

OAKWOOD DOLLAR GENERAL AWARDED TOP 10% AWARD BY DISTRICT



Pictured are Oakwood Dollar General employees with their award: Ashley Burt; Dorothy Park, SML; Heather Higdon; and Buffy Hopkins.

Nestled at the corporation limits of the village of Oakwood stands a Dollar General store. Dollar General stores are sprinkled by small towns and villages all across the

United States of America. This Dollar General is a part of the Y-District (the only DG in Paulding County that is in this district).

Recently, Oakwood Dollar

General was selected as the 2021 Top 21% Dollar General. They were selected out of 18,000 stores in their district. This award is given to the

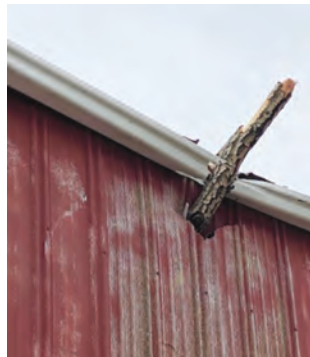
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STORM DAMAGE FROM THE AREA

On Wednesday June 1st, at 6:55 p.m., the National Weather Service in Northern Indiana, issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for



Paulding County. As the storm cell entered southwest



of Payne it intensified into a much stronger cell, with damaging winds and rotation in the storm. Damage started to be reported in the Payne area

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SUMMER PROJECTS UNDERWAY AROUND PAULDING COUNTY



Antwerp Ball Association is getting a new parking area.

By: Angel Steiner

West Bend News captured some community improvement projects in the works in the village of Oakwood and the village of Antwerp this past week. Spring and summer is the ideal time to get things done — the daylight hours are long and the air is sweet. Check out what's going on below!

In the village of Antwerp, Dan Bowers, owner of Advanced Chassis, along with a band of handy people, has been the coordinator for a couple of projects in the village this spring. At the Antwerp Ball Association's ball park on Woodcox St. (pictured above), a new parking lot is being constructed for

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IT'S TIME FOR PAULDING COUNTY 4-H FAIR!



On your mark! Get Set! Go! The 2022 Paulding County 4-H Fair started Ohio out of the gate with the summer's first 4-H fair on Saturday, June 11 with the Livestock Pull-In, Livestock Weigh-In and Rodeo and fireworks.

Sunday, June 12, continued the opening festivities with vet checks, a church service sponsored by Middle Creek UMC & Mt. Zion UMC, a Dog Show, Kickball tournament, kiddie tractor pull, Magic by

TJ Hill, and a Jr Fair bonfire. Monday, June 13 begins all the animal shows and judgments of the 4-H kids fair projects — Goat Show, Rabbit Showmanship & Breeding, Food & Nutrition, Harness Racing, Prince/Princess ; King/Queen contest & coronation, Parade and a corn hole tournament.

Activities for the rest of the week can be found in the 2022 Fair Schedule insert that was in last week's West Bend News (6/6/22)!

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

June 11-18

• PAULDING COUNTY FAIR, see pg. 1&6

June 12

• Cecil Comm. Church, 11am worship
• Games & More @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

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

• Free Comm. Meal @ St. Paul UMC, Payne, 4:30-6pm
• Pan! - Huber Youth KIDZ Production, 7pm

June 18

• Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm

June 19

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

June 19-25

VBS @ Cecil Comm. Church

June 20

• VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

June 21

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



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OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:
Charlotte J Anspach, 84, of Payne, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Gardens of Paulding. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 1500, PAYNE, OHIO.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
*Dear Parson,
 Why are Christians not
 required to keep the Old
 Testament ceremonial laws,
 sacrifices, feast days, cere-
 monies, etc.?*

These were part of the old covenant which served as pictures, shadows and types of the coming Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. When He fulfilled all these pictures by His perfect life, His substitutionary and complete atoning of death and victorious resurrection, there was no longer a need for the pictures.

Once I married my wonderful wife over 60 years ago, there was no need to hug and kiss her pictures.

Study carefully Hebrews, chapters 8-10, and Colossians 2:14-17 and you will understand why the old covenant was replaced with the New Covenant.

The old covenant could not save us, but what and Who it pictured in the New Covenant could. The new covenant was a gift that Jesus paid in full for us, and not one of keeping the law and perfect works which all men failed to do. Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT PAYNE

To the community of Payne, Ohio:

We at the congregation of the Payne Church of Christ would like to extend our greetings to you with love from the Lorde Jesus Christ.

We are sending this to you because we would like to extend our love for the people of this community of Payne and we would like to welcome you to come visit us on the Lord's Day for bible study and wor-

HERITAGE LIONS DO COLLECTION TO HELP CBP



Rick Boys and Tom Bullerman

On Saturday, June 4, Cross Border Partners provided the Heritage Lions with a truck to collect any items left over from the many Hoagland garage sales. Area garage sellers were very generous and donated enough material to fill the CBP truck top to bottom and front to back. Cross Border Partners will distribute these items to needy people referred to them by over 20 local social service agencies in Allen County.

Cross Border Partners is a 501(c)3 non-profit Christian organization that accepts donations of anything but food, and redistributes those items to the needy. They also offer items for sale to the public.

ship beginning at 9:30 a.m. and bible study at 10:45 a.m.

If you can't visit us, we would love to hear from you. If you have any questions about the Bible or if you have any prayer needs, feel free to contact our minister at the information below.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please don't hesitate to contact our minister or stop in and visit Sunday morning. We want you to know we love you and care for you and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

God Bless,
 The Payne Congregation
 Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." —John 14:6

The Church of Christ at Payne is located at 220 West Merrin St., Payne, OH 45880. Minister is Craig D. Hoopes.

After paying operating expenses, any extra funds are used to purchase necessities voucher clients may require.

They are located in a 15,000 sq. ft. warehouse on Newaygo Road and are open at 9:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Voucher clients must be there no later than 3:00 PM to shop. They close to the public at 4 PM. Donations can be picked up on request and deliveries are made within a 15-mile radius. Their staff includes two paid part-time clerical employees. All other personnel are dedicated volunteers, mostly seniors. If you wish to donate to Cross Borders Partners, call 260-484-8580.

For more information, contact 937-768-0586 or email: mvikingfan65@gmail.

SINS FORGIVEN

By: Doris Applegate

"There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" For to be carnally minded (fleshly) is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. "We are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you." Now if any man (person) have NOT the Spirit of Christ, (Jesus) he is none of his (Jesus) Read Romans 8 for me on this important subject. Ask yourself whether you are in Christ Jesus by being born of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit enters your own spirit (we are three parts: spirit, soul and body) but since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, we are brought back to God by the new birth. In John 3:3, Jesus said: "Except a man (person) be born again, they cannot see the Kingdom of God. We are "dead in our sins and trespasses until we become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We get a new life in our spirit but the soul has to be renewed by the word of God. Our body will be saved when Jesus comes back at the end.

We must know the truth on this or we will not be with the Lord. There is only one way, not many ways, to God. A great deception is before us saying that there are many different ways but we must beware! The blood of Jesus Christ paid the price for whosoever will humble themselves, repent of sins and ask forgiveness. Our eternal state depends on this very vital decision. It is not hard at all...a little child understands the truth of good news. We feel so good, clean, washed, refreshed and happy that we wonder why we didn't do it sooner. The benefits are end-

less in this life and the next. If we "trip up" (sin again), we ask the Holy Spirit inside of us to help us. We are forgiven but we do not keep sinning because of God's love and grace, NO. We desire to please the Lord. We grow and mature as we read and study the bible.

Start today, don't delay. God is waiting to welcome us into His family. So am I!
 Amen.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. NW OHIO OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S AT LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC PARISH

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will host an educational program highlighting the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease at Little Flower Catholic Parish in Toledo.

The program, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, is being offered free to the community and will be held from 12-12:45 p.m. on Mon., June 6, at Little Flower Catholic Parish, located at 5522 Dorr St. in Toledo.

Pre-registration is required. To register for this program, call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

"The early signs of Alzheimer's or other dementia are often missed because they are confused with normal aging," said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director. "But early detection is very important because an early diagnosis and treatment can affect the quality of life down the road. We can help you learn how to recognize those early signs."

If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss that disrupts daily life, difficulty in problem-solving or completing familiar tasks, confusion with time or place, problems with remembering words, or withdrawal from social activities or work, those could be early indicators of Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

This program will go over these and more signs, in addition to how to approach someone about memory concerns, the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis, possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Recognizing these symptoms also can be helpful in identifying mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which causes cognitive changes that are serious enough to be noticed by the person affected and by family members and friends, but may not affect the individual's ability to carry out everyday activities. Individuals with MCI may have a higher risk of developing dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures.

"When it comes to both MCI and Alzheimer's, early detection can make a major difference," Myers said. "These conditions are not a part of normal aging. Join us to help identify them and to learn what to do next."

Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999 to schedule a care consultation or visit www.alz.org/nw ohio to find resources.

Scripture of the Week

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

— Colossians 3:13

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



French cars have had a dubious and unsuccessful integration into the US car market for obvious reasons. However, Renault, Peugeot, Citroën and other French brands dominate the market in other places in the world.

PUSHING A LITTLE FRENCHIE

I have learned, if push-starting a car, pray it be a small one!

I grew up like most people watching movies and TV shows where the exciting and fast-paced scenes happened in big cities. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami where favorite locals for the adventures. Often times, at some point, the good guys (or the bad guys) would jump into a stopped taxi and yell, "Follow that vehicle!" The taxi cab driver would oblige, squeal the tires in a quick start, but never follow too closely to be detected.

Needless to say, growing up in small-town America, I never once saw a car chase, nor stepped foot in a taxi. I can't remember ever seeing a taxi on the actual road! Taxis just weren't needed or it was a lot cheaper to rent a car. Nowadays, Uber and other services have changed that. And of course, those big, white, long vans are more

likely to be seen on our roads transporting large families or our Amish friends. I have enjoyed having one of those vans myself.

When overseas with a team of workers in a rough, undeveloped city, I was glad to not see one of those big, white, long vans. First, it would never have fit in the narrow lanes nor through the skinny streets. Second, having gotten one of those vans stuck on a snowy drive in the winter demonstrated that they are impossible to move by pushing.

In order to get around that large, grubby overseas city to our different responsibilities, our team would split up and meet back at a given location at a set time. The only way to navigate the winding, congested streets was by the "petit taxis." Tiny, red, French-built, sub-compact cars that buzzed around the city for the cost of a couple dollars per trip. However, foreigners in the country (like me), had to negotiate an exorbitant price down to the local market price. It could take longer to negotiate a fair price, than the journey itself.

Once when finding a taxi to take me to meet our team across the city, I began the long and theatrical negotiation process to get a fair price for the journey. When I no longer had the patience and time to negotiate the price lower, I accepted and jumped into the back seat of the taxi. I was perplexed to hear the cab driver yelling at me to get out. I couldn't understand why until he stood behind his "petit taxi" and yelled, "Help push!" In shocked disbelief, I and the driver had to push his taxi for a half block to get it started, and we both quickly jumped in, and off we went.

I have learned to only take taxis that have their engines running.

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

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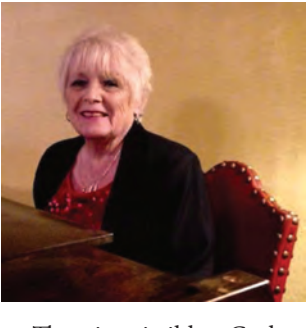


THE GERBER BABY
Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker



Did you know that for the past 5 years Gerber Baby Food has been holding contests for a new face to be on front of their baby food jar. The old Gerber baby has been on jar since 1927, plus she is currently 95 years old.

One of the new babies selected, believe it or not, was from Toledo, Ohio. That is amazing.



The irresistible Gerber baby began appearing on Gerber products in 1928 and became the company's official trademark in 1931.

Even as the Gerber Company expanded its business

to include skin care, clothing and other baby-focused products, the original Gerber baby remained the same throughout Gerber history.

The baby, now a retired high school creative writing and literature teacher and a prolific mystery novelist was only 4 months old when she



was sketched by the family's close personal friend and neighbor, artist, Dorothy Hope Smith.

Smith entered the picture in the Gerber baby contest and she won.

People wanted to know who that baby was but it remained secret until 1978.

Today Gerber puts on a contest to get a new Gerber baby every year. I think all of us would like to see our baby on jars of baby food. After all, all babies are cute.

My children all ate Gerber Baby Food and each of them had their favorites.

My son liked Blueberry Buckle; one daughter spit any kind back at me, and the other two girls would eat the carrots or sweet potatoes.

A lot of people today make their own baby food. But, I think that today rules are a lot stricter about feeding babies than they used to be.

I recall starting my babies on baby cereal in their bottles when they were a month old.

Now the artist who drew the Gerber baby won \$300, but I read that finally the original Gerber baby got paid something years later.

Keep your eyes open about the Gerber Baby contest because the 2022 contest ended in April.

Now, wouldn't you like to see your baby in the Gerber Baby Food jar? Do you have a cute child, grandchild or great grandchild who would look great on that jar? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MR. & MRS. WYCKOFF CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Benny and Deb Wyckoff will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2022. They were united in marriage on June 24, 1972 at the Antwerp United Methodist Church with Rev. Charles Bradford officiating.

They have been blessed with two daughters: Kara (Matthew) Eicher and Tiffany (Jason) Franks along with grandchildren: Keegan, Jaxton, Owen, Krayston, Brevyn, Kelbi and Megyn.

PAULDING COUNTY HOSTS TEACHER BOOT CAMP

Paulding County will host its first "Teacher Boot Camp" event this summer. Ten teachers from around the county have signed up to learn more about Paulding County and the exciting businesses and opportunities that exist within the county.

This collaboration project has taken center stage here during fair week in Paulding County. Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC), Ashland University and the Paulding County Economic Development office have partnered to offer teachers the chance to get out and tour manufacturing, healthcare and agriculture facilities around the county. This will allow the teachers the opportunity to see how business has changed over the years and learn first-hand, what students graduating from the county schools each year, might find behind the business building walls they pass by every day.

"The hope is that these teachers understand that the manufacturing, agriculture and healthcare business world today isn't like it was in the 1970's, 80's or even in 2010. You can go into these facilities now, put in a good hard day of work, and still come out clean. Technology has made a huge difference in business today and we want to be sure we promote that within our county," explained county Economic Development Director Tim Copsey. "We want to be sure those who spend the majority of time with our county students, from grades K thru 12, see and understand this going forward. We couldn't be more excited to host this program with these committed teachers."

Once the teachers complete their week of participa-

tion, they will be required to develop a presentation and present in front of the fellow teachers and a member of WBESC and Ashland University for a grade. A passing grade will allow them continuing education units (CEU's) to meet their education criteria.

The teachers this year will tour facilities at: Paulding County Opportunity Center, new Antwerp Local School Innovation Center, Paragon Tempered Glass, Paulding County Hospital, Wayne Trace Local School Robotics introduction and demonstration, Mansfield Welding, Robert's Manufacturing, Vantage Career Center, and the new Mercer Landmark facility. In addition, there will be presentations from WBESC Superintendent Tom Taylor, Dr. James Powell with Ashland University, County Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein, OSU Extension FSC Educator Casey Bishop, First Financial Bank, Area Foundation Director Lisa McClure, United Way Director Lora Lyons, Economic Development Director Tim Copsey, Pioneer Lines, Sheriff Jason Landers, Cooper Farms, Ohio Small Business Development Consultant Lisa Beecher, State Bank, Northwest State Community College, Ohio Means Jobs and the Kenn Feld Group.

"We had more businesses volunteer to host and present than we had room to schedule them all. Hopefully this event is interesting enough that these teachers will go back to their respective schools and share their excitement and that leads right into another event next summer," continued Copsey. The camp event runs from June 13-16 and presentations on June 23. For questions about the boot camp or information on any of the tours and presentations call 419-399-8282.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Carl Luther Olson was a Paulding County soldier whose grave was unmarked for 90 years. Carl Luther Olson was born April 10, 1895 in Ohio. The son of Jacob, born July 8, 1861 in Sweden and Emma Jeanette (Murphy) Olson, born October 20, 1868 in Ohio. Jacob and Emma were married December 4, 1883 in Paulding, Ohio.

In 1884, a daughter, Addie, was born. Followed by a son, Jesse, born 1886, he passed away in 1887. Followed by daughters, Leora 1888, Neltha 1890, Ruby Pearl 1891, who passed away in 1896. Flora 1894, Carl 1895, Philip 1898, and Emma J. 1900.

By 1900, the Olson family was living in Paulding. Jacob was a farm laborer. The last child, a girl, Ellen Lulu, was born June 20, 1902. Carl's mother, Emma passed away, October 12, 1904. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, with her two children. By 1910, the Olson family was living in Jackson Township. All the children were living at home.

Addie had married a fellow named Emmett J. Allsbaugh and had a son Edward E. who was born in 1908, they too, were living within the Olson household.

With war looming in Europe, on June 4, 1917, in Crane Township, Carl came home and registered for the draft. Carl was working in Detroit, Michigan as a farmer for the Straus Land Company. He was listed as 6'1", slender build, brown hair, and blue eyes. Carl signed up with the National Army out of Paulding, March 19, 1918. Given the rank of Private, Carl was sent to Kelly Field, Texas to serve with the Air Service. He stayed there until August 7, 1918 then was sent to Camp Wise, Texas. Carl served un-

til February 10, 1919, where he was Honorably Discharged.

My bet is that Carl was a good machine repair man. To send him to be of service at an air base tells me something.

Carl's brother in law, Emmett J. Allsbaugh also registered for the draft, but was not taken to serve. After Carl came home to Paulding, by 1920, Carl was a mechanic, working for himself. Carl started seeing a girl, Ruby Klinger. Born April 21, 1901 in Grover Hill. The daughter of Bertzell and Ethel Veda (Rolla) Klinger. Ruby was a school teacher in Blue Creek Township. Could she have been teaching in Haviland School system?

Carl and Ruby was married, June 10, 1924 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Carl's father, Jacob, passed away, November 23, 1924 in the Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne due to stomach cancer. He was buried along side his wife and two children. Moving back to the Van Wert County area within the same year, the Olson's, Carl and Ruby, arriving at the Van Wert Hospital, welcomed a daughter, Patricia Joan Olson December 3, 1924. Carl and his brother Philip, had started a Taxi business together. Philip ended up moving to Ft. Wayne and starting up his own business. Carl started Olson Taxi Company, East Main Street, Van Wert.

In January of 1928, at the Van Wert Hospital, Carl had an operation for appendicitis, a week later he caught pneumonia. He lingered for about a week, where on February 5, 1928, Carl passed away. His body was removed from the hospital to Paulding to the Crowell Funeral Home where services were held Tuesday February 9, 1928 at 2:00. Carl was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

In my World War I research for my book, I discovered Carl had no stone marking his grave. Well, forms filled, phone calls to Veterans Administration made, stone came in, footer dug, concrete poured, (in the drizzle rain), Carl's grave marked with an upright military stone!

Carl's wife, Ruby, remarried November 28, 1942, she passed away, December 27, 1985. Carl's daughter Patricia married in August 29, 1949 and passed away, July 2, 2002.

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Intersection of CR 424 and Harrmann Rd.

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ballpark attendees. With the assistance of Ed Meyer of Meyer Excavating, the area's top soil was scraped away and leveled. Gravel will be added in the near future with the

while attending games and practices at the ballparks.

Out on Harrmann Rd at the edge of the village limits, there has been a large patch of grass that grew higher than the tallest of men. The area needed some TLC. There was



swinging set frame & part of the fencing coming down. Drainage for the area will also be added to keep this area dry. This is a much needed addition for the ball association as presently ballpark goes need to use the parking area of Antwerp Manor and library

a massive hole that needed to be dealt with in order to prevent any sort of accident from occurring. Drainage on both sides of this road is also an issue that is being mitigated with this project. Again Bowers' group, spearheaded getting some dirt here (from the



Village of Oakwood's sidewalk & streetscape project is set to be completed by early August 2022

Ball park project!) to fill in the hole as well as creating the correct for to rectify the drainage issue along the tracks heading west into town. They will also be working on getting the fall needed around the Kroos Drive area for better drainage there.

"Many hands make light work" and these projects are a prime example of what can be accomplished with a little bit of organization, determination, cooperation and a desire to do what is best for the community.

Holly Kobee Memorial Splash Pad Project committee is well on their way to building a splash pad in memory of Holly Kobee for the community to enjoy. They recently received \$125,000 grant funding from the state (see the "RIEDEL & MCCOLLEY SUPPORT CAPITAL BUDGET" article on front page of last week's West Bend News). Soon the community of Antwerp will see construction of the splash pad in Antwerp's Riverside Veterans Memorial Park!

Over on the eastern edge of Paulding County, Oakwood is getting a facelift! Through a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant from the state of Ohio, new sidewalks complete with curbs and brickwork has been added along with new trash receptacles and benches all along N First St (SR 66). This project has been five years in the works — with environmental, feasibility, basement & encroachment studies — and now is set for completion by July 31st. The repaving of SR 66 should start by August 1, 2022. Mayor Brian Ripke commented about the project, "I am very pleased with the progress of this project and proud for the Village of Oakwood. I want to thank all the contractors and ODOT. They have been very easy to work with and very accommodating with everything."



Rhee's Market has sold and new owners took over recently at this full-service grocery store in Oakwood. It is now being called The Oakwood Store. Thank you to the many years that the Rhee's family serviced the residents of Oakwood.

If your community is undergoing some improvements, let West Bend News know! Good News for Good Communities!

OHIO EPA OFFERING GRANTS FOR WATER QUALITY PROJECTS

Ohio EPA is accepting grant applications for water quality project proposals through July 6, 2022. The grant funding is being made available through Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Agency anticipates approximately \$500,000 in federal money will be available to local governments, park districts, soil and water conservation districts, and other organizations to implement projects that improve and protect

water quality and water resources in Ohio.

The projects should address nonpoint source-related impairments of water resources, including nutrients, habitat, hydromodification, and sediment. The projects must be identified in a watershed-based plan known as a Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy.

Examples of eligible projects are provided in the Request-for-Proposals. Many communities have used these funds to implement agricultural nutrient reduction or water management practices (e.g. drainage water management, saturated buffers, wetland treatment systems, and two-stage ditches), stream restoration, acid mine drainage abatement, stormwater quality retrofits, and more.

Local participants may (but are not required to) provide match through cash and/or in-kind services. Ohio is providing the necessary match through state-funded projects. Applicants may apply for 60 percent to 100 percent of the total project cost. Projects have a maximum three-year period for completion.

Applications must be received no later than July 6, 2022. The application and request for proposals can be found on Ohio EPA's website at: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/financial-assistance/319-grants>.

Prospective applicants should review the announcement and application forms carefully and direct questions to John Mathews, Nonpoint Source Program Manager (john.mathews@epa.ohio.gov), or Rick Wilson, Technical Program Specialist (rick.wilson@epa.ohio.gov).

HUBER KIDZ CAMP 2022: "PAN!"

Everyone's favorite story of Peter Pan is now a shorter version, packed with adventure and introduces the boy who wouldn't grow up to the next generation. You'll meet the dog Nana, who can't stop the Darling children from following Peter and Tinkerbell through the open window to Neverland. There, they make friends with the Lost Boys and Princess Tiger Lily as they encounter Captain Hook, his gang of wily pirates, and of course, the ticking crocodile.

The Huber KIDZ program for our youngest actors have attended a two-week camp to produce PAN! 39 children (ages 6-11) from 11 area schools are directed by Julie Hall. Twelve interns volunteered to staff this program along with five adults. The campers are learning about props, scenery, costuming, and theater terms during the camp.

The youngest Huber thespians are eager for you to come watch them perform on June 16 at 7 pm. This is a free-will offering performance so come see what's been happening at the Huber!

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

On June 5, 2022, at approximately 4:21 P.M., troopers with the Lima Post responded to a single vehicle

PAULDING EAGLES DONATES \$5,000 TO CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY BUILDING FUND



Left to right: Pantry board members Alice Lawson, vice president, and Lou Levy, president; and Paulding Eagles board members Dennis Price and Bob Clark.

The Paulding Eagles presented the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry a check for \$5,000 toward their new building on 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding. The new 3,900-square foot facility will include space for stock storage, client shopping, office and a client enrichment space.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization that unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. The Paulding Eagles supports the Paulding County, OH, community in many ways with gifts to charities, school groups and other community projects.

"We are glad to support the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry in its efforts to construct a bigger and better building for its operations," said Dennis Price of the Eagles. "The new building will help the pantry serve the people of this community who need assistance feeding their

families."

The preliminary budget for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry building project is \$525,000. "Thanks to the Eagles and the other donations we have received so far, we have a very good start on our project fundraising," said Lou Levy, president of the pantry board.

Donations can be sent to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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

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

crash on State Route 15, near County Road 19A in Monroe Township, Putnam County, resulting in serious injury.

David Stevenson, age 73, of Lima, was traveling east on State Route 15. Stevenson drove across the center line, off the left side of the roadway and struck a utility pole and a tree. The front right passenger of the vehicle driven by Stevenson; Jodi Culp, age 52 of Columbus Grove, sustained serious injuries and was transported by life flight to St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima. Stevenson was transported to St. Rita's in an ambulance

by Kalida EMS with minor injuries.

Assisting troopers on scene were; Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Mercy Health Life Flight, Putnam County Fire and EMS, Kalida EMS, Continental Fire and EMS, 419 Towing and Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative

Culp was not wearing a safety belt at the time of the crash. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

The State Patrol would like to remind motorists to not drive distracted and to always wear a seat belt.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule

June 18 – NRL22: Registration & sight in opens @ 8am; Match begins @ 9am

July 3 – IDPA Pistol Shoot: Registration @ Noon. Match begins @ 1pm

July 10 – Trap Shoots: Registration opens @ 12:45pm & Shoot begins @ 1pm

For more info & range rules, go to ACC website & check out membership application.

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store that is highest ranking in categories such as sales, customer experience, and loss/profits (shrink).

Dorothy Parks is the SML of the Oakwood Dollar General (store manager ladder). She has five employees to work with at the store. The best part of her job is her team and the customers, "It's not only the team, but our customer base. Without them, we couldn't have achieved this."

If you are venturing to the east side of Paulding County, stop in and say "hi" to the Dorothy & her crew.

MACHINE LEARNING HELPS DETERMINE HEALTH OF SOYBEAN FIELDS

Using a combination of drones and machine learning techniques, researchers from The Ohio State University have recently developed a novel method for determining crop health and used it to create a new tool that may aid future farmers.

Published in the journal Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, the study investigates using neural networks to help characterize a crop defoliation, or the widespread loss of leaves on a plant. This destruction can be caused by disease, stress, grazing animals, and more often by infestations of insects and other pests.

If left unchecked, whole

crop fields can end up damaged, drastically lowering an entire region's agricultural productivity. To combat this, researchers chose to analyze a cash crop considered to be one of the four staples of global agriculture: soybeans.

Between August and September of 2020, Zichen Zhang, lead author of the study and a graduate student in computer science and engineering at Ohio State, used an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), or a drone, to take aerial images of five soybean fields in Ohio. After cropping each UAV image into smaller images, the team eventually had more than 97,000 photos that they could label either healthy, or defoliated.

"Soybeans are one of the most important agricultural products in the United States, whether it be in exports, or in further food products," he said. According to the USDA, the United States is the world's leading soybean producer, and its second-leading exporter. Yet domestic farmers are racing to keep up with the demand: Last year, over 90 million acres of soybean crops were projected to be planted to keep up with consumer needs.

Because soybeans are an important source of oil, food and protein in many areas of the world, a potential drop in U.S. soybean production could have profound consequences. But Zhang's study, one of the first to employ non-invasive technologies to characterize large-scale crop health, can help assess the likelihood of a drop in production because of defoliation.

"Soybean defoliation is a very typical problem, but it's one we can address," said

Zhang. The study was co-authored by Sami Khanal, an assistant professor of food, agricultural and biomedical engineering, Amy Raudenbush, a research associate in entomology, and Kelley Tilmon, an associate professor of entomology, all of which are in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). This research was supported by the National Science Foundation.

After manually sifting through the collected images, researchers found that about 67,000 of them could be labeled healthy, while almost 30,000 showed varying signs of defoliation, a ratio greater than 2-to-1. Then they used this data set to compare multiple learning algorithms' ability to correctly infer which crops were defoliated, and to avoid making incorrect assumptions of healthy soybean crops.

But after concluding that none of the learning classifiers could offer the precision they wanted to achieve, the researchers decided to create their own deep learning tool from scratch. This final product is called Defonet, a neural network capable of investigating and answering the study's original defoliation inquiries correctly. "This new architecture is tailored toward this workload," Zhang said. "It has better performance than currently available tools in accuracy, precision and efficacy."

If adopted in the field, Defonet may transform the agriculture industry's decision-making process in dealing with severe crop losses, according to Christopher Stewart, an associate professor of computer science and engineering, who also co-authored the study.

"In the coming years, we're going to have to increase food production substantially in order to just meet the demand," said Stewart. "The idea behind digital agriculture is using computer science and other technologies to make sure that each planted seed is grown as effectively as possible."

OPTIMIZING NITROGEN FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS

Crop prices are high but fertilizer prices are rocketing even higher. Farmers are looking for ways to lower their fertilizer bill, especially on nitrogen (N). Almost all N is processed by soil microbes before being plant absorbed. About 85% of N is used to form about 20 amino acids

which are converted to proteins and enzymes with about 10% of N used in plant genetics (DNA, RNA). Optimizing N fertilizer is critical.

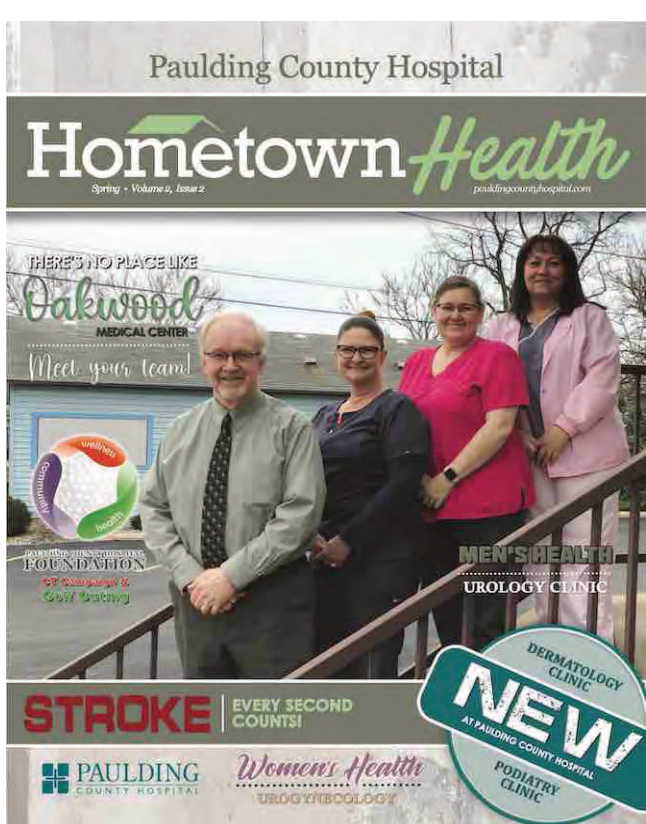
University recommendations on N has changed over the years. University N research in the 1950's advocated heavy N fertilizer because yield increased as N application increased?? N was relatively cheap and no researcher wanted farmers to lose yield as extra N was a cheap fertilizer insurance policy. That caused a few issues with water quality, so universities adjusted their N rates over the years.

About 10 years ago, universities re-examined that original data and found little direct relationship between higher corn yields and higher N rates. The relationship between N fertilizer and corn yields was quite variable. Factors like temperature, moisture (weather), soil pH, soil oxygen levels, and soil organic matter (SOM) affected plant N uptake. The N relationship to yield is so variable that universities went to a N application rate based on the price of N. As N prices increase, economically it's better to cut back while if N is cheap, the N rate is increased to increase net profit. The real question is how can a farmer optimize crop yield based on N while still making a profit.

Corn uses large quantities of N to grow and produce a corn yield. About 1 pound (#) of N is removed for each bushel of corn produced. A 250-bushel corn crop requires about 250# actual N. When N was cheap, farmers applied 1.2# N per bushel grown. A more reasonable goal is 1# N per bushel but some farmers with good soil health are now applying .5 to .7#N per corn bushel produced and still getting good yields. Some of the extra N comes from cover crops, manure, compost, or higher microbial activity. Here are some ways to look at reducing your N fertilizer bill without sacrificing yield.

SOM is a big factor. Every 1% SOM holds roughly 1000#N with about 1-3% of that N mineralizing or coming microbially available each year. A typical tilled soil with 2% SOM and 1% mineralization releases 20# N per year. Healthy soils with higher SOM and higher microbial activity release more N. Com-

NEW ISSUE OF HOMETOWN HEALTH IS HERE!



Paulding County Hospital's Hometown Health quarterly magazine is available now! An insert is included in this week's West Bend News. This issue learn more about the faculty of the Oakwood Medical Center.

pare a 4% SOM, 2% mineralization rate, and 80#N released compared to a 6% SOM, 2.5% rate and 150#N. Keeping soils healthy pays dividends when fertilizer prices soar. Virgin soils that have not been disturbed, produce high yields with little or no fertilizer needed until SOM and soil structure are destroyed, or N is lost to denitrification (saturated soils), or leached away. Free living bacteria in healthy soils may produce 20-100# of free N, but these microbes are highly sensitive to soil disturbance and the five factors mentioned above.

One way to increase your N use efficiency is to apply N as close to when the plant needs it as possible. Even with N inhibitors, putting N on in the fall should be avoided. From the seedling stage to V5 (five leaf stage), corn uses about 10% of its total N requirement. The corn plant determines ear size, number of corn rows, and row length at this stage, so adequate N is critical. From V6-V18 (6-18 leaf stage), corn can take up 8# N and grow 4 inches per day.

About 65% of a corn plant's N needs occurs by V18. From silking to maturity, a corn plant needs about 35% of its total N needs. Farmers get their biggest corn yield increases from the first 75-100# N fertilizer applied.

Due to time constraints, many farmers side dress N immediately after planting. To get the best N efficiency, apply N when the corn is taller but before it gets knocked down by the drawbar. With Y drops and highboy applicators, farmers can apply N much later and closer to the corn plant stalk and roots. In no-till situations, avoid applying N to the surface residue to avoid N tie up. Farmers can use the pre-side dress nitrogen (PSNT) test when N is applied to adjust N rates. If soil conditions are cold and excessively wet, avoid taking this test. The best and most accurate time to test is right when N is being applied. Producing corn at a profit due to high N fertilizer prices will be a challenge this year.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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
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- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
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- Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
- Payne:** Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichte's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
- Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
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- INDIANA LOCATIONS**
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- Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
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- 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
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ARCHERS ARE 2022 REGIONAL RUNNERS-UP!



Shown here is Antwerp freshman Aiden Lichty getting the batter out at first and managed to get numerous outs at first base! More pictures at westbendnews.net

HAMLER – Four Antwerp baseball seniors saw their careers end on Friday evening as the Archers fell to Lincolnview 6-3 in the Division IV Regional Championship at Patrick Henry High School. After three scoreless innings of baseball, it was the Lancers who jumped in front with a three-run fourth frame to take a 3-0 advantage. Lincolnview added to the margin in each of the next three innings with a single run each time, extending the margin to 6-0 entering the bottom of the seventh. The Archers, though, would make things interesting

in their final at-bat as Carson Altimus recorded an RBI single that plated Parker Moore to get Antwerp on the scoreboard. Eli Reinhart followed with a two-run double that scored both Mason Steel and Altimus to get Antwerp within 6-3. However, Lancer hurler Landon Price struck out Reid Lichty to end the contest as the Archers came up short in the 6-3 loss. The senior quartet of Hunter Sproles, Chase Clark, Luke Krouse and Mason Steel wrapped up their athletic careers at Antwerp in the contest. Reinhart, Moore and Al-

timus had the lone hits in the game for the Archers. Krouse suffered the loss on the mound for Antwerp, pitching seven innings giving up ten hits, six runs (four earned) and struck out six. Price recorded the win for the Lancers, throwing the complete-game three hitter while allowing three earned runs and three walks with 15 strikeouts. Cole Binkley and Price both totaled three hits in the game while Carson Fox picked up a pair of hits. Austin Bockrath and Dane Ebel also had one hit each for Lincolnview.

QUARTET GARNER ACAC FIRST TEAM HONORS

Heritage put three players and Woodlan added another on the ACAC first team baseball selections announced recently. Patriot players Barry Lomow, Dalton White and Dalton Wasson garnered first team honors as did Woodlan's Carter Knoblauch. Joining that quartet on the all-league first team are Jay County's Quinn Faulkner, Adams Central's Alex Curry, Bluffton's Braxton Betancourt, Adams Central's Blake Heyerly, Jay County's Dusty Pearson, South Adams' A.J. Dull and Adams Central's Jaron Hildebrand. Picking up second team honors were four more Allen County players including Heritage's Jackson Bearman, Woodlan's Jake Snyder, Heritage's Tyler Redmon and Woodlan's Austin Stephenson. Rounding out the all-

ACAC second team were Southern Wells' Evan Reynolds, Bluffton's Dylan King, Adams Central's Nick Neuenschwander, South Adams' Owen Wanner, Southern Wells' Brandon Rheinhart, Adams Central's Kam Brown and Bluffton's Kyle Rolston.

KNIGHTS TOO MUCH FOR PATRIOTS

DECATUR – In a sectional final baseball game at Bellmont High School, Norwell plated seven runs in the bottom of the fourth and the Knights rode that big inning to a 12-2 win over Heritage. Norwell scored twice in the first and added another run in the second for a 3-0 advantage before the Patriots cut into the deficit with two runs in the third. However, the Knights broke open the game with a seven-run fourth that extended the margin to 10-2.

Norwell then put the game away with two more runs in the home half of the sixth. Barry Lomow had a single and a double for the Patriots with Tyler Redmon and Jackson Bearman adding a single each. Payton Fields and Lomow scored the Heritage runs while Redmon recorded a pair of runs batted in. Drew Graft finished with three hits for Norwell while Luke Graft, Cade Shelton, Lleyton Bailey, Trey Bodenheimer and Josiah Leidig all had a pair of hits for the Knights. Shelton also got the win on the mound for the Knights, throwing the six-inning complete-game scattering four hits, two earned runs and a walk with one strikeout. Christian Hoffman suffered the loss for Heritage while Morgan Andrews, Noah Redmon and Andrew Mirelez also saw time on the hill in the contest.

SLICK TAKES FIFTH AT STATE TRACK MEET

BLOOMINGTON – The boys state track and field meet took place on Saturday at Indiana University in Bloomington with several local athletes hoping to score points for their respective squads. Leo senior David Slick did just that as he posted a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.87 seconds.

Slick also had advanced to the state meet in the 100-meter dash, in which he finished 21st in the preliminary heats with a time of 11.14 seconds. Woodlan junior Sam Handerson also took part in the state meet, recording a time of 22.82 seconds in the 200-meter dash preliminary heats to finish 25th overall. New Haven's 400-meter relay team of junior Clifford King, senior Kamari Clopton, junior Joseph Robertson and sophomore Latrevion Bates placed 20th in the preliminary heats with a time of 43.30 seconds. Bulldog senior Nick Myles ran in the 400-meter dash where his time of 50.66 was good for 23rd in the preliminary round as well. Clopton also qualified for the state meet in the long jump as the New Haven senior finished 11th overall with a leap of 21-8.

HANDSHOE TAKES THIRD AT STATE MEET

BLOOMINGTON – The girls high school track season came to a close on Friday as the Indiana High School Athletic Association held its state meet on the campus of Indiana University to wrap up the 2022 season. Leo senior Leah Handshoe completed her career in a Lady Lions' uniform with a third-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing with a time of 44.64 seconds to lead the way for athletes from the East Allen County Schools quartet of high schools. The New Haven quartet of senior Trishelle Ganaway, sophomore Ashyla Marshall, senior Ashanti Tyler and sophomore Inqe Jackson posted a tenth-place finish in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.60 seconds. Ganaway also took part in the long jump for the Lady Bulldogs, finishing in 12th place after a leap of 17-8. New Haven sophomore Makenna Dommer recorded a throw of 103-8 in the discus to take 20th place overall.

WARRIORS COME UP SHORT AGAINST BLAZERS

BUTLER – Host Eastside rallied from an early deficit with three runs in the top of the sixth to post a 5-3 win over Woodlan in sectional softball action last week. The Lady Warriors struck first, getting an RBI double from Austin Gaff and a run-scoring single by Alivia Ulmer in the opening frame for an early 2-0 advantage. After each team scored a run in the fourth to put the Woodlan lead at 3-1, Eastside scored a single run in the fifth before adding three more in the sixth to rally for the 5-3 victory. Avah Smith led the Woodlan offense with two hits while Mya Jones, Gaff, Ulmer and Libby Fisher picked up one hit apiece. Alyssa Harvey, Gaff and Lillian Riley scored the

runs for the Lady Warriors. Jones also picked up the remaining run batted in for Woodlan. Jayci Kitchen and Faith McClain each finished with two hits for Eastside while Skye Kessler, Mataya Bireley, Grace McClain and Lilli Cline all had one hit. Faith McClain scored twice and drove in a pair of runs for the Blazers. Natalie Lower got the win for Eastside, tossing the complete-game seven innings allowing six hits, three earned runs and four walks while striking out six. Gaff, Fisher and Abby Horn all pitched in the contest for Woodlan with the trio combining to strike out five and walk five in the contest.

CHOW LINE: TICK SEASON COULD RESULT IN RED MEAT ALLERGIES FOR SOME BITTEN BY LONE STAR TICKS

Can some ticks cause you to be allergic to meat?
In some cases, yes. Spring marks the beginning of tick season and this year, the tick population is expected to surge. With it comes the potential for tick bites, which could result in several complications, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and in some cases, cause some people to develop an allergy to red meat after being bitten.

As mentioned in a previous Chow Line, lone star ticks in certain cases, can cause an allergy to red meat after being bitten by the tick. This species of tick entered Ohio over the last decade or so. It has since spread throughout the state, although it is more common in southern Ohio, said Tim McDermott, an educator with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). While the lone star tick prefers a wooded habitat, in many cases, it can also be found along the perimeter of pasture and hay fields that extend into the grass, he said. Already, some 34,000 people nationwide have tested positive for alpha-gal syndrome, according to a 2021 study published in the Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. According to a study by researchers with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, some people who have been bitten by a lone star tick have gone on to develop an allergy to eating red meat, and in some cases, dairy. The study found that, in rare cases, some people have developed life-threatening allergic reactions to red meat after being bitten by a lone star tick. The study attributes the allergic reaction to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose (alpha-gal), which is a type of sugar that some animals make in their bodies. As a result, it's found in red meats, including beef,

pork, and lamb, the exception being primates. According to published reports, humans don't have alpha-gal, but they can have an immune response to it. "If a person is bitten by the lone star tick and has an allergic reaction to the alpha-gal carbohydrate in the tick saliva, they can show food allergy symptoms including hives, itching, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and swelling, after eating mammalian muscle such as pork, beef, lamb, and venison," McDermott said. While the association between lone star tick bites and the allergy are clear, more research is needed to understand why these alpha-gal allergies develop in some people and not in others, according to the study. "In Ohio, ticks are most active from April through September, although they can be active any time of the year," McDermott said. "The three most common ticks that can affect humans, companion animals, and livestock found in the Buckeye State include the blacklegged tick (also known as the deer tick), the American dog tick, and the lone star tick," he said. To prevent tick bites when in areas where they may be active, McDermott recommend that you should do the following:

- Wear light-colored clothes including a long-sleeved shirt tucked into your pants and long pants tucked into your socks or boots.
- Apply a tick repellent according to label instructions.
- Wear footwear and clothing that have been treated correctly with permethrin. These can be purchased through many outfitters and clothing companies.
- Do frequent tick checks of your body while outside, and do a thorough inspection at shower time.
- Protect your pets with an anti-tick product recommended by a veterinarian.
- Keep dogs on a leash and avoid allowing them into weedy areas.
- Do not crush or puncture a tick, if you find one attached. Instead, use pointy tweezers or a tick removal tool to carefully remove the tick by grasping the tick as close to your skin as possible and pulling it straight up with steady, even pressure. Then, disinfect the bite site, and wash your hands with soap and water.
- Save the tick for identification.

"Lastly, if you think you may have been exposed to a tick bite or if you show symptoms of alpha-gal allergy, contact your physician right away to get a diagnosis," McDermott said. More information on lone star and other ticks can be found at Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases, an OhioLine fact sheet. OhioLine is OSU Extension's free online information resource and can be found at ohio.osu.edu.

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SINN, RELAY TEAM ARE STATE CHAMPIONS; SCHWELLER TIES FOR SECOND



Paulding's Claire Schweller earned a 2nd place finish in the pole vault 11'10" at the state track meet Saturday, June 4, 2022!



WT's girls 4x400 relay team — Rachel Stoller, Kiara Bahena, Gracie Shepherd & Sydnee Sinn earned State Champions status with a time of 3:55.95 at state track competition on June 4, 2022.

COLUMBUS - Paulding County saw a quartet of local athletes bring home a state title on Saturday as Wayne Trace juniors Sydnee Sinn, Kiara Bahena and Gracie Shepherd as well as senior Rachel Stoller all came home as State Champions from the Division III state track meet.

The quartet earned a state title in the 1600-meter relay, where they broke the four-minute mark with a time of 3:55.95 to win the race.

Sinn also claimed a state championship in the 400-meter dash individually, earning the top spot in the state with a time of 55.92 seconds.

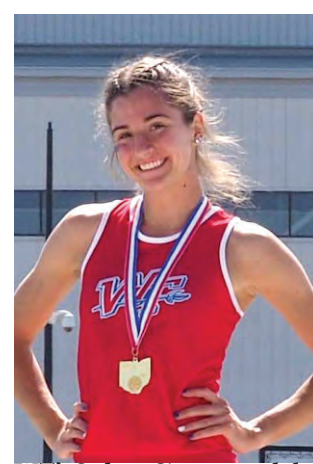
Overall, the Lady Raiders took ninth place as a team with 20 points in the meet.

Bahena ran in the 800-meter run as well at the state meet, finishing 15th place overall with a time of 2:24.36.

In the boys meet, sophomore Maddox Treece also found his way to the podium with a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter dash as he recorded a time of 22.67 seconds.

Treece just missed placing in the 400-meter dash as well, finishing ninth overall with a time of 50.23 seconds

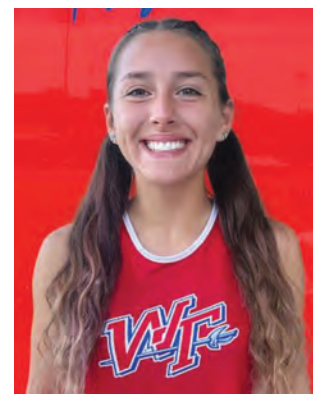
On Friday, Stoller came up just short of qualifying for the finals in the 400-meter dash after recording a tenth-place finish in the preliminary heats with a time of 1:00.21.



WT's Sydnee Sinn earned the title of State Champion in 400m Dash as well as anew PR & School Record with her time of 55.92 at the state track meet, June 4, 2022.



WT's Maddox Treece earned 5th place in the 200m Dash with a new PR with a time of 22.67. He also placed 9th in the 400m Dash at state track meet on June 4, 2022.



WT's Kiara Bahena earned 15th place in the 800m run at the state track meet on June 4, 2022.

The foursome of Stoller, Bahena, freshman Bethany Miller and freshman Harper Myers placed 15th in the preliminary heats of the 800 relay with a time of 1:48.22.

Wayne Trace senior Brayson Parrish wrapped up his career with a tenth-place

finish in the 110-meter hurdles, posting a time of 15.63 seconds.

Paulding senior Claire Schweller also grabbed a spot on the podium on Saturday in the Division II girls meet.

Schweller recorded a leap of 11-10 in the pole vault to tie for second place.

BIOLOGICAL NUTRIENT UPTAKE

Regenerative farming practices emphasize nutrient uptake from soils through natural soil biological cycles. This ecologically-based agricultural approach uses microbes and carbon compounds to produce crops naturally rather than relying entirely on highly soluble "salty" nutrient inputs for plant nutrition.

Before commercial synthetic fertilizer, historically, soil microbes provided about 80% of soil nitrogen (N) through the efficient process of microbial N fixation. However, soil compaction and over-use of nitrogen fertilizers are having a negative impact on N fixing microbes. For the first time, the total fixed N supplied by microbes is less than the amount of applied synthetic N from fertilizer. Excess salt based or soluble fertilizer is disrupting the natural soil balance.

Soil microbes interact with plant roots and soil minerals to releases plant nutrients from soil minerals. Biological release of plant nutrients has far greater potential for plant mineral uptake than relying entirely on soluble nutrients from fertilizer. Plants have devised complex systems of breaking down minerals into nutrients and then use active transport mechanisms to move them through their roots. Active transport, biological activity, and complex organic substances are critical components for efficient plant nutrient uptake. There are many natural biological ways to efficiently, profitably, and ecologically uptake plant nutrients without using soluble or salty fertilizers. Currently, our understanding of these biological processes is just starting to blossom.

To be highly soluble in

water, fertilizers must easily dissociate in water into highly charged positive ions (cations) and negatively charged ions (anions) called salts. "Salts" are the simplest soluble fertilizers, but the most wasteful and ecologically soil damaging. Fertilizers are categorized by their salt index, which ranks the potential to injure germinating seeds and plants. The salt index of a fertilizer is directly related to its water solubility. The so called "burn" to plant roots is caused by dehydration of the soil, a natural soil reaction to counteract high salt inputs. Other soil reactions to highly soluble fertilizers are "leaching" and nutrients becoming "tied-up" by soil colloids. The soil is trying to buffer or maintain these soluble salty nutrients at low concentrations so that the soil biology can survive.

The soil is a living system that is sensitive to highly soluble salt inputs. In low input (sustainable, biological, organic, regenerative) agriculture, highly soluble soil inputs are used sparingly. The disruption from salts is dealt with primarily by water, which surrounds and neutralizes high cation and anion charged fertilizers. These salts can cause a plant root to desiccate or dry out because the water is tied up and not plant available.

The soil water contains both dissolved and un-dissolved substances in it. The portion of soil water with dissolved substances is called the soil solution. The total nitrogen dissolved in soil solution per acre is in the range of approximately 0.4 to 1.5 pounds per acre. For dissolved phosphorus, the range would be 0.001 to 0.003 pounds in one acre! Just a trace. Most soil nutrients are soluble at very low concentrations to keep the soil healthy.

In countries where crops are fertilized with synthetic N fertilizer, nitrogen use efficiency is very low. In the USA, about 54% of all N fertilizer applied to corn crops is wasted. In biological based systems, nitrogen is used efficiently by both microbes and plants. About 1# of total elemental N grows 1 bushel of corn or 150# of total N to grow 150 bushels corn/Acre. There is only about 1# N/Acre naturally in the soil solution at one time. Corn uptake for N is huge when corn starts to pollinate until grain fill. Soil microbes use biological N fixation to convert atmospheric N into plant available forms of N (50% of total N) to feed our crops. Soil compaction and poor soil structure robs soil microbes of needed oxygen and nitrogen, destroying the opportunity to reduce N inputs. Soil compaction also promotes many crop diseases.

When highly soluble salty fertilizers are applied to a soil, the soil system has to achieve chemical and biochemical equilibrium. Leaching, denitrification, and tying up salts in soil colloids is a natural biological reaction. If you have ever tried drinking a glass of water that has a teaspoon of table salt dissolved in it, you know what I mean. If you don't vomit, you will at least get an upset stomach and will be extremely thirsty for a long time. Heavy use of salt fertilizers means soils will either leach out or use large quantities of water to offset the high salt inputs. Using regenerative practices (cover crops, no-till, manure, compost, humates) enhances soil life and improves nutrient efficiency. Article adapted from "Solubility versus Biology" by Lawrence Mayhew.

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This photo of a large tree limb on a car, was submitted by Nichole Morehead, on the Paulding County EMA Facebook page.



Picture taken by Director McCoy shows the damage of the rotating winds at the farm on as well as the straight line winds that took down five power poles.

as the storm moved in a northeasterly direction. At some point before it reached Latty, the rotation may have formed a brief "tornmanic" active southwest of the village. The NWS issued this statement on the damage: "A thun-



derstorm rapidly intensified as it moved out of southeastern Allen County, Indiana into southwestern Paulding County. Damaging winds, ranging between 60 to locally over 80 mph, caused damage from Payne, OH through Latty and south of Melrose. The most extensive damage appears to have occurred from Payne to Latty where tree damage, minor structure damage and damage to power poles occurred. Tree limbs also fell onto parked vehicles, causing damage. A resident shared a picture on the Paulding County EMA Facebook page, south of Latty showing a home weather station recorded an 83.4 mph wind gust. We would like to thank

Paulding and Van Wert county EMA officials as well as those that posted pictures on the Paulding County Facebook page", this from Meteorologist Lonnie Fisher of the Northern Indiana National Weather Service, in North Webster, Indiana.

Reports, posted on social media, did not indicate any serious or significant structural damage to residential property. Although there was damage to roofs and siding, with some damage to barns and other outbuildings. In some places large tree limbs landed on vehicles. The good news out of all of this was, no one was injured and the rotation in the storm cell was very brief and did not develop into a destructive tornado.

EMA Director Rick McCoy from Van Wert County toured the track of the storm for the National Weather Service and assisted Director Bohn from Paulding County. The photos submitted by Director McCoy along with his years of studying meteorology provided much needed information for the National Weather Service to make their determination and issue their findings.

LANE CLOSURES PLANNED FOR S.R. 3 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces lane closures on

S.R. 3 in Huntertown for bridge construction.

Crews are scheduled to begin working on the bridge between Gump and Shoaff roads on or after June 13, with work expected to last until the end of October. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

During construction, the left lane in each direction will be closed in the work zone. There is a speed limit of 45 mph and a width limit of 12 feet.

INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety and slow down, use extra caution and drive distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.

DEFIANCE POST INVESTIGATING TWO VEHICLE FATAL CRASH IN WILLIAMS COUNTY

On June 4, 2022, at approximately 12:13 P.M., Troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Defiance Post responded to a two-vehicle injury crash at the intersection of U.S. 20 and County Road 4 in Northwest Township, Williams County.

Arden Pacey (age 89), of Bryan, Ohio, was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Impala northbound on County Road 4. A 16-year-old juvenile was operating a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado eastbound on U.S. 20. Mr. Pacey failed to yield the right of way at the posted stop sign, pulling into the path of the eastbound pickup truck resulting in the collision.

Mr. Pacey was flown from the scene to Parkview Medical Center in Ft. Wayne, Indiana where he later succumbed to his injuries. Helen Pacey (age 88), a passenger in Mr. Pacey's vehicle, was transported by Williams County EMS to Community Hospitals in Bryan, Ohio, for serious injuries. The juvenile driver and his passenger, Daniel Alexander (age 56), of Angola, Indiana, were treated at the scene by Williams County EMS.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Northwest Township Fire Department, Williams County EMS, Samaritan Air Ambulance, Worthington Body Shop, and John's Towing & Repair Service.

This crash remains under investigation. Alcohol use is not believed to be a factor and all occupants were wearing seat belts.

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE & MUSEUM HOSTED ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Tuesday June 14th is National Flag Day and also the Birthday of the United States Army. The Sunday before, June 12th the Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum in Fort Wayne hosted their annual flag retirement ceremony at 2122 O'Day Road.

In conjunction with the Allen County Council of Veterans Organizations and local boy scouts from area troops, they retired old American flags that have been collected at local Legion Posts and donated at the Shrine for proper disposal.

If you have an American Flag that is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, it should be retired in a dignified manner, preferably by fire.

Call the Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum at 260-267-5022 for more information on Flag Retirement Day.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2021-22 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, received information regarding a deer violation. It was determined that the hunter purchased a hunting license after harvesting a deer. While talking to the hunter, Officer Kiger explained the laws and requirements for legal hunting. A summons was issued, and the individual was ordered to pay \$188 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, and State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Bill Bullard attended the Ohio Hunter & Trapper Educator Instructor Association annual meeting and banquet in February. The banquet served as a chance to thank the volunteer instructors for their dedication to keeping Ohio hunters safe. All in attendance were excited to share stories from the 2021-22 hunting season and anticipation for seasons to come.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the summer of 2021, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Burke, assigned to Hancock County, received a call about several ducklings that were stuck in a storm drain. The caller said that she lived in a neighborhood with a pond, which several mallard pairs frequented. She had observed a female mallard with seven ducklings feeding in her yard earlier that morning, and a few hours later she began to hear peeps and quacks from the storm drain behind her house. Five of the seven ducklings had fallen into the drain and the adult female was not nearby. Officer Burke responded to the call and caught and removed all five ducklings from the drain. After retrieving the ducklings, he quickly searched the area and found the female mallard and two ducklings by the pond. With the help of the homeowner, Officer Burke successfully reunited all the ducklings with the adult female.

During the 2021 white-tailed deer-gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, was on patrol when he noticed a vehicle with a Michigan license plate parked near a popular hunting location. Officer VonAlmen did a quick check through the licensing system using the vehicle license plate and determined the owner's name. He discovered that the hunter had purchased an Ohio deer permit but did not have a valid hunting license. Officer VonAlmen entered the area in search of the hunter and contacted him a short while later. Office VonAlmen con-

firmed that the hunter was the owner of the vehicle and that he did not have a valid nonresident Ohio hunting license. A summons was written for hunting without a license.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, recently helped a stranded Summit County motorist with a flat tire. The driver of the vehicle had her three young children with her. On this cold February day, Officer Brown did not hesitate to change the woman's tire, allowing her to continue her day with her children and without an expensive tow bill. The family was extremely grateful for Officer Brown's professionalism and kindness.

In January 2022, State Wildlife Officer Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, was reviewing 2021 white-tailed deer harvest records and discovered that a nonresident hunter harvested two antlered deer on public land in Ashland County. Officer Huegel worked diligently with Michigan DNR staff to contact the individual, who later admitted to shooting two bucks within Mohican State Forest. One deer was seized. The individual was ordered to pay \$237 in fines and court costs, a \$500 restitution for the deer, and he received a one-year hunting license suspension.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Brad St. Clair, assigned to Noble County, and Wes Feldner, assigned to Monroe County, responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Noble County. When the officers arrived, they found three untagged white-tailed deer where the suspects were parked. Over the course of three hours, the officers contacted five individuals and cited them for multiple wildlife violations. In addition, one deer was

seized as evidence. The violations included hunting without permission, hunting without a deer permit, and failure to tag or game check a deer. The individuals were found guilty of the violations in the Noble County Court and paid a total of \$966 in fines and court costs. The deer seized as evidence was forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the recent white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, observed a deer drive take place in a large woodlot. After the completion of the hunt, Officer Schemmel contacted the hunting party and spoke with them on their day's hunt. After learning they had not harvested a deer, Officer Schemmel requested to inspect the individual's hunting licenses and deer permits. It was discovered that one individual did not possess a valid deer permit. The hunter received a citation for hunting deer without a valid permit. The individual was found guilty and ordered to pay \$304 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and K-9 Officer Scout recently attended the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Spring Fishing Classic. Hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts attend the annual free event held at every Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's retail location across the country. The Spring Fishing Classic also offers opportunities for customers to learn about fishing and attend free seminars hosted at each location. Officer Keller handed out 2022-23 fishing regulations and spoke with shoppers about fishing laws, tackle, and locations to fish in Ohio.

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THE LEFT TURN



Tyler Roahrig won the first race of the Outlaw Late Model Grand Slam at Plymouth Motor Speedway. Photo courtesy of Plymouth Motor Speedway.

By: Ron Burt

Thank you for the emails. I try to answer as many as I can. We are currently in the middle of a great racing tradition in Indiana. It's Midget Week. Just about every track is hosting the USAC Midgets. These non wing cars are smaller than Sprints but lightening fast, and always put on a great show. Feature winners this week include, Buddy Kofoid, with wins at Bloomington and Lawrenceburg. Kofoid, has been on a terror with four A-main wins in a row until Thomas Meseraull put an end to the streak at Tri-Sate Speedway. Wednesday June 8th at Circle City Speedway in Indy was rained out. More coverage next week.

Friday at Attica Raceway Park, Zeb Wise and Cory Eliason ran bumper to bumper, on the 1/3-mile clay oval. A caution with eight laps to go gave Wise a clear track and used it to his advantage and drove to his third career All Star Circuit of Champions win. It was Wise's second career All Star victory at Attica. Wise now has three victories at Attica and this one was worth \$6,000.00. Rounding out the top three, Cory Eliason, and Hunter Schuereberg. Rusty Schlenk took the lead from defending Attica late model

champion Devin Shiels on lap nine and never looked back, dominating for the \$2,000 feature win. It was Schlenk's 32nd career win in the UMP Late Models at Attica. Devin Shiels and Casey Noonan took second and third. In the 305 Sprints Paul Weaver took the checker followed by Jamie Miller and Brandon Moore.

Limaland Motorsports Park had the 20th running of the Keysor Memorial for the Thunderstocks. Jeff Matheny took the victory and \$2000.00. Todd Sherman won the DIRTcar UMP Modified feature, Landon Simon picked up the Non-Wing Sprint Car win, and Tony Anderson fought for the Dirt Track Truck Series feature win.

Defending track champion Scotty Weir, became the third different 25-lap non-wing sprint car feature winner in as many races, Friday night at Gas City I-69 Speedway during the fifth annual "Jack and Jiggs Classic". The 20-lap (UMP) modified feature was a battle of track champions. Derek Losh, the 2020 modified champion, came from the rear to beat Bub Roberts, the 2021 champion. Jackson Macenko, led every lap of the 30-lap Kenyon midget feature.

Last Saturday night Plymouth Motor Speedway had over 4,000 fans in attendance to watch the first leg of the Grand Slam for the Outlaw Asphalt Late Models. 36 of the Midwest's top drivers were on hand to compete. As the green flag flew Matt Frazier and Adam Terry traded the lead a few times before Adam Terry took the point. Adam looked to be on rails as he held off hard charges from JR Roahrig and then Tyler Roahrig. Adam slipped up with a handful of laps to go and Tyler Roahrig went to the inside for the pass and the lead. Tyler held on to win the 1st Grand Slam Race. Adam Terry finished second, and Tyler Roahrig 3rd. Forty Street Stocks showed up to race and a new track record was set during qualifying by Brandon Zachary. In the feature, Austin Maynard worked his way to the lead. Austin held off some of the best Street Stock Racers around to pick up his 2nd win of the week-end. Brock Ganus finished second, and third went to Shawn Amor.

Rusty Schlenk won the DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature Saturday night at Oakshade Raceway, making a clean sweep of the week-end after winning at Attica on Friday night. Carter Munday won the Sportsman feature. The Dirt Track Truck Series (DTTS) made their second annual visit to Oakshade Raceway and Greg DeTray took the checker.

Next week I will have the final recap of the 2022 Indiana Midget week, Ohio Sprint Week and the Eldora Million for Outlaw Late Models. I have more detailed racing coverage on the Ohio Sports Blitz facebook page and I can be reached at ohioSPORTSBLITZ@yahoo.com.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

continue eating until cold weather. The cold weather forces them deeper underground where they spend the winter. When spring arrives, the grubs come back up to the grass-root level. In spring, they will continue eating grass roots for a short period before pupating and emerging from the soil as adult beetles. Once they emerge as adults, their destructive life cycle starts again. Each beetle has its own particular life cycle, but they generally follow this pattern.

Most grub damage is done in the late summer and fall; however, the damage is usually not apparent until the following spring. In severe cases, so many of the grass roots are detached by the grubs that the lawn can be cut up and rolled back like a carpet, exposing the grubs and their destruction to the naked eye. Besides the rampant damage grubs can do on their own, they attract other animals. For instance, skunks see grubs as a viable food source and will dig up your turf to eat them.

By applying a grub control, you will help prevent lawn damage. There are several products on the market that help in the control of grubs. The most common control is Imidacloprid (Merit). Merit or Imidacloprid is a neurotoxin and kills by blocking the nervous system activity of the insect resulting in slow death by starving. To take effect, it is ingested or absorbed by the insect.

Imidacloprid achieves upwards of 90% control of grubs. Although it is most effective at killing grubs, Imidacloprid also has some effect to kill off sod webworms, armyworms and cutworms. It is somewhat weather-durable, but can break down in extremely waterlogged soil before affecting the grubs. Because it is susceptible to sun degradation, it should be watered in after application to be effective (just not to the point that the soil becomes waterlogged). This activates the insecticide. Merit lasts from 15 to 19 weeks which makes timing critical for application and full season control. If timed properly in spring, the application should last effectively throughout the summer.

Another grub control uses Chlorantraniliprole which kills 25% more grub types than Imidacloprid (Merit). It has many of the characteristics and downfalls as Merit. It also has the same application instructions as Merit.

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LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Grubs

Official summer is getting closer and one of the biggest problems that your lawn could face is grubs. In this article, I want to explain the types of grubs, their typical life cycle, and products that control them so you can have a healthy, grub-free lawn.

The typical "white grubs" you see in the lawn for our area are the larvae of Japanese beetles, May and June beetles, European chafers, or Turfgrass Ataenius beetles. The adult insects lay eggs in the lawn in late summer. The eggs hatch into white grubs, which tunnel underground and eat the roots of grass plants. Late summer and through fall is their most active period. The grubs will

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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Robert L. Clark Sr. has filed an Application to Administer the Estate of Robert L. Clark. The hearing on the application will be June 21, 2022 at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in this Court.

The Court is located at 115 North Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

You are one of the individuals

entitled to administer decedent's estate and if you wish to be considered for appointment to do so you must apply to this Court.

If you do not apply, it will be considered that you renounce your right to administer the estate. The Court may appoint any suitable and competent person to administer the estate, giving due weight to relative priority of right to do so. Even if you decline appointment yourself, if you know of any reason why the above applicant is not suitable or competent, you should appear and inform the Court.

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

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
DELNA R. YOH, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 22 002
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

7713 Road 131, Paulding Parcel no.: 21-33S-007-00
A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse.

The opening bid is Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-four and 99/100 (\$6,474.99) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, July 14, 2022 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on July 28, 2022 for the same minimum bid.

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

Purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION BUYS PARK STATION BUILDING



The Antwerp/Payne/ Paulding County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has purchased the former Park Station property in Antwerp. The property has been submitted into the Ohio Brownfield Remediation program. Upon state approval, the buildings on the property will be leveled and removed and the property remediated. The hope is to bring the property back to a natural state and open up the opportunity for future development.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey, who works closely with the CIC on projects around the county noted, "The Antwerp Riverside Park has been used and a draw to the Antwerp community for decades. The Village of Antwerp does an outstanding job in maintaining this property. Attendance and participation in the park will continue to increase with the new river access and soon to be developed Holly Beach Splash Pad. The CIC just felt it would be a wise choice to get control of this property, located near the park, to make sure something didn't end up here that would be detrimental to a family atmosphere in the future. We can't thank Ed

and Julia Snyder enough for seeing the vision and working with the CIC to make sure this happened."

The CIC provided a purchase agreement to the Snyder's in February but the transaction was delayed awaiting an updated property survey. The survey completed in late May and the transaction was finally able to move forward.

CIC President Tom VanVlerah stated, "The CIC has purchased the Park Station property out on old US24 with the intent of improving the site as part of our mission to helping move communities forward. It's exciting and we hope the community of Antwerp watches as the process unfolds."

This CIC group currently consists of 14 members from Antwerp, Payne and Cecil. By law, the group consists of a required mix of elected officials and private business leaders. Copsey shared, "Paulding County is unique in the six-county area as to the relationship between the economic development office and the CIC boards. Our county is the only one in the area that doesn't just have one county CIC entity (Paulding Village and Oakwood Village have

their own). In the other five counties, the economic development director is the director for the single CIC board. In this county the director is just an associate member of all three boards, even though well over 50% of our office work is involved with these CIC projects."

The Antwerp/Payne/ Paulding County CIC board meets monthly at the Antwerp Village offices located at the Antwerp train depot. For information about the board or activity please call 419-399-8282.

LAWN CARE FOR YOU, THE HOMEOWNER

Spring is (almost) officially here. It's time to start thinking about shaping up the yard, and your lawn is a big part of that. Now is a great time to start preparing your lawn with an early spring fertilizer to attain and maintain that nice green look in your lawn all season long.

Jim and I will be writing articles throughout the growing season to help you keep your lawn looking great.

In order to give your lawn an excellent boost this spring, we recommend an early treatment of lawn fertilizer for a strong green up. You may combine this with an annual weed preventative to help keep those unwanted grassy weeds (such as crabgrass) out of your lawn. We also suggest getting a PH test for the soil to determine whether your soil could be too acidic or to alkaline and to correct your PH with soil amending products.

Why fertilize in early spring? Grass and other plants are emerging from the dormant stage. Once the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees, the soil microbes will start to become active and the grass will green up. In order to maintain a lush healthy green lawn, grass needs the proper nutrients in order to grow strong and vibrant. Giving your lawn a high-quality slow release fertilizer in early spring will feed your lawn over the next 8 to 12 weeks, and set up your yard nicely for the rest of the growing season. Choosing the right fertilizer is important. The lawn lives in the soil surrounded by air, water, living things and humus, the residue of living things. In soil, the fundamen-

tal physical, chemical and biological processes necessary for lawn grass growth takes place. For a lawn grass plant to be healthy it needs nutrients. These nutrients are divided into two main groups, the non-mineral and the mineral.

The non-mineral nutrients are hydrogen, oxygen and carbon. These nutrients are found in the air and water that surrounds us. In a process called photosynthesis, green plants use energy from the sun to change carbon dioxide, from the air, and hydrogen from the water, into sugars. These sugars become the means for making the carbohydrates, fats, oils, and proteins that are the building blocks of life. Since green plants get their carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the air and water, there is little that man can do to control how much of these nutrients a green plant can make or use. We and all of life on earth are living off of the green plant for our food supply.

There are thirteen mineral nutrients, which come from the soil, that are important for lawn grass plant growth. The mineral nutrients are divided into two groups: macronutrients and micronutrients.

Macronutrients include nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur. Grass plants use these macronutrients for their growth and survival and not all of these nutrients are found in lawn fertilizers. Micronutrients are essential elements for lawn grass plant growth, which are needed in smaller quantities. The micronutrients are boron, copper, iron, chloride, manganese, molybdenum and zinc. Recycling of organic material, such as grass clippings, is an excellent way to provide micronutrients. They are absorbed by lawn grass plants from the soil and water by means of their root hairs. There are not always enough of these minerals present in the soil for a lawn grass plant to produce maximum healthy growth. This is why we fertilize the lawn. We also fertilize to supply nitrogen to stimulate lawn growth; however, this as in the case of mineral nutrients, is done to supply extra nutrients for lawn growth stimulation.

High-quality lawn fertilizers feed evenly throughout an

eight to twelve week period of time giving your lawn the right amount of food at the right time. Determining the amount and kind of fertilizer you need for your lawn will greatly depend upon your soil's condition and PH level to provide the nutrients your grass needs.

In early spring, you can also prevent grassy weeds from coming into your lawn later in the growing season. These are annual weeds that sprout from seeds that grow into mature plants throughout the growing season, and then drop their own seeds before dying... which provides another crop for the following year. These annual weeds include crabgrass, goosegrass, barnyardgrass, dallisgrass, quackgrass, and bermudagrass.

So how do I keep these weeds out of my yard? By using a pre-emergent weed control, you are creating a "protective barrier" on the lawn. The active ingredients are distributed throughout the lawn in late winter or early spring, before the annuals have begun to germinate. They lie in wait for the annual weed seeds to sprout. As germination begins, the young seedlings come in contact with the protective barrier and succumb to its controlling action.

However, these protective barriers also prevent any good grass seed from germinating. So if you are planning on seeding or overseeding any part of your lawn, do not use a pre-emergent control unless it is a control that specifically says you can seed.

Pre-emergent controls should be applied in late winter or early spring. However, as a guide for all areas, the application should be made before dandelions are in the puffball stage... before lilacs bloom... or before forsythia drop.

Pre-emergent controls usually last for approximately four months. When applying a pre-emergent in early spring, you may need to apply another application of pre-emergent in early summer to prevent crabgrass from coming up later in the summer.

Also, if you are planning on thatching this spring, do not apply any pre-emergent controls before you have thatched. Thatching or raking will break the barrier that a pre-emergent control provides and makes it useless.

When purchasing your fertilizer, you may want to think about getting fertilizer for other times of the growing season so you'll be able to enjoy your lawn the entire growing season.

Best wishes to you on a great lawn you can enjoy this year.

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/16/22

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Councilman Thompson was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent will plant grass seed at several locations as weather allows, but currently it is too wet to proceed.

Mayor's Report: The bids came back for the Stellar Sidewalk/Trail project but due to the low bid being much higher than the engineer estimate, INDOT has thrown out that proposal. INDOT was to pay 80% of the construction cost with the remaining 20% to be paid by the city. A representative from INDOT has proposed that the city take another letting out October 13th in an effort to receive new bids. If, at that time, bids are still not acceptable, it was recommended that the city combine projects with another local agency to encourage a contractor to bid on both projects simultaneously. After discussion, Councilman Watts asked that, with the assistance of A & Z, language be put in the bid proposal that the project reflect options of 50%, 75%, and 100% of expected cost and then let for October 13th. This would allow the city to scale down the project based on what bids are received. The clerk-treasurer will work with the mayor and the representative from INDOT to determine what options are available. Earlier this evening, the Board of Works moved to accept the base bid with no alternates from Underground in the amount of \$530,100.00, contingent upon receipt of funds from Allen County, for the high school lift station upgrades project. The mayor explained that the city needs to eliminate a tax that is paid to the state of Indiana for water sales, due to a change in state law. While discovering how best to approach this situation, the possibility of the city pursuing a rate study of the water utility was discussed. The Board of Works approved a proposal earlier this evening from Bakey Tilly to perform a rate study analysis, pending Council approval. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed as described, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. The mayor mentioned that due to inflation being as prevalent as it is, he wishes to incorporate cost-of-living adjustments to salaries. The clerk-treasurer asked that this consideration be incorporated into the 2023 calendar year budget discussion. The mayor mentioned that a business owner on Main Street would like to see a tree removed out in front near the road. After discussion, it was determined that the council would like to keep the trees as they are currently.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 2nd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the May 2nd meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor, except for Councilman Watts, who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to read Ordinance 22-1406 by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 22-1406, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Councilman Voirol moved to adopt Ordinance 22-1406 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Ordinance 22-1406 is ratified as presented. The clerk-treasurer mentioned that the Woodlan Band Boosters have requested a sponsorship for the 2022-2023 season. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to make a \$100 sponsorship, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin mentioned that there are several residents who are blowing grass into the street. The clerk-treasurer will put a notice in the local free distribution papers asking residents to not blow grass into the streets.

Audience: A resident wanted to see the Council's opinion on rezoning his property for a different purpose. Council provided input for the resident to consider as he takes next steps to formally rezone this site. A resident would like to see a more dramatic, intentional effort to take care of the midgets out at Homestead Addition.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Voirol, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

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VAN WERT LIVE ANNOUNCES FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS '22

Van Wert Live is pleased to present the long-anticipated Feel Good Fridays '22. Completely underwritten by The Van Wert County Foundation, this power-packed roster features diverse musical talents that reflect generations of hits. There are ten free Friday night concerts from June 3rd to August 6th in Downtown Fountain Park, including Van Wert's DORA District. Food concessions, coordinated by The Van Wert Parks & Rec., and food trucks as part of Mainstreet's First Fridays make downtown the perfect summer destination for family fun. From the very first Friday to the last, entertainment is selected that is so good it keeps fans near and far coming back for more. The music begins at 7:30 PM and the Fountain Park lawn awaits lawn chairs, blankets, and plenty of feel-good times with friends in the sunshine. The line-up took off with the Peony Festival concert experience on June 3rd featuring Dirty Deeds. This extreme tribute consisted of "two" high-energy shows, complete with exciting stage props and non-stop action! The first show was a dedication to the Bon Scott era and the second show was a tribute to the Brian Johnson era. This dual "look-alike Show" is the only AC/DC tribute that actually changes costumes and transforms from Bon Scott to Brian Johnson. Two shows in one! Dirty Deeds is able to modify the show to one set if requested and still provide both Bon and Brian "look-alikes" in that one set. As Dirty Deeds proceeds to rifle through one iconic AC/DC hit after another, the action is non stop and the crowd is sure to be on their feet, moving to the beat and singing along with every song!

Playing follow-up to Dirty Deeds on June 10 but not to be outdone was The

Beatles popular tribute, The Sunrise Jones. Since 2013, The Sunrise Jones (TSJ) has been wowing crowds across Northeast Ohio with their spirited renditions of rock and pop's most beloved jams. From headlining shows at The Music Box Supper Club, The Rock Hall, and The Beachland Ballroom to entertaining countless satisfied wedding and corporate clients, this talented five-piece has made a name as one of the best cover bands in the Land! Offering professional sound and lights and an eclectic catalog spanning the rock and pop spectrum, TSJ's brand of high energy, faithful covers is sure to keep the dance floor packed and your guests grooving all night long.

June 17 is a Friday night of Country Feel Good with Allie Colleen. This Belmont University graduate from Owasso, Oklahoma has a style that is truly her own. Rooted in Country, she is no stranger to the music industry. A passion for singing and songwriting since a young age has garnered her a reputation of being a notable songwriter with an iconic-sounding voice. Her impeccably strong voice with hints of timeless tradition falls between classic country and the emerging country sound. The room never fails to silence as Allie Colleen begins to sing about the layers of love and heartbreak that have shaped her.

Cream Camino cruises into the roster on June 24. This dynamic alt-rock band hails from Ohio's capital city and is recognized as one of the most compelling live music acts in the region. Known as "The Gentlemen of Rock" - Jeff, Jon, Jarrod, & JC - uniquely blend iconic cover songs, radio-worthy original tunes, and top 40 medleys that leave an audience mesmerized. With a covers catalog combining artists like Adele, Neil Young, Sublime, Ozzy Osborne, AC/DC, Chris Isaak, and Tom Petty - there's something for everyone in a CREAM CAMINO show. Their lively performance mixes in unforgettable original songs that leave the audience wanting more!

Back in Van Wert by popular demand on July 1st, are The K*Tel All*Stars! Their spell-binding performance is a rock concert straight out of the '70s. Their show is engaging, professional, and exhilarating as they take the audience on a musical journey through the unparalleled songs that define a generation. 1970 to 1979 generated some of the greatest songs that continue to mold and shape the music

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Authenticity. Heart. Grit. Words helping this Country-Rock artist make a name for himself takes the stage on July 8. Scott Stevens has been writing and performing songs for years, dating back to his earliest days singing in church and then as a fixture on the college-bar circuit while attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. It wasn't until two years ago, while in the midst of one of the most tumultuous time periods of his life, did he finally land on the sincerity and frankness that's come to define his new work. Embracing his twin loves for rock and country music, Stevens - a self-declared "groovethusiast" - set out to blend rhythm, soul, and lyrics into one. With a rocker dad who once toured with Joe Walsh and a country music mom who believed in turning the volume way up, Scott Stevens was destined to find his own signature blend that he calls his own. This up-and-coming Country sensation is the perfect Feel Good Friday Week 6 feature.

The ELO Experience is widely recognized as the world's premier tribute to Electric Light Orchestra. On July 15th, they bring their

brilliant arrangements, flawless musicianship, and superlative vocals to Van Wert. Picking up where the Beatles left off in 1970, the UK-based ELO expanded the concept of great melodies, epic song structures, and grand orchestrations where cellos co-existed with guitars, and where classically tinged progressive rock intersected with hook-filled, radio-friendly pop songs resulting in ELO becoming one of the most popular groups of the 1970s and perhaps even more so today. Numerous hit songs including Evil Woman, Telephone Line, Mr. Blue Sky, Xanadu, Livin' Thing, Don't Bring Me Down among numerous others.

It's what we've all been waiting for! Get out the Disney costumes and head to the park for some festive fun! July 22nd features for the first time, The Little Mer-men. This ultimate Disney cover band is for Disney fanatics of all ages. The band's repertoire covers all 82 years of the Disney canon, including favorites from The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Mary Poppins, and Frozen. The group performs in full costume with band members dressing up as characters from the films. They tour nationally to sold-out crowds of cosplayers and casual fans alike. Founded by singer/songwriter Alexis Babini, TLM throws enchanted events that are jam-packed with nostalgic fun and sing-alongs. They are hailed by BuzzFeed and Time Out New York as the premiere Disney cover experience. Come join the fun as the Fountain Park stage opens up the window to a whole new world!

July 29th is week nine. We are feeling fine and the stage

is set for some rich cash, Johnny style. From A Boy Named Sue to Ring of Fire, the Johnny Folsom 4 pays tribute to the legendary man in Black. Lead singer David Burney brings a lilting southern baritone to Cash's classic songs which hits the mark well enough that you will wonder if Johnny, himself, is in the building. David Gresham more than meets the challenge of filling in for Luther and Carl Perkins on those classic guitar licks. And Tom Mills (bass) and Randy Benefield (drums) provide the hallmark, train-like driving rhythm the whole world loves. And when the boys are living right, the remarkable Miss Eleanor Jones joins in on those classic Johnny and June duets - it's hotter than a pepper sprout! True to Mr. Cash's poetic spirit, JF4 promises an honest and entertaining performance for fans of all ages. When it comes to honoring Johnny Cash, JF4 walks the line.

Sailing into a cool Feel Good Fridays finish on August 5th is The Docksidiers. Imagine that it's 1981 and you're cruising the Atlantic shores of the Hamptons with your friends. Bikinis are fluorescent, polo collars are popped, and boat shoes are rocked sockless. In the background, your booming sound system is playing the soft-rock sounds of Michael McDonald, Olivia Newton-John, Hall & Oates, Christopher Cross, and Air Supply. The Docksidiers are made up of veteran musicians from Milwaukee, Wisconsin - led by 3-time Grammy™ nominee, Kevin Sucher. Their unique tribute act of favorite soft rock songs of the 70s and 80s - now defined as Yacht Rock - has been entertaining thousands of people for years and is continuing to grow in popularity. The Docksidiers' show-stopping hit song after hit song, costume changes, and visual production is only topped by their world-class performance. The Docksidiers is Yacht Rock at its Finest. As if it couldn't get

Sudoku solution from page 9

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any better, this concert experience coincides with The Van Wert Chamber Of Commerce Centennial Celebration. Gibson's Barnyard BBQ, CJ's Ice, local craft beer served by Second Crossing Brewery, and other concessions await in Fountain Park.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. Annual sponsors making live entertainment happen in Van Wert are Central Insurance, First Federal Bank of Van Wert, and Statewide Ford-Lincoln. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert. More information on Feel Good Fridays '22 and the artists can be found at vanwertlive.com.

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Antwerp Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Puckerbrush of Antwerp to the Antwerp business community with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Owner, Brian Martin, purchased the previous pizzeria

(Papa Oley's) from Tom & Missy VanVlerah in early 2022. He has done remodeling of the inside and updated some equipment. Puckerbrush has been open for several weeks with things getting better and better every day for the young staff.

Check them out for delicious pizza, salads, sandwiches, and a whole lot more.

Welcome Brian Martin, Nicholas McCreery and the entire staff of Puckerbrush of Antwerp to the Village of Antwerp.

BGSU CENTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITIES FOR REIMAGINING RURAL REGIONS PROGRAM

Bowling Green State University News Online Media Newsroom BGSU Center for Regional Development announces new communities for Reimagining Rural Regions program

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - Committed to en-

hancing regional economic vitality, the Center for Regional Development (CRD) at Bowling Green State University has announced the second cohort of communities to participate in its Reimagining Rural Regions (R3) program.

Launched in 2021, the R3 program is an economic and workforce development-centered placemaking initiative that helps communities identify, enhance and build community assets to aid in talent

attraction and retention.

"We are so pleased to engage the City of Bowling Green, the City of Mansfield and the Village of Paulding - these communities create so much good in our region and in Ohio," said BGSU President Rodney K. Rogers. "As a public university for the public good, BGSU is committed to supporting the current and future growth and vitality of our rural communities that power our state. Our R3 initiative is another example

of how together, we can make our region stronger and position Ohio for future success."

After a competitive application process and site visits, the CRD at BGSU selected the following Ohio communities for the second cohort of the R3 program:

• **Village of Paulding:** Located in Paulding County, the Village of Paulding will use R3 resources to leverage its historic county courthouse and picturesque village square into a hub for community activity through the development and attraction of new restaurants, retail shops and community hubs.

• **City of Bowling Green:** Serving as Wood County's county seat, the City of Bowling Green will leverage R3 resources to implement its Heritage 2025 initiative that focuses on robust public engagement, as well as to identify and implement improvements to the downtown corridor.

• **City of Mansfield:** Located in Richland County, the City of Mansfield will use the capacity provided through the R3 Program to continue its Mansfield Rising initiative by reimagining a parking lot in the heart of downtown into a community asset and gathering place.

"The economic, cultural and technological divide between larger cities and communities and rural small towns has never been greater," said Russell Mills, senior director for the BGSU Center for Regional Development. "Through this initiative, we are able to work closely with communities to identify placemaking opportunities that will impact workforce attraction and retention in our region and state."

The R3 program also provides capacity to communities to conduct public engagement to develop placemaking plans. Additionally, BGSU graduate and undergraduate students work with each community to help plan and implement projects aimed toward enhancing and building more livable spaces.

The CRD at BGSU continues to work with its first cohort of communities selected for the R3 program: The Village of Gibsonburg, the City of Van Wert and the City of Marysville.

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS SPLISH SPLASHING



Shown here in back are: Macklen Oesting, Damien Selzer, Ayden Good, Savannah Coil, and Celeste Hollar. In front are: Skilerr Good, Peyton Hollar, and Isabel Isidoro.

Ann's Bright Beginnings school agers visit the town pool every day in the summer. They attend the free lunch program at the park, then head over to the pool for an afternoon of fun in the

sun! Call 419-399-KIDS to see about our NEW lower prices! We have openings for our summer program and are taking registrations for fall preschool NOW!

The R3 Program is funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the USDA Rural Development Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC).

NEW COMMUNITY PANTRY IN WOODBURN

The United Steelworkers Local 715 Next Generation committee is happy to announce the opening of a new community pantry located at 4311 Elm Street, Woodburn, Indiana. "Give what you can, take what you need" is the foundation of the community pantry network that we are joining, led by Forward Indiana. Next Gen committee members will be responsible for the upkeep of the pantry, and being sure it is appropriately stocked for the different seasons of the year, but everyone in the community is welcome to participate.

Recommended items include, but are not limited to: peanut butter, pop top soups and canned items, microwave meals, granola bars,

fruit cups, boxed meals, etc. Sanitary items, like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, menstrual products, and diapers are also helpful. As the weather changes, hats, gloves, and socks are also appreciated.

A special thank you goes out to Woodlan High School students Maggie Garcia, Monserrat Niño, and Keegan Reinhard from Mr. Stebing's art class for painting the murals on the cabinet.

In Solidarity, Evan Schoof, USW Local 715 Next Gen Co-Chair

WINNERS OF VFW POST 5087 AUXILIARY DRAWING

VFW Post 5087 recently held a drawing for some excellent prizes!

1st: Blackstone Grill, Danielle Friend

2nd: Wind Spinner, Pete "Harmony Bingo"

3rd: Disney Princess Battery Powered Ride on Toy, Joan Trumpy

4th: \$100 Jacob's Meat Gift Card, Cathy Stork (owns Jacob's Meat, donating back to Aux).

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