rival Wayne Trace. Antwerp and Plymouth both started well in the first inning with both teams posted one run. The north central Ohio team was not able to score again the rest of the game while Antwerp added runs consistently every other inning. Chase Clark scored 2 runs, 1st and 7th innings. Luke Krouse added a run in the 3rd and seventh innings. Parker Moore had the most runs of three in the third, sixth and seventh innings. Moore also

put in 72 pitches for the Archers. Hunter Sproles posted a run in the third inning and pitched a couple innings. Ethan Lichty added a run in the seventh inning. Ethan also pitched the last inning for two strikeouts. Aiden Lichty added one run in the seventh inning and performed well at first base, getting quite a few outs. Carson Altimus posted the only run in the fifth inning. The final score was 11-1 in Antwerp's favor. Now the Archers take on Lincolnview (who defeated Leipsic 8-1) on Friday evening for the Regional Championship.

services such as Netflix and Hulu have increased their prevalence in our everyday lives, while telehealth and telework options have exploded, with the former now being a viable option for rural communities' void of healthcare providers and the latter permeating almost every industry. "And the COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated the issue, as accelerated demands for high-speed internet as lockdowns in the spring of 2020 forced tens of millions of students to learn virtually, and a large fraction of the U.S. labor force to work remotely."

speed does not reflect the required speeds for proper usage, and required speeds are likely to increase with technological change and new applications. • policymakers to not only consider the physical infrastructure necessary for high speeds, such as fiber-optic cables that deliver broadband, but also improve competition, reduce prices, and enhance quality by increasing the number of internet service providers for the public—especially in currently under-

served areas. • more competition, and, in some cases, local communities starting their own broadband provider if private markets are unable to provide necessary competition. • pairing broadband investments with other workforce training programs that raise skill levels in lagging regions and investments, and the use of federal and state funds for providing adequate devices for internet usage, including in school districts with large shares of students without at-home high-speed internet access. • increased emphasis in providing adequate devices such as laptops and tablets to access the internet. Even if one has access to affordable broadband, if they are using only a smartphone, they are unable to participate in many activities such as joint, online projects or in taking online classes such as chemistry. • increased emphasis on affordability versus access, given that 18% of households nationwide still don't have any access, leaving a large share of the population out of modern society and the modern workplace.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FACTS MAY HELP PROTECT COGNITIVE FUNCTION

Lifestyle factors such as nutrition and the amount of sleep, exercise and the social interaction one engages in can positively affect life expectancy. But recent brain health research suggests that those factors may also stave off cognitive impairment. On June 8, the Alzheimer's Association will host a free statewide webinar to discuss the latest advances in dementia-related research and key strategies that may help to keep the brain healthy at "Brain Aware: Research on Reducing Dementia Risk." Dr. Claire Sexton, Senior Director, Scientific Programs & Outreach at the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss the role of modifiable factors in reducing the risk for Alzheimer's and dementia at the 6 p.m. program. Dr. Sexton leads research programs and initiatives to accelerate the scientific agenda of the Alzheimer's Association. A Q&A segment, where those in attendance can ask

questions, will be included. Preregistration is required at alz.org/R10brainhealth to receive the Zoom link to join the event. Individuals can also call 800.272.3900 to register. "A recent study indicated that lifestyle factors are not only associated with increased life expectancy, but also a larger proportion of years lived without Alzheimer's dementia," Dr. Sexton said. "In other words, lifestyle factors may not only help you to live longer, but also to live well in those years," Dr. Sexton said. In Ohio, one out of every nine individuals ages 65 years old and older are impacted by Alzheimer's or another dementia, according to Ohio's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force. Between 2010 and 2019, Ohio experienced a 13.5 percent increase in Alzheimer's deaths, the Task Force reported. Eric VanVlymen, Regional Leader for the Alzheimer's Association in Ohio, said, "Ohio is already looking at healthy living, research around brain health and early detection of the disease to address this public health crisis. This event will inform people on steps they can take today to increase their chances of life without Alzheimer's or dementia." Earlier this month, the Ohio Department of Higher Education announced a collaboration with Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), the Office of Governor Mike DeWine, and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to advance research related to brain health. The Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of CWRU was awarded a \$2 million Third Frontier Research Incentive grant that will be used for a brain health-related project in the areas of prevention, early intervention, and slowing the progression of disease and disorders. Alzheimer's is a progressive, fatal brain disease that kills nerve cells and tissues in the brain, affecting an individual's ability to remember, think, plan, speak, walk. The Alzheimer's Association, which is the largest non-profit funder of Alzheimer's and dementia research, is supporting a full portfolio of research to better brain health, from laboratory-based studies that examine the molecular mecha-

nisms that mediate the cognitive benefits of exercise, through to community-based studies. One such example of the latter is the U.S. Study to Protect Brain Health Through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk – known as U.S. POINTER – a two-year clinical trial to evaluate whether lifestyle interventions that simultaneously target multiple risk factors can protect cognitive function in older adults (age 60-79) at increased risk for cognitive decline. "There aren't any guarantees," Dr. Sexton said. "Age is the biggest factor and our genetics play a role as well. We know these lifestyle factors do not guarantee that someone will or will not develop dementia, but when we look at the population level though, certain factors are associated with decreased risk." Dr. Sexton said there is potential in combining different efforts to decrease risk. For example, individuals should not just think about physical activity while disregarding a healthy diet. "It's holistic," she said. "It's never too early or never too late to start thinking about your risk. Adults of any age can be mindful of risk and can learn about research," she said. About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

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Hunter Sproles along with Paulding senior Sam Woods. Wayne Trace sophomore Cooper Wenzlick picked up all-league first team honors as well. Tinora put three players on the first team as well in seniors Nolan Schafer, Casen Wolfrum and Cole Comisso. Ayersville junior Blake Hauenstein and Fairview senior Nathaniel Adkins garnered first team selections as well. Second team honors went

to Wayne Trace senior Allen Minck and sophomore Kyle Forrer along with Paulding junior Jacob Martinez. Other GMC second team selections included Tinora senior Jayden Berman, Ayersville sophomore Abe DeLano, Fairview junior Eli Shininger, Edgerton junior Corey Everetts, Hicksville junior Aaron Klima, Ayersville sophomore Luke DeLano and Fairview senior Brady Karzynow. Recording honorable mention were Antwerp junior Ethan Lichty, Ayersville senior Tyler Winzeler, Edgerton freshman Corey Herman, Fairview junior Adam Lashaway, Hicksville junior Brody Balsler, Paulding senior Logan Tope, Tinora sophomore Kady Radzik and Wayne Trace sophomore Tucker Antoine.

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SECOND ANNUAL RALLY 4 RECOVERY EVENT ANNOUNCED IN VAN WERT



It is important to celebrate success, no matter how great or how small. Families of Addicts Van Wert will present its second annual Rally 4 Recovery, taking place at Fountain Park July 9, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This family-friendly event is for the whole community including those in recovery, those seeking recovery and all those individuals that love and support them. The mission of Families of Addicts Van Wert is to educate moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters and siblings on navigating the road to recovery and the ways to support those in substance abuse.

The family-friendly July 9, 2022, event will feature emcee Scotty Mays. Speakers for the day will include Joshua Clemons from Sober Grid, Diane Urban from APALD, Nate Moellering and Tommy Streeter of Fort Wayne Recovery and Bare Knuckles Recovery, Daniel Ritchie

Daniel Ritchie of Cedar Oaks Wellness Center and Inspiring Recovery, and Holly Conklin from Angel Intervention, and On the Road of Recovery will have their RV rolling into the Rally to collect success stories of people in recovery. There will be several opportunities for anyone to learn how to administer Narcan, and receive a free Narcan kit. In addition, families from Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana can be introduced to wrap-around support services available to those recovering from addiction. The event will also include food trucks, live music from Colt & Crew as well as other family-friendly activities.

Event organizers are currently seeking 40 vendors to set up tables and share information about their services as well as additional food trucks to be onsite for the duration of the event. Families of Addicts - Van Wert is also seeking businesses interested

in sponsoring the event. Those interested in either opportunity are encouraged to call FOA at (419) 203-0200 and ask for Shane Manson.

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

ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT



May 20, a resident reported to the police depart-

ment that there was a water main brake at 322 E. Canal. Officer contacted the village administrator.

May 20, Antwerp Police Department was notified of a loud explosion. The caller reported a large tree fell and snapped a wire that power was out. The officer responded, spotted an electric wire down on Maple Dr. A village employee, along with AEP were contacted.

May 20, Antwerp Police Department received a report of an alarm at a business on Buffalo St. Officer went to the location and found everything

okay.

May 20, a resident of Daggett St. reported he was walking along Daggett St. and a dog came out bit him in the stomach area. The owner was contacted and a report prepared.

May 21, an officer located an assortment of tools located in the 500 block of N. Main St.

May 21, a report of an alarm at a downtown business came in. Officer responded and found that an employee set it off on accident.

May 23, an individual from North Garden Apartments was arrested on a warrant.

May 23, an officer was requested to assist the Ohio State Highway Patrol with a stop at Canal and Erie Streets.

May 25, a resident of the village reported that his neighbor does not have a driver's license and he sees him driving all the time.

May 26, an individual came to the department and retrieved belongings that they identified as theirs that was in the department's possession.

May 26, it was reported that an officer was needed at a residence on E. River St. The caller reported there was a female in her 20's that possibly overdosed. Antwerp EMS was contacted. The individual was taken to the hospital. Suspected drugs were located at the residence. A report was prepared and referred to the county prosecutor.

May 27, a resident of Woodcox St reported that there was a vehicle parked along the street with an individual playing loud music. Officer responded, located the vehicle, spoke to the individual and the music was turned down.

May 27, Antwerp Police Department was asked to serve an eviction notice on E. River St. The was notice was served to tenant.

May 27, a call was received

in reference to individuals that had gotten into a fight the night before at North Garden Apartments. The case was investigated and referred to the county prosecutor.

May 28, a resident of Erie St. stopped an officer that was patrolling and explained that his neighbor had yelled at him.

May 28, a resident of Erie St. reported that his neighbor had yelled at his juvenile daughter while she was outside playing.

May 28, a vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of S. Erie St. The driver was cited for driving under suspension and expired plates.

May 28, an individual called and said she was driving on SR 111 going to the hospital, and her and her boyfriend began arguing and he grabbed the wheel causing her to almost crash. The caller was referred to Paulding County Sheriff.

May 28, a resident of Rd. 192 reported a suspicious vehicle sitting in the church parking lot. The caller was referred to Paulding County Sheriff.

May 29, Antwerp EMS requested assistance at a location in the village. Officer went and assisted.

May 30 Antwerp Police Department received a report of an individual at North Garden Apartments that has a blue truck was driving through town and did not have a driver's license.

May 30, officers assisted with Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

May 31, a resident of the county reported that an individual from Antwerp was just at her house yelling and screaming and tore up her driveway. The caller was referred to Paulding County Sheriff.

May 31, a resident requested a golf cart inspection. The inspection was performed.

June 1, Antwerp Police Department was requested to do a welfare check on an individual living on Daggett St. The caller reported the individual had not been seen in a few days. Officer responded and found the person okay.

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!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition
Adam F. Sexton, Cecil, OH; Littering; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

William J. Stucky, Payne, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed, without prejudice; Costs waived

Rashawn T. Johnson, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel, Pled no contest, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 6/2/22; No operator's license, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive; 2Count D dismissed

Kimberly Matlock, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel; Pled no contest; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Pay all fines and costs; Show proof of insurance by 6/2/22

Kaylie Coleman, Redkey, IN; OVI/under influence; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Chapel, Pled no contest, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided: Fines and costs to be taken from bond; All contraband shall be forfeited by arresting agency

urance by 6/2/22

Ceara D. Freeman, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Darlene M. Hanneman, Columbus Grove, OH; Cross yellow lane; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jamie D. Coombs, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Cody L. Adkins, Oakwood, OH; Child restraint, Defendant appeared in court, Found guilty, Pay all fines and costs; Driving under FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; No tail lights, Defendant appeared in court, Found guilty, Pay fine; Display plates, Defendant found guilty, Pay fine

Stacy A. Landis, Antwerp, OH; OVI suspension; Guilty; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Hyman; Pled guilty; Vehicle shall be immobilized for 30 days commencing 5/27/22; Shall pay \$75 fee for club removal; Pay all fines and costs

Michael R. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct (3 counts), Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior

Casey R. Helms, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Defendant appeared in court; Pled no contest, found guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; Pay all fines and costs

Steven D. Landers, Grover Hill, OH; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

David C. Santo, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Archie D. Dirrim, Paulding, OH; Passing bad check (4 counts); Dismissed

Paul K. Meyer, Defiance, OH; Flee/elude; Case dismissed

Chad N. Eagleson, New Haven, IN; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Corbin A. Griffiths, Paulding, OH; Junk ordinance; Case dismissed; Costs waived

James W. Taylor, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Anthony W. Tapscott Jr., Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elizabeth Craft, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ric Henricks, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chelci Jones, Redkey, IN; Driving under FRA suspension; Defendant appeared with Mr. Chapel; Pled no contest; Proof of insurance not provided; Pay all fines and costs; Complete 20 hours community service; Warrant and warrant block shall be recalled

Christopher Fellers, Haviland, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Chelsea Mason, Defiance, OH; Failure to reinstate; Defendant appeared in court; Pled no contest; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Show proof of insurance by 6/3/22

John K. Leigh, O'Fallon, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Codey J. McClure, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive (2 counts); Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cory L. Knuth, Van Wert, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Timothy J. Lavin, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under suspension, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, Pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive

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NSCC RAISES OVER \$60,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT 2022 GREEN CARPET EVENT



Van Wert County Foundation, LaRoy Martinez, Jr., Bard Manufacturing - Making a Difference Award winners

The Northwest State Community College Foundation recently hosted its 13th annual Green Carpet Event, "Come Together," and raised over \$60,000. All proceeds from the event go directly to student scholarships. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2022 Making a Difference Awards, which were created by the NSCC Foundation as a way to recognize and celebrate individuals, businesses and organizations in the six-county area committed to improving their communities. This year's recipients were Bard Manufacturing Company, the Van Wert County Foundation, and LaRoy Martinez, Jr.

In addition to the Making a Difference Awards, the Green Carpet Event included a heartfelt performance by Kerry Patrick Clark. Gourmet food stations, a cash bar and a silent auction rounded out the festivities, as the Auditorium and surrounding areas were decorated in the event's "Come Together" theme.

"The Green Carpet Event and the Making a Difference Awards celebrate hard work,

community support and giving," said Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Director of Development. "We work year-round to raise awareness and needed funds for student scholarships, and this event is a critical piece of those efforts. We recently celebrated awarding over \$1 million in Foundation scholarships, and we're focused on how we can continue to do more for our learners. We are blessed to work in a community where people come together to help make a difference for others," Wilcox continued.

A special recap program of the NSCC Green Carpet Event will soon be available on the Northwest State website (<https://northweststate.edu/green-carpet>), and will be available on WNHO TV26, available via Spectrum cable and other select local TV providers, plus over the air via antenna.

ABOUT THE NSCC FOUNDATION
The NSCC Foundation was established in 1978 to provide support for the students, people and programs of NSCC. For over 40 years, the foundation has remained true to its mission to enhance, expand and sustain

drive, Defendant appeared in court, Pled no contest, Pay fines
Dianna Torres, Adrian, MI; Driving under non FRA suspension; Defendant appeared in court; Pled no contest; Pay all fines and costs
Dyain C. Schlosser, Melrose, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Alexis M. Dowdy, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Salomon Nieto Contreras, Haviland, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant
Tricia E. Metzger-Osting, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Tycen J. Proxmire, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jonathon J. Lichty, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Paula J. Nuest, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Barney R. Carroll, North Augusta, SC; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Northwest State so that NSCC can continue to fulfill its mission of creating opportunities for transformational learning. The NSCC Foundation works diligently to raise much-needed funds for educational opportunities that directly and indirectly impact students. Additional information on the NSCC Foundation is available at NorthwestState.edu/nscf-foundation/.



THE LEFT TURN

By: Ron Burt

This column normally doesn't cover the big two, but you must mention both when you mention racing on Memorial weekend. This year's Indy 500 winner was Marcus Ericsson, a 31-year-old from Sweden. The win wasn't easy, his last two laps were a shoot-out. He had to hold off Pato O'Ward (runner up) and Tony Kanaan (3rd place) to capture his first Indy victory. After dominating most of the race Scott Dixon had to serve a penalty for speeding down pit lane. Dixon set a record for most laps led at the Indy 500 in his career. If you're my age or older, it will always be The World 600 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway for NASCAR and has always been one of racings crowned jewels. This year's winner was Denny Hamlin, with Kyle Bush and Kevin Harvick right behind him. The multiple overtimes made it the longest NASCAR race of all-time. The best way to describe the 600, lots of yellow flags were waving. Not to upset die-hard NASCAR fans, it was the Coca-Cola 600.

Keeping up with Midwest racing traditions, the 74th Annual Little 500, took place Saturday, May 28th in Anderson Indiana on one of the countries most famous quarter mile asphalt short tracks. Anderson Motor Speedway is home to this very prestigious non wing USAC Sprint Car race. It's a 33-car starting field of the nations top Sprint Car drivers running 500 laps around the high banked track. Over the years this race has changed locations and it hasn't been that many years ago when Indy 500 drivers raced this event the night before Indy. Some older race fans remember it was first run by AAA/USAC Roadsters which over the years different designs developed cars into Sprints or Super Modifieds. This year's winner and pole sitter was Tyler Roahrig. It was back-to-back victories for him on the fast high banks. He led 219 laps. The capacity crowd cheered when the Plymouth Indiana driver took the lead on lap 375 from Dakota Armstrong. From that point Roahrig had to keep working his way through lapped traffic and several cautions and red flags. Armstrong finished 2nd but gave several runs for the lead in the last five laps. C.J. Leary, Kyle O'Gara and Caleb Arm-

strong all finished on the lead lap.

In our local racing area Memorial weekend Friday night was a wash out due to the rains. The pits and staging area at Attica and Lima-land were a mess and Gas City took the weekend off. Saturday was a little better and many asphalt tracks were offering big payouts in the tri-state for the Outlaw Late Models. It was also the new reopening of Plymouth Motor Speedway. The dirt was removed during the winter and the 3/8th mile oval is back to asphalt. It was a capacity crowd for the reopening and 114 cars showed up to race. Shawn Amor won the Outlaw Late Model feature. Austin Maynard making his debut at Plymouth won the Sportsman Late Model Feature. Slick Nick Pressler took the checker in Street Stocks. The track also will run FWD's and Hornets weekly. Fremont Motor Speedway was rained out Saturday, May 28th, so the 410 Sprints and Dirt Late Models had to haul to Wayne County Speedway. Chris Myers won the 410 Sprint A-main and Mitch Caskey won in the Late Model division. At Eldora Speedway, Tyler Erb won the Late Model Feature to bring home the \$5,000.00 in the Johnny Appleseed Classic. Dylan Woodling won in the Modified feature, and Earnie Woodard took the checker in the Stock Cars. I have more race coverage on my facebook sports page Ohio Sports Blitz, along with my takes on other sports topics. You're welcome to reach me at my email. ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com
Ron Out!

GIRL NAMED TOM RETURNS AS GRANDSTAND HEADLINER FOR VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR 2022

Returning to Van Wert by popular demand, Girl Named Tom will headline the Van Wert County Fair concert at The Grandstand on Saturday, September 3 at 8:00 PM. Presented by Jim and Mary Pope, this Labor Day Weekend feature will provide the additional capacity to meet the proven demand for The Voice winners who have taken the country by storm. Supporting Sponsors are Kenn-Feld Group, Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, Lee Kinstle & Taylor Auto Sales, and Gary Taylor. Van Wert Live 2022 Annual Sponsors are Central Insurance Companies, First Federal of Van Wert, and Statewide Ford-Lincoln.

Tickets are available now! Early ticketing buying opportunities are also available to members of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society. To become a VWAS Member, contact the Van Wert County Fair Board Office at 419-238-9270. Concert tickets are available at vanwertlive.com, by phone at 419-238-6722, or in person at the VWLive Box Office from 10 AM - 3 PM, Mon-Fri.

Based in the Midwest, Girl Named Tom performed all over the country during the pandemic struck. Now, after winning The Voice, they have not slowed down performing for fans from the East to West coasts. Their performances at The Nis-

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

wonger Performing Arts Center on January 30 included two sold-out performances. In just 7 days, 2400 pre-sale tickets were sold before the event was released for General Sales. Girl Named Tom's performances are all uniquely special with not two being the same. Returning to Van Wert with their band, some new mate-

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Call for Special Orders

In September 2021, State Wildlife Officer Matthew D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, attended the first annual Willard Fishing Derby at Willard Reservoir. Officer Smith partnered with Willard City Council to promote the event. He also provided loaner fishing poles for those who did not have their own equipment. Around 75 children and adults fished in the derby. Each child was given a free fishing rod and reel for their participation. Officer Smith is helping to organize the 2022 event with an added archery activity.

State Wildlife Investigator Jeremy Payne, assigned to northwest Ohio, assisted with multiple pollution events in 2021, many of which were reported by a concerned citizen. These reports allow officers to quickly arrive on the scene and work to determine the cause of the pollution. Ohioans are encouraged to call 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543) to report any dead or dying fish in their local streams.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

In February, State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Cuyahoga County, received a call from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission about an individual who had illegally taken a state-threatened gopher tortoise from the wild in Florida and brought it back to Ohio. Officer Hillman contacted the individual, seized the tortoise, and educated the person about the various violations committed. Unfortunately, the tortoise was unable to be returned to the wild in Florida. It was taken to a licensed reptile and amphibian facility where it will serve as an education ambassador.

In November 2021, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, was investigating white-tailed deer harvest reports. Officer Frank identified suspicious activity which indicated an individual had checked in more than one antlered deer. One of the deer was harvested on private property without written permission. The suspect was issued one summons for harvesting more than one antlered deer, and another for trespassing. A total of \$190 in fines and court costs as well as more than \$1,900 in restitution were paid by the suspect.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, and State

Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Scioto County, contacted an Ironton man about possible white-tailed deer hunting violations in February 2021. The officers discovered numerous violations during the investigation, which concluded with the seizure of 10 deer racks and six charges filed in Ironton Municipal Court. The defendant was convicted of five counts and ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution and \$255 in fines, court costs, and probationary fees. He lost his hunting privileges for two years in Ohio and 47 other states through the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

During the 2022 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jerrod Allison, assigned to Coshocton County, received calls from three different landowners who had people hunting on their properties without permission. Officer Allison found two vehicles in the area and he contacted six hunters. Two of the individuals were not wearing the required hunter orange. All six hunters were found to be hunting without permission on private property. Two of the individuals had killed deer on the property the day before. All six individuals were issued tickets for hunting without permission, two were issued tickets for not wearing hunter orange, and the two deer harvested from the property were seized. The hunters paid fines and court costs in Coshocton Municipal Court, and the deer were donated to the local food pantry.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officers Matt Roberts and Gus Kiebel, assigned to Highland and Adams counties, respectively, were on patrol when they received a call that a landowner caught a bobcat in a live trap. The officers arrived at the Adams County residence and were led to the location where the bobcat had been trapped. The officers relocated the bobcat, unharmed, back into the wild.

Wildlife District Five recently hosted a yearly service-learning project at the district headquarters in Xenia for the St. Brigid School. The project was led by Wildlife Unit Supervisor Matt Hunt. The kindergarten class spent the day learning about conservation under the mentorship of eighth-grade students. State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and State Wildlife Officer Matt Bourne, assigned to Clark County, taught the basics of fishing and archery with fish management staff. The students concluded the day by learning about soil science and planted several flower beds with plants essential for pollinators. This marks the eighth year for the service-learning day, with this year's eighth grade mentors being the first kindergarten class to take part in the project.

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REDUCING HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

When late spring and early summer weather gets hot and muggy and we get lots of rain, expect things to grow. Unfortunately, that is also a good recipe for increased harmful algal blooms (HABs) in Lake Erie. New research shows that merely reducing phosphorus (P) loadings in Lake Erie will not solve the HAB problem; but may in fact, make them worse! Algal biomasses (actually cyanobacteria) will be reduced, but microcystin or toxic algal production will increase. With reduced P, the algae will take up increased amounts of fixed nitrogen, and in the absence of P will actually produce increased, toxic amounts of algal toxins, the microcysts. The lake won't be so green and will let in more light, but will become much more toxic (Hellweger et al, Science, 2022)

Phosphorus is usually blamed for most HAB in freshwater because it is the most limiting element needed for plant growth. However, just a little extra P, greatly increases plant growth, especially in lakes. However, as far as pollutants, nitrogen especially nitrates are 10X higher in freshwater, especially Lake Erie. Nitrogen is soluble and flows with water, especially after heavy rains. In 2016, 46 thousand tons of N flowed into Lake Erie which was an average of 83 pounds N lost per acre (Watters, 2016). In saltwater oceans, N is usually the most limiting element for growth. Excess N from the Mississippi River creates hypoxia or excess plant growth which leads to a loss of oxygen and dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico. With high fertilizer prices, farmers have huge incentive to reduce both N and P fertilizer losses. Management practices that keep both N & P in the soil and

out of surface water are going to be needed to keep our water safe.

When we think about biology, though, it's not just N & P. Plants use N to make protein. Plants use P to make DNA, for energy production, and for cell walls. Although used in much smaller amounts, micronutrients are also needed to make enzymes to speed up metabolic growth. Fulvic acid increases plant growth 100X on the land but also in the water. Fulvic acid is a natural carbon compound that enhances the absorption of micronutrients. Unfortunately, fulvic acid, which is a yellow to brownish color, also is highly soluble, and flows with the water, just like N and P (in the form of dissolved reactive phosphorus). After a rain, just look at our ditches when they run full of dirty yellow brown water. That's both N, P, fulvic acid, and sediment full of micronutrients which allows the HABs to grow.

Lake Erie Scientist so far are predicting HABs to be about a 3 on a scale of 1-10 (10 being high Lake Erie HAB). Warm calm waters produce the most HAB in Lake Erie. However, it first starts in our streams and rivers and then moves the HAB into Lake Erie. The Maumee, Detroit, and Sandusky rivers are three of the biggest sources of excess nutrients. Heavy summer rains, very warm temperatures, and calm water with little wind, allows HAB's to grow quickly. If P suddenly becomes limiting like it did in 2014 and with excess N, the mycotoxins thrive.

Farmers have several ways to improve N and P management to keep nutrients on the land. Applying nutrients in several low doses reduces N losses. Applying N with starter, then side dressing some N, and even adding a little with Y drops later in the growing season, optimizes N plant

Sudoku solution from page 9

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nutrients recycling. Fourth, increase biodiversity by rotating crops (add wheat to the rotation), add a variety of cover crop species with different root types, and add livestock if possible. All these soil health practices improve nutrient efficiency for better plant growth, but these are also economical and good for the environment.

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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: BRSW



Next up on Paulding County Business Weekly we get an education from Shelby Aschliman about Bashore, Reineck, Stoller & Waterman (BRSW) Certified Public Accountants. Learn about how they are able to help Paulding County businesses and be-

yond prosper and grow using a local approach. Thanks to Ohio Means Jobs and My102.7 FM you can listen to the broadcast Tuesday and Thursday at 8am and 5pm, find it on websites My1027.com or PCED.net or pull it up on Spotify.

MILLER NAMED JENNINGS OUTSTANDING OHIO SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE AWARD FINALIST



Dr. Martin Miller, superintendent of Antwerp Local Schools, has been selected as a statewide finalist for the Jennings Ohio Outstanding Superintendent Performance Award.

Dr. Miller was nominated by the Board of Education and a committee of Ohio public school educators evaluated all applications to determine finalists. Miller was selected out of over 30 superintendents serving urban, rural, local and suburban communities who were nominated for this prestigious award.

2022 Outstanding Ohio Superintendent Performance Finalists:

- Mrs. Jill A. Ackerman, Lima City Schools
- Mr. Philip M. Ackerman, Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools
- Dr. Trent H. Bowers, Worthington Schools
- Mr. Richard J. Chaddock, Stark County ESC
- Dr. Romules Durant, Toledo Public Schools
- Mr. Matt K. Geha, Springfield Local Schools
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- Dr. Angela J. Hannahs, Barnesville Local Schools
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- Mr. Brent W. May, Plan Local Schools
- Dr. Martin A. Miller, Antwerp Local Schools
- Mr. Aaron J. Sable, Medina City Schools
- Mr. John R. Stoddard, Berkshire Local Schools
- Mr. Robert G. Timmons, Polaris Career Center
- Mr. Mark M. Tyler, Hamilton Local Schools
- Dr. G. Ira Wentworth, Indian Valley Local Schools

FATHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ BY EAST CENTRAL FIRE & EMS

Come out for a Father's Day Chicken BBQ on June 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at East Central Fire & EMS building in Woodburn, IN (22731 Main St.)

There will be chicken halves with potatoes by Andy's Knockout Chicken and a bake sale by members of the fire department and members of the surrounding communities in support of the Fire & EMS.

LOCAL ELECTRIC CO-OPS CELEBRATE NATIONAL FAMILY MONTH WITH WEEKLY GIVEAWAYS IN JUNE

June is National Family Month — a time to prioritize family, strong relationships, a commitment to communication, and quality time spent with those you love. As not-for-profit co-ops focused on community, Paulding Putnam Electric (PPEC), Midwest Electric, and Tri-county Rural Electric stand behind strong families, which is why the co-ops are giving away family-friendly prize packs this June.

Only members of each co-op are eligible to win. PPEC and Midwest Electric members can enter to win by sharing the co-ops' family month posts on Facebook each week; winners will be announced on Monday mornings on Facebook. All three co-ops allow members to register on their websites as well, where full rules and details can be found.

Prizes for PPEC include Fort Wayne (Indiana) and Toledo Zoo tickets, a rental voucher from Auglaize Canoe and Kayak (Oakwood), Camp Clay admission tickets to the splash park (Van

Wert), and a movie night at the Van Del Drive-In Theater (Middle Point). Learn more on PPEC's website at www.ppec.coop/family-month.

Prizes for Midwest Electric include tickets to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Pla-More Lanes bowling (Coldwater), Wapak Escape Room (Wapakoneta), and a voucher for canoeing/kayaking with Fort Amanda Canoe Livery (Cridersville). Learn more on Midwest's website at midwestrec.com/national-family-month-giveaways.

Prizes for Tricounty REC include tickets to Sauder Village, tickets to the Toledo Zoo and Aquarium, and a movie night package. Enter for the drawing on their website at www.tricountyelectriccoop.coop/family-month-giveaways by June 30, 2022. Winners will be drawn July 1.

"Concern for Community" is one of the 7 Cooperative Principles; giving back locally is one way the co-ops fulfill their community-focused mission to empower lives. That's the not-for-profit, local-owned co-op difference!

PPEC's Facebook page can be found online at www.facebook.com/Paulding.Putnam.EC.

Midwest Electric's Facebook page can be found online at www.facebook.com/MidwestElectric.

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RACHEL STOLLER RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK

Rachel Stoller from Wayne Trace High School has been announced as one of the nominees for TheLeadershipPlaybook.com 2021-2022 Student-Athlete of the Year. The award honors those individuals exemplifying sportsmanship, positive leadership, or good teamwork.

TheLeadershipPlaybook.com helps athletic departments and sports teams build stronger cultures by developing better teammates and more positive leaders. As part of the online curriculum, the program has hundreds of two-minute video lessons to increase a person's leadership abilities and develop life skills.

The program was developed by Jamy Bechler, a former college basketball coach and high school athletic director. Bechler is now a professional speaker, leadership consultant, and host of the "Success is a Choice" podcast. He is also the author of four books, including The Bus Trip and The Captain.

"We're thrilled to recognize Rachel as a good example of what a student-athlete

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Pictured is: Mike Schneider, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee Chair, Jonathan Meyer, scholarship recipient, Sue Fowler, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Treasurer.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Jonathan Lee Meyer is the recipient of 2022 Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship must be a graduating senior of Vantage Career Center who is a resident of the Antwerp School district. The intent of this scholarship is to provide up to \$500 for the student to purchase some of the basic tools of their trade in order to begin actively participating in the business community or costs associated with pursuing further education in their field. The Chamber also pairs the recipient with a local businessperson who is a member of the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. This mentorship provides access for the student into the local business community, a networking opportunity, and the option to mentor under the businessperson. The monetary portion of the scholarship is supported by the proceeds received in the Cutie Pie Contest at the Antwerp Day in the Park. The Chamber's desire is that this scholarship will not only encourage the student as they

step out of school but will also help the student become established in the local business community.

This year's recipient, Jonathan Meyer, graduated from Vantage in the Criminal Justice program. He will attend the Hocking College in the fall participating in the Natural Resources Law Enforcement program. Upon completion of this two-year program, he will be prepared to become a Park Ranger or Game Warden. He looks forward to becoming a Game Warden in the state of Ohio. The Chamber is currently working on a mentor pairing for Jonathan within the realm of Conservation and natural resource law enforcement.

2022 marks the fourth year the Chamber of Commerce has been able to award this scholarship. Past recipients have included: Eli Molitor, Emily Wentland, and Aubree Sproles. With the community's continued support of the Antwerp Day in the Park Cutie Pie Contest we anticipate being able to continue this scholarship opportunity for years to come.

should be," said Bechler. "Great teams have great teammates and though no leader is perfect, it's awesome to be able to recognize student-athletes trying to have a positive influence on their teammates and friends. Deserving student-athletes from across the United States were nominated by their coaches,

administrators, teammates, and in some cases, even competitors from other schools."

All nominees will receive an award certificate and a complimentary membership to TheLeadershipPlaybook.com for the upcoming school year.

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