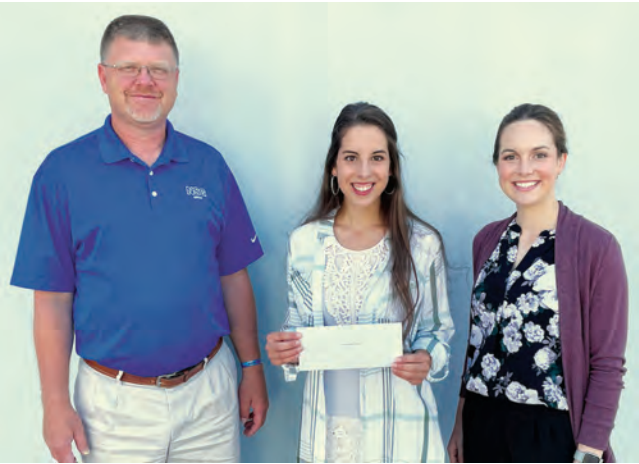


BUSINESS OWNER RECEIVES FUNDS FOR BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS



Pictured here are Tim Copsey, PCED director; Cassidy Atkins, owner of Fur-Tastic Pups Dog Grooming; and Kristen Schilt, PCED office manager.

PAULDING, OH - Cassidy Atkins entrepreneur and owner of Fur-Tastic Pups Dog Grooming in Cecil, OH is the first recipient of the Small Business Support Loan through the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office. This fund was made possible by the Paulding County Area Foundation and was established just three months ago to help small businesses in Paulding County.

Having met with PCED, Atkins shared the need at her facility to have a door installed in an exterior wall to

allow for the dogs to access the outdoors and fenced-in yard. PCED was able to share the Small Business Support Loan opportunity with Atkins, where she applied and was accepted to be loaned funds to help move the project forward.

Paulding County Economic Development Director, Tim Copsey noted, "Partnering with the Paulding County Area Foundation has allowed this first opportunity for a small business to happen. In a time when things are very uncertain, being able to offer

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Jessica Beck, Account Officer



Chayton Overholt, Loan Specialist

BECK PROMOTED TO ACCOUNT OFFICER ROLE; OVERHOLT JOINS AGCREDIT'S PAULDING BRANCH

AgCredit is pleased to announce that Jessica Beck has been promoted to the role of account officer. In addition, Chayton Overholt has joined the Paulding branch as a loan specialist.

A member of the AgCredit team for nearly three years, Beck was previously a loan specialist at the Van Wert branch before her promotion.

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MR. & MRS. GORRELL 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Glen and Ione Gorrell are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary with an open house from 1 - 5 p.m. On July 9th at Pathway Christian Church, 12732 Spencerville Rd., Harlan, IN.

The couple has 5 children; Rodney (Cindy), Pam (Kevin) Hirsch both of Fort Wayne, Brent (Connie) of Sweetser, IN, Val (Blaine) Messmann of Mitchell, IN, and Lisa (Mike) Theurer of

Saint Joe, IN; 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Glen retired from Fort Wayne Post Office with 38 years of service, and he trained and raced horses for many years. He also worked for Jim Schmidt in Hicksville, OH. Ione was a beautician for 20 plus years and volunteered at the Bargain Box in Hicksville, OH.

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June 27

• VWCOA Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night, 6pm

June 28

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p
• PC Library Board Meeting @ 5pm

June 29

• WT Special Board meeting @ WTHS, 7am
• WBESC meeting @ ESC conference room, Paulding, 5:30pm
• Kids Night Out! @ Schnelker Park, 5-8pm

June 30

• Pastor Andriy & Maryana Tahktay @ Payne NAZ, 7pm

July 1

• Twisted Smoke @ Grounded CC, Paulding, 11a-1p

July 5

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

July 7

• Summer Patio Concert @ Huber, 7pm

July 8-9

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PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
What qualifies Jesus to sit on the throne of David when Jechonias (also called Co-niah) had a curse on him that his seed could never sit on David's throne (Jeremiah 22:28-30)?

The lineage in Matthew 1:11-18 is Joseph's where Jechonias is included in verse 12. That was legally required to sit on the throne of David but the curse ruled out the seed of Jechonias. Joseph, however, was considered the legal adopted stepfather of Jesus but not the birth father. That avoided the curse.

Mary, however, provided a legal and required bloodline back to David (Luke 3:23-38). Note: Joseph was said to be the son of Heli (Luke 3:23) who was Joseph's father which means Mary was actually Heli's son by marriage, or son-in-law. Joseph's father was Jacob (Matthew 1:16).

Luke 3:23-38 is Mary's lineage. Her bloodline to David went through Nathan and not through Jechonias.

So Jesus had the bloodline to David through Mary and the legal right to sit on the throne of David through his stepfather Joseph.

The glorious virgin birth made it possible for Jesus to become God in the flesh and King of Kings to sit on David's throne forever.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

By: Doris Applegate
 The great awakening brought unity to the founding fathers and the colonies. When George Washington was commissioned he said good-by to his mother who

told him: "Remember to pray and trust in God!" Many records are kept of his prayer life and commanding his soldiers to honor and pay respect to times of special prayer and fasting.

Fifteen years after the battle George and a friend were surveying when they met an old Indian chief who had told his men to "shoot to kill" George and when God protected him the chief prophesied." The Great Spirit protects that man and guides his destinies, he will become the chief of nations and people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire."

Sixty years after the move of God with revival, people started to regress into sin again so that the clergy said, "God has a controversy with this nation" and called for fervent prayer that started another spiritual awakening on the east coast and spread west.

In 1856 Charles Finney held meetings in Rochester that prepared the way of the Lord for the mighty revival that swept the nation in 1857. Finney would walk into a place and people would fall under the awesome power of God wanting forgiveness for their sins. Much prayer went up in New York starting with a few and soon prayer was covering the country from Boston, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Charleston, Mobile, Memphis, Chicago and other places.

During the six to eight weeks of great revival it was reported that 50 thousand were converted weekly. Soldiers of the war were part of the revival and in the south (confederate) 25% were converted. It is said that 150,000 converted of both north and south (soldiers). The prayers and great awakening saved our country because we were consecrated to God for spreading of the gospel.

We are in great need now for another Great Awakening in our country and the world. Only prayer (much fervent prayer) is needed for

UKRAINE MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK AT PAYNE NAZ



Payne Church of Nazarene welcome you to come listen to Pastor Andriy and Maryana Tahktay, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Director in the Ukraine. Hear their testi-

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this to happen. The sin, riots, hate, greed and lawlessness are reasons we need to turn back to God. Are you a person who can see the need and be committed to help in prayer?

EXTRA HELP FOR OHIOANS SEEKING TO FINISH THEIR COLLEGE DEGREES

Ohioans seeking to return to college and finish their degrees could receive an extra boost with the help from WGU Ohio - on top of the \$2,000 "Second Chance Grant" scholarships recently signed into law by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine.

"Ohio's \$2,000 Second Chance Grants are a great help for students returning to college to finish up a college degree—and we want to take it even higher. We're going to bring the full force of our institution to bear to help these students find additional financial resources to pay for college," said WGU Ohio Chancellor Dr. K.L. Allen.

Ohio's pilot program aimed at helping more adults return to school to complete their degrees was recently made permanent by Governor Mike DeWine when he signed Senate Bill 135, extending the \$2,000 scholarships to help more Ohioans restart their college careers in order to obtain a degree or credential.

"Ohio's economy is strong and job opportunities

are everywhere, especially for Ohioans with the skills employers are really seeking right now in health care, computer technology and advanced manufacturing," said Dr. Allen. "The Ohioans who are best positioned for these opportunities are those who already have some college credit under their belts. With the Second Chance Grant, they can finish up their degree and up-skill to pursue a rewarding new career."

WGU's proven online, competency-based model is tailor-made for Second Chance Grants students—often older students with other obligations, like full-time jobs, families, or both. WGU students, most of whom work full-time, can learn from the convenience of their homes, at the times that are convenient for them and advance at their own pace as they master their program's educational material. More than 4,500 Ohioans are currently enrolled in WGU Ohio degree programs where they are studying in-demand programs like nursing and other health care professions, business, teaching and information technology.

For more information on Second Chance Grants, visit www.ohiohighered.org/second-chance. More information about WGU Ohio's programs can be found at www.wgu.edu/ohio.

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something like this to small businesses reassures them Paulding County is business friendly and that our not for profit groups are supportive. We are excited for Cassidy and her business. This is just the beginning for this program."

Fur-Tastic Pups is a full-service, bath and grooming

salon for dogs. Atkins opened her doors in April and is currently accepting new clients. You can find Fur-Tastic Pups on Facebook or call 419-670-8802.

To learn more about programs and resources available for small businesses check out the PCED website at www.pced.net; or email Kristen Schilt, Office Manager at office@pced.net.

Scripture of the Week

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."

— 2 Thessalonians 3:3

MATT'S MISHAPS



Like peanut butter and jelly, olive oil popcorn, South American apples and Chinese peanuts are a near perfect combination!

"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

Strange Substitutes

Have you tried a strange substitute for an ingredient in a favorite dish? I think



foodies call it "fusion" when you combine different styles of ingredients in common dishes. I know the Dairy Sweet in Grabill, Indiana has the "Elvis Sundae" containing bacon, which you should try.

Living overseas has forced us to use strange substitutes when trying to make Hoosier favorite dishes. Much is available overseas now than twenty years ago, but common ingredients like Crisco, canned pumpkin and cranberries, to name a few, still cannot be found. Sometimes we can get American style ingredients, but the prices are too expensive for regular use.

Our Sunday evening overseas meal of popcorn, apples, and peanuts served from metal mixing bowls

takes on a strange twist. Indiana or Ohio may have the best popcorn, but it does not make it over to us, normally coming from Argentina instead. I stock up on popcorn before traveling back overseas. However, we eventually run out and end up eating the Argentinian popcorn. The Granny Smith apples we eat usually come from South America. And lastly, the peanuts we crunch on are not from Georgia or Alabama, but China, where they mainly eat them for breakfast (peanut rice porridge). We strongly believe in pot popped popcorn and use the most readily available oil here - olive oil. I strangely find the olive oil flavored popcorn as normal now.

I have a feeling many people might turn up their noses to my mishap of a Sunday substitute dinner, but I do not imagine it changing anytime soon.

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

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IS IT A SPRIKET OR A SPIDER??

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Yikes! What is it? Does it bite, fly, walk, hop or jump? As we all are getting summer chores done outside now, the critters and insects, birds and bees are busy building nests. One such insect who is looking for a nice warm place to stay is a spricket, also known as a camel cricket. I don't know if I ever saw one or not, but these bugs are the creepy beasts of some people's nightmares. They are actually crickets but they have a hunched back and also look like a spider. I am actually



scared of a cricket, let alone one that looks like a spider. These insects love dark places and basements, and while it is bad enough they resemble the dreaded spider, they also can jump like a cricket. If you are not expecting it, they can scare the daylight out of you. Nothing will make kids scream louder than finding a camel cricket (spricket) in the basement. And really, who can blame anyone for freaking out when they see one? There's something just wrong with a giant bug that looks like its mama was a spider and its papa was a cricket. Even though they look like a spider, they do not have the fangs or the ability to bite. However, once they congregate in your home, they can eat indoor plants, other insects and even fabric. This is why they are in your basement. Our basements and garages spell P-A-R-T-Y time for these party bugs. I guess there is more safety in numbers pthat is why they say the sprickets congregate with those of its kind. (I really think it is more like a commune.) Of course, it would not be a spricket party without the insects finding a mate. Sprickets rely on their sense of smell to seek out a partner. Hmmm.

I wonder if they are looking for Old Spice or Calvin Klein? Some studies show that male sprickets have long spurs on their legs which can be used to duke it out over a girl spricket. In some countries, crickets are delicacies and some consider them a sign of good luck. As for me, I yell and scream like a banshee if I ever see a cricket, spricket or any kind of hopper, jumper or biter. If anyone has ever observed a camel cricket or spricket, let me know. Also, if you know to chase them away from partying in our homes, I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

COACHING, APP USE COULD SLASH SOME TYPES OF FOOD WASTE AT HOME

Individualized coaching coupled with an app for tracking could help families greatly reduce some types of food waste, in turn helping combat climate change. That's a finding from a recent study co-lead by Brian Roe, holder of the Fred N. VanBuren Professorship in Farm Management at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). The study, Roe said, "is the first to tailor a food-waste intervention to every household's individual circumstances." Reduce food waste, fight climate change. Reducing food waste is important in fighting climate change because most food tossed in the trash goes to landfills—an estimated 52 million tons a year in the United States alone—where it rots and produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. App-assisted interventions, meanwhile, are seeing growing use for health and wellness, such as for losing weight, eating better, tracking blood sugar, and managing mental health. For their study, which was published in the journal Resources, Conservation & Recycling, Roe and team set out to see if tailored intervention—in this case, customized one-on-one coaching aided by data collected by an app called FoodImage—can lead to greater changes in people's behavior when it comes to reducing food waste. "The urgency of climate change necessitates that future interventions are designed to maximize potential impacts," the researchers wrote in the study's introduction.

Which food waste was cut the most? Among their findings, the researchers found the largest effect of their intervention to be on plate waste, which fell by 79%, with the biggest part of that being at dinner. Plate waste is food left on the plate after someone finishes eating, such as the crust of a piece of pizza or a second helping that couldn't be finished. The study also reported reductions in food waste sent to a landfill, which dropped by 25%; the amount of food selected, down 19%; and the amount of food consumed, down 15%. But it saw no significant increases or decreases in food saved for later, storage cleanout waste, and food-preparation waste. At the same time, the study also recorded no "unwanted behavioral responses" as a result of the intervention. Roe noted, for instance, that there was no overeating, and no decline in buying fresh fruits and vegetables so as to not risk wasting them. But the study did see big increases in desirable behaviors in addition to reducing food waste, such as eating less and composting. 'Big effect' from smaller amounts. Indeed, the 79% reduction by itself would prevent more than 50 pounds of plate waste per household if sustained for a year. That's based on the participants who received the intervention reducing their plate waste by about 1 pound per week. Reducing plate waste is "something that can be addressed at every meal, so there were lots of opportunities for learning in response to the coaching, whereas things like storage cleanout waste occur only occasionally," Roe said. What the study's participants did. The study participants who received the intervention got individually tailored coaching on ways they could reduce their household's food waste. The coaching included an introductory lifestyle interview about factors such as the participant's food shopping, meal preparation, and eating. The coaching also included a discussion of what the participant was willing and able to do, or not do, such as composting if living in a small apartment, and the setting of tactics, goals, and a plan. The participants then went about their normal lives for a week while recording their food buying, use, and waste on the FoodImage app, which was invented by Roe and two of the study's other re-

searchers. As the week progressed, the participants received regular food waste tips by email, phone, or text. They also received further, adjusted coaching based on what the app had learned: Which tactics were working for the participant, and which ones weren't? Eat the peel, compost the core. Roe gave a hypothetical example of a participant in the study, a college student, who, because of the coaching they received:

- stopped throwing away the peel of the apples they eat, a part high in fiber, and started eating the peel instead
- started saving their apple cores in a bag in their freezer rather than tossing them in the trash—they couldn't compost in their apartment—then later took them to their friend's home in the country for composting
- switched to pouring themselves less milk and cereal to start with—reducing the chance of not eating all of it—and poured more only if they found they were still hungry after that
- started buying the smallest jug of milk they could and storing it in the coldest part of the refrigerator to make it last as long as possible.

The intervention wasn't one-size-fits-all, Roe and colleagues wrote in their study. "Rather, it was a delicate balance with the coach using motivational interviewing and Socratic questioning techniques to encourage the participant to personally identify behaviors they would like to change that reduce food waste the most." 'An intriguing glimpse' The study did have "plenty of limitations," Roe said, noting it was small, short in duration, and costly to implement. "But it provides an intriguing glimpse into what an individual customization approach could deliver," he said. Scaling up the study's intervention approach, both to reduce its cost and boost its use and impact, "is where artificial intelligence would likely be needed," Roe said. "One can imagine Noom for food waste or other sustainability practices." The study's other researchers were co-leaders John W. Apolzan and Corby K. Martin, along with Danyi Qi, Robbie A. Beyl, and Karissa E. Neubig, all of Louisiana State University. The team's journal article, "A Randomized Controlled Trial to Address Consumer Food Waste with a Technology-aided Sustainability Intervention," can be read online at go.osu.edu/CHze.

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role, Beck will work directly with local farm business owners to secure financing for their operations in both the Paulding and Van Wert branches. A recent graduate of Ohio Northern University with a degree in finance, Overholt gained experience in ag lending during his internship at the Van Wert branch last winter. As a loan specialist, Overholt will support Beck and the Paulding branch's other account officers with loan origination, underwriting and loan servicing. "We're happy to be growing the team in Paulding so we can continue to be a strong finan-

cial partner for the farm community in Paulding County," said Branch Manager Kendra Heffelfinger. For information on financing options for agricultural enterprise or rural home loans, call Beck at (419) 238-6838. AgCredit is a cooperative lender and proud member of the Farm Credit System, which was created over 100 years ago to provide a reliable source of credit for the nation's farmers and ranchers. AgCredit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. For more information about AgCredit, please visit www.agcredit.net

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry
Another Paulding County young man with a sad ending. Robert Patterson Staley was born May 17, 1895 in Paulding, Ohio. The son of Edward S. and Blanche (Patterson) Staley. Edward S. Staley was born in Lafayette, Indiana, March 7, 1858. Blanche was born July 25, 1867 in Fostoria, Ohio. Ed and Blanche were married May 11, 1892 in Paulding, Ohio by Judge Lafayette Lewis.

By 1900, the Staley family consisted of three sons, Jesse born in June of 1887, Nelson born in April of 1893 and Robert born in May of 1895. Edward was employed as a timber dealer and all the boys were in school. On October 22, 1903, the Staley family welcomed a son, John Edward. By 1910, the Staley family was living at 520 Main Street in Paulding. On August 22, 1911, Robert's brother Nelson, while visiting St. Ignace, Michigan, accidentally drowned. His body was brought home and buried in Live Oak Cemetery. By 1916, Robert was a college student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Robert was on the Varsity Social Club, serving as Vice President. By 1917, every able bodied male between the ages of 18 and 45 had to register for the draft. On May 31, 1917, Robert did so. He is listed as tall, slender build, 5' 10" tall, brown eyes and dark brown hair. Robert went to California in mid 1917 and ended up getting married. The gal, Nelle G. Mugridge. They were married August 5, 1917 by minister F.S.Brush, then the trail of their marriage goes cold. Not sure what happened. Robert came back to Ohio, where on May 12, 1918, Robert went to Cincinnati, Ohio and signed up to join the Marine Corp. Robert was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina. July 31, 1918, Robert was working with the Overseas Depot Headquarters Company in Quantico, Virginia. August 7, 1918, Robert was serving with Company C. Separate Battalion and promoted to Sergeant August 21,

1918. Robert was sent to Brooklyn, New York where he boarded the ship, "Aeolus" and was shipped overseas to Brest, France, August 27, 1918. October 1, 1918, while in France on the Muese-Ar-gonne front, Robert served with the Second Division. Then on October 16, 1918, Robert served with the 84th Company 6th Regiment. After the end of the war, Robert served in the Army of Occupation. He served in the office of Chief Paymaster until April 2, 1919. June 19, 1919, Robert was sent back to the 84th Company 6th Regiment. Robert served in France until August 26, 1919. Robert shipped home on the ship, "Aeolus", arriving in New York, September 5, 1919. On September 7, 1919,



Robert served with 140th Casual Company in Quantico, Virginia. Robert was honorably discharged with excellent character, September 22, 1919. (File Number 116364). Now I know you, the reader, wonders where is the sad ending. Do tell, 1920, Robert was living in Cincinnati, working as a night chef in the Hotel Gibson, before moving back to Paulding, where Robert moved in with his folks on Water Street, and got a job as a hotel manager. In 1924, Robert was to set sail out of New York to go to Bermuda on the ship, "Express of Britain". March 21, 1924, the ship left dock to sail back to New York from Bermuda, arriving in New York March 24, 1924. The ship's passenger list will verify what I have shared, but Robert was not on board! Robert was at a Veterans Hospital in Dayton, Ohio on February 5, 1924! He was dismissed March 24, 1924. Robert had two very crippling ailments, tuberculosis and meningitis. Robert passed away July 30, 1927, and the coroner's report stated that is what he died from. Robert was buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Block F., Lot 74, Grave 3. Robert's grave is marked with just a small simple stone. He needs his upright Military issue stone! Oh, I think I just came up with another project! ...Until Next Time

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Another birthday in Heaven for our beloved Stan! The office at West Bend News & Print is not the same without him here, telling his wild, made up stories or telling his memories of Antwerp in the past.

He made an impact on the lives of numerous people and will always be loved and missed.

Please enjoy these articles pulled from our archives to add a little bit of Stan back in our paper in remembrance of his birthday.

(originally 11/25/15)
ON THIS "GETTING OLD" CRAP

By: Stan Jordan

You have heard some of the glorious lines about the sunset years, the golden years, the beauty of getting old and many other flowery lines about the active life in your later years written by some young fellow.

Yes I know you are very fortunate if the powers that be let you live to be in your 90's.

That brings you into the metallic years, silver in your hair, gold in your teeth, aluminum in some of your joints, iron in your blood, lead in your fanny, and sometimes even iron rods in your bones.

You are lucky if you live to be 90, as you are bombarded with lead all of your life in some form or other. Such as, lead in your gasoline, lead in paint, lead in the use of x-rays, your fishing sinkers were made of lead, ceramics contain lead, everything, even batteries contain lead. If you are in the military, you use bullets and they have lead in them, and the government outlawed some of their usage.

There are many elements that see to it you don't live to be 90. You are considered an old man, you are slow, unsteady, shaky, top heavy, can't think or remember things. - and don't want any help. Your fingers are stiff and you can't button buttons, you don't see very well, you can't hear very well and you probably have store bought teeth. You grunt

when you are putting on your socks, someone has to explain to you the punch line of a good joke. If you have Medical issues and are on Medicare with a supplemental insurance you are as welcome as the flowers in May at any medical institution. A fellow told me once, a worker works January, February, and most of March before he has paid all of his check deductions.

This year the federal government has seen fit not to allow the cost of living raise to senior citizens, but did see fit to raise the amount you pay for your Medicare insurance. If they would pay closer attention to some of these so called "non-profit" hospitals, they could reduce our taxes. Ben Franklin told me once, "There will always be death

and taxes." That phrase is 250 years old and is just as true today. But for us to keep up this beautiful living, in this greatest country in the world, we must pay our taxes.

I have been in this country for 91 years and would like to enjoy a few more yet.

See Ya!



(originally 12/23/15)
FUNNY BLONDE ONE LINERS

Why did the blonde get fired from the banana plantation? Because she threw out all the bent ones.

What do you do if a blonde throws a grenade at you? Pull the pin and throw it back.

What do you call a fly buzzing inside a blonde's head? A space invader.

What did the blonde say when she found out she was pregnant? "Are you sure it's mine?"

What do you call a smart blonde? A golden retriever.

How do you make a blonde laugh on Saturday? Tell her a joke on Wednesday.

Why do blondes have TGIF on their shoes? Toes go in first!

Why did the blonde scale the glass wall? To see what was on the other side.

The blonde went into the store and there was a sign "All the peanuts you want for \$1.00" so she took \$2.00

worth.

The blonde went into the funeral parlor and saw the corpse dressed really nice and she wondered where he was going.

(originally 7/11/17)
RERUN ON BLONDE JOKES

By: Stan Jordan

• There was two blondes fishing from a boat in Wisconsin when the game warden moved in beside them. He noticed that they would cast out and then retrieved their bait as usual, but at the end of the line was a magnet, not a hook.

The warden praised them a little for trying to clean up the beer cans and junk from the floor of the lake.

The one blonde said to the other, "That dummy, don't he know that there are steelhead trout in this lake?"

• Blondie came home from work and found her house had been ransacked, so she called the police to report a robbery.

The K-9 unit was right in the area, so he told dispatch that he would answer the call.

So he parked in her driveway and got out his dog and went walking up to the house, and blondie growled to herself and said, "Just my luck, I call the police and they send a blindman!"

• Picture this, there was a blonde standing on of each side the street. The one shouted across the street to the other blonde and asked, "How do I get across the street?"

The other blonde says, "You are already across the street."

• I know a blonde who used Raid for her underarms.

• Blondie was going to bake up a double batch of cookies but she couldn't get the over up to 700 degrees.

• Blondie was so clumsy she would stumble over the wire to her cell phone.

• Blondie answered a knock at the door, and the man said he was with the census bureau and they wanted to know how many people in the U.S. Blondie asked, "Well why ask me?"
See ya!

SERIOUS INJURY AFTER MOTORCYCLE STRIKES SEMI TRUCK

The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle crash which occurred ramp between State Route 696 (Lincoln Highway) and US Route 30.

On June 23, 2022 at approximately 10:38p.m. the Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol received a report of a motorcycle that had struck a semi-truck. A 2015 Freightliner Semi-Truck and trailer, operated by Vladimir V. Yudin, age 37, of Springfield Missouri, exited US 30 eastbound and was traveling toward SR 696. A 1991 Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Matthew S. Campbell, age 37, of Ada, Ohio had just entered the entrance ramp from SR 696 toward US 30. Mr. Campbell lost control of the motorcycle and struck the concrete divider, throwing Mr. Campbell from the motorcycle. The motorcycle continued across the concrete divider into the opposite direction of travel and

struck the left side of the semi-truck.

Mr. Yudin did not sustain injury from the crash. Mr. Campbell ran from the crash scene on foot prior to law enforcement arrival. Mr. Campbell was reportedly transported to Bluffton Hospital by an unknown third party, and later transported to St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo with serious injury.

Mr. Yudin was reportedly wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Mr. Campbell was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. No alcohol or drugs are suspected to be a factor with Mr. Yudin. Alcohol or drug use have not been ruled out as a factor for Mr. Campbell.

Assisting troopers on scene was the Allen County Sheriff's Office, Bluffton Police, Beaverdam-Richland Fire and EMS, Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation, Blakes Towing and Minich's Towing. The crash remains under investigation.

REP. JIM BANKS LEADS GOP IN PASSAGE OF CITI PRIORITIES FOR 2023 NDAA

The House Armed Services Committee passed several of the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems Ranking Member Jim Banks' priorities in the 2023 NDAA.

Said Ranking Member Banks: "I'm pleased that the NDAA headed to the House floor includes numerous initiatives to strengthen our cyber and emerging technology capabilities and respond to the China threat. Ensuring our military's technological superiority has been a priority of mine since I got to Congress, and this year's NDAA is a step in the right direction.

I'd like to thank Ranking Member Rodgers and my colleagues from both parties for contributing towards the NDAA's successful passage."

Ranking Member Banks' CITI Priorities passed out of HASC in the Fiscal Year 2023 NDAA

• DARPA Graduate Student Funding Amendment directing the Director of DARPA to study and report to the House Committee on Armed Services on options for stabilizing graduate student funding against termination of DARPA projects no later than February 1, 2023.

• DARPA projects are generally not well aligned with academic timelines with respect to graduate student funding and the high-risk nature of DARPA work often requires failing programs to be terminated abruptly, which puts graduate student education at risk.

• DARPA Fellowship Program Amendment requiring the Director of DARPA to develop a plan for the establishment of a "Innovation Fellowship Program" to expand opportunities for early career scientists to participate in DARPA's programs, projects, and other activities.

• It IS difficult for early career scientists to get started on DARPA grants and programs and this amendment would expand the talent pipeline and recruit new talent to DARPA grants and programs.

• Battery Language di-

EAGLES



(originally 12/23/15)

By: Stan Jordan

The leaves are pretty much off the trees now and you can see the eagles' nest pretty easily. Some people told me the other day that they had seen two adult and three young eagles, north and east of Antwerp.

I was talking to some other folks, and they said they said there is an eagles' nest close to the area where the Briceton Road, or CR 87, crosses Flat Rock Creek. That is probably a good place, with plenty of water and small wild life.

The eagles are getting more acclimated to the area as nests have been sighted for some time now at the little town of Florida, Independence and a number in the Defiance area, Antwerp and east of Cecil. I hear from people sighting the eagles at

Hicksville, Bull Rapids, Gar Creek Road and the Payne area.

An eagle will eat road kill, just like a buzzard will, but the eagle would rather have some live game to teach their young how to hunt.

I was talking to a truck driver today and he said there is an eagle's nest over in Indiana where Ohio SR 249 enters. They are slowly populating this area.

Mark Larimore told me that he saw two young eagles the other day. They still had a black head, but they were eagles because of their size. I haven't talked to anybody that has saw any snowy owls yet this years I imagine that the warmer weather we are having this winter is keeping them up in Northern Michigan.

See Ya!

recting the Department to develop a mechanism for tracking its battery usage and requiring the Department to study how to standardize batteries to allow for interoperability between systems.

• Batteries are necessary to operate in challenging conditions, yet the Department lacks a department-wide understanding of what batteries it has and needs.

• Biotechnology Language directing the Department of Defense to survey

the biotechnology industrial base to ensure that we harness existing opportunities and advance the work being done in this domain.

• Biotechnology shows significant promise for addressing some of the material challenges in the Department. To take advantage of the incredible opportunities that biotechnology offers, we need a better understanding of the existing biotechnology industrial base.

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

The Antwerp Conservation Club will not be holding a 4th of July Celebration this year.

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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ALLISON REINECK NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Allison Reineck was named to the Dean's list at Miami University for the 2021-22 spring semester.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within their division for the spring semester 2021-22 have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Reineck, from Paulding, is earning a Bachelor of Arts, B.S. in Kinesiology & Health in Political Science, Public Health.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

PAULDING COUNTY TEACHER BOOT CAMP COMPLETES

The 2022 version of the Paulding County "Teacher Boot Camp" event completed this week. Paulding County teachers presented their respective reports to the group to share how the information they learned, in touring and hearing from county businesses, will benefit their future teaching and classroom discussion with students.

This collaboration project with Western Buckeye Edu-

cational Service Center (WBESC), Ashland University and the Paulding County Economic Development office helped bridge the gap between what teachers are teaching in school curriculum with what graduates will experience once they get out into the business world. In providing this opportunity to the teachers, it will help them better prepare students by being able to share how the bookwork and exercises in the classroom will pertain to the students in real life.

"The businesses that participated this year really took this hosting and presentation opportunity with the teachers to heart. They each explained their business in great detail to try and make sure it tied back to what they are looking for in new employees today. This week was a win for the teachers, a win for the county businesses and a big win for Paulding County overall. I recently shared that the economic development office has done some pretty incredible collaboration work since I have been here, but this is easily the best one so far. The bar was set high by this inaugural event but we already look forward to doing it again next year," exclaimed county Economic Development Director Tim Copsy.

The event closed out with a presentation from the United States Marine Corps introducing their Educator Workshop held at Paris Island, South Carolina each year. The all expenses paid event is to introduce teachers to the military so they can answer future student questions about the armed forces in a greater detail.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/6/22

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

Chief's Report: Nothing to report. Superintendent's Report: The city began flushing hydrants today and will continue for the next 6-8 weeks.

Mayor's Report: AEP is changing out all lights on the street to LED lights. AEP has proposed to maintain the current tariff but will change out the street light fixtures at no additional costs to the city. Councilman Thompson moved to proceed as proposed, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The mayor is looking into costs for trees to be located within the planters for the project on Main Street. OCRA has a program where residents can apply for line extension to their homes for fiber installation. This program will last until funds are depleted.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 16th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to accept the minutes from the May 16th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented 1st quarter financials for consideration of the board. This included fund balances, expenditure and revenue guidelines, and bank statements.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Thompson explained what the Woodburn Clothing Bank is doing to coordinate assistance for the family whose house burned down over the weekend. Further details are forthcoming. She also explained that there is a stop sign missing at Burnwood Place and Main Street. There is also no yield sign at Woodpark and Burnwood Court. She inquired about the islands on the north side being removed. After discussion, it was determined that this proposal be considered in the Community Crossings Grant application for the 2023 calendar year. On July 17th there is a fundraiser for the family who recently lost their home, on August 6th the Woodburn Clothing Bank will be holding a fundraiser, and on December 4th the Santa Toy Patrol will take place. Additional details forthcoming.

Audience: John Graber asked if he could set-up a grill on the Old American Legion lot and sell food at this location. The mayor asked that this begins on a as requested basis to see how it works out, but this should be a fundraiser in nature and not begin until construction has concluded on the Main Street project. Jennifer was asking for the city to cover the cost of fireworks for Summerfest this year in the amount of \$4,400. After discussion, Councilman Thompson moved to pay for the fireworks for Summerfest in a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,400, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilman Voirol moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.

LAUREN TOMKIEWICZ'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS INCLUDED IN FY23 NDAA

During markup of the House FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Rep. Jim Banks secured the inclusion of two legislative proposals from Lauren Tomkiewicz, the widow of Capt. Matthew J. Tomkiewicz.

The first amendment introduced by Rep. Banks ensures that the remains of U.S. service members are transferred on military aircrafts. If

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT OWLS



Shown here in the back with Miss Anna is Andi Rager, Zander James, Rowan Witkouski and Peyton Hollar. In front are: Holland Witkouski, Savannah Coil, Celeste Hollar, Johanna Fedrighi and Macklen Osting

Ann's Bright Beginnings summer program was recently visited by Anna Gurney from Paulding Soil and Water. She brought along a video about owls and a

stuffed owl so we could learn all about their habits. We then were able to dissect pellets. We found bones from mice, moles and other creatures that owls eat. It was

fascinating! Give us a call at 419-399-KIDS (5437) to hear about summer program and/or fall registration. Openings openings!

extenuating logistical circumstances prevent this guarantee, the family of the servicemember must be notified and sign a waiver allowing commercial transfer of remains.

The second included provision requires the next of kin be notified within four hours of the death of a U.S. servicemember, as opposed to the current 8-24 hour requirement.

Said Lauren Tomkiewicz, "These amendments are not about politics, but rather the policies that are set, in writing, about the people who deserve the most from our nation. No military spouse ever has to wait the agonizing 23 hours I waited to hear my husband was killed. Due to the current archaic system, my official notification came nearly 15 hours after I read about it on social media. This amendment is imperative in updating the notification process by

allowing this policy to adapt to current times and technology.

In addition, no military spouse should ever have to hear 'your husband is 100% coming back home via commercial aircraft transfer.' This amendment helps give power back to the family, while also holding Mortuary Affairs Operations accountable in actually following current policy guidelines. The families of those who make the ultimate sacrifice should become the ultimate priority.

To my husband, my Matty, you deserved so much better and I love you. To the next spouse that will inevitably be handed a folded flag, I am doing this for you. I am disappointed this system failed me, but I will never stop using my voice to help prevent any unnecessary, additional heartache of my fellow Gold Star Families," said Rep. Jim Banks, "While grieving

the tragic loss of her husband Capt. Matthew Tomkiewicz, Lauren has remained determined to help other families of servicemembers by improving the flawed notification and transfer processes. I'm honored and thankful that Lauren trusted me to help turn these ideas into laws and I am inspired by her strength and grace."

Background: U.S. Marine Corps Captain Matthew Tomkiewicz was a MV-22B Osprey pilot who died south of Bodo, Norway while training in support of Exercise Cold Response 2022. Captain Tomkiewicz was born and graduated in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Homestead High School and went on to earn a degree in Prof. Flight Technology from Purdue Polytechnic Institute. Captain Tomkiewicz is remembered as a loving husband, son, brother, dog-dad, and friend.

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

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center

Ney: Marathon

Oakwood: Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of

Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

Payne: Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichte's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Saramart, PC Branch Library

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

Scott: Scott Post Office

Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Bob's Restaurant, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library

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ANTWERP CHAMBER PREPARES FOR ANNUAL DAY IN THE PARK FESTIVITIES



Fun at the 2021 Antwerp Day in the Park Parade.

By: Angel Steiner

At the June 15th Chamber of Commerce meeting in Antwerp, members were busy getting the plans together for all of the areas of the annual Day In the Park festival at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp. The participating members divide into committees and take charge in securing all things needed in every avenue that is Day in the Park. From the parade, to Gem of the Year award; food, crafts, games, all the way down to the 50/50 drawing and making sure there are chairs, a sound system, trash bins, and extra toilets at the park – all of this takes hours of volunteer efforts to ensure an enjoyable day for all.

Holly Beach Splash Pad committee is again sponsoring the 2nd Annual Holly Kobee Memorial Turtle Trot 5K to begin the day bright and early at the Antwerp UMC parking lot on Oswalt St. This fundraiser was a huge success in its inaugural year, that the committee deemed it a worthy annual tradition in memory of former Antwerp resident and educator, Holly Kobee. For more information, see their Facebook page “2nd Annual Holly Kobee Memorial Turtle Trot”.

Island Vibes is the theme for the 2022 Day in the Park. Think outside the box for 2022 – lounging with a fancy drink and big sunglasses on the beach is one way to look at an island, but what about other island references? Jurassic Park took place on an island, Pirates of the Caribbean maybe? What about Castaway or Treasure Island... or Lost. Start brainstorming now and register your float or entry for this year's parade. Forms are available on Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or at antwerpchamber.com.

Gem of the Year nominees are currently being submitted. If you know a Gem who deserves this recognition, forms

are available at the Antwerp Pharmacy, Antwerp Exchange Bank, on Chamber Facebook page or Chamber website. The Gem will be announced during the opening ceremonies of the Day.

Entertainment for the afternoon will include the band, Island Vibe. This group originates in Angola, IN and have a wide variety of music for the listening ear. Bring out those lawn chairs or find a seat in the park, and make plans to take a break and listen.

For the families with children, Schuemann Farms of Woodburn will bring a Pony Ride and Inflatables. Area 4-H groups will have a vast array of games for kids of all ages as well as a Dunk Tank! The Maumee Express Train will be making its trek thru the park to let those kiddos have some fun riding around.

Numerous food vendors will be on tap to satiate the hunger pangs of the day. Crafters – come one, come all! Bring your wares to display and let the festival-goers check them out. There is still time to get signed up to bring your food or crafts. See the Facebook page or Website for more information and registration forms.

The Business and Industry Tent keeps growing each year. Organizations and businesses take this opportunity to hand out samples, offer special deals, etc. The Silent Auction is always a big hit as local businesses, people and organizations donate some great prizes. The Cutie Pie Contest draws many for the bragging rights of having a “Cutie”. This is the Chamber fundraiser for their scholarship fund.

This is a full day that is enjoyed by all who choose to participate. And it takes many hands and lots of hours all working together cooperatively to make sure Day in the Park 2022 sails smoothly. If you would like to volunteer your time or ideas for Day in the Park festival, please con-

tact a Chamber member. You can send a private message to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce facebook page or email antwerpchamber@gmail.com. All Forms for Parade, Food, Craft, Gem of the Year are on the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's website – www.antwerpchamber.com

MOST AREA TEAMS STAY SAME IN NEW BOYS DIVISIONS

For the most part, local squads stayed pretty much in the same divisions as the 2022-2023 boys basketball divisional assignments were released by the Ohio High School Athletic Association recently.

In Division II, Van Wert will be joined by fellow teams from the Western Buckeye League including Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Bath, Lima Shawnee, St. Marys and Wapakoneta.

Also from Northwest Ohio in Division II are Bryan, Napoleon and Wauseon.

Parkway is an exception to the rule for this coming season as the Panthers move from Division IV to Division III for the 2022-2023 campaign.

Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding and Wayne Trace remain in Division III along with Allen East, Archbold, Bluffton, Coldwater, Columbus Grove, Delta, Evergreen, Fairview, Hicksville, Liberty Center, Lima Central Catholic, Spencerville, Swanton, Tinora and Versailles.

Many schools from this area are again in Division IV with Antwerp, Crestview, Delphos St. John's and Lincolnview being amongst that group while Delphos Jefferson drops from Division III to Division IV.

Other squads in Division IV for next season are Ada, Ayersville, Continental, Edgerton, Edon, Fayette, Fort Jennings, Fort Recovery, Hilltop, Holgate, Kalida, Leipsic, Marion Local, Miller, City, Minster, Montpelier, New Bremen, New Knoxville, North Central, Ottoville, Patrick Henry, Pettisville, St. Henry and Stryker.

HICKS TIES FOR SEVENTH AT STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Leo boys golf team wrapped up an outstanding season with a ninth-place finish as a team in the IHSAA boys golf state tournament at Prairie View Golf Course in Carmel last week.

The Lions shot a 329 as a team on the opening day of the tournament before posting a 309 second day total to record the ninth-place finish with a 638 overall.

Guerin Catholic captured the state team title with a two-day total of 602, nipping runner-up Westfield by one stroke. Hamilton Southeastern was third with a 615 while Indianapolis Cathedral and Silver Creek tied for fourth at 627.

Bloomington South (631), Valparaiso (633), Warsaw Community (637), Leo (638) and Noblesville (641) completed the top ten team finishes.

Leo sophomore Justin Hicks led the way for the Lions by tying for seventh with a two-day total of 146. He shot a 74 on day one and improved to a 72 in the second day of the tournament.

PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS 2ND QUARTER



The Paulding County Business Advisory Council (BAC) recently held their second quarter meeting at the new Mercer Landmark Headquarter complex, located just east of Latty. This (BAC) event was held in conjunction with the Paulding County Teacher Boot Camp.

The meeting was attended by 31 individuals, representing 24 businesses from around the area, and the ten teachers participating in the week-long boot camp. The teachers listened as the businesses and school leaders interacted and shared updates on local employment opportunities. The goal of the BAC is to make sure businesses are aware of new programs that schools continue to try and better prepare students for employment, and in turn businesses share new trends or opportunities with the schools.

The Economic Development office updated the group on the new low unemployment number in the county; shared the progress of the county transportation committee in conjunction with Maumee Valley Planning; and touched again on available childcare openings at Ann's Bright Beginnings in Paulding. Affordable childcare continues to be a hot discussion.

The State Bank, who used their traveling food truck to provide lunch for the teacher bootcamp attendees and Mercer Landmark employees, shared a presentation on the

Wealth Management sector of their business.

The schools each provided updates to the local businesses. Angie Stokes, representing Wayne Trace Local Schools, shared with the group about their robotics team and the national robotics competition that they competed in last school year. She also pointed out that one of their team sponsors was the same group that built the large GIS driven application sprayer that was on site at Mercer Landmark. Their competition robot was a small replica of that machine.

Antwerp Local School Superintendent Dr. Marty Miller provided the businesses with an update on the new Innovation and Aquaponics Laboratory that will be open this school year. There will be an open house announced soon for a date in August.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey shared a couple updates for the Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Program development in welding continues but there is also a new opportunity with carpentry, plumbing, electric and HVAC opening up for the upcoming school year. The collaboration with Ohio Means Jobs and Northwest State Community College (NSCC) has been stellar in developing and refining these opportunities. Copsey also shared some recent county success numbers and information in re-

gard to student attendance and success at Vantage Career Center and NSCC.

On the business opportunity side, Copsey went on to share results from the county Business and Industry Career Day Showcase event. Forty-four businesses displayed at the event. Many businesses shared of success with attending summer help employees while Roberts Manufacturing mentioned they hired a full time employee from the contact made at this event.

Copsey also noted the popularity of the business buildings at the fair (34 businesses displayed); announced that business tours could again be arranged at Vantage, and pointed out upcoming job fairs at the Defiance Mall and Indiana Tech.

The event closed out with discussion about the upcoming open enrollment period in July for State of Ohio Tech Cred business reimbursement funding for employee training, and Lippert Components announcing a new training facility now available for any business to use for their off-site employee training.

The next PC BAC event will be held in September at a site to be determined. For more information about the Paulding County Business Advisory Council please reach out to the economic development office at 419-399-8295 or office@pced.net

Lions' junior Wesson Opliger recorded an 81-78-159 with senior Isaac Rorick recording an 85-77-162. Junior Patrick Judd finished with an 89-82-171 and sophomore William Nusbaum posted a 95-104-199.

KNIGHTS USE RAIDERS ERRORS FOR WIN

In a game that didn't see an earned run scored, it was three unearned runs in the top of the fourth that proved to be the difference as Crestview defeated Wayne Trace 3-0 in Acme baseball action.

The Knights got all three runs in the fourth, started off when Isaac Kline reached on a Raider error.

After Parker Speith put down a sacrifice bunt to move Kline to third, Connor Sheets struck out for the second out. Preston Kreisler reached on a dropped third strike that allowed Speith to score for a 1-0 advantage.

Mason Speith followed with a double that advanced Kreisler to third before Holden Thornell ripped a two-run double to plate both

Kreisler and Mason Speith to stretch the advantage to 3-0.

Wayne Trace threatened in the bottom of the fourth as Jordan Lotz and Carter Clemens both walked to start the inning. However, Tyson Gerber popped out, Conner Davis grounded out and Brady Miller struck out to end the frame and keep Crestview on top 3-0.

Preston Kreisler picked up the victory for the Knights, tossing four innings allowing three hits and four walks while striking out six. Connor Sheets pitched the final three frames for Crestview, surrendering one hit and a pair of walks with one strikeout.

Brady Miller was the tough-luck loser for Wayne Trace, allowing the three unearned runs and three hits but struck out nine Knight batters in four innings on the mound. Kyle Forrer threw the last three innings for the Raiders, striking out four and walking one.

Mason Speith led the Knight offense with a single and a double while scoring one run. Holden Thornell also doubled and drove in

two runs for Crestview. Isaac Kline and Preston Kreisler scored runs as well for the Van Wert County squad and added a run batted in.

Kyle Forrer finished with a pair of singles for Wayne Trace while Carter Clemens and Tyson Gerber both singled as well.

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RAIDERS SWEEP ACES IN ACME ACTION

Wayne Trace and Hicksville hooked up in doubleheader ACME action Monday evening with the host Raiders posting wins of 4-0 and 11-1 over the visiting Aces.

The first inning proved to be big in both contests for the red, white and blue as Wayne Trace scored twice in the opening frame of the opener to take control. Tucker Antoine touched home plate after a Hicksville balk while Kyle Slade scored on an Aces error.

Wayne Trace added a single in the third inning on a Slade single that plated Antoine. The Raiders then wrapped up the scoring in game one as Cooper Wenzlick scored on a Hicksville balk in the sixth inning.

Antoine recorded the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, striking out eight and walking three in five innings of work while allowing one hit. Tyler Head and Kyle Forrer threw a scoreless inning each to close out the contest.

The Raider offense was also led by Antoine, who finished the contest with a single and a triple while scoring twice. Cooper Wenzlick singled and scored once for the red, white and blue with Slade scoring once and driving in one run.

Aaron Klima suffered the loss for Hicksville, giving up three hits, four runs (three earned) and three walks while striking out seven in a complete game effort.

Maverik Keesbury and Rylen Bassett both posted singles for Hicksville.

In game two, Wayne Trace

plated six runs in the bottom of the first and cruised the rest of the way to an 11-1 victory over the Defiance County squad.

It was Hicksville that struck first, though, with Brody Balsler reaching on a Raider error before taking third on a Klima single. Balsler then scored on an RBI groundout by Brant Langham.

Wayne Trace answered with its six-run first, including the first five hitters reaching and scoring.

Antoine led off with a single, stole second and came around to score on a Tyler Head single to knot the game at 1-1.

Kyle Slade then walked before both Head and Slade scored on a Cooper Wenzlick triple to make it 3-1. After Kyle Forrer was hit by a pitch, Breven Anderson struck out before Tyler Davis hit a sacrifice fly to score Wenzlick and make it 4-1.

Jordan Lotz then drew a two-out walk to set up Caden Tumblin, who ripped a two-out, two-run double that expanded the Raider lead to 6-1.

Antoine singled and scored in the second, pushing the margin to 7-1, before Wayne Trace scored four more times in the fourth.

Tumblin led off the inning with a single and Connor Davis reached on an error before Brady Miller hit a run-scoring double that plated Tumblin.

Antoine hit a two-run triple to widen the lead to 10-1, scoring both Connor Davis and Miller, with Antoine scoring on a wild pitch for the 11-1 advantage.

Tyler Davis recorded the win in game two, pitching the first four innings surrender-

ing one hit, one unearned run and a walk while fanning four. Cooper Wenzlick pitched the fifth, striking out two.

Wayne Trace's offense was led by Antoine, who finished with three hits, three runs scored and two runs batted in. Tumblin and Wenzlick added two hits, two runs batted in and a run scored each while Head, Tyler Davis and Miller all posted a hit as well.

Brant Langham suffered the loss for Hicksville, striking out one in two innings of work. Klima recorded the lone hit for the Aces, a single.

Score by Innings:
Hicksville 1 0 0 0
= 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error
Wayne Trace 6 1 0 4 x
= 11 runs, 10 hits, 1 error
Winning Pitcher - Tyler Davis (4 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 0 earned runs, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

Other Wayne Trace Pitcher - Cooper Wenzlick
Losing Pitcher - Brant Langham (2 innings, 5 hits, 7 runs, 7 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 3 walks)

Other Hicksville Pitcher - Maverik Keesbury
Hicksville Hitter - Aaron Klima (single)

Wayne Trace Hitters - Tucker Antoine (two singles, triple, three runs, two RBI), Tyler Head (single, run, RBI), Cooper Wenzlick (single, triple, run, two RBI), Tyler Davis (double, RBI), Caden Tumblin (single, double, run, two RBI), Brady Miller (double, run, RBI)

CROSS COUNTRY SQUADS LEARN DIVISIONS

High school boys and girls cross country teams learned their divisions for the 2022 season recently as the Ohio

2022 PAULDING COUNTY FAIR KING & QUEEN CROWNED



Faith Meraz, 2nd runner up; Jamy Hunt, 1st runner up; Queen Claire Schweller; King Kyle Mobley; Carter Manz, 1st runner up; and Colby Singer, 2nd runner up. More photos of the 2022 Paulding County 4-H Fair at www.westbendnews.net

CORRECTION

In last week's issue of West Bend News (6/13/22), there was an error in the name of the 2022 Paulding County 4-

H King'. Above is the corrected photo and caption. We here at West Bend News endeavor to print the most accurate information as possible for our readership;

unfortunately human error happens and mistakes are made. We appreciate our readers and their support over the 17 years.

— WBN editors

High School Athletic Association announced the upcoming season's breakdowns.

On the boys side, Van Wert is the lone local squad in Division II cross country this coming season with the majority of the Western Buckeye League also in Division II.

Also taking part in Division II will be Bryan, Celina, Coldwater, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Ottawa Glandorf, St. Marys and Wauseon.

Lima Shawnee and Wapakoneta are both in Division I for the 2022 season.

Division III will include most of the immediate area as Antwerp, Crestview, Delphos St. John's, Lincolnview, Paulding, Parkway, Spencerville and

Wayne Trace are all in the state's smallest division.

Other teams from Northwest Ohio in Division III are Allen East, Archbold, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Delta, Edgerton, Fairview, Fayette, Fort Recovery, Hilltop, Holgate, Kalida, Liberty Center, Marion Local, Minster, Montpelier, New Bremen, Patrick Henry, Pettisville, St. Henry, Tinora and Versailles.

Wapakoneta also will be in Division I on the girls side but Lima Shawnee will be in Division II along with the remaining eight WBL schools, including Van Wert.

Area Division III schools remain the same in girls cross country.

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THE LEFT TURN



Photo Credit, Jim Davidson. MSS/ISMA Supermodifieds coming to Sandusky and Berlin Speedways

By: Ron Burt

Ohio Sprint Week ended with victories going to Tyler Courtney, at Waynesfield Motorsports Park on Thursday, and on Friday night the checkered flag dropped on Danny Dietrich at Limaland Motorsports Park for his second win of the week. Saturday the series concluded at Portsmouth Raceway Park where Brent Marks found his way into victory lane and \$20,554.00 for the win. The 2022 seven-night series was won by Monrovia, IN's Justin Peck.

DIRTcar UMP Modified feature action on Friday at Limaland was won by Jeff Koz over Todd Sherman in their 20 lap A Main. These two drivers are currently running 1st and 2nd in the tracks point standings and only separated by two points. The Thunder Stocks had Friday night off, because of the track hosting Sprint Week.

Gas City I-69 Speedway brought in the Midwest Throwback Sprint Car Series. These vintage non wing sprint cars from the 60's and 70's put on a great show and brought back many great racing memories to some of the older racing fans. Trey Burke won their feature. In

the Non-Wing Sprints defending track champion Scotty Weir, won the 25-lap feature. Derek Losh, was victorious in the 20-lap UMP Modified feature that was part of the "Gas City/Montpelier Neighborly Modified Challenge" series. Lee Hobbs, led all 15 laps of the main event for street stocks.

On Saturday night Late Model driver, Devin Shiels won the 33rd Annual Barney Oldfield Race at Oakshade Raceway and took home \$5000.00. Shiels led from flag to flag. After the race, Shiels said, "This was the biggest race win of my career". Mike Bores was 2nd, and Rusty Smith 3rd. The 20-lap Sportsman feature went to Chris Williams. In the Dominator Super Stock, A-main the victory went to William "Bubba" Cundick. Ryan Okuley led the entire way in the Compact A-main to win the feature.

The Outlaw and Super Late Models where at three different tracks on Saturday night, South Bend, Berlin, and Flat Rock. It's too bad the tracks can't work together and consider the race fans and car owners. The three tend to do their own thing and that divides the car count

at each track. South Bend ran two features. The first race was won by Andrew DeVreese and Denny Nyari Duel took the victory in the second. At Berlin Motor Speedway, the ARCA Menards Super Late Model winner was 18-year-old Kyle Busch Motorsports driver Sammy Smith. He took the lead on lap 195 of the 200-lap feature. Flat Rock Speedway had a double header. Harold Fair Jr. took the track's Outlaw Late Model 75 lap contest. Kyle Crump took the win in the 125 lap ARCA/CRA Super Series event.

In response to your emails about Supermodifieds. The closest they come to us will be the MSS at Sandusky Motor Speedway on July 2nd. Then the MSS will have a combined two-night show with the ISMA, July 15th and 16th at Berlin. If you're a fan of these lightning bolts of the short track, you need to make your plans to attend. (Always check your track schedules).

Many tracks will be hosting major races around the 4th of July. Now that Ohio Sprint week is over, the main tracks I cover are back on their normal weekly schedules. I enjoy your emails and talking short track racing. Ron Out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Brandon S. Johnson, Pontiac, MI; Aggravated menacing; Case dismissed per state; Costs paid by the defendant

David N. Cook, Salem, IN; Aggravated menacing; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Jennifer L. Thomas, Paulding, OH; Obstruction; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury and case bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Jeremy Litchfield, Cecil, OH; Assault; Possession of drugs; Drugs in a detention center; Defendant has been indicted by Paulding County Grand Jury; Cases bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Justin T. Smith, Oakwood, OH; Receiving stolen property (4 counts); Conceal VIN (2 counts); Defendant indicted by Paulding County Grand Jury; Cases shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Alison D. Bond-Holmquist, Anderson, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Humberto C. Cruz, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jacob T. Rensi, Defiance, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Drayson S. Wenzlick, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John C. Michalkiewicz, Alvordton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David Witmer, Grabill, IN; Animal at large (2 counts); Defendant pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Santos Figueroa, Indianapolis, IN; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed;

No operator's license, Count B dismissed; No tail lights, Guilty, Pay all fines and costs by 8/31/22

Le Keith D. Choice, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Syed K. Akailvi, Virginia Beach, VA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Logan M. Miller, LaFayette, IN; Assured clear distance, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant completed course

Jesus Luna Lopez, Paulding, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Pay all fines and costs by 12/16/22

PATROL RELEASES RESULTS OF OVI CHECKPOINT

The Ohio State Highway Patrol has released the results of an OVI Checkpoint that was held in Lucas County on June 17, 2022.

There were 318 vehicles checked during the operation, which resulted in three vehicles being diverted for further investigation of impaired driving. There were no OVI arrests that resulted from the OVI Checkpoint. There were two OVI arrests, as a result of the nearby saturation patrols.

The OVI checkpoint funding came from federal grants to deter and intercept impaired drivers and raise public awareness of the continued problem of impaired driving on our streets and highways. In addition, the local, county, and state law enforcement agencies also deployed saturation patrols to combat alcohol and drug-related fatal and severe injury crashes in the surrounding areas.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to drive sober, or designate a sober driver.

REP. BANKS SECURES A-10, F-16 TRANSITION AT 122ND FIGHTER WING IN FY23 NDA

The Chairman's mark of the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDA) included language retiring 21 A-10 aircraft's at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base and replacing them with F-16 aircrafts.

Said Chairman Banks, "As the only Member of Congress from Indiana on the Armed Services Committee in the House or the Senate, facilitating the transition from A-10s to F-16s at the 122nd Fighter Wing has been one of my top priorities since I first arrived to Capitol Hill. This is great news for Fort Wayne and provides certainty that the 122nd Fighter Wing will remain operational for a long time to come.

Additionally, with our allies in Slovakia set to receive a fleet of F-16s in 2024, this transition will continue to strengthen the Indiana-Slovakia National Guard Partnership. I want to thank Republican Ranking Member Mike Rogers for working with me to secure this important amendment."

Background: Rep. Jim Banks met with Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall earlier this year to discuss the A-10 to F-16 transition and the important role Fort Wayne plays for the USAF.

FAIRVIEW FFA COMPLETES 2022-2023 OFFICER TRAINING



Officers Carrie Zeedyk, Brady Zeedyk, and Dalton Haver working together

By: Elizabeth Bok

Over three days the Fairview FFA Officer team bonded while adding their personal touches to the Ag classroom and making it their own. They learned leadership techniques, made goals, and created a calendar for the new year. The officers learned how to work together and be the most successful as a team and a chapter. Along with all of these things the team also took their officer pictures for the 2022-2023 year.

UF ANNOUNCES 2021-22 GRADUATES

University of Findlay graduates were recognized for earning degrees and were invited to walk in the University's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 7. 790 graduates earned doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees for the academic year 2021 - 2022.

Local students include: Emma McMaster, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Adolescent/Young Adult/Integrated Science Education. McMaster graduated from the university with the academic designation of summa cum laude.

Jordyn Merriman, of Cecil, received the following: Bachelor of Arts in Law and the Liberal Arts.

Marcus Miller, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Miller graduated from the university with the academic designation of summa cum laude.

Kaylee Plummer, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Megan Reineck, of Paulding, received the following: Doctor of Pharmacy.

Thomas Vance, of Cecil,



Summer Hiler painting the Ag classroom

received the following: Bachelor of Science in Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Management.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

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FOUNDERS' FIFTEEN YEARS OF FAME CELEBRATES THE NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER LEGACY



Van Wert Live announces a milestone celebration presented by The Van Wert County Foundation and Scott and Nikki Niswonger commemorating fifteen years of the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Marie Osmond will grace the stage for the Founders' Fifteen Years of Fame concert accompanied by the Lima Symphony Orchestra and a select Youth Choir of Van Wert County on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 7:30 PM. Supporting sponsors include Bruce and Julie Kennedy, Tom and Julie Burenga, Kenn-Feld Group, Tim & Kari Stoller, Stratelligence Capital, Gary Taylor, Lee Kinstle GMC & Taylor Auto Sales.

American Icon, Marie Osmond has spent six iconic decades in the entertainment business performing as a successful singer, television performer, and talk show host, dancer, actor, author, entrepreneur, and public speaker. She has continued to maintain relevance, remaining an instantly recognizable figure across the globe.

Her debut single "Paper Roses" reached the #1 spot on two Billboard charts, a feat that not only placed her among an elite class of musical royalty but instantly catapulted her into international

superstardom. She is a multiple gold and platinum-selling artist and CMA winner, garnering numerous Billboard chart-topping singles and albums, and three New York Times Best-selling books. She has entertained millions throughout the world through television, radio, film, literature, live concerts, and Broadway performances.

Marie's performance encompasses a lifetime of experience, music, love, loss, hope, and joy as a representation of her remarkable life. She has influenced countless audiences and benefited an innumerable number of lives worldwide.

This momentous performance will be accompanied by The Lima Symphony Orchestra and made complete by the Select Youth Choir of Van Wert County.

Over 300 professional performers have entertained over 300,000 patrons within the majestic Saltzgaber Auditorium. This epic evening of lavish celebration will honor the legacy of live entertainment in Van Wert. Offerings for the evening include the Crystal Commemoration Dinner at Willow Bend Country Club, The Founders' Fifteen Years of Fame Concert Featuring Marie Osmond, and the Afterglow At The Edition with live band Honey & Blue. Tickets are sold separately for each event.

Concert, Dinner, and Afterglow tickets from \$49 are available now to Van Wert Live Members and release to the public on Friday, July 8. VWLive Memberships begin as low as \$100 and provide 365 days of early buying opportunities for all Van Wert Live events. Memberships and tickets can be purchased at vanwertlive.com or through the Box Office Mon-Fri from 10A to 3P / 419-238-6722.

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WHAT TO PLANT AFTER WHEAT HARVEST?

Wheat harvest may start early this year due to the hot weather. A long growing season after wheat allows for many options including double cropping soybeans or planting a cover crop. With high soybean prices, many farmers may want to plant soybeans, but hot and/or dry weather may reduce the chances for a profitable soybean crop. Many cover crops can be planted in late July or early August and take advantage of late summer rains and cooler fall temperatures.

Warm season cover crops grow in the summer but die with the first frost while cool season species generally survive the winter. Major categories include brassicas, grasses, legumes, and other broadleaves with over 60 cover crop species. Cover crops offer many advantages including adding carbon and soil organic matter (SOM), improving water infiltration and soil structure, tie up soluble nutrients, reduce weeds, and improve soil health.

Brassica cover crops are small seeded, fairly inexpensive, and include daikon radish, kale, and rape seed. Radish, kale and rape have deep roots which reduce soil compaction, help control weeds, and add soil microbial diversity. Radish should be planted in mixtures (2#/A or less) because when it dies (200 F) it smells bad and may allow soluble nutrients to leach. All brassicas are non-mycorrhizal meaning they are not a host for beneficial soil fungus.

Kale and rape seed are planted (by themselves) at 3-5#/A, very small seed, large tap roots and are often planted in mixtures at low rates. Kale and rape are cool season, great pollinators, improve water infiltration, but may be difficult to terminate and should be planted only in mixtures before corn. Planted alone, they may cause 5-10 corn bushel yield loss, but are not usually a problem in mixtures.

Warm season grasses include sorghum, Sorghum Sudan, Sudan, millets (pearl, fox, German, Japanese etc.) oats, and Teff (forage). Warm season grasses fix carbon, add SOM and have many fine roots to improve horizontal water infiltration. Cool season grasses include cereal rye, annual ryegrass, barley, and wheat. Grasses absorb soluble nutrients, improve soil structure, add carbon, and can be harvested for hay or haylage.

Sudan or sorghum varieties break up soil compaction if mowed or harvested and allowed to grow back, producing 5-10X more new roots to increase SOM. Oat varieties include spring oats (most common), forage oats, and winter oats (survives tempos down to single

digits) which are highly mycorrhizal, improving soil structure and soil health. Oats promotes many beneficial microbes and makes many micro-nutrients plant available. Cereal rye is a common cool season grass planted late after corn and before soybeans. Cereal rye scavenges soluble nutrients, its deep roots improve water infiltration and soil structure, can be used for grazing or forage, and is the best all round weed fighters; out competing marestail, waterhemp, pigweed and many weeds.

Legumes and clovers are high nitrogen fixers before corn and are slightly more expensive. Warm season legumes include cowpeas, Austrian winter peas, and Sunn Hemp while cool season legumes include true winter peas and vetches (hairy, wooly, common, etc) which may add 50-150#N/A if allowed to bloom. Cowpeas require very little moisture while winter peas require more moisture to germinate and grow. Austrian winter peas generally are planted early and may produce up to 150#N/A but will die with the first frost. True winter peas are planted in September, will generally survive the winter, but must be allowed to grow in the spring to get 75-100#N/A. Hairy vetch or common vetch create a thick matt to reduce weeds, and can produce up to 150-200#N/A, but have hard seed.

Cool season clovers include red, sweet, crimson, and Balansa clover. Red clover produces 75-125# N/A, tolerates wet soils but can be hard to terminate and the nitrogen is available late in the growing season. Crimson and Balansa clover have deep fibrous roots and may produce 100-150#N in the spring. Balansa clover tolerates wet soil, is a great weed fighter, and survives cold Ohio winters better than Crimson. Other warm season broadleaf cover crops include buckwheat (shallow rooted) and sunflower (deep rooted) which are great pollinators. Legumes and clovers are sensitive to herbicide carryover, especially if summers are hot and dry.

A simple formula for planting cover crop mixtures is to take the full seeding rate for each species divided by the number of species planted. A common three-way mixture of oats, radish and Balansa clover would be oats (33# per acre/3= 11#/A) plus radish (3#/3 = 1#/A) plus Balansa (5#/3= 1.5-2#/A) for a total of 15#/A for this three-way mix. While planting cover crops may not seem profitable, they provide many benefits.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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Mobile Home Tax are Due Friday, July 29, 2022

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Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

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In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
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vs.

DELNA R. YOH, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 22 002

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

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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.

COREY RODRIQUEZ, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. Cl 22 008

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.

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

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



OHIO ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR AGING APPOINTS NEW LEADERS



Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) today announced new appointments for chairperson and vice chairperson of the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging.

John Corlett, a sitting member of the council from Cuyahoga County, was selected to chair the Council. Samantha Brooks, a sitting member from Summit County, was elected as vice chair.

“I want to thank council members Corlett and Brooks for taking on these leadership roles for the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging,” said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. “Their combined experience and expertise in the field of aging will be an invaluable asset to ODA and the older Ohioans we serve.”

The Ohio Advisory Council for Aging guides the director of ODA on issues and opportunities affecting older Ohioans, with members representing the interests of older adults, their caregivers, and organizations that serve them. They serve as ambassadors for the department at local events and with community groups. They gather information and ideas from constituents and share them with the director of the department. Members also recommend administrative and legislative actions, review agency plans, and more.

Corlett is the President and Executive Director of The Center for Community Solutions. Previously, he was vice president for government relations and community affairs at The Metro-Health System and served as the State of Ohio’s Medicaid Director. He currently sits on the board of directors of The Centers for Families and Children, First Year Cleveland, Lakewood Community Service Society, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, and the Woodruff Foundation.

Brooks is retired from the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, where she served as director of community advocacy. She currently serves on the AARP Executive Council, Senior Voice! Steering Committee, Consortium Against Adult Abuse Conference Committee, Council on Older Persons Legislative Committee, the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Public Policy Committee, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services Advocacy Committee.

The Ohio Advisory Council for Aging consists of 12 governor-appointed members, four members of the state legislature as well as the directors (or their designees) of the state departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Disabilities, Health, and Job and Family Services.

FUTURE AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

We have come a long way in agriculture, from using horses to steam engines to gas and diesel tractors, and now to the use of ground and aerial robots. As the human population on earth reaches nearly 10 billion people by 2050, our food production is going to have to increase by 70%. Efficient use of nutrient and crop inputs, improving crop genetics, and improving soil health will be needed to improve yields while also addressing environmental concerns. New agricultural technology will also assist in making this goal a reality.

By using satellites and global positioning; tractors, planters, and harvesters can tell where they are positioned in a field. Then with computers came auto-steer (self-guiding equipment) and yield monitors with human assisting and now unmanned robots are starting to perform many repetitious agricultural tasks. Several new agricultural technologies have recently developed. Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV) and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or drones are becoming more common. UGV’s can work 22 hours a day (2 hours down time for service and maintenance). Due to their smaller size; weather, soil conditions and the impact of soil compaction are not quite as critical. Due to their increased efficiency (less weight, less steel needed) per row, more fuel efficient, smaller units can easily adopt to increasing farm size by adding another unit. A major disadvantage of large equipment is that if one part breaks down, the whole unit stops until it is fixed. On large farms in the future, swarms of robots may perform the same task. If one

small robotic unit breaks down, the other units just keep working.

Several UGV (robotic planters) are being developed. Anywhere from 1-6 row planters and drills can already be purchased. Of course, new technology is expensive but as their use increases, the cost is expected to come down. Small UGV’s (one row) are being used to identify weeds, insects, disease, and nutrient deficiencies. These robots can work night and day. Some are being designed to use electricity to kill small weeds. Others apply small amounts of pesticides (herbicides on weeds, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) as needed to control pests.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or drones are often used to collect plant and soil health information. The amount of data and information that can be collected is huge, zillions of bits of information per acre or farm. Items like soil moisture and temperature, emergence, plant height, plant chlorophyll, and potential plant yield can be collected multiple times a year. A major problem is sorting through all this information (called big data) and trying to make sense of it all so that important decisions can be made to improve crop performance.

UAS or drones use microwave radiometers, short-wave infra-red sensors, and LIDAR (light detecting and ranging) miniature sensors to collect data. LIDAR helps determine soil elevation and crop height. Low flying drones can use the sensors to identify micro nutrient deficiencies associated with insect damage or diseases. They can also be used to apply micro-doses of nutrients or pesticides where needed. This should help farmers use crop inputs more efficiently and in a timely manner, leading to a decrease in crop input rates, improved crop performance, with fewer environmental concerns. Disadvantage of drones or UAS is that high winds and heavy rain can limit their usage. Also, they require long-life batteries and constant re-fills, so it is not all roses with UAS equipment.

There are several issues that need to be addressed before land-based agricultural robotics become the norm. More research is needed especially on artificial intelligence (AI) to make robots more independent from humans. In the future, they will need to identify and even correct problems as they occur. For example; a flat tire, a clogged spray nozzle, a broken tile or suck hole, a dead deer in the field, a busted bearing, or residue clogging the equipment. With improved AI advancements, the equipment will become self-aware of their environment and will be able to make adjustments, with minimal or little human help.

Other issues include the cost and return on investment, the need for high-speed rural internet, safety and liability issues, data privacy and data ownership, government regulations and laws, and education of everyone (farmers, policy makers, students, the consumer) to make this technology succeed. From a safety and liability stand point, smaller equipment does less damage if something goes wrong

PCHF DONATES TOWARD PCH ER CHAIRS



Pictured here is Phil Recker (President of the Paulding County Hospital Foundation), Ron Goedde (Hospital CEO) and Ashley Collins (Executive Director of PCHF). PCHF donated \$2,600 towards new chairs in the ER. Money was raised during our Annual Valentine’s Dinner.

than larger self-propelled equipment. There is a lot to be done, but do not be surprised if you start seeing more agricultural robots in the not-too-distant future. For more information, download Ground and Aerial Robots for Agricultural Production: Opportunities and Challenges, November 2020.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Service

ANTWERP CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/16/22

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Kenny Reinhart, Jason Franks, Steve Jordan, Dean Rister, Bryan Smith, and Bryce Steiner.

Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Administrator Brian Davis, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Zoning Inspector Gabe Oberlin, Dustin Sensabaugh, Maria Kobee, Doug Bragg, Bill Boylan, Adam Papin with The Paulding Progress, and high school government students.

Minutes from the regular council meeting held April 18, 2022, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Franks, to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2022, regular council meeting. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The April disbursements were reviewed and discussed.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jordan, to accept the April reconciliation report. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors
Zoning Inspector Gabe Oberlin updated council on zoning map amendment process and recommendation of planning and zoning commission. Public hearing conducted and based on public comment from two (2) property owners (Shawn Dooley for Dooley Funeral Home and Bryce Steiner for West Bend News), the properties owned by these businesses were removed from the original list of parcels for zoning classification changes. The planning and zoning commission modified their recommendation and the remaining parcels on the list for zoning classification changes (50 parcels), reflected in a list of those parcels along with a highlighted zoning map reflecting those changes, were presented to council for an approval of the zoning map amendment.

Dustin Sensabaugh was in attendance at the request of council to answer questions on April meeting, specifically that were raised at April meeting, project questions on location of splash pad in park, costs to maintain the splash pad, and current status of project. Dustin provided council with written materials on costs and maintenance of splash pad and timeline for project, as well as an updated survey showing the location for the splash pad and soil testing report. Current quote for project is \$206,515.00, which is good until the end of June at which time costs could increase.

Doug Bragg was in attendance to ask for permission to put driveway over village property. Village owns 35 feet of property that runs along his property. He wants to add two drives off Waterplant Drive, one to the homestead that is for sale and one to a barn in back. The one to the homestead had been started and then he was informed of this issue. This 35 foot area has water lines, gas lines and other buried utilities. The other proposed driveway would encroach in a public right-of-way. Council recommended the utility committee meet to review, get more details, and then make a recommendation to council on how to proceed.

Police Report
Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 106 calls for service for the month of April with 0 offenses.

EMS Report
EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 172 outstanding runs. EMS had 25 runs in April. Collections in April were \$4,848.21. A year-to-date total of collections is \$36,447.43 with a year-to-date run

total of 116 runs.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Second reading of resolution no. 2022-03: A resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services (R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(i), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)

A first reading of resolution no. 2022-04 occurred at the April 18 council meeting. Council instructed fiscal officer to read as an emergency measure.

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2022-04: A resolution supporting the Holly Beach Splash Pad project by Antwerp Community Development Committee Inc. and granting permission for the construction and installation of a splash pad at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park; and declaring the same an emergency.

See above report of Dustin Sensabaugh regarding details on this project. The updated survey provided was attached to this resolution.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2022-04. 5 years, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Smith). Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Jordan, to accept resolution no. 2022-04. 5 years, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Smith). Motion carried and approved.

Second reading of ordinance no. 2022-15: an ordinance amending ordinance no. 2010-16, an ordinance to retain the services of a zoning inspector for the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio specifically to amend such ordinance to provide a one-time payment on completion of zoning ordinance update

Emergency reading of resolution no. 2022-06: A resolution consenting to the waiver of potential conflict of interest and authorizing the mayor to enter into a waiver of the potential conflict of interest by and between the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and national oil & gas, inc. In regard to the 102 River Street transaction, and declaring the same an emergency

Solicitor Farr explained that a private transaction regarding the purchase and sale of 102 River Street has resulted in a request to the village to assist in regard to encroachments in the public right-of-way and the waterline easement legal description. Solicitor Farr’s law partner represents the buyer in the transaction. There could be a potential conflict of interest, and in order for Solicitor Farr to be able to represent the village as to the encroachments and waterline easement, the potential conflict of interest needs waived, and a written waiver of potential conflict of interest was presented to council for approval.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding resolution no. 2022-06. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to accept resolution no. 2022-06. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-17: an ordinance amending the official zoning map of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, to rezone certain parcels in the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency

See zoning inspector report above on the details of the zoning map amendments. He presented the highlighted zoning map referenced in the ordinance, which is attached thereto. The ordinance is presented as an emergency measure since the zoning ordinance provides that council must act within 30 days after the public hearing.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Jordan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-17. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Franks, to accept ordinance no. 2022-17. 6 years, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-18: an ordinance authorizing the village’s participation in the non-filing delinquency program through the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) and authorizing the village administrator to execute the R.I.T.A. Non-filing program

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authorization and authorization letter, and declaring the same an emergency

This program allows RITA to send a letter to non-filers and then an administrative subpoena if the letter does not result in the requested information. The cost to the village is \$1.00 per administrative subpoena issued. This ordinance is presented as an emergency measure since the deadline to enter into both parts of the program is June 1, 2022.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-18. 5 years, 1 day (Steiner). Motion carried and approved.

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to accept ordinance no. 2022-18. 5 years, 1 day (Steiner). Motion carried and approved.

Administrator's Report
Administrator Brian Davis is working on updating flood map and working with ODNR to update the floodplain regulations. He has passed information on to Solicitor Farr to prepare an ordinance for first reading at June meeting to adopt the updated floodplain regulations.

Davis also informed council that we have become a voting member of Ohio 811 (OUPS) to reduce our costs by 70% per utility locate.

The Village of Antwerp was awarded the tap grant for Erie Street sidewalk project. This grant is a 95% grant to 5% match. The village was awarded up to \$100,000 with monies being awarded in 2024.

A grant will be submitted at the end of the month to Paulding County Commissioners for the Railroad Street project at a request of A minimum of \$50,000. The project estimate is \$128,000.

Davis also informed council that the Waterplant engineering is done. The estimate for a new Waterplant is \$5.325 million. With approximately 720 residents having water and no funding included in estimate, the amount per meter would be approximately \$24.00 per month, for a 30 year loan at .78% interest (\$72.00 per quarter). Again, this is without any funding included in this figure. The village would apply for grants as well.

Wessler engineering is doing an engineering study on regionalization of water supply. This would be for all political subdivisions in the county. The cost to the vil-

lage of antwerp for their portion of the engineering study is \$4,800.00. Davis will proceed in authorizing the village's participation in this study.

Committee reports
Steve Jordan attended the fire training meeting on May 4. He informed council that the fire department has only two firefighters in the village during the day. He says lack of firefighters is an issue everywhere, not just antwerp. He is asking that we think about ways we could help grow this department. He will be attending the next fire meeting as well to gain more information. Fiscal Officer Lichy informed council that we do get state grant monies to help pay for firefighter training and testing.

New business
None
Old business
Steiner again proposed that council consider allowing village residents to have/raise small livestock in the village. He prepared and circulated a Village of Paulding regulations for raising animals inside the village for 4-H use only.

Solicitor Farr informed council that House Bill 124 failed in December of 2020 and it only dealt with counties and townships, not municipalities. Steiner mentioned this house bill in the April meeting in reference to his proposed "animal control regulations" for modifying R1 neighborhoods. Solicitor Farr stated that we need to make sure that we are not relying on things that are not law, and going forward to let her know in advance and she can research status of proposed bill. Steiner commented that he spoke with Craig Ridell to get the information he provided on House Bill 124. Council members discussed in depth Steiner's proposal with concerns raised by Smith that Steiner is not being truthful about council's discussion on this matter on social media posts and that he may be advising the residents to raise small livestock contrary to village ordinances (raising a concern that he is violating his oath of office). Jordan stated that he has been approached by residents that do not want the village to change its law on allowing small livestock in village limits. Steiner wants Michael Schweinsberg to attend next council meeting to discuss this matter. He was reminded that any visitors need to request to be on the council meeting agenda in advance of the meeting.

Also under old business, Smith asked if there was a way to approve final plat for unsold lots in Maumee Landing Subdivision so that it would not need to be done as an emergency measure each time a lot is sold. Solicitor Farr reminded council that the process to approve a final plat when a lot is sold was being done at the request of the developer to avoid an increase in property taxes before the sale of the lot.

Mayor's Report
Mayor's court brought in \$0.00 in the month of April 2022

• Motion made by Rister, seconded by Steiner, to adjourn the meeting, 6 years, 0 days. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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PARADE ENTREES NEEDED! Antwerp Chamber is seeking parade floats for Day in the Park parade, August 13th. Parade Theme: Island Vibes. Entry Forms at Small Town Bliss or Facebook. 26-29 **RAIN TECH SEAMLESS GUTTERS, 419-258-1818** 26-28

STOLLER'S GARAGE SALE: Thurs/Fri, July 7&8, 8516 US 127, Paulding, OH: The house with the big tent. Kids clothes up to size 16, women's clothes, kids & adults' bikes/outdoor toys, battery powered vehicles for kids, bouncy house, kids shoes, toys, books home décor and so much more, ALL FOR SALE! 26-27

GEM OF THE YEAR nominations needed! Antwerp Chamber is seeking nominations for Day in the Park "Gem of the Year" recipient. Deadline is July 15th. Nomination Forms at Antwerp Rx, AEB & Facebook. 26-28

WANTED: Old toys, postcards, jewelry, coins, railroad items, watches, military collectibles, antiques, pens, stamps, comics, magazines, records. Paulding by the jail. (419) 399-3353 23-28

DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!

HEALTHY SOILS SUPPRESS INSECTS AND DISEASE

Plants rely on soil microbes to feed them and keep them healthy. Most soil microbes are starving for carbon and plant sugars, so the area right around the root, called the rhizosphere is full of soil microbes that are competing for plant food (root exudates). Plant roots secrete up to 40% of their plant root reserves to feed microbes. The rhizosphere may have 1000-2000X more microbes than the surrounding soil without roots. Each microbe is a soluble bag of fertilizer! In order to get fed, these microbes have to bring something back to trade with the plant roots. Plant roots select, "farm", or enhance microbial populations that feed them the best. Generally, this is a specific mineral or water needed for plant growth, or even antibodies to keep a plant safe from insects and disease.

If you want plants that are healthy and free of pests, make sure they have adequate mineral nutrition. However, you can fertilize a plant well, and still get insects or disease pressure because the minerals needed by the plant are in the wrong form or you do not have the right microbes. Today, we over fertilize our crops and yet we do not have healthy plants or get higher yields. Soil conditions like compaction, erosion, tight soils

that do not drain, and lack of soil organic matter reduce plant nutrition and mineral uptake. Plants that not healthy are susceptible to insect and disease infection.

Many microbes we call pathogens are not always harmful. If the soil has a diverse microbial community, these pathogens can be harmless or have beneficial properties. The success of a pathogen is influenced by the total soil microbial community. Healthy soils have the ability to suppress disease causing pathogens and is called general disease suppression. Many organic amendments (compost, humic compounds, etc) may stimulate microbial activity and diverse microbial populations to enhanced general disease suppression.

How do the microbes

suppress disease? Many human medicines like penicillin originated from soil microbes. Soil microbes produce antibodies to fight off disease but also out compete pathogens for energy and nutrients. Microbial diversity keeps the pathogenic population low enough so the plant can fight off any negative effects associated with disease organisms. Sometimes the beneficials produce specific enzymes that cause the pathogen's cell wall to break down, which limits the pathogen population from expanding. Specific soil microbes induce disease suppression which is the most effective way to avoid plant disease.

Many beneficial soil microbes provide plant defenses above ground. This induced systemic resistance (ISR) allows the plant immune system to be primed for an insect or disease invasion. Plants can communicate with each other through the mycorrhizal root network and give off hormonal signals when an insect or disease invasion occurs. Insect feeding opens the plant up to a pathogenic disease invasion, so these two pests often work together. Many beneficial fungi like mycorrhizae and Trichoderma spp. and other fungal biocontrol agents increase ISR in plants. Insects do not attack a healthy plant because they can not digest the complete proteins produced in a healthy plant.

In unhealthy soils, each plant is on its own to fight insects and diseases. Often it starts with a couple of sick plants that are attacked by insects and disease, but after a while, all plants seem to get sick. Plants that fight together in a healthy soil have the ability to resist insects and disease invasions. Usually, this is because they are healthy and have plenty of beneficial microbes supplying the micronutrients or ammunition plants need to resist the invasion.

Plant-associated bacteria can also send signals to regulate plant gene expression. Such cell-to-cell communication is known as 'quorum sensing'. A single plant gene which is expressed can alter the microbial community in a positive or negative way.

Sudoku solution from page 9

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

Unfortunately, these plant genes may get turned off, especially in crops that have been genetically modified (GM).

Farmers may notice different weed species or disease that become more prevalent after a GM crop is grown. A single altered plant gene can shift the microbial biome to initiate these problems. Often GM crops have several or many altered genes, so scout your GM crops closely. Ideally, plant breeders should try to breed plants and cover crops to suppress insects and disease like what happened in developing oats crown-rust resistance. However, this may not always be the case, due to unintended consequences. Information from "The rhizosphere microbiome and plant health" (August 2012) and from article by BV Badri et al 2009.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Service

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Vantage Career Center Position Posting
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Part Time Cook (Non-Certified staff, 4 hours per day)
Thursday, August 18, 2022
Job Objectives: Works in a team environment to prepare and serve meals for students and staff following regulations of the USDA National School Lunch Program and Department of Health. To view minimum qualifications and the full posting please visit www.vantagecareercenter.com, employment.
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ANTWERP ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO HOLLY BEACH SPLASH PAD



Pictured: Maria Koebe, Katie Scharr and Rotarian Shawn Dooley.

The Antwerp Rotary Club was able to donate \$1,000 to the Holly Beach Splash Pad from proceeds made from the

Memorial Day Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Again, thank you to everyone that participated that day.

PAULDING COUNTY MAYOR ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST QUARTER MEETING

The Paulding County Mayors Association recently gathered for their 2022 second quarter meeting at the Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) office.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) planner Adam Panas. Adam introduced himself to the group and shared his role with MVPO. There was a lot of discussion and questions in regard to grants, funding and future possibilities. Community Block Development Grant awards were shared with the group and discussion also took place in regard to future projects through the CBDG program.

Economic Development Director Tim Copey followed by updating the group on the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation Program. Paulding County has received confirmation for funding all five first round commercial and brownfield properties submitted to the state. The applications were submitted through designated county environmental partner Tetra Tech. The same properties have been submitted for second round funding as well. The county will now anxiously await word on the 41 residential properties submitted in February in the \$500k residential program.

Paulding County Emergency Management Agency Director Ed Bohn was on hand to share that the county did not receive the grant fund-

ing hoped to improve the outdoor warning siren system. Bohn will look at alternative funding options for the future.

Bohn also shared the additional pieces of information required by FEMA for the updated PC Mitigation Plan. They have added a health and medical section as well as a county infrastructure piece. Bohn hopes to begin meeting after Labor Day with three meetings scheduled during the day and three evening meetings to make sure every village has the opportunity to be represented and all mitigation in the county is discussed. Bohn would also like to soon meet with all water treatment operators in the county and finished with discussion about 2022 ARPA fund allocations.

Oakwood Mayor Brian Ripke, who was unable to attend, shared information via email that was discussed at the recent Ohio Mayors Convention held in Columbus. This information will be distributed through the PCED office to all the mayors.

Copey then presented discussion in regard to village GIS projects. Any steps forward in this realm to identify sewer, water, gas lines, etc. would assist in adding detail to the PCED office with future projects and project discussions. Antwerp Village Administrator Brian Davis shared that Antwerp was looking into this right now.

Information was also shared about the Community Housing Impact and Program (CHIP) provided through MVPO. This program allows individuals on fixed or low incomes to get repairs done to their owned home at no cost. The Paulding County alloca-

tion of funds for 2022 is complete but MVPO is now taking applications to develop a list of homes for 2023. It was also passed on to the mayors to share with their police departments about the opportunity for free car seats for those families that qualify. Parents just need to contact the PC Health Department to learn more about the program.

The last presenter of the evening was Commissioner Roy Klopfenstein. Roy shared the latest information about the developing region 16 opioid fund committee being developed. Chad Benschneider will represent the PC Township Association and Paulding/Defiance County JFS Director Corey Walker will also represent Paulding County.

2022 CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS

Convoy Community Days will be celebrated July 8 & 9 at Edgewood Park and downtown. Many events are in the planning for the weekend festival for all ages. Starting on Friday with Youth for Christ Garage Sale, Car Show Under the Water Tower, Convoy Opera House will be open with refreshments, Truck Drags at the park. Some of the highlights at the Edgewood Park are Convoy Fire & EMS Pancake Breakfast, Fire Department Equipment Display Corn Hole, Kids Activities, Mexican Lunch, Marks Ark, Kiddy Tractor Pull, Parade "Proud to be an American", Finger Licking Good Chicken Dinner, Convoy Foundation Ice Cream, Lions Club Bingo, Truck Pull.

If you wish to participate or have an idea and cannot be at the meeting, contact Brent Jones, chairman at Brent@419-605-8908.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Beginning Wednesday, June 29th, 2022, and through Thursday, June 30th, 2022, Landin Road will be closed between North River Road and Powers Street between the hours of 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please follow current detour.

Rose Avenue closure will remain in effect until further notice, continue to follow posted Rose Avenue detour.

DEATH INVESTIGATION IN ANTWERP

On June 22, 2022 about 4:45 pm, officers with the Antwerp Police Department and deputies from this office were called to the boat access at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park on East River Street in the Village of Antwerp for a report of a body lying in the water. First responders pulled a deceased adult male from the water.

The preliminary investigation indicates Brian D. Evans, age 61, from Antwerp, Ohio, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"The evidence located at the scene indicates there is no foul play. There will be an autopsy conducted to assist us as we continue this investigation," said Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

This investigation is being conducted by the Antwerp Police Department, Paulding County Coroner's Office and Sheriff's Office.

There is no other information expected to be released at this time.

SCHWEINSBERG SPEAKS AT KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Michael Schweinsberg (4-H Educator at OSU Extension Paulding County) as guest speaker at

the June 23, 2022 club meeting. Michael came at the invitation of Chris Johnson (Investment Advisor Representative at FSC Securities Corporation).

SHOULDN'T AMERICAN FLAGS BE MADE IN AMERICA?

This month, we celebrated Flag Day. In a few weeks, Ohioans and Americans across the country will celebrate Independence Day, often with parades and visits to monuments and memorials, where they'll proudly wave American flags. But right now, the flags flying at military installations and other government offices may not reflect the values that our veterans sacrificed so much for. Today, the flags the federal government purchases are only required to be made from just 50 percent American-made materials. That means that half of the materials that our women and men in uniform fight under can be made in China.

That's why I joined Senator Susan Collins, and our colleagues in the House, Tim Ryan and Shontel Brown, to once again introduce our bipartisan All-American Flag Act. This legislation would require the federal government to buy flags that are produced entirely with American-made materials and are manufactured in the

U.S. These efforts build on the work we did with Senator Portman when we passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill last year, which included the strongest ever Buy America rules. Those rules will require all infrastructure projects be done using American iron and steel, produced by American workers.

Whether you're talking about flags or construction materials - American tax dollars should go toward American-made products that support American jobs, period.

We need to produce the symbol of our country in a way that supports American workers and American manufacturers.

We can ensure that American-made flags will be waved and flown in all corners of the country. From the flags in the hands of new Americans at citizenship and naturalization ceremonies, to the flag at your local post office, to the flag flying over the U.S. Capitol Building, we should commit to making them in America.

Sincerely,
Sherron

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