

TEMPEL - SPEICE



With much happiness, Kurt and Emily Tempel announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Olivia Claire Tempel to Colby Lawrence Speice, son of Michael and Kathy Speice. A wedding ceremony and celebration will take place on July 16, 2022 at Crimson Lane in Ada, OH. The bride is a 2015 graduate of Antwerp High

School, a 2019 graduate of The Ohio State University, and is currently employed at Root Insurance in Columbus, OH. Colby is a 2014 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2019 graduate of Bluffton University, and he is currently employed at Clarus R+D in Columbus, OH. The couple will reside in Columbus, OH.



NSCC ANNOUNCES NEW DEAN OF VAN WERT CAMPUS

Northwest State Community College has formally announced its new Dean of the Van Wert campus, Dr. Jon Tomlinson. Tomlinson is the first official hire for the forthcoming Van Wert campus. Dr. Tomlinson earned his Doctorate of Organizational Leadership from Regent University. Dr. Tomlinson most recently held the position of Dean and professor at Ohio Christian University. His first official day as dean will be July 5, 2022.

"The biggest thing for the citizens of Van Wert is going to be convenience," Tomlinson said of the forthcoming Van Wert campus. "Having the convenience of a public (college) right in our hometown is really the key, and I think that's going to be the biggest selling point for Northwest State. It is going to be our campus...it is going to be in our hometown." Tomlinson noted he is looking forward to visiting the schools and the local communities to promote Northwest State, and to serving businesses and learners through NSCC programs.

SUMMER BLAST: THIS FRIDAY IN PAULDING!

The 2022 Summer Blast in downtown Paulding is set for THIS Friday, July 15th from 4:00-10:00 p.m. This event is sponsored annually by CoRP (Community Revitalizing Paulding).

Food and games begin at 4:00 p.m., The parade will start at 6:00 p.m. Live entertainment by Kaitlyn Schmit and The Move at 7:30 p.m. And fireworks (sponsored by Cooper Farms and Paulding County Area Foundation) will conclude the evening at 10:00 p.m.

Don't Forget to Vote!
Ohio Primary Election
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August 2nd!

STORMS RUMBLE THROUGH AREA CAUSING FLOODING & DAMAGE



Parking lot at Dutch Made Cabinetry outside Grabill, IN after July 5th morning storm rolled through.

Thunderstorms rumbled through the NE Indiana and NW Ohio area early morning on July 5th. The National Weather Service had these storms predicted as well as more for that afternoon and evening. There was also a Heat Advisory in effect till 10:00 p.m. that night due to heat indices that reached

above 100 degrees. Locally, in Antwerp from a local weather spotter, over 2.5 inches of rain was reported.

In the photo shown here outside Grabill, IN, it was reported that over three inches of rain fell between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. There were also reports of wind damage around the area.

PAULDING CHAMBER ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

By: Erica Noggle

We are just a few weeks away from the Paulding Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing. This year's event is being held on Friday, July 22nd at the Auglaize Golf Club. Registration will begin at 9am with teams beginning play at 10am. This all-inclusive day is a great way for businesses to host a customer or

client, allow employees to socialize and network, or to just have a fun time! There are many activities planned for the day that the golfers get to enjoy while they are on the course as well. If you are interested in more information, you can contact Erica Noggle at pauldingchamber@gmail.com or 419-399-5215. You can also visit the Chamber website at www.pauldingchamber.com.

Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

July 11

- Food @ the Park, Herb Monroe Park, Fat Pig Smokehouse, 10:30am

July 12

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

July 13

- Living Free group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

July 15

- John Paulding Summer Blast, downtown Paulding, 4-10pm

July 16

- Grounded CC, 1 Year Celebration, 9a-8p
- Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm
- Pool Party @ Paulding Pool, 1-7pm
- Legally Blonde, Jr @ Huber, 7pm

July 17

- Legally Blonde, Jr @ Huber, 2pm
- What Mt. St. Helen's Teaches Us @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

July 19

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

July 20

- Living Free group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

July 21

- Meet Me @ 5, Healthy Haven in New Haven, IN 5-7pm



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OBITUARIES



HICKSVILLE, OH:
Neil D. Levy, 75, of Hicksville, Ohio passed away at home on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Neil was born in Hicksville on September 24, 1946, a son of the late Arlene (Helf) Bailey and Eli Levy.

He proudly served in the U.S. Marines as a Sgt in the Vietnam War. Neil loved to fish, bowl and tinker around his property, but most of all, he loved his wife, Star. They were rarely seen apart.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Starlet (Ferguson), to whom he was married July 31, 1971.

Neil was also preceded in death by his siblings, Blane, Sheldon & Charlotte.

Viewing was Tuesday, July 15th, 3 to 7 pm at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio.

His funeral service was Wednesday, July 6th, 10:30 am, with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

He was laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, with military honors.

Memorials are to Antwerp VFW Post 5087, PO Box 974, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 or Paulding County Nurse Auxiliary, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



SOMERSET, KY:

Marla Fay Daeger, 71 of Somerset passed from this life on Monday, July 4, 2022 at the Jean Waddle Care Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on March 2, 1951 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of the late Earl Erhart and Vivian Hitzman Erhart. After graduating high school, Marla became a Registered Nurse upon completion of her studies at the St. Francis Medical College of Nursing. She spent many years at the Fort Wayne Department of Cardiology. With her genuine, loving and compassionate personality, she won the hearts of many patients and friends. Marla had the innate ability to make others feel important, loved and cherished. She was a gregarious person and enjoyed the company of her family and circle of friends. In her leisure time, she enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking and riding motorcycles. She was a loving, kind-hearted and generous wife, mother and "Mamaw" and will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. Marla was of the Catholic Faith and member of the St. Mildred's Catholic Church. Marla will be fondly remembered for all the loving and kind words that describe her along with her wittiness and her famous quote "Ten Dollars Please".

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by two sisters; Shelia Hicov and Rheeta Jackson and a grandson; Austin Golliver. She leaves behind to cherish her precious memories; her husband; David Daeger of Somerset and three daughters; Heather Daeger of Fort Worth, Texas, Janelle Golliver and her husband; Larry Sneegas of Louisville, Kentucky and Leslie Daeger of Fort Wayne, Indiana, 5 grandchildren; Christian Krebs, Zachary Krebs, Jr., and Deakon Sweet all of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Savannah Sneegas and Charles Sneegas both of Louisville, Kentucky, a twin sister; Karla Duke of Indianapolis, Indiana and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 12:00 noon to 2 pm on Saturday, July 9, 2022 in the Chapel of Somerset Undertaking Company. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be at 2:00 pm in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father Danny Taylor officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in the St.

John's Cemetery in Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of donation to the St. Mildred's Outreach Center, 203 South Central Avenue, Somerset, Kentucky 42501, Attn: "Ten Dollars Please". You may offer condolences and sign the online register book at www.somersetundertaking.com

Somerset Undertaking is entrusted with the arrangements for Mrs. Marla Fay Daeger.

HERITAGE LIONS STILL TAKING DONATIONS



We Serve

The Heritage Lions are continuing to collect used eyeglasses (including sunglasses, reading glasses and even broken glasses), eyeglass cases, cell phones, hearing aids and batteries. This is a year-around project in which the Lions clean and sort these donations as they are passed through an extensive distribution network. The glasses eventually are taken on mission trips in poor countries, giving sight to those who otherwise could never see properly. Cell phones, hearing aids and any broken or unusable parts of the glasses are recycled as much as possible.

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VBS will be hosted at First United Methodist Church, 113 W Central Avenue from Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21. Program is available to children from 4 years old to entering 5th grade and will run from 8:30am-11:30am each day. A link to online registra-

tion is available on the First Church website https://www.vanwertfirst.net/vbs/. Parents can also register by stopping in at First United Methodist Church or by calling the church office at 419-238-0631.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
If human sacrifice was an abomination in the Bible, how could God sacrifice His Son?

Human sacrifice is not always wrong. Soldiers have jumped on grenades to save their buddies, thousands have given their lives for our freedom, and multitudes have faced martyrdom rather than recant their faith.

Check out Leviticus 18:21, Deuteronomy 12:31, II Kings 6:3, II Chronicles 28:3, Psalm 106:38, Isaiah 57:5, Jeremiah 19:5, and Ezekiel 16:20. You will find that what made human sacrifices abominable was the fact that what belonged to God (Psalm 24:1) was being offered to a false god. Offering one's life, or another's life, to please a false god is still an abominable act.

When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son of promise, Isaac, it was to test his faith and willingness to obey. Abraham passed the test, believing God was able to raise his son (Hebrews 11:17-19, Genesis 22:1-14). God intervened by providing a substitute, just as He has provided Christ as our substitute.

When God gave his only begotten, sinless Son for us, it was an act of love and our only hope of salvation (John 3:16-18), but Jesus willingly gave His life (John 10:17-18). He also indicated that because Christ willingly died for us, we should be willing to die for one another (I John 3:16). In the right circumstances, human sacrifice can be a good thing.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

GLOBAL EVENT PROMOTES PURSUIT OF PEACE

Against the tragic backdrop of a historic conflict in Europe, locals in Defiance, Ohio, will unite with millions around the globe to promote the timely theme "Pursue Peace" as they participate in a six-part annual event scheduled for July and August, 2022.

"As a family we look forward to the convention every year," said Martin Schley, whose family of five plans to attend each session throughout the summer. "The convention theme, 'Pursue Peace' is so timely because of the violence we see around the world and here locally. It can start to affect us as individuals and as a family. Focusing our minds on positive spiritual instruction will help us have peace within the family and with our neighbors."

Jehovah's Witnesses have been holding global conventions for more than 100 years, the last three years featuring virtual events accessed through the free JW Library app or at jw.org. The program's first segment will be available for streaming or download beginning June 27, 2022. All are invited to attend the program at no charge.

"This convention is an ob-

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Scripture of the Week

"I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame."

— Psalm 138:2

MATT'S MISHAPS



Many late-night cultures with hot climates incorporate a siesta into a long midday lunch break to catch up on sleep.

"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



Rooster, Not a Bat

If you are up and about in the dark well before sunrise, stop by Phil's One Stop Marathon Gas Station in Grabill, Indiana. You will see trucks, vans, and Bobcats on trailers being filled up for the day, and men filling up travel mugs with coffee and drinks for the morning. Some of those same men walk around town late into the day with headlamps still on their hats as clear indicators that they are morning people.

When we moved overseas, I was told that I would adapt to the late time schedule that people keep. The evening meal is often eaten around 9PM, and bedtime is quite some time later. I remember stopping one evening at 8 PM in a small-town diner while traveling. Clueless, I asked if I could order some food. The owner explained that because it was so hot, the cook would not arrive until 10PM to start serving food. I can't imagine the Woodhouse Restaurant getting many customers if they kept those hours.

However, decades later of living abroad, I still start get-

ting sleepy and groggy after 9PM, and sometime from 5AM on feels best to rise in the morning. I have sat through hundreds of night meetings over the years in a zombie like state, trying to pretend I was alert and listening.

At the end of a large work conference with many meetings, I was looking forward to driving out the next day for a long day on the road. During each day's announcements, they had mentioned forming a musical group from the attendees who might have their instruments with them. On the last evening, I was in bed early for my long journey the next day. Not long after falling asleep, I awoke to the racket of a band. The group played loudly and not that well in a patio area under my window. In my drowsy, half coherent state, I called the reception desk of the lodging and complained that quiet hours for the area were 10PM and it was well after that. A few songs later, the band stopped. While the meetings wrapped up next morning, I half caught the announcer apologizing that someone had complained and shut down the band and closing party. It took me several moments to catch on that I was the party pooper who had shut down all their fun and that the loud, lousy band was part of my group. I never told anyone it was me.

I have long given up becoming a night bat when I am wired to be a morning rooster.

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

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YOU MAY BE A REDNECK IF...

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

Does anyone know what a "redneck is?" We have heard jokes and stories about the folks who are from the south and Jeff Foxworthy has made a ton of money with his jokes and quotes about rednecks. A few of Foxworthy's quotes are - "you might be a redneck if..." you have the local taxidermist's number on speed dial; you've ever hit a deer with your car... deliberately; your school fight song was "Dueling Banjos; you've ever given rat traps as gifts; your coffee table used to be a cable



spool; you keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table; your mother has "ammo" on her Christmas list; there are more than five McDonald's bags in your car; and your tail lights are made of red tape."

We think these are funny and describes a typical redneck. We may picture a redneck as a poor class, silly, blue collar worker from the hills and that is the persona they have been perceived as.

Now I have seen some of the so-called Redneck pictures on the web and you got to hand it to them for their creativity. Who would think of making a swimming pool in the bed of their pickup? Or, taking a watermelon rind, cutting leg holes in it, attaching a rope and making a baby swing? While the baby swings, he can also chew on the front of the watermelon. Another idea was using an eight pronged rake, running hot dogs through the prongs and roasting all the hot dogs at one time. So actually redneck ideas aren't all that bad (or good).

Earlier this week a good

friend of mine told me some of the history of the term redneck. I was amazed to learn that the term redneck even had a history. The story, which takes place in West Virginia tells of the Battle of Blair Mountain. The battle was one which included men fighting along side of the union for safer mining conditions.

On August 7, 1921, just one week after a Sid Hatfield had been murdered on the steps of the McDowell County Courthouse, Frank Keeney, the president of the UMWA District 17, gave a stirring speech to thousands of miners on the capitol grounds in Charleston. He told the crowd that there was no justice in West Virginia and declared, "The only way you can get your rights is with a high powered rifle!" He then told the miners to go home and await the call to march.

And march they did. Over 10,000 miners, wearing red bandanas around their necks to identify themselves carved a path of rebellion from Charleston to the doorstep of Logan County. Mine guards and miners fought it out until federal troops intervened. Over 500 "rednecks" were charged with treason, murder, and conspiracy to commit murder. The state used coal company lawyers in the prosecution, and their own governor testified against the miners. Among those charged, of course, were the leaders of the movement: Frank Keeney, Fred Mooney, and Bill Blizzard.

Sometimes this history gets lost through the years, but Blair Mountain is now on the National Register of Historic Places. One resident of West Virginia said, "We are indebted to those who have worked to preserve this historic landmark and save Blair Mountain from becoming another casualty of a coal operator's greed."

Some say the term redneck came from those fighting coal miners who wore red bandanas around their neck as they fought that battle on Blair Mountain. I have relatives from the south and I would probably call them, and myself, a redneck.

My great-grandpa Pelfry worked in a coal mine in Kentucky way before the Battle of Blair Mountain. He was somewhat of a redneck also. One

night as he was walking home from work, being thirsty and creative he used his hands to scoop up some water to have a drink from a flowing spring. He should have known better, because when he scooped up the cold water, he happened to scoop up a lizard, swallowed it and died the next day. Maybe we are all rednecks

at heart. Most of those who call themselves rednecks are proud of their heritage and that battle of Blair Mountain.

Now, do you know anything about Rednecks? Do you think you may be one? I know I am but you let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MR. & MRS. HEFFNER CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE



Rick and Linda Heffner have been married 50 years as of June 27, 2022. They took a nice vacation to several places in Kentucky to celebrate the occasion. It

ended with a visit with their daughter, Lori and her family. When asked what their secret was, Rick replied, "We spend a lot of time in separate rooms."

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ject lesson in how peace is being achieved by a global community right now as it unites millions of people even in areas of conflict like Ukraine and Russia," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The power of the principles being discussed transcends national borders, ethnic differences and language barriers. Both individuals and families will benefit from attending the program."

Prior to 2020, Jehovah's Witnesses held their annual convention locally at SeaGate Convention Centre. While they hope to host in-person large gatherings again in the future, the decision was made late last year to again hold the 2022 convention virtually. On April 1 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses began meeting in person for the first time in two years locally and around the world.

The three-day convention will be available in six parts, each corresponding to a half day of content. Topics to be explored are:

- How love leads to inner peace and peace with others.
- Why the Bible can be called "the road map to family peace."
- How to attain peace even when suffering illness, economic problems, natural disasters or other difficulties.
- What people from around the world are doing to enjoy peace.
- Why friendship with God can lead to true peace.

The convention will conclude with the exciting presentation, "Universal Peace is Sure to Come!"

All are invited to attend the event by going to jw.org on the web or JW Broadcasting on the free JW Library app available for iOS or Android, or on streaming platforms like ROKU TV, Apple TV and others. The program is free and accessible to all. The schedule for download and global streaming is listed below.

For more information, please contact Jehovah's Witnesses United States at (718) 560-5600 or pid@jw.org.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/20/22

The Woodburn city council meeting began at 7:00p m with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Councilmen Voirol, Martin, Thompson, Watts, and Gerig. Chief Parker was not present. Rachel Black with Allen County Department of Planning Services was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The mayor summarized the conversation from the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening regarding a water rate analysis. The mayor discussed details from the New Allen Alliance proposal that was presented at the last meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the June 6th meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the June 6th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Voirol moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilman Martin asked about details concerning the Mainstreet project. Councilman Thompson mentioned that on July 17th there will be an event for the family whose home burned down to take place at the Community Center. Councilman Voirol asked about a particular drain and what could be done at that location.

Audience: Rachel explained the purpose of Resolution 22-262 and also the difference between Resolution 22-263 and Resolution 22-264. Either Resolution 22-263 or Resolution 22-264 will be approved, but not both. Rachel then gave details about the companies with current tax abatements. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 22-262 (Approve 2022 Pay 2023 Compliance w/ Statement of Benefits) by title only, second by Councilman Voirol, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-262, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 22-262 as presented, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Resolution 22-262 is ratified as presented. Councilman Watts moved to read Resolution 22-263 (Substantial Non-Compliance RE: Midwest Weld/Great Lakes Filler Metals) by title only, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor, except Councilman Gerig who abstains. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 22-264, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor, except Councilman Gerig who abstains. Resolution 22-263 is ratified as presented. Resolution 22-264 will be discarded.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Thompson, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

George William Outland was born February 21, 1895 in Payne, Ohio. The son of Frank Bruce and Barbara A. Kerns. Frank was born 1864 in Ohio, the son of Alonzo Outland, a Paulding County Civil War Veteran. Barbara was born April of 1871 in Ohio. Frank and Barbara were married in Paulding on December 25, 1892. By 1900, the Outland family was living in Payne, Ohio.



Frank, a barber, Barbara a housewife, was raising a family consisted of four children, Mary born May of 1889, she was from Frank's first marriage, Elizabeth (Abbs) who passed away November 17, 1891, a week after giving birth to daughter Garnet, November 10, 1891. Garnet, was raised by Frank's sister, Maud and her husband Dr. James E. Mulligan. A daughter Vivian, born October 1893, son George W. and daughter Hazel M. born April 1898. By 1910, the Outland family, still living on Merrin Street, Payne, added daughters Carol O., born in 1905 and daughter Princess Dawn, born May 23, 1906.

George was a student at Payne High School with a plan to go on to College. In 1916, George graduated from Ohio State with a degree in Architectural Engineering. Also in 1916, George joined the Army, he was stationed in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

On June 5, 1917, George was registered for the draft and was listed as medium height and weight, blue eyes and dark brown hair. His employment listed him as serving with an Engineering Company, 4th Provisional Training Regiment, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

On August 15, 1917, George was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant of Engineers, October 26, 1917, George was promoted to 1st Lieutenant of Cavalry Regular Army. Then November 13, 1917, George was sent to Officers Training School with the 6th Company Engineers.

On March 13, 1918 in Cameron, Texas, George married a gal named Elvah Close, born September 14, 1896. Elvah went to school in Mishawaka, Indiana. On October 2, 1918, a daughter Elva Dawn Outland was born in Ft. McAllen, Texas.

George served with 13th Cavalry to September 10, 1919 and he also served with the Ordinance School of Application Aberdeen Providing Grounds in Maryland until the end of World War 1 and in 1919, George's mother, Barbara passed away. She was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

In 1920, George, Elvah and daughter Elva Dawn, were living in Hartford, Maryland. A daughter Virginia Jane Outland was born, August 21, 1921 in Syracuse, New York. Between the years of 1926 and 1930, the family lived in Hawaii, on the Island of Oahu. While living in Hawaii, George's father Frank passed away May 16, 1929, he was buried beside his wife Barbara.

In 1935, with George still in the Military, the family found themselves living in Washington D.C. Also in 1935, George graduated from Industrial College. By 1940, George and family were living in Hartford, Maryland. On September 1, 1946, George was promoted to Colonel. George stayed in the Military until 1952, when he was discharged.

In 1957, George and Elvah were living at 1112 Dorchester Avenue, Orlando, Florida. George and Elvah lived out their days in Florida. On May 3, 1978, George passed away in Orlando, Florida. His wife, Elvah, passed away November 25, 1983. They both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Gotha, Orange County, Florida.

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Shown here with Miss Sue are from left: Sue's grandson, Silas Dempsey, Savannah Coil, Johanna Federighi, Henry Clark and Zander James.

Mrs. Sue Thomas recently visited our summer program at Ann's Bright Beginnings with a story,

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REDUCED ROUNDUP (GLYPHOSATE) AVAILABILITY

Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Roundup which is the number one weed killer (herbicide) worldwide. About 90% of major USA crops (corn, soybeans) use glyphosate to kill weeds. China is the biggest manufacturer of glyphosate, but due to supply shortages and higher fuel prices; glyphosate is in short supply and prices are at least 3-4X higher than normal. This next year, farmers may have to have to adapt their weed control programs by using less glyphosate.

Glyphosate or Roundup was invented in 1950 but was not approved or used by Monsanto as a herbicide until 1974. Glyphosate use became dominant when soybeans and then corn were genetically modified in 1996 to resist glyphosate. Glyphosate is made from an amino acid called glycine, so it is readily absorbed by plants and breaks

down quickly in the soil. Glyphosate kills most weeds fairly easily.

Over time, at least 29-30 weeds have become resistant to glyphosate. Resistant weeds include the pigweed family (water hemp, Palmer Amaranth), lambsquarter, ragweed (common, giant), ryegrasses, and kochia. Weeds become resistant when repeated spray applications occur, allowing rare genes to be passed on to the plants that survive. Glyphosate is also known to chelate or tie up many micronutrients including iron, zinc, copper, and manganese. In addition to some glyphosate lawsuits related to human health, these factors may start to limit glyphosate use.

What are some alternatives to reducing glyphosate usage? One way is to plant more cover crops. Keeping plants growing year-round increases competition for water, nutrients, and light and may reduce weed seed production. Several cover crops like radish, cereal rye, and sorghum have natural chemicals in the leaves and stalks which reduce small weed seed germination. Some farmers are using crop rollers or crimpers to mechanically roll down and terminate cover crops after the corn and soybeans start to grow. This creates a natural weed barrier and a mulching affect that can reduce the need for glyphosate as a spring weed burndown.

Other alternatives include increasing seeding rates and planting crops in narrow rows. Close growing plants increases crop canopy closure and has been used to fight weeds for centuries. Rotary hoeing after crop germination is not as popular, but may reduce early germinating weed seeds fairly effectively. Organic farmers sometimes use propane flame throwers between the rows and small robots may electrify growing weeds in the near future.

Another way to reduce weeds is to get a good soil test for both macro- and micronutrients. Most weeds flourish when one or more nutrient is missing. Fertilizing for deficient nutrients may decrease weed populations. As early soil colonizers, weeds generally grow in deficient soils until they restore the natural nu-

trient balance. Soils deficient in available calcium tend to be the most weed prone. If the soil pH is low or too acidic, add lime (calcium carbonate) which also helps makes many micronutrients more plant available. If the pH is acceptable but available calcium is still low, add gypsum (calcium sulfate). An optimum soil pH for mineral soils is 6.3-7.0 with 5.3-5.8 pH needed for organic soils with a lime test index of 68-70 (both soil types). Adding a little calcium and/or humic compounds (fulvic and humic acid) to starter fertilizer increases seed germination, micro nutrient uptake and promotes faster plant growth, leading to faster canopy closure.

For farmers looking for alternative herbicides to glyphosate, there are several contact herbicides sprayed directly on weed leaves. Gramoxone (Paraquat) is highly effective on small annuals. It's very acidic, tough on equipment, and burns or desiccates everything, so be careful. It is often combined with atrazine, metribuzin, or 2-4D to control early growing broadleaf weeds. Glufosinate (used on Liberty link genetically modified crops) controls small emerging weeds and works best under warm or sunny spring conditions. Salfufenacil (Sharpen, Verdict, Optil) is most often applied with other herbicides at low rates, but suppresses many hard to control weeds (example marestail) and has no planting restrictions. Non-contact herbicides like 2-4D can be very effective against broadleaf weeds but planting restrictions (minimum of 7-14 days) can be an issue. Dicamba plus 2-4D esters together control many broad leaves and grasses, but they should be applied in early April if glyphosate or paraquat if not used. The supply of these alternative herbicides may also be an issue this year. Keeping weeds under control this year may be a challenge, but farmers have some several options to consider.

—James J. Hoorman
Soil Health Service

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why Work

One Sunday at church my friend, Mike, asked if I could write a letter about why people don't want to work, even with help wanted signs everywhere. I'll try, but misguided liberal Democrats better take heed. Not working is much more than just not working.

I believe what we're experiencing is a deliberate plan to conquer America by changing us into a one party rule that will soon become communism. It's a fact that Democrats are less likely to believe in God. Republicans have always appeared weaker on the home-front but I sincerely believe Democrats are mostly to blame for all past and present ills. I really believe they are controlled by Satan and don't know it. This makes them nothing more than puppets with evil guid-

ing them.

Our communist loving ACLU instigated all of this anti-God garbage with their "separation of church and state" in 1947. This was all it took for anti-God Democrats, Satan's perfect patsies, to step in and go for broke. A high ranking Catholic Democrat senator (name escapes me) made the next evil move in 1954. He snuck a little statement deep into a huge military spending bill so it wouldn't be noticed. That evil act was their knife in our back as it censored pastors free speech. With their foundation now in place they proceeded with the rest of Satan's plan. They did a little at a time so we wouldn't be aware of what they were doing. Democrats then gave us school prayer forbidden, abortion, teaching safe sex rather than abstinence, change what was and wasn't being taught, pushing gender change, CRT, BLM and anything degrading.

They purposely avoided America's real start and history, anything concerning raising a family or life in general. How many can't read or write but still graduate? How many can't make change without a computer? In plain English, we're being setup to fail. The ACLU wrote the book in the 1930's.

If you have an ounce of intelligence and common sense, you can't deny that when a nation loses God, it turns to evil just as America is doing today. If you can't see that, then explain Russia, China and North Korea.

You must be aware that it's been power hungry, anti-God Democrats and liberals driving us to evil. Our Democrat leaders fearlessly break our laws every day. I believe they think it is their right because they're in control.

Biden and Harris both swore to uphold our constitution and protect our borders but neither is doing it. Biden issued orders to our border patrol to leave it open and do nothing. I believe he figures that is his best move

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to help bring us to being communist controlled. Harris always absent.

Now if the above was a Republican administration doing this, Pelosi would be doing everything in her power to get them tried for treason. As it is, she isn't doing her job as she swore to uphold it.

In short, I feel Democrats believe all of their long work to take total control of America is paying off. They are bold enough today to be more open with their evil. They think that with all they've accomplished these last 75-80 years that nothing can stop them now.

Why do you think America's most recognizable sight other than our flag is nationwide help wanted or hiring signs? Why don't thousands upon thousands want to work? Could it be that Democrats have eliminated their need to work? They've handed out lots of money with no strings attached. They have them thinking they can get a free college education. They've never wanted for anything as parents have supplied everything except practical knowledge.

They have not been taught morality and without that your nation is doomed to fail. An answer to one of my letters a few years ago in another paper said, "Our morality today is different than it was in your day" morality doesn't change. It's people who change.

Today's younger generation show little respect, responsibility or work ethic because they've never been taught. Way too many feel they are entitled to every-

thing without any commitment on their part. Read Luke 15:11-32 about the prodigal son. I personally know of at least one son in this day and age who asked for his inheritance like that also. He didn't get his.

They just don't know how to be responsible or even care to. Being tied down to a job working doesn't fit the fun culture. It's a shame to see our great nation crumble like this. Why don't more of you speak up? Remaining quiet only enables America's enemies. I don't believe God will help us until more stand up.

— Richard Mastin, Hicksville, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the United States, we have a long history of discussing rights in our legal system and public discourse. This came out of the former colonizer, the British Empire, restricting the rights of the people in the colonies. They wouldn't allow them to gather together, out of fear of planning riots and revolutions, forcing the colonists to gather secretly. They wouldn't allow the colonies to own large quantities of weapons out of similar fears. These restrictions, along with other societal intrusions, forced the Founding Fathers to forcibly and violently assert the rights of the people. The Declaration of Independence put it very succinctly, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." While not being a governing document

of the United States, the Declaration provides a very precise understanding of American freedom. Obviously, the codifying of American governance, in the form of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, wouldn't come for another 13-15 years.

This discourse surrounding rights has been debated for over 2 centuries, from slavery (Dred Scott), women's rights (19th amendments), civil rights, freedom of religion, right to own guns, and everything in between. Freedom, rights, and responsibility have always been a constant in the mind of American people.

Today, the most fundamental right to humanity, involving health, privacy, and intrusion, is under threat. People have died and will continue to die if we simply stand idly by. The right to life has been under assault in our country for 50 years directly, and many more indirectly. This right is the most fundamental right to humanity. To take away the right to life from any one innocent person, is opening the floodgates to justifying away the rights of all people. In our common law today, we understand that to deprive another person of life without just cause is repugnant and unacceptable in society. Individuals who deprive another person of life without just cause are charged with murder, and/or manslaughter. We recognize that this deprivation of life without just cause is a threat to our society and the fundamental rights of every person, and deservedly must be punished and not tolerated. However, in a sick, twisted form of mass avarice and/or delusion, a large portion of people in our world today have been deceived into not including the intentional murder of a child in the womb in this category known as murder. A human in the uterus represents humanity at its most vulnerable state. Some would use this as a justification for depriving a human in the womb of his or her right to life. This is a morally repugnant argument though and would hold no weight in any other other discussion of rights. Many people are highly vulnerable and unable to care for themselves, mentally challenged people, people in medical comas, people sleeping, even young children could be described this way, but neglect or abuse of any of these categories of people would result in criminal prosecution, why should unborn humans not be given the same protection?

Some have argued that an unborn human shouldn't be granted rights and protection because he or she has not been born. This is also absurd. Determining the right of an individual to live based on their location or place of dwelling does not logically make sense. Especially when that individual was forced there regardless of his or her will. The human in the womb is and always will be a human. He or she was produced by human gametes and possesses human DNA. Just because a human in the womb happens to be at a different level of development than people outside the womb doesn't alter the humanity of the person. We wouldn't murder a 2 year old simply for being 2 years old, nor would we murder an 85 year old simply for being 85 years old. Both of these humans are at different stages of development, neither should have the right to life stripped from them without just cause. The same goes for a human following conception in the womb. It is also said that we must allow abortion because sometimes children are conceived from rape or incest. These are sad cases that do exist, but they are not a justification for ending the life of an innocent human. Currently in the United States, abortions that state the reason as being from rape or incest account for less than 1% of all abortions, with the overwhelming majority being for convenience. While rape and incest are tragic crimes, we cannot punish an innocent human for the crimes committed by another. If somebody breaks into my home and damages my property or harms me, I am not legally justified in killing his or her innocent children. There is no arguing that there is a large emotional burden on the women carrying a child of a rapist, but the solution isn't to end the life of the child nor is it legally justifiable, but rather the answer is to emotionally support the mother and provide her with every resource possible. Another argument put forward is that some people cannot afford to care for a child, or the child might end up in foster care as a burden on an already overburdened system. While this might be true, it is not a morally acceptable justification for murder. Using this same logic, we

could argue for the mass killing of all poor people, or all children in foster care systems. Part of human existence is to endure hardships in life, the avoiding of hardships could be used as an argument to kill all people. But, our rights are guaranteed to us, regardless of economic status or hardships. Nobody has a greater right to life simply because of financial means. Up until the last 70 years or so, over 80% of the world lived in abject poverty, but we could never justify culling this many people for death in the name of poverty. Even today, the number of people living in poverty around the world is still around 20%, but to think that killing all these people is somehow a morally acceptable answer to ridding the world of poverty is sickening. I have also heard it said that abortion is acceptable because women have the right to choose and its a personal decision, so it's none of your business. While this may seem like a good argument superficially, it falls apart at the slightest nudge. This argument fails to account for the innocent human life that is inhabiting a woman's uterus. This human life did not choose to take up residence in the woman's uterus. In fact, in a majority of all cases, the woman specifically chose to give the child residence. The act of sexual intercourse is the only natural way in which humans reproduce. To engage in sexual intercourse is to subject yourself to the possibility of reproduction, which happens at the moment of conception. Therefore, the human in the womb is an innocent human being with the right to life, to intentionally take away this right is murder by definition. Furthermore, you cannot simply say that abortion is a private matter for the woman to decide. If my neighbor decides to invite people into his home and then murders them, he has still committed murder even if it is inside the privacy of his home. If I were to walk past somebody's home in town and peaked over a privacy fence to see a woman viciously beating a six year old child, the woman is still committing an evil act of child abuse regardless of whether it was done behind a privacy fence. You cannot just call abortion a private act and de-

clare that it cannot be prosecuted. If the right to life of the innocent human in the womb is being taken away, then the people depriving that human of life must be held accountable. Many of these arguments surrounding abortion are usually directed at emotional manipulation rather than addressing the reality of a human life in the womb. Such as the argument that women need abortion in case of the health and safety of the mother. However, the number of scenarios where an abortion is necessary for the health and safety of the mother's vanishingly slim, if not all together non-existent. The Association of Pro-Life Physicians puts it very well, "When the life of the mother is truly threatened by her pregnancy, if both lives cannot simultaneously be saved, then saving the mother's life must be the primary aim. If through our careful treatment of the mother's illness the preborn patient inadvertently dies or is injured, this is tragic and, if unintentional, is not unethical and is consistent with the pro-life ethic. But the intentional killing of an unborn baby by abortion is never necessary." The intentional killing of an unborn baby by abortion is never necessary.

We have lived in a society for the last several decades that has been able to convince itself that abortion is morally acceptable for various justifications, many listed above. This has come out of a warped sense of value and purpose, and misunderstanding of biological development. I don't blame the people who ignorantly support abortion, they have simply fallen prey to the demons of our generation. This is a topic that needs to be discussed in love and generosity. We need to love and support people who may find themselves in a perceived crisis of a pregnancy, unplanned or planned. Our children are the future, we must cherish and cultivate the future, educating people on the value inherent in the conceived human life. The greatest societal progress in the past has only come from accepting and expanding our understanding of the value of human life. Only with this mindset can we live in a better world.

— Jarrison Steiner, New Haven, IN

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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

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Oakwood: Oakwood 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: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, 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

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SCHOOLED: 10-LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT A DEFIANCE LANDMARK



The 1918 school building in Defiance has garnered a lot of attention as interested parties have been meeting with city officials to discuss possible reuses for the facility.

While the 1918 school building has been a landmark in the community for more than 100 years, there is a lot people don't know about it. Here are 10 little-known facts about the building.

1. The 1918 building was constructed mainly because the previous Defiance City Central School Building was condemned twice. The school that stood on the site prior to the 1918 building was condemned first in May 1915 by a state inspector. A special inspector from the state was called to re-evaluate the building and condemned it again on April 25, 1916. At that time, the school board was told that the building could not be occupied until new heating, ventilation and lighting systems were installed. The city sent a representative to Columbus to ask for a limited use allowance with the understanding that a bond was being taken out to build a new school.

2. All the first bids for the facility were rejected for being too high as prices were soaring because of World War I. World War I began in 1914 and lasted until 1918. It caused prices of many materials to go up across the globe. The Defiance City School Board submitted another bond issue to taxpayers to in-

crease the cost of the school, but it failed. The board instructed the architect to meet its current enrollment needs with a little room for growth. However, the next time there were bids, the board was short \$10,500 for the project. It was decided to complete as much of the building as possible. Another bond issue was set before voters in November 1918.

3. The initial school bond was for \$200,000 but another \$30,000 bond was needed to finish the school and equip it.

The \$30,000 bond issue was passed in November 1918 by a vote of 1,281 for and 565 against. Many local businessmen, citizens and officials lobbied for the bond issue including photographer Edward Bronson. During a public meeting in early November 1918, Bronson said if the public did not vote for the additional bond levy "we would be blind to the best interests of our boys and girls, the future businessmen and women of Defiance."

4. When the school was completed, Ohio High School Inspector W.L. Spencer reviewed it and praised it in his 1919 state report. A letter sent to school board president A.M. Minsel from F.B. Pearson from the state of Ohio stated, "your board and community may very justly take great pride in your handsome new building. When the auditorium and gymnasium have been added you will have one of the finest school buildings

in your part of the state."

5. The school building saw enrollment more than double in the nearly 100 years it was used.

In state reports, the Defiance City School Board estimated its 1918 enrollment as a total of 308 students. According to the Defiance City Schools' website, enrollment in the 2017-18 school year was 817.

6. The school offers more than 50,000 square feet of space. "The school building is around 60,000 square feet. The gymnasium is nearly 15,000 square feet," said Defiance Mayor Mike McCann.

7. The building is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The building received the designation in September 2019, after diligent work by the Save Our 1918 Defiance High School Committee. The designation included the old high school, gymnasium, Claude Henkle Middle School, Defiance Community Auditorium and the former football field on the property. The designation means that any developer who would like to utilize the site may qualify for 25 percent state and 20 percent federal tax credits.

8. The city purchased the 1918 building for \$1. In November 2019, the Defiance City School Board sold the property for \$1 to the city of Defiance with the stipulation that the city has five years to find a user for the property. If it is unable to find a user, it may be demolished using

\$300,000 in funds that had been donated for that purpose.

9. The city has heard a lot of proposals for the building but the most unusual one may have come from a paranormal investigative group. McCann said that a paranormal group did approach the city about making the 1918 building a permanent site for them and their work. "The paranormal activity (reuse) was the most unusual (proposal)," he said.

10. Interest in the 1918 building has been growing post-pandemic. "There is a conversation about something for that building a couple of times a month," McCann said. "Post-pandemic, interest is increasing," McCann said that the city is working with Gar-mann Miller of Mercer County on conceptional ideas to repurpose the building. Those ideas may include anything from housing, retail and commercial options to office space and entertainment complexes. "If the community will be patient, we will get every stoned turned to find a project for that building," McCann said. He added that he and other city officials don't want to see the building torn down. "If it's torn down, it's gone," he said. "Too many times we've torn things down and later say 'I wish we still had that.' The other thing is if we tear it down, then what (will go on that site)?"

McCann said he also would like to clear up one rumor going round about the old gymnasium. "The fire department had concerns about the proper locations of the exit signs. The exit signs didn't lead out of the building," he said, explaining the gym was shut down until changes could be made. "The public will be able to use the restrooms for events (at the auditorium) when we get the signs changed."

Anyone business, organization or individual interested in repurposing the 1918 building for their needs, can contact the City of Defiance at 419-784-2101.

VWCS TO HOST EGGERSS STADIUM BONDS INFORMATIONAL MEETING



On behalf of Van Wert City School District, we appreciate your continued support of the district with the passage of the Eggerss Stadium bond issue. Since the bond issue was passed by the voters on May 3, the district's administration has been working diligently through the bonding process. We are currently waiting for the confirmation of the district's bond rating, and then our underwriter, Baird, will be able to officially sell the bonds on July 19 to the public.

We want to be sure the bonds are offered and available to the community. If you are interested in learning more about the bonds, please consider attending an informational-only meeting on Monday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at the Niswonger Performing

Arts Center. For legal reasons, no financial advice will be provided to any attendee at this meeting, it is purely informational. VWCS and its bond underwriter strongly recommend you seek financial advice from your personal financial advisor prior to purchasing these tax-exempt bonds.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to learn more, please reach out to your personal financial advisor and have them contact Mike Burns with Baird at (614) 629-6967 on your behalf. If you do not have a personal financial advisor, you may also reach out to Mike Burns who can put you in touch with a personal financial advisor that can assist you.

GO COUGARS!

— Mark Bagley, Superintendent

JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HAVE CHICKEN BBQ DINNERS

It is Chicken BBQ time at the John Paulding Historical Society museum, located at 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, across the street from the fairgrounds.

Port-A-Pit is returning to roast up delicious BBQ chicken from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

Reserve your tasty chicken dinner today. Select either a half-chicken or quarter-chicken. Meals include chicken, baked beans,

choice of coleslaw or fresh vegetables, applesauce and chips.

Dinners are available for carry-out, or to eat in the museum's air conditioned dining room.

Contact any director, officer or at the museum on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, call Angie Pollock at 419-393-2876, Patti Boundy at 419-769-1004 or Kim Sutton at 419-399-2388. Please help support the John Paulding Historical Society in its mission of Preserving the Past for Future Generations.

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MUSEUM'S COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT OPEN THROUGH JULY 26



The John Paulding Historical Society in Paulding currently has a special exhibit on 150 years of Paulding County Fair history, 1872-2022.



The John Paulding Historical Society museum has several loaned artifacts on display to help tell the story of the Paulding County Fair since the fairgrounds were established in 1872.

This year's Paulding County Fair may be over, but there is still time to enjoy the fun and excitement through a special exhibit at John Paulding Historical Society. The exhibit commemorates the fair's 150 years at the Paulding County Fairgrounds, 1872-2022. The museum is located across from the fairgrounds in Paulding.

The exhibit, which opened June 13 during fair week, continues through July 26 during regular hours, Tuesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Admission is free.

Visitors can learn more about the fair's development and changes through the years with categories focusing on the 1872 fair, the grandstand, buildings, 4-H, annual Miss Paulding County beauty pageant, the

1972 centennial celebration and noteworthy events.

Artifacts on display include vintage fair posters, fair books, the Miss Paulding County robe, an 1873 membership card, photographs, memorabilia and more. Several local residents have loaned items to the museum for this exhibit, which was curated and arranged by historical society vice president Melinda Krick.

The Paulding County Agricultural Society purchased 25 acres of land in Paulding for \$900 in the spring of 1872. The society then constructed a board fence around the grounds, cleared the site, and built a floral hall building, a half-mile racetrack, office, stalls and a set of stands. The officers declared "Paulding County Fair, Competition open to the World!" The first

fair at the fairgrounds was held Oct. 15-17.

In all, 415 entries were made that year. Premiums were awarded in five classes of horses, one class of walkers and trotters, jacks and mules, four classes of cattle, two classes of sheep and three classes of swine. Also judged were entries for poultry, vegetables, grain, provisions, fruit, agricultural implements (commercial), mechanics products, domestic manufacture, needlework and ornamental work.

The 1872 premium list includes winners for such entries as best barrel flour, best gallon vinegar, best 5 pounds butter, best 600 shingles, pig iron, silk quilt, hair wreath, pair of pigeons, dog and wagon and "Chry's Anthemum" (chrysanthemum). Anna McCormick won first in Ladies Equestrianism and the Paulding Silver Band won a \$30 premium for best band.

The Paulding County Fair and the fairgrounds have undergone many changes through the decades. What hasn't changed in 150 years is the local pride in the county's agricultural heritage and its fairgrounds, competitive spirit among entrants, community support for the fair, the thrill of horse racing, and the pleasure of attending the fair. It is hoped this exhibit will help visitors recall fond memories of fair days and understand some of the traditions and events that shape it today.

For more information, contact the historical society at 419-399-3667 or through Facebook at facebook.com/jphs45879.

SECRETARY LAROSE SPOTLIGHTS OHIO'S FOOD TRUCK INDUSTRY

Food Truck Operations in Lucas, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Ross, Montgomery, Morgan, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties Are Growing our Economy and Feeding Ohioans

Each summer, communities gather for holidays and events like Memorial Day, Independence Day, county fairs, festivals, and more. While the food truck was seen as a novelty just a few years ago, today food trucks are ubiquitous in Ohio and travel from all ends of the state to line up for these events to showcase their delicious creations for all to enjoy.

This past year has brought on additional economic challenges for many entrepreneurs across the state including food truck owners. Unfortunately, food trucks are not immune to the market forces around them, due to the rising cost of gas, food, and supplies. Despite these challenges, these creative entrepreneurs are pressing on and working to provide a service we all know and love.

This month's Ohio Business Spotlight, an initiative created by Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose to promote entrepreneurship and economic growth, recognizes eight food truck owners who have proven their resilience and worked around the clock to increase their profits, grow their operations, and satisfy the cravings of a hungry Ohio. These eight trucks highlighted for July are just a sample of the enterprising Ohioans who continue to lead this industry forward.

"Being an entrepreneur takes grit, determination, and creativity, especially when facing challenging economic headwinds," said LaRose. "Ohioans have all been heavily impacted by inflation and economic uncertainty, yet I

am fully confident that Ohio entrepreneurs will continue to be the tip of the spear to lead us back to firmer footing. These food truck entrepreneurs work tirelessly for their businesses to succeed, to provide for their families, and to create jobs and prosperity for their communities."

Learn more about the Ohio Business Spotlight - including the other industries and sectors recognized by the Secretary -- by clicking here. To learn more about how you can make a difference in your community and become an entrepreneur, head to OhioSoS.gov/Business for more information.

PAULDING & DEFIANCE COUNTIES: HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

LIMA, Ohio (Thursday, July 7, 2022) The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Paulding County next week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

U.S. 24 eastbound between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance, the left/passing lane will be closed for pavement repairs.

State Route 66, near Road 197, south of the village of Oakwood will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

State Route 500 between the Indiana State line to State Route 111 will have lane restrictions for crack sealing operations.

State Route 613 between Road 107 and U.S. 127, through the village of Latty, will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

The village of Oakwood will have work to install

sidewalk ramps in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Parking may be restricted at times, but traffic impacts are not anticipated.

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance County next week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

U.S. 24 westbound exit ramp to Baltimore Street in the city of Defiance closed on April 27 for approximately 90 days to reconstruct the embankment. Visit the project webpage.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
Detour: U.S. 127 to U.S. 24 eastbound back to Baltimore Street.

U.S. 24 eastbound between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance will have the left/passing lane closed for pavement repairs.

U.S. 127 between Baker Road and Buckskin Road, approximately two miles north of the village of Sherwood closed on June 1 to replace a portion of the bridge deck over Lost Creek. The project is delayed an additional 2-4 weeks due to unexpected issues with the box beams.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
Detour: SR 18 to SR 15 back to U.S. 127

State Route 18/State Route 281, at the railroad crossing on the east side of the city of Defiance, will be restricted to one lane over the railroad crossing until the crossing is repaired.

State Route 66 between the city of Defiance and the Williams County line will have lane restrictions for a resurfacing project.

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More information on Facebook Community Revitalizing Paulding

THE LEFT TURN



#77 - Steve Kester - Winner of the DIRTcar Late Model Feature at Oakshade Raceway, Photo credit Charlie Orns

By: Ron Burt

The 4th of July weekend didn't disappoint race fans. All the tri-state tracks were open except three, Attica and Fremont because of weather and storm damage. Montpelier Speedway took the weekend off.

Limaland Motorsports Park kicked off the Independence Day weekend with the annual running of Firecracker Friday. As always, "The Bull Ring" had lots of excitement and three great features. Leipsic, Ohio's Chase Dunham drove his car to victory in the NRA 360 Sprint Invader competition, while Todd Sherman added another DIRTcar UMP Modified feature win to his resume, and Justin Long bagged the Thunderstock victory. In the current track point standings, Todd Sherman leads in the UMP Modifieds with 20 points over second place driver Jeff Koz and in the Thunder Stocks, Gabe Mueller has a 40-point lead over Tony Anderson.

Saturday night the Midwest Super Modifieds took to the high banks of the Sandusky Speedway paved ½ mile. Kyle Edwards picked up where he left off and captured his 2nd feature win of the year. Edwards is now 9 points ahead of Otto Sitterly as they head to Berlin Speedway July 15th-16th in a Co-Sanctioned event with ISMA Supermodifieds. Gas City I-69 Speedway gave the Non-Winged Sprints a rest for the weekend and changed from a Friday show to Saturday night. Todd Sherman picked up his second fea-

ture win of the weekend with his UMP Modified. Garrett Bradley owned the Stock Car A-main. Action is always hot & heavy at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon. The evening was highlighted by 2020 Oakshade Raceway Late Model Track Champion Steve Kester putting his car in the winner's circle for the first time this season after leading from flag to flag in the 25-lap late model feature. Steve Kester, shot out to the lead of the Late Model feature event from his pole starting position. A couple of early yellows, including one on lap two that involved nearly half of the field, kept the field tight for the first few laps. After that, it was all green flag racing with Kester showing the way just ahead of an exciting battle for second between Casey Noonan and Devin Shiels. Eventually Brian Ruhlman would dispose of both drivers and take over the second position with five laps remaining. Despite dealing with lapped traffic, Kester was able to hang on and pick up the victory with Ruhlman settling for second. Shiels ended up third with Casey Noonan finishing fourth.

The grandstands were packed Saturday at Plymouth Motor Speedway for race number 2 of the Grand Slam for the Outlaw Late Models. Tyler Roahrig is now 2 for 2 in the four-race series and \$7500.00 richer. To get the win he had to hold off a hard charging Steve Needles and Mark Shook.

I will cover the 39th Annual Kings Royal weekend

from Eldora and the 34th Annual Brad Doty Classic from Attica, as Kyle Larson tries to get win #2 at Attica in 2022 with the World of Outlaws. For complete coverage from area tracks visit my Facebook page, Ohio Sports Blitz and you can reach me at ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com. Keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO SINKHOLE ON STATE ROAD 3



ALLEN COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation announces an emergency road closure due to a sinkhole.

A sinkhole has been discovered on State Road 3 near Old Lima Road. This sinkhole is on the shoulder of north bound State Road 3. INDOT has closed north bound lanes to allow for crews to assess and fix the issue.

The official detour for this closure is Old Lima Road to West Gump Road.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Domenique R. Langheier, New Port Riche, FL; Open container, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, State agrees not to file further criminal charges; OVI/breath(low), Count A dismiss; OVI/under influence, Guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, License suspension deemed served, Pay all fines and costs; Left of center, Count D dismissed

Leanna H. Coil, Paulding, OH; Open container, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; OVI/breath(low), Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs, Standard probation, Evaluation, at Westwood, Secure a valid operator license, SCRAM to be removed 7/15/22 prior to reporting to jail; OVI/under influence, Count B dismissed; Driving under non FRA suspension, Count C dismissed; Turn signals, Count D dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Guilty; Driving under suspension, Guilty, Pay all fines and costs, Proof of insurance provided, Fine can be worked off in community service, Jail days run concurrent with TRC2200643

Alan Duncan, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Pay all fines and costs; Driving under non FRA suspension, Count B dismissed; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed

James A. Schlosser, Paulding, OH; possession of marijuana, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and

destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency

Michael B. Cole, Tulsa, OK; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary L. Brown, Oregon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by the defendant

Luis Grande, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Pled no contest, found guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, contraband forfeited; Reckless operation, Pled no contest, found guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, Show proof of insurance by 7/7/22; No operator's license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Fine to be taken from bond; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Fine to be taken from bond

Ca Chawn, Greenwood, IN; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Marked lanes, Guilty, Fine to be taken from bond

Haitham Hdeb, Clifton, NJ; No tail lights; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Paxton D. Grennay, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct (2 counts), Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Jason L. Fisher, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Joe E. Bonar Sr, Oakwood, OH; Assault, Count A dismissed per state; Aggravated menacing, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, No contact with victim or R&B, Maintain general good behavior

Karem R. Espindola, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Case dismissed

Lindsey Bilimek, Convoy, OH; Criminal damaging, Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by defendant

Omar Montanez-Ostos, Fabens, TX; Traffic device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Charles F. Potts, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gary W. Devito, Brooklyn, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jaquitta M. Ferguson, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension – operator license forfeiture, Count A dismissed at the request of the state, Defendant's costs; Headlights, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant appeared in open court, Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay or collection 7/29/22

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

Shawn Zimmerman, Antwerp, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

James L. Kent II, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES MULTIPLE INJURY CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle multiple injury crash in Farmer Township, Defiance County on Ridenour Road at Scott Road. The crash oc-

LATTA PARTICIPATES IN RIDE ALONG WITH OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL



Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) participated in a ride along with the Findlay post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Latta was able to see what State Troopers encounter on a daily basis in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District while they are on patrol.

"This morning, I was able to see up-close the efforts that

troopers make to keep our roadways and communities safe, said Latta. "Our men and women in uniform valiantly serve and protect our communities every day. It is more important now than ever, that we continue to back the blue. Thank you for keeping our communities safe."

curred on July 3, 2022 at approximately 11:11 P.M.

A 2018 Ford Fusion was southbound on Ridenour Road. A 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500, driven by Adam Goebel, age 33 of Montpelier, Ohio was eastbound on Scott Road. The driver of the Ford failed to stop at the posted stop sign and was struck in the passenger side by the Chevrolet. Both vehicles came to rest off the southeast side of the roadway.

Goebel and his juvenile passenger were transported to Bryan E.R. and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford is a juvenile and was transported to Hicksville also for non-life-threatening injuries. Both juvenile passengers of the Ford

were taken by Samaritan to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana due to serious injuries.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Farmer Fire Department, Defiance County EMS, Williams County EMS, and Samaritan.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash. Seatbelts were in use by all occupants involved in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

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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

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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PPEC KICKS OFF PARADE SEASON AT NEW HAVEN SUMMER FEST



PPEC Employees and family (L-R) – Tara Schlatter, Andy Hermiller and wife Sara, Annette Schreiner and daughter Rachael, and John McMaster. Also pictured are Schlatter’s extended family and Hermiller’s sons. Not pictured is PPEC employee Eric Herman who was taking the photo.

On Saturday, July 2, 2022, in New Haven, Indiana, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative Lineman Andy Hermiller drove a bucket truck through the New Haven Summer Fest Parade while employees walked alongside and passed out candy.

It was an exciting way to kick off the 2022 summer parade season for all involved, including the families and children of participating employees. PPEC has several other local parades in their lineup this year, making it very clear just how much they care for their community.

Upcoming parades include:

- Friday, July 15 – John Paulding Summer Blast Parade (starts at 6 pm)
- Saturday, Aug. 27 – New Haven Emergency First Responders Event Parade and activity booth afterward (parade in morning, activities start afterward)
- Monday, Sept. 5 – Oakwood Labor Day Parade

(starts 11 am)

- Sunday, Sept. 11 – Pioneer Days Kalida Parade (starts 1:30 pm)

As a cooperative, PPEC’s goal is to give back to members, as it is a not-for-profit organization built by the community and for the community. Its members are its owners, and when PPEC empowers the community, it raises quality of life for those they serve.

One of PPEC’s Cooperative Principles is “Concern for Community,” which means that cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership. In other words — as stated by their motto — “What’s good for the community is good for the cooperative.”

“As a not-for-profit cooperative, giving back to the communities we serve is part of our DNA,” said PPEC Marketing and Communications Manager Samantha Kuhn. “Our employees enjoy giving their time because

they know how much it means in a small town. We stand with our local communities and are proud to help out however we can, ranging from event sponsorships to Operation Round Up grants, service projects, and anything in between.”

You can find out exactly what PPEC is up to whenever you like — parades and more — if you follow them on social media for updates on community involvement. You can also subscribe to their monthly email newsletter or visit www.ppec.coop for co-op news.

FALL TILLAGE & SOIL COMPACTION

Agricultural field practices seem to be like our national politics, very much divided. Maybe 25% more fields planted to cover crop due to H2O Ohio funds. On the other hand, there appears to be more vertical tillage, chisel plowing and plowing. Green fields surrounded by bare fields. The wet fall weather, soggy soils, and tillage has created hard pans and poor soil structure. Perhaps winter freezing and thawing will mellow out our soils but tilling soils wet almost always creates more problems; especially with soil compaction, drainage, and soil structure.

Farmers have many reasons for fall tillage. Eliminating ruts, burying diseased plant residue, and burying weed seed are common explanations. Stale seed beds (light fall tillage) create spring soil conditions for good seed to soil contact and slightly warmer soils which allow plants (especially corn) to germinate quickly. Corn is a warm season plant that also benefits from nutrients released during tillage. Soybeans and even wheat are more forgiving and these crops tolerate no-tilled or cover crop fields better than corn.

Many no-till and cover crop farmers have found ways to heal the soil so that they can get the same or sometimes even better yields by leaving the soil undisturbed. Improving soil health reduces pests (weed seed, diseases and insects) once beneficial organisms return. However, it may take 3-7 years, sometimes longer to make this transition to get the same yields. When crop prices are high and profit margins are tight, very few farmers will make this transition. When crop prices de-

cline and/or fertilizer and fuel prices are high, interest in no-till and cover crops rise. Farming is a big gamble and most farmers try to minimize their risks on farming practices that appear risky. While soil health may be better long-term for the environment and even eventually higher crop yields; most agricultural decisions on made on a short-term basis.

There are two ways to deal with soil compaction and poor soil structure. Mechanical solutions are short-lived, lasting one year and contribute to long-term soil compaction and poor soil structure. A ripper or subsoiler will increase water infiltration 18 inches but it burns up soil organic matter (SOM) and increases soil erosion. The biological approach may be slower (takes 2-3 years, roots penetrate about 1 foot/year) but it is longer lasting. Increasing SOM levels creates a major storehouse for soil nutrient while reducing soil erosion. Cover crop roots may increase water infiltration down 3 feet or deeper to improve water drainage. Maintaining or increasing SOM should be every farmer’s goal if they want to improve soil structure, purchase the least commercial fertilizer, and optimize crop yields.

Dr. Sjoerd Duikert, Penn State documented changes in soil structure once tillage was eliminated. A loaded grain truck was transported across 4 fields: conventional tilled field, one, two, and multiple years in no-till. The conventional tilled field had 6-12 inch ruts, the one year no-till 3-6 inch ruts, two year no-till 1-2 inch ruts, with minimal ruts in the long-term no-till field. The improved soil structure increased soil structural stability in the no-till fields over time.

To improve soil stability, farmers should limit or totally reduce tillage to improve soil structure and reduce soil compaction. Avoid subsoiling or deep tilling wet saturated soils which cause smearing and sidewall compaction. Second, plant cover crops yearly to maximize active SOM, root exudates, and beneficial mycorrhizal fungi glomalin which forms macro-aggregates critical for good soil structure. Plant a mixture of legumes, grasses and brassica cover crops. Grass roots (sorghum, annual ryegrass, cereal rye, oats) have fibrous roots and supply carbon and phosphorus. Legume roots (clovers: Balansa, crimson, red; hairy vetch; winter peas; Sunn hemp, cowpeas) have deeper tap roots and supply nitrogen. Brassica’s (daikon radish, kale, rape seed) reduce weeds and promote beneficial microbial populations. Sunflowers have deep roots while buckwheat has shallow roots, great for reducing soil compaction.

Third, keep the soil surface covered with crop residue. Surface crop residue reduces heavy rainfall impact and cushions the weight of wheel and implement traffic. Crop residue also reduces soil erosion, improves water infiltration, and regulates oxygen and soil carbon levels. Removing residue, is like removing the roof on your house. The

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to “Sudoku puzzle on Page 11”

house will soon rot out and collapse just like our soils tend to break down and collapse with excess tillage and lack of live roots. Heavy wheel axle loads from loaded combines, grain carts, and large tractors along with excessive tillage

are major causes of soil compaction and poor soil structure, but it takes live roots and microbes or Biology to improve your soil structure and build SOM!

—James J. Hoorman,
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

N THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff,

vs.

LEIGHTON MULLINS, EL.AL.
DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-031
Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Leighton Mullins; Unknown Spouse of Leighton Mullins
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 15803 Rd. 191, Defiance, Ohio 43512

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Leighton Mullins, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 534 Page 1661 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

The following real property situated in the County of Paulding, State of Ohio, and in the Township of Auglaize, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 East, Auglaize Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21; thence South 00°01'07" East on the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21 for a distance of 842.49 feet to a point; said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described; ... thence continuing South 00°01'07" East for a distance of 181.60 feet to a point; thence North 89°56'08" West on a line being parallel with the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21 for distance of 20.00 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing North 89°56'08" West for a distance of 1310.98 feet to an iron pin on the West line of the

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Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County, Ohio
By: *Kacy Burdick*
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

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Paulding County, Ohio
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CHRISTMAS IN JULY: ANNOUNCING HOLIDAY CIRQUE JOY & JERSEY BOYS



Van Wert Live announces Christmas in July with two spectacular shows being delivered in Van Wert that will make the holiday season fun-filled and affordable. Kicking off with daring delight is Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland, presented by Westwood Behavioral Health on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM. This must-see holiday event ushers in the magic of the season. Igniting joy and wonder at The Niswonger like never before, Wonderland is an all-new musical journey that will transport audiences to a magical land far away with unforgettable experiences filled with acrobats, aerialists, hilarious hijinks, and holiday cheer. The show blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today's greatest circus performers with a musical mix of timeless seasonal favorites. Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is the premier cirque show in the world and will make Thanksgiving week absolutely complete.

Returning to The Niswonger with a swagger all their own is The Midtown Men. This quartet of stars from the Broadway smash hit Jersey Boys, will ring in the Christmas season in Van Wert on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM with their "Holiday Hits" show. This evening of songs and stories will feature iconic Yuletide classics such as "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," as well as their signature renditions of the greatest rock and

roll hits of the 1960s. The popular vocal group will treat the audience to the songs of The Beatles, The Temptations, The



Four Seasons, and more! The Midtown Men will also perform their holiday single, "All Alone on Christmas," which they recorded with Stevie Van Zandt and members of Bruce Springsteen's The E Street Band. Christmas time is "the most wonderful time of the year" with these seasoned Broadway veterans.

For more information visit vanwertlive.com or the Box Office Mon-Fri from 10A to 3P / 419-238-6722.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. Annual sponsors helping keep ticket prices low is Central Insurance, Statewide Ford, and First Federal Bank of Van Wert. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert.

NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP NAMED BEST CHILDREN & ADULTS LITERACY GROUP

New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) has been named a U.S. winner in Acquisition International's 2022 Non-Profit Organisation Awards. NHEG was awarded Best Children & Adults Literacy Group - Ohio.

This is the second win for NHEG from Acquisition International, a monthly digital business magazine with global circulation published by AI Global Media Ltd, a publishing house based in the United Kingdom.

Pamela Clark, Founder/Executive Director of NHEG stated, "We extend a warm thank you to Acquisition International for recognizing the work of our organization and its many volunteers. We are thankful for and appreciate your continued support."

More information about the NHEG award and other award winners is available via the links below:

- Directory listing - <https://www.acquisition-international.com/winners-list/?award=98329-2022>

- The official press release - <https://www.acquisition-international.com/acquisition-international-is-proud-to-announce-the-winners-of-the-2022-non-profit-organization-awards/>

- New Heights Educational Group - New Heights Educational Group 2022 (acquisition-international.com)

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The auxiliary of CHP Home Care & Hospice of Paulding is offering two \$500 nursing scholarships for Paulding County students pursuing registered nurse (RN) training or current RNs working toward a degree in a specialized field.

Applications may be picked up at the CHP office, 250-A Dooley Dr., Paulding. Two reference letters are required for each applicant and CHP employees are eligible to apply. Deadline for completed applications is Aug. 11, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded Sep. 1.

For more information, call 419-399-4708.

HERITAGE LIONS RELEASE DATES FOR ICE CREAM TRAILER

Heritage Lions Ice Cream Trailer: July 14; July 28 at "Music in the Park" in Monroeville Park; August 4 for the Hubie Ashcraft concert during the Monroeville Harvest Festival. They will sell ice cream, as well as run the concessions stand, for the Harvest Festival Demolition Derby.

The ice cream trailer returns to the Music in the Park on August 11, 18, and 25. The final ice cream event of the summer happens at the Saint Joseph Catholic Parish, Hessen Cassel Fall Festival on September 24.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives, and strengthened communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome and encourage everyone who

GHOST ARMY INFLATABLE TANK NOW DISPLAYED AT THE VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE & MUSEUM



The Ghost Army, known for their deception tactics during WWII currently has an exhibit at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum 2122 O'Day Road in Fort Wayne now through September 27 This exhibit is part of the Bill Blass 100th Anniversary being celebrated in Fort Wayne. Bill who was a Fort Wayne native was a member of the famous Ghost Army.

The museum has an expansive display about the his-

tory of the Ghost Army, sketches of some of Bill Blass's artwork and other artist's sketches while in the field. There is a pictorial history about the Ghost Army and tactics used to deceive Nazi Germany during WWII. There are artifacts from that era also on display.

An actual inflatable tank is now on display at the Pavilion on the Memorial grounds. This 18 ft. tank is 10 ft high and 10 ft. wide and depicts how the German's were fooled

into believing that these tanks in the field appeared to be real!

The Tank and exhibit inside the museum can be seen Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday every week from 11am to 4pm. The exhibit can be seen through September 27. The Shrine is also selling commemorative collector coins of the Ghost Army for \$15.00 each. Admission to the exhibit is free to the public. For more information, go to honoringforever.org.

wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

RIVER BANDITS WIN WITH ONE!

River Bandits baseball hosted Adrian Legion on Thursday evening. This low scoring match up allowed a hitter from River Bandit pitchers, Robinson & Liffick. Rubinstein picked up an RBI for the Bandits.

River Bandits picked up the lone run in the bottom of the 2nd inning; they compiled 5 hits overall.

Score by the Quarter:
Adrian Legion — 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 = 0; 1H, 1E

River Bandits — 0 1 0 0 0
X = 1; 5H, 1E

SILICA IMPROVES PLANT HEALTH

Silica is one of those elements like oxygen, carbon, and hydrogen that is often taken for granted. It is a major element in the Earth's crust and most soils. Silica is an abundant element in sandy beaches, in veins of quartz crystals, and granite boulders. Molten silica is used to make glass, due to its chemical structure to add rigidity.

Silica (silicon dioxide) forms when silicon comes into contact with oxygen. Sand, silt, and clay generally have high concentrations of silica. Abundant in soils, silica is a major part of plant tissue, found in plant cells at higher concentrations than nitrogen and potassium, two major macronutrients. Most scientists do not consider silica an essential nutrient or vital to plant survival, although this element provides many plant benefits.

Silica strengthens cell

walls, reinforcing cell walls by making them thicker and stronger. Weak cell walls do not provide the plant enough support, so strengthening cell walls helps a plant grow thicker, reinforced branches and stems that can support the weight of higher yields. Thicker stems and stalks can increase water and nutrient uptake which translates into faster growing healthier plants. Silica simply adds rigidity to the plant cells so they can grow healthier.

One major benefit of plant silica is its ability to resist environmental stress. Silica helps plants withstand extreme temperatures, both hot and cold. Silica supports

plants during hot mid-day temperatures and very low night time temperatures, helping plant survive both droughts and frost. Silica reduces the loss of water by transpiration from a plant cell by forming a protective mineral coating inside the cell. By losing less water, plants can survive low moisture conditions or periods of dry soils along with higher temperatures. During periods of cold, the stronger cell walls resist rupturing during the stress of freezing water. Adequate silica concentrations in plant cells allows plants to survive extreme conditions.

Silica also enhances the
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LATTA JOINS AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY TO HIGHLIGHT NEED FOR RELIEF AT THE GAS PUMP



BOWLING GREEN, OH -

Today, Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) visited a local gas station in Northwest Ohio to highlight the ongoing energy crisis and the impact it is having on consumers. The event, organized by Americans for Prosperity (AFP), included a roll back in the price of gas to \$2.38, the price when President Biden took office in January 2021.

"Ohioans are struggling with high prices and deserve relief," said Latta. "While it was only for today, Americans for Prosperity brought real relief to the people of Northwest Ohio and highlighted the need for policies that would bring prices back to pre-Biden levels. We must unleash North American Energy Production and support the right regulatory environment that will encourage investments in American energy, so that we can provide permanent relief to the American people."

Background
AFP's The True Cost of Washington campaign will educate Americans in nine states, including Ohio, about

the truth behind rising costs while offering real solutions to make everyday life more affordable. Thanks to skyrocketing inflation, Americans across the country can expect to spend an extra \$5,200 to maintain the same standard of living as last year, and an extra \$1,433 for gasoline.

A poll recently conducted by Public Opinion Strategies for AFP found that 75 percent of Americans reported that the increase in costs has impacted their consumer behavior over the past year. Most individuals surveyed agreed that government policies and regulations have caused price increases. 61 percent of those surveyed blamed President Biden for this increase.

AFP's solutions to combat these rising prices garnered support, with 88 percent of respondents agreeing the government should make it easier to produce energy domestically, and 82 percent agreeing with getting government spending under control by tackling the federal debt and reducing federal budget deficits.

sist many plant pathogens, diseases, and even insect attacks. Biting and sucking insects find it harder to penetrate the leaf when a silica barrier exists.

James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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plants immune system from disease and insect attacks by acting like a super vitamin. Soluble silica, that is foliar applied to plant leaves, reduces fungal spores and fungal infections like pythium and powdery mildew. Silica forms a mineral barrier inside the plant leaf, so the plant can re-

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PARADE **ENTREES**
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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!!!

GARAGE SALE: 16191 Rd 7, Antwerp, July 14,15,16. Clothes various sz, comforters, lots misc. Items. p

SILENT AUCTION = BIG HIT AT ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK!

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's biggest

ESTATE SALE: 50+ years accumulation. Whole house, basement, garage, & shed, packed full. Cash only, come prepared to haul it out. 2 recliners, MCM curved 3pc sectional sofa, tables, lamps, desks, shelving, 4pc bedroom set, queen memory foam mattress set with frame. Bedding, rugs, towels, vintage men & women's clothing, including suits, furs, coats & more. Old & new books galore. Antique mantel clock, military items, vintage toys, old & newer jewelry, kitchenware, appliances, lamps, pictures, craft and canning supplies, weight set, treadmill, exercise bicycle, camping & fishing. Wood, automotive & general tools, garden tiller, garden supplies, A-frame with bench swing, row boat with oars, near mint Evinrude outboard motor & gas tank. 50's & 60's Schwinn & Western Auto bicycles. Portable cement & mortar mixer, scrap metals, so much more. Sale prepared by friends & family. Reasonable offers considered. Saturday 1/2 off all day. July 14, 15 and 16, 9-5. 9011 Mettert Rd. Woodburn, IN 46797. p

fundraiser during Day in the Park is their Silent Auction. Last year they raised over \$1300. All funds that come into the Chamber accounts go towards the betterment of the Antwerp business community.

Chamber members are busy collecting items for the silent auction for this year's Day in the Park - Island Vibes!

If YOUR business would like to contribute to this entertaining fundraising event, please contact Sue Fowler (Chamber treasurer) at 419-258-2410 or Heather Matusiak at Gen Fed.

Donations may also be dropped off at the Leland Smith insurance office or either Sue or Heather would be happy to pick it up from your business. Items will be displayed in the window of the Leland Insurance office in the weeks leading up to Day in the Park.

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates all of the support from the local Antwerp businesses and community members. It has indeed been a challenging year for everyone, including small businesses, and Chamber thanks all for their continued support of the Antwerp Chamber. Of Commerce!

Sudoku solution from page 9

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MENDEZ GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Deputy Nick Mendez, DARE Officer from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office as guest speaker at the July 7, 2022 club meeting. Deputy Mendez came at the invitation of Lora Lyons (Executive Director of United Way of Paulding County).

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: SAM SWITZER REALTY



Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight for July is Jennifer Ankney and the Sam Switzer

Realty in Hicksville, Ohio

Jennifer Ankney is the newest full-time realtor in Sam Switzer Realty's Hicksville Office. She comes to real estate with a passion and excitement for helping people buy and sell their homes to start their next big life adventures! She works in the NW Ohio region (Hicksville, Antwerp, Payne, Edgerton, Sherwood, Cecil, Defiance, Edon and beyond), but also has an awesome network of Realtors in NE Indiana to refer to as well if that is where the next stage of your life is taking you.

Jennifer is a graduate of Hicksville High School and was born and raised in this

area. She lives in Hicksville with her husband Paul, who also graduated with her Class of 2000. She has two sons and has been active in both the little league program as well as the Huber Opera House since returning to this area in 2017. In summertime, you'll find her working hard for her clients, in her garden, at the baseball field, or you might even find her performing at various coffee shops and wineries with a high school classmate from time to time.

After almost a year in the business, Jennifer has brought 18 complete transactions to a successful close and helped dozens of people into their new homes! After just nine months, she qualified for the President's Sales Club award by selling over \$1 million worth of real estate. With an excellent attention to detail, she is friendly and helpful, very organized and on top of all situations. Clients have given her an average of 4.9/5 stars on RateMyAgent after completed transactions. When you hire her to work as your agent, you can expect professionalism and hard work that extends beyond the normal 9-5 business hours.

The market can be scary and difficult to navigate right now, and there's no better help than an outstanding and knowledgeable agent. Jennifer can help you navigate inspections, appraisals, different types of financing, zoning, and title issues as well as connect you with excellent and respected professionals in other areas of this industry. Building? No problem! If you're thinking about selling, the first step is to

DEMO DERBY RETURNS TO HARLAN DAYS



Mark your calendar for the 75th annual Harlan Days Festival. The dates are August 4, 5, and 6. Fan favorite Demolition Derby Soccer returns on Saturday night in the arena at 7:30. If you haven't seen it, drivers crash and compete over a six-foot soccer ball while excavators play goalie.

The Thursday evening event is Horse Barrel Racing and Friday evening is side-by-side Drag Racing. Children 5 and under are free. Don't miss

the fun!

Harlan Park will be full of activities all festival long. Carnival rides open at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Grab some food from one of the ten food trucks or visit the food pavilion for some home-cooking.

Watch as athletes complete in softball, volleyball, pickleball, cornhole, and basketball tournaments. Take a seat and enjoy some live music at the old

stage all three evenings. We promise the park will be full of family fun!

Join the Harlan Christian Youth Center for two free events on Thursday night. Make a float and join the Youth Parade walking the festival midway at 6:00 p.m. Children are then invited for a K-6 kickball game at 7:00 p.m.

Find Harlan Days Festival online and on Facebook for more information. We hope to see you August 4, 5, and 6.

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The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Jennifer and Sam Switzer Realty for the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding communities.

GEM OF THE YEAR NOMINEE DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY!

As plans for 2022 Antwerp Chamber of Commerce's Day in the Park (August 13) are being solidified so are the deadlines for submissions for the various events of the day.

Gem of the Year is an award that has been given to a member of Antwerp who has given back over and over again for this community. A Gem is someone who takes pride in Antwerp and wants to see it be the best place to live. If you have someone in mind who you think should be this year's Gem of the Year, pick up a nomination form from one of these locations – www.antwerpchamber.com, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, Antwerp Pharmacy, or Antwerp Exchange Bank – and then drop off the form in the Nominee Box at Antwerp Pharmacy, by THIS FRIDAY, July 15th. Day in the Park will begin

with the 2nd Annual Holly Kobee Memorial Turtle Trot 5K at the Antwerp UMC parking lot at 7:30 a.m. (for registration info go to their Facebook page). Then onto the Parade – Island Vibes – at 10am going from the school all the way through town & past Riverside Park where all the action of the day will take place.

Entertainment for the day will start off with an Extraction Demonstration by the Antwerp EMS from 11:15-11:30 a.m. Then the afternoon will be filled with the sounds of local group, Island Vibe, of Angola, IN.

Games for all the kids include a dunk tank and carnival games by area 4-H groups; and inflatables and a pony ride provided by Scheumann Farms. Food vendors will line the park with food offerings to keep the festival goers' bellies satisfied. Antwerp Chamber will be sponsoring a Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing, 30-minute \$5 Chamber Buck drawing and a Cutie Pie Contest. If you have a donation for the silent auction, please contact the Chamber through their Facebook page "Antwerp Chamber of Com-

merce" or email at antwerpchamber@gmail.com.

The Antwerp Chamber looks forward to seeing everyone at the Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp on Saturday, August 13th.

PAVING TO BEGIN ON STATE ROAD 101 SOUTH OF MONROEVILLE

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the repaving of State Road 101 between County Line Road and Willow Run Drive.

Crews are scheduled to begin work on or after July 11 and expected to wrap up by mid-August. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

Alternating lane closures will be in place during construction. Watch for single line traffic being regulated by flaggers.

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