

## BURL & ELLIE BARNES OF PAULDING CELEBRATE 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



What started at a square dance at Ohio State in 1954, continues today: Still Buckeye fans. Socializing when they can. Spending time together. And dancing...or at least watching it on TV.

When they met, she was Elcena Zerkle, a physical therapy major, from St. Paris, OH. He was Burl Barnes, a farmer's son from Paulding, OH, ma-

joring in ag and animal husbandry. This storyteller thinks it was love at first site...and it still is six-and-a-half decades later.

They were married on a very hot July 21 in St. Paris at the First Baptist Church. Her parents were Byford and Lottie Zerkle...his were Burl Barnes Sr, the late Faye and

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## CRANE TWP CECIL FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS NEW TRUCK



Chad Bucholz, Captain Robert Herber, Willie Ruber, Township Trustee Kevin Stuart, Michele Carder, and John Zielke.

In 2019 the voters of the village of Cecil and Crane Township took to the polls to voice their approval of a new tax levy that allowed the fire department in the village of Cecil to purchase a new fire truck. It's now 2022 and the truck has been delivered and fully operational!

Fire Chief Bob Herber made note of the new auto pumping features with a Husky control panel, (and lots of shiny gauges and connections!) of the truck saying how this truck had already been on several runs since the delivery back in May. The truck has slide outs with all of the power

tools for helping to fight fires in the community.

Tim Copsey, Paulding County Economic Development Director stated, "Paulding County voters (of Crane Township and Cecil Village) continue to support efforts

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### 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

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### FUNDRAISER FOR FRIENDS OF THE PAULDING PARK DISTRICT

Friends of the Paulding Park District will be holding a fundraiser at Five Span Park on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

#### 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
- Summer Patio Concert @ Huber, 7pm

#### July 22

- Paulding Chamber Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 9am
- VBS Friday @ St. Paul Lutheran, 9a-12p

#### July 23

- Chicken BBQ & Ice Cream Social @ Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall, 4-7pm

#### July 24

- Campfire & Games @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

#### July 26

- Baby Got S'Mac @ Grounded CC, 11a-1p
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

#### July 27

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

#### July 28

- Heritage Lions Ice Cream @ Monroeville Park

#### July 29

- VBS Friday @ St. Paul Lutheran, 9a-12p



Add your event to the calendar  
info@westbendnews.net

**OBITUARIES**



at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn, IN from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. A Celebration of Life Service took place on Saturday July 16th, 2022 at 10:30 am at Christ Lutheran Church in Woodburn, IN with visitation prior from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

There will be a burial service at the Christ Lutheran cemetery.

Pastor Tim Edwards will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn Lutheran School or Parkview Lutheran Foundation (for brain cancer patients) or to plant a tree in honor of Norm.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



ANTWERP, OH:

**James Donnell**, 85, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Jim was born in Antwerp on June 24, 1937, a son of the late Regina (Dunderman) & Arlie Donnell.

Jim was a simple, honest, and hardworking man. In recent years, he found much satisfaction driving truck for NAPA. Jim spent his whole life in the Antwerp community and was always a friendly face to see around town.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Scott Donnell; sister Judith Clinton; grandchildren, Kelli Thompson & Greg, Scott & Haylee Donnell; & one great-grandchild.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa, to whom he was married February 15, 1958; & children, Lorrie Baker & Greg Donnell.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 2:30 PM at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Memorials are to Paulding County Nurse Auxiliary, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses and staff at Community

Health Professionals for the significant difference they made in Jim's care.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

**COMPLETE HAPPINESS**

**By: Doris Applegate**

"Oh happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Savior and my God, Well may this thankful heart rejoice and spread His blessings all abroad. He taught me how to watch and pray and live rejoicing everyday. Oh hallelujah, happy day, when Jesus took my sins away."

"One of the happiest days of your life will be the day that you give your life to Jesus Christ. Your sins he'll take away and your night he'll turn to day. Your life he'll make it ever anew. If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy, let Jesus come into your heart."

"God wants a family who He can fellowship with and bless, Jesus Christ, God's son, gave his life for this very purpose."

"As the days of chaos and evil continue, darkness will cover the earth, but those who live for the Lord will grow brighter. We are lights to shine in a dark world if we belong to Jesus Christ. 'Only one life twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.'"

We are needed in a world gone crazy. We can be a great blessing, only if we have wisdom, energy and love of God in us by the Lord. The way to receive forgiveness and hope of Heaven is through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Amen

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**

*Dear Parson,  
I don't understand why God would allow even some of His own children to suffer great handicaps.*

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

He does not always reveal His reasons but He has them and will show us some day. Luke 8:17 - "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made

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stepmother Sybilla. After a honeymoon in the Poconos, Burl and Ellie settled in Paulding at the Barnes homestead until he was drafted into the Army that took them to Georgia and then Germany. They returned to Paulding in 1959 where he farmed the land originally farmed by four generations before him.

In the late 60s, he got out of farming and began working for the Ohio Farm Bureau and continued there for 31 years. After four children, Lesta (Paul) Searles, Laurie Barnes, Scott (Chrissy) Barnes and Amy Barnes were born, Ellie returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree in education and later a master's in gifted education. She worked at Paulding Exempted Village Schools for 30 years, first as the seventh-grade science teacher, and then as the gifted coordinator.

After they both retired, Burl and Ellie served as church leaders, active Buckeye alumni and sports fans, and avid travelers. Among their favorite places to visit

manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad."

In Acts 3 there was a forty-year old man who was born lame. Daily they laid him at the temple gate to beg. Most all of the Jews saw him daily. Then Peter and John healed him through the name of Jesus. When the Jews saw him walking and leaping, they were amazed and wanted to know how it happened. Peter and John preached unto them Jesus and about 5,000 men were saved. The purpose of this man's suffering was revealed.

While such suffering (not knowing why) is going on, the believer needs to follow Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

**NAZ GAME DAY**

On August 8, 2022 the Payne Church of Nazarene, 509 Orchard St, will host game day for 4<sup>th</sup> graders - seniors from 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. with a free lunch being served. There will be Pickleball, Bocce Ball, Hillbilly golf, Kick ball, Corn Hole and more!

**MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AND SWAP**

The Van Wert County Historical Society will be sponsoring our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend on July 23-24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St.

There will be over 220 tables of model railroad/train bargains. There will also be several large modular Model Railroad Layouts, Time Savers, Locomotive Races and other displays. Additional buildings have been reserved for this years. All are handicap accessible. Parking is free. All the proceeds received from this event benefit the VWCHS.

were Sedona, AZ, Albuquerque, NM, scenic Michigan spots, New England and a tour through Europe which included a visit to Germany where they were stationed in the Army.

As grandparents, they are top notch and spend as much time as they can with four granddaughters, Adrienne Searles, the late Kayla Spiker, Alex and Mia Barnes; a grandson, Emmet Barnes; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Castillo.

Throughout their lives and today, Burl and Ellie have always made things...paintings, Santas, stone and wire jewelry, greeting cards, and Buckeye jewelry. They have also always grown things. Their yard on Buckeye Drive (see the theme?) is one of the most beautiful ones in town! And they always have an open door and a hot cup of coffee for visitors.

Burl and Ellie will be celebrating their 65th anniversary until they can celebrate their 66th. When you see them up-town or on Facebook, say hi and wish them a very happy anniversary.

**Scripture of the Week**

"Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

— James 1:21

**MATT'S MISHAPS**



Ladders and scaffolding are a thing of the past. Climbing ropes and harnesses are the current way to paint in high, tight and hard to access places. Thankfully our patio painters let us know to get our drying clothes put away before they started working.



*"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*

**What is Your Choice? - Dust, Tar or Paint**

Gravel roads are a great invention! Gravel roads are cheaper to build and maintain. In Elkhart County, Indiana, local officials switched one road back to gravel as it was better than having a poorly maintained paved road.

A country singer once twanged, "Sitting in a six-lane, backed up in traffic, horns are honking. Yes, it makes me want to take a back road, it makes me want to take the long way home, and put a little gravel in my travel." I know my mom would never want to sing that song, as the gravel road near our house growing up was her arch nemesis. Whenever she would have the clothes out drying on the line, somebody would come flying by and send a dust cloud blowing towards her clean, damp, drying clothes.

The road near my boyhood home was eventually switched over to "chip and seal," which ended the dust clouds. However, on a hot, sunny summer day, the tar would bleed out from between the stones and bubble. Cars would get the tar on the wheel wells and my dad

would have to clean it off the car. Kids on bikes would get tar on their shoes. It isn't easy to clean off.

Overseas, we have different enemies to staying clean looking. Our city apartment building like most, has open court yards throughout it, for ventilation and for a fire escape if needed. We live on the bottom level, so we get a little patio, that serves as my wife's place to hang up our clothes to dry.

Unfortunately, some have less than neighborly neighbors in the apartments above them. With a blind eye to the damp, clean clothes drying on the bottom of the courtyard, neighbors above have cleaned their dirty windows with water (dripping dirty water onto clothes), as well as shaking out rugs and emptying dust pans. Don't cross a mother bear with cubs, nor a wife with her laundry all dirty again.

However, the worst was when my wife discovered grey paint on our clothes that were out drying. Grey paint on your underwear isn't too bad, but on your shirts and slacks is another story. The community chairman had forgotten to notify the neighbors that the apartment building roof would be painted that day.

Living overseas in a congested urban grid work of apartments and streets, I could sing along to picking dust over tar and paint. "I've been cooped up, tied down, and about forgotten what a field looks like, full of corn or cotton, if I'm going to hit a traffic jam, well it better be a tractor man, so sick and tired of the interstate system, I need a curve and wide a twisting, dusty path."

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

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Nancy Whitaker took the week off from her normally scheduled column, so we thought we would share with the readers some of her accomplishments as a writer.

We are grateful to all of our contributors of the West Bend News, especially a local legend like Nancy! Enjoy!

—WBN editors

**Hooper Awards**

• 2008 – First place, In-Depth Reporting, series "Sex Offenders" by staff reporter Nancy Whitaker

• 2007 – Third place, In-Depth Reporting, series "Tales of Broughton" by staff writer Nancy Special Sections – "Civil War

**Inland Press:**

• 2012 – Third place, Personality Profile – "Jimmy Miller retires and returns from Washington" by staff reporter Nancy Whitaker

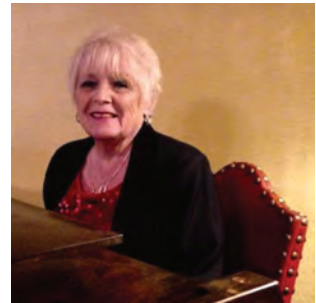
• 2011 – Third place, Explanatory Reporting – "Little Lilly needs the gift of life" by staff reporter Nancy Whitaker.

• 2009 – Second place, Explanatory Reporting – "WWII soldiers remains to be brought home from military funeral."

Third place Personality/Individual profile – outlaw Marvin Kuhns, both by staff reporter, Nancy Whitaker.

• 2008 – Third place, Explanatory Reporting; 3-part series on "Living with domestic abuse" by staff reporter Nancy Whitaker

• 2007 – Third Place, Inland Press Association local News Writing Contest. Personality/Individual Profile Stories – "Twas blind, but now I see: The gift of sight for



Nathan"

• 2005 – Second place, Inland Press' local Newsroom Writing Competition

The story which was recognized in the category of Personality and Individual Profile Series was by staff reporter, Nancy Whitaker

• 2004 – Third place, Investigative Reporting – "Bank Embezzlement" – Nancy Whitaker and Melinda Krick

• 2004 – Second place, Personality/Individual Profile Stories – "150-year-old Church" – Nancy Whitaker

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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, 50-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 Commerce" 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.**

**TWIN OAKS TO HOST FREE WILL OFFERING MEAL**

On July 23, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. At the Twin Oaks Fellowship Hall, 201 E. Harmon St, Oakwood, OH there will be a Chicken BBQ and Ice Cream Social.

The meal includes: Chicken Quarter, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll and cookie. Ice cream will also be available in a variety of flavors.

The meal will be a free will offering.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS**

First United Methodist Preschool, located at 113 W. Central Ave., is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. First United Methodist Preschool is a Christian based school which prepares children to succeed in all areas of life. The curriculum is driven by the Ohio Department of Education standards and each teacher is there to provide a positive and nurturing environment for all children as they begin their educational journey. The preschool offers 2 day classes for those students turning 3 by October 1 of the current school year they will be attending. We do accept enrollments any time during the school year pending assessment and evaluation of readiness by the teacher. A child who is at least 4 and is planning on attending Kindergarten the following school year may attend the Pre-Kindergarten classes. A student attending a Pre-Kindergarten class has the option of choosing 3 or 4 mornings per week. All classes meet 8:30a.m to 11:30a.m. Register online at www.fumpreschool.com or contact Administrator Marilyn Agler at 419-238-0631 ext. 308 or by email at marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net.

**CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY TO HOLD 127 YARD SALE TO BENEFIT BUILDING FUND**

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry will be participating in the 127 Yard Sale at the beginning of August. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the pantry's building fund.

Paulding County community members can contribute to this fundraising project in the following ways:

- 1) Donate items. The pantry is looking for used or new items of value that you no longer need. Handmade items will also be accepted. You can drop of your items at 17374 US 127, Cecil, OH, 45821, but not before July 30.
- 2) Shop the pantry's sale at the home at 17374 US 127, Cecil, OH, 45821. The sale will be open at this location at the following dates and times: Pre-sale! on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and Half-Off Sale! Sunday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m. – noon.
- 3) Send a donation to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

For more information, follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook. If you have questions about the

sale, you can ask it there or through messenger.

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is planning to build a new facility at 318 North Walnut in Paulding to better serve the county and its people. The preliminary budget for the new pantry is \$525,000, and they have currently raised about one half of this goal. The pantry board has stated that they hope to break ground in Spring 2023.

If you would like to support the regular operations of the pantry, you can mail financial donations to P.O. Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879. And, you can deliver donations of food and personal care items to the pantry when it is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

**CLEAN AIR DUCTS FIGHT INDOOR ALLERGENS**

(NAPSI)—The joys of warm weather are somewhat reduced for the more than 50 million Americans who have allergies or asthma.

**The Problem**

When it comes to allergies, most people consider their home a safe haven, but houses can harbor all sorts of allergens: pet dander, dust mites, mold, mildew, and more. Asthma sufferers, children and the elderly tend to be particularly susceptible.

Fortunately, a few simple steps can reduce and remove allergens in your home.

**Here's How**

•Reduce pet dander. Dander can cling to furniture, clothes, walls, and just about any household surface. It can even make get into air ducts and circulate throughout your house. Frequent cleaning, especially steam cleaning, can help. So can regularly bathing your dog or cat.

•Prevent mold and mildew. Ensure your home has sufficient ventilation, use mold inhibitors in your paints, and clean your bathroom and kitchen with mold-busting products. Running your air conditioning and using dehumidifiers and air purifiers also helps.

•Get serious about air system filtration. Use HEPA filters if possible and change them monthly.

•Get your air ducts cleaned. Just as the surfaces in your home become dirty over time, so can the air ducts. You can trust members of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) to get the job done. They have technicians on staff with advanced training and certification in HVAC system cleaning, adhere to a code of ethics, and must demonstrate extensive knowledge of HVAC design and cleaning.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Recently a citizen of Antwerp reached out to me to see if I would write an article on someone he remembers as a child, so here it goes.

Percy Perry Smith was born December 28, 1893 in Antwerp, Carryall Township, Ohio. The son of William and Della (Overmyer) Smith. This couple was married in 1888. By 1900, the Smith family were living in



**Percy and Ressie Smith**

Carryall Township with Percy being the only child. William was a farmer and Della a homemaker.

When Percy was in the eighth grade, he dropped out of school. By 1910, the family was still living at the same location. As Percy grew into a young man, his sense of adventure took him to a place called, Whitewater, Phillips County, Montana.

He was farming, as the world went to war. On June 5, 1917, Percy had to register for the draft. He was listed as 5'8", medium and slender build, blue eyes and black hair. He had no wife or children to claim. His longing for home, brought Percy back to Paulding County. He met a gal named, Ressie Pauline Rumbaugh, born August 8, 1897. She was the daughter of James and Nancy (Foster) Rumbaugh. James was a Civil War Veteran, serving with Company A. 132nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Ressie and Percy were married in Paulding, December 28, 1917. Percy signed up to serve in the National Guard out of Paulding, July 22, 1918. Percy was sent to serve with 5th Company, 2nd Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade. He remained with this unit until August 8, 1918. He was then sent to serve with Company M. 336th Infantry, 84th Division, where he served with them until October 5, 1918.

Percy was sent to Hoboken, New Jersey, August 27,

1918 to be shipped to France. Percy served with 1st Depot Division at St. Aignan, France until October 12, 1918. Then served with Company C. 358th Infantry until June 10, 1919. He was then off to serve with Demobilization Group, 219th unit at Camp Sherman, Ohio until June 15, 1919, where he was honorably discharged.

Percy served in France in the Muese-Argonne Sector, September 9, 1918 to June 7, 1919. By 1920, Percy and Ressie were living in Antwerp with her parents on Canal Street, Percy was a carpenter. On April 24, 1920, adventure took ahold of Percy, as he traveled to Emerson, Manitoba, Canada. His goal was to purchase land. With \$1850.00 in his pocket, it is unclear if he purchased land or not.

By 1930 while living in Antwerp, Percy took a job driving a truck. Ressie's father passed away January 17, 1927. Her mother lived with Percy and Ressie until she passed away January 27,

1937. By 1940, Percy and Ressie were living on 303 West Canal Street in Antwerp. Percy was driving truck for the Antwerp Parlor Furniture Company on Railroad Street. Percy's father was living with Percy and Ressie.

In 1942, Percy had to register for the World War 2 draft. February 8, 1948, Percy's father passed away. By 1950, Percy and Ressie were still living in Antwerp. Percy was driving truck for Engineering Ordinance Plant (is that the Depot outside New Haven?). He was classified as a government worker.

On December 1, 1961, Percy filed for Social Security. Ressie filed for Social Security, January 1, 1962. They spent the remaining years in Antwerp. Percy passed away in the Paulding County Hospital, March 31, 1991. Ressie passed away, at 9:00 A.M. May 24, 1991 at a Nursing Home. They both are buried in Maumee Cemetery on the West side, they never had any children. Until Next Time!

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# SAVING WORKERS' PENSIONS



For years, more than a million workers and retirees knew their pensions were in trouble. Truck drivers, carpenters, bakers, and others who worked hard all their lives were facing massive cuts to the retirement security they earned over a lifetime of work. The multi-employer pension system was severely underfunded – a system that more than a million workers across the country relied on.

These workers had given up raises at the bargaining table in order to put that money toward retirement for themselves and their families.

When Wall Street gambled and lost, they got a bailout. And when big corporations came to Washington looking for tax cuts, they got a handout.

But when working people's pensions needed saving, that's where Republican politicians drew the line.

For years we worked for a solution. I introduced the Butch Lewis Act, to keep the promise of these pensions.

We named it in honor of a retired Teamster from Evendale, Ohio, who passed away too soon, while fighting for his fellow workers. His wife Rita carried on in his name, helping lead this fight. Ohioans organized, they formed local committees, they rode all night in buses, to rally in the bitter cold and the hot, humid DC summer. Small businesses pleaded with Congress to act.

But Washington Republicans said it was too expensive. After bailing out big banks, they said retired workers would have to take cuts of 40, 50, or 60 percent to the pensions they'd paid into over a lifetime.

Then last year, the country elected a new president and a new Senate. I immediately called President Biden and said we have to do something to secure the

pensions of working Americans. Less than three months later, we got it done.

We saved these pensions with no cuts. Under the American Rescue Plan, we passed the Butch Lewis Act, finally keeping the promise made to working Americans, keeping multiemployer pension plans solvent and well-funded for 30 years with no cuts to the participant and beneficiaries who earned these benefits.

Hundreds of thousands of Ohio retirees and workers can now breathe easier knowing that the pensions they were promised will be there for them and their families.

After years of fighting alongside Ohio retirees, workers, and small businesses, we finally have a solution that will not only protect these pensions but will stimulate local economies and prevent a taxpayer bill of hundreds of billions of dollars if we did nothing. This is a victory for every American who's working hard to provide for their family and who feels ignored by Wall Street, let down by corporate America, and unseen by our country's government.

A pension is a promise. And in the United States of America, we keep our promises to working people.

## GIRLS HUB CHAIRS ON DISPLAY AT IMAGINATION STATION

If you could tell your story what would it be? In many cases it's a roadmap of where you've been and where you hope to go. For the next month, the inspiration and artistic stories of local young women will be displayed at Toledo's Science Center.

Girls Hub is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) summer program for girls and young women ages

12-17 that offers a dedicated workspace in design and construction, plus a mentorship program. This program through Women of Toledo teaches girls/young women how to use power tools and how to be the change they want to see in the world.

This year's project: Building Our Seats at the Table. Each of the 21 participants built and designed a chair so that they will always have a seat at the table. Each chair is unique to its designer and carries themes like Unity, Home of the Brave and Family.

"My chair is meant to share a message-- that women can do as much or even more than men," Amamree, 14, said. "Building my chair gave me confidence, accountability, empowerment and satisfaction. Never let anyone tell you what you can or can't do, unless it's your mother, then I can't help you there. If you want something to happen, work for it."

Girls Hub's Fearless Builders will celebrate completing the program on Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30pm in the KeyBank Discovery Theater. All are welcome.

HOURS: Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-5pm Sunday: noon-5pm

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## SCIENCE ON THE GIANT SCREEN

Education is at the forefront of everything at Imagination Station. This summer, the science center will launch a film series that highlights local issues happening in our community. Each film will be free and open to the public and includes a discussion with a guest speaker.

**The Erie Situation**  
Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., KeyBank Discovery Theater

In 2014, the citizens of Toledo, Ohio had to go without running water for three days when a bloom of highly toxic algae entered the drinking water plant from Lake Erie. This should have been a wakeup call for politicians, big agriculture, and citizens everywhere that freshwater resources are at risk of becoming toxic.

The Erie Situation explores the confluence of science, public sentiment, politics, and the powerful farming lobby as Ohio wrestles with how to confront the drivers of toxic algae in one of the Great Lakes.

Following the film, Sandy Bihn, executive director of the Lake Erie Waterkeeper, will discuss the film and take questions. The Lake Erie Waterkeeper program seeks to have fishable, swimmable, drinkable water for the Lake Erie Watershed. Bihn works to initiate a voice for the water from those that have an economic dependency on Lake Erie via the Lake Erie Improvement Association. She has a Master's degree in Finance from the University

of Toledo and served as Finance Director for the City of Oregon for 14 years. She also serves on the Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Coalition, is the Conservation Chair for the Western Lake Erie Sierra Club and is the president of the Toledo Lighthouse Society.

**Zip Code Matters**  
September 9-11, 6:30 p.m., KeyBank Discovery Theater

A person's ZIP Code has been shown to have a greater impact on health and well-being than their genetic code, affecting access to education, transportation, and wealth.

How is this possible? From Writer/Director Sena Mourad Friedman, Executive Producer Will Lucas, Producer Erickson Blakney and sponsored by The Fair Housing Center comes the provocative new documentary ZIP CODE MATTERS which boldly asks the question and gets profound and insightful answers from the nation's leading policymakers, nonprofit executives, public health officials and social scientists, researchers, authors, and civil rights and social justice activists. Audiences will learn about the connection between ZIP Codes and the forecast for life outcomes.

**The Human Element**  
November (TBD), KeyBank Discovery Theater

We humans are a force of nature. At the same time human activities alter the basic elements of life – earth, air, water, and fire – those elements change human life.

In an arresting new documentary from the producers of RACING EXTINCTION, THE COVE and CHASING ICE, environmental photographer James Balog captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, THE HUMAN ELEMENT inspires us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world.

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**NATHAN GERBER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT CAPITAL UNIVERSITY FOR SPRING 2022**

Nathan Gerber, of Latty, was named to the Dean's List at Capital University for the spring 2022 semester.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Located in the Columbus, Ohio, neighborhood of Bexley, Capital University is a private, four-year undergraduate institution and graduate school. Capital prepares students for meaningful lives and purposeful careers through a relevant liberal arts core curriculum and deep professional programs. Influenced by its Lutheran heritage, Capital places great emphasis on the free and open exchange of ideas, seeking out diverse perspectives, active partici-

# MILLION MEAL MOVEMENT



Brotherhood Mutual and Million Meal Movement recently packed Mac-N-Cheese meals that will provide 9,000 meals to families in Fort Wayne and Allen County Indiana.

Million Meal Movement is an Indy charity that holds community meal-packing

events and donates millions of meals to Indiana food pantries. The Indiana Pacers and our own Fort Wayne Mad Ants are just two of the sponsors of the Million Meal Movement. Thank you for helping to feed Fort Wayne and Allen County.

pation in society, leadership and service. With a focus on rigor and experiential learning, the University capitalizes on its size, location, and heritage to develop the whole person, both inside and outside the classroom.

## UF ANNOUNCES SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST

The dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students include: Megan Reineck of Paulding; Jaret Miller of Paulding; Blake Schuette of Antwerp; Fletcher Cook of Paulding

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to ex-

periential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

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**Antwerp Conservation Club Event Schedule**

**August 6 – Hunter Education Class, 9a-5p.**  
Registration online @ [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov)

**August 7 – IDPA Pistol Shoot: Registration @ 12Noon, match begins @ 1pm**

**August 11 – Monthly Meeting @ 7pm**

**August 14 – Trap Shoot: Registration @ 12:45pm, Shoot begins @ 1pm**

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

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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**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The reaction to the recent Dobbs decision on the Supreme Court from all sides of the political spectrum reveals the cracks in the American political system. On the Right, the news was met by unconditional praise for overturning what they consider to be bad precedent. Justice Samuel Alito, in the majority opinion, argued that Roe v. Wade (and subsequently Casey v. Planned Parenthood) relied upon rights that were

invented, not given by, the constitution and that the reasoning used to support the right to abortion was faulty. According to Alito and other conservatives, legal, social and political rights are not inexhaustible but constrained by the original meaning of the Constitutional text (but the majority has no problem using extra-constitutional notions like the "major questions" doctrine to effectively limit the regulatory power of federal agencies under the executive branch; see the recent ruling with West Virginia v. EPA). Hence, in their view, the right to an abortion is a strained and mistaken application of the Constitution. Alito further justifies his reasoning by arguing that rights should be grounded in well-established "history and tradition"—the reader would not be wrong to see this as an extremely ambiguous criteria for establishing what rights we have, considering the horrific atrocities that consist of that "history and tradition" (including, but not limited to the violent appropriation and dis-possession of Indigenous land and people and the institution of slavery). It is very clear from the majority opinion that the purpose of the court is a vehicle, not for the establishment of a more just and equal society, but for the establishment of a reactionary society, to ossify the social and power relations that undergird inequality in the present and to prevent ongoing sociopolitical movements from being successful at pushing the radical change that they envisage. Justice Thomas' concurring opinion further proves the point: not only does he think that Roe and Casey were

wrongly decided, but he also believes that other landmark cases, like Lawrence v. Texas, Griswold v. Connecticut, and, more recently, Obergefell v. Hodges, should be revisited. All of these cases, in some way, involve the right to engage in private sexual activity that isn't regulated by the state. In other words, the constitutional meaning of the right to privacy, the right to bodily autonomy, is at stake.

Among pro-life activists, the Dobbs decision has been celebrated as a step towards having the abortion issue decided at the state level, rather than by federal courts. The problem with this argument is that current state and local governments are hardly bastions of democracy either. It is clear that the end goal was never just leaving the issue to the states to decide, but the end of abortion rights altogether, in every state. And it was never just about the end of abortion, but about tearing down Johnson's Great Society and the successes of the civil rights, feminist, and other social movements of the late 60s.

On the other hand, the reaction of some (certainly not most) liberals was defeatism and acceptance. Those who still admire the court and its legitimacy believe that the opinion should be respected and that "delegitimizing" the court through court expansion/packing is worse than the court decisions themselves. This reasoning essentially concedes defeat. The court is designed to be insulated from the democratic process, an explicitly anti-democratic institution, not just with how justices are nominated and appointed, but also in their lifetime appointments. It is often argued that this is a good thing, because the separation of powers (between the branches) requires the court to be neutral or objective and to be free of the influence of public opinion. But neutrality is a myth. Nobody, not even SCOTUS justices, has the ability to step away from their social and political communities in order to deliver a verdict from on high. Alternatively, this dilemma forces us to think about what is right vs. what is institutionally possible, because the separation of powers in practice is intended to prevent radical political change. And if some liberals cannot stop treating the U.S. political system as if it were sacred, then they will end up defeated. If the Democratic Party's only response is to "vote harder", then they've already lost the battle for abor-

tion rights. The court has decided that more democracy is a bad thing and is ideologically committed to solidifying its own power, while weakening the power of the other branches of the federal government. At minimum, liberals who hold power should be pushing to do something. At the very least, court expansion for the purpose of weakening the power of the court is feasible (though unlikely). But demanding that the decision should be accepted is to treat the court as if it were God himself.

Many people are beginning to see the contradictions and failures of the American system of government, a result of the capitalist political economy that forms its base. It is no longer valorized and worshipped as it once was (only 25% of Americans see the court as legitimate, according to a recent Gallup poll). The sacred veil has been torn away; the Wizard of Oz revealed for who he truly is. It is an institution dedicated not to creating a better world but committed to restraining and ordering the political world according to the views of the political minority in America. The more people see it this way, the better. It has made me hopeful the last two weeks to see the number of Socialists, Communists, social-democrats, left-anarchists, progressives, and liberals who have been at the forefront of the protests, not only in favor of abortion, but against state-sanctioned violence (for instance, the recent eruption of protests in response to the horrific police shooting of Jayland Walker in Akron). These activists truly understand that the institutions and systems themselves are the problem. There may not be much hope right now, but a better world is certainly possible.

— Josh Steiner  
 Columbus, OH

**USDA PARTNERS WITH 27 STATES AND TERRITORIES TO ISSUE CHILD FOOD BENEFITS FOR SUMMER**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in partnership with states and territories across the country, is working with urgency to provide food benefits for the summer months to eligible

children. As of July 8, 27 states and territories, including Puerto Rico, are set up to provide these benefits to an estimated 13 million children.

"For far too long, millions of families have struggled to keep their kids fed and healthy during the summer while schools are out," said Cindy Long, administrator of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. "Child food benefits can bridge the gap and help families provide the nourishment their children deserve. These benefits can help American families in need cope with rising food costs."

States with approved plans to issue electronic benefit transfer, commonly known as EBT, for children over the summer include:

- Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.**

USDA is actively working with all states to help them participate in the program and be able to offer these food benefits to children.

Children are eligible for this temporary nutrition benefit, known as Summer P-EBT, if they receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year, or if they are under age six and live in a household receiving SNAP benefits. The benefits are loaded onto a debit-type card that can be used to purchase food. Families of eligible children typically receive \$391 per child for the summer, with higher rates for families in Alaska, Hawaii, and the territories.

There is strong evidence that providing families with summer child food benefits has positive impacts, such as:

- Decreasing by one-third the number of households with children who do not always have enough to eat;
  - Reaching children across diverse geographical areas – including difficult-to-reach rural populations;
  - Increasing consumption of nutritious foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy.
- For more information about the program and the

full list of states approved to provide Summer P-EBT, visit the P-EBT webpage. Also see the Frequently Asked Questions and Summer P-EBT blog.

Here are other resources for families seeking food assistance for children in their household:

- The USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder helps families quickly and easily find summer meal sites near them, where children can eat meals at no-cost.

- The USDA National Hunger Hotline, operated by Hunger Free America, connects people with food assistance in their nearby communities. The hotline can be reached Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) (for English) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (for Spanish).

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service leverages its 15 nutrition assistance programs to ensure that children, low-income individuals, and families have opportunities for a better future through equitable access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food, while building a more resilient food system. Under the leadership of Secretary Tom Vilsack, FNS is fighting to end food and nutrition insecurity for all through programs such as SNAP, school meals, and WIC. FNS also provides science-based nutrition recommendations through the co-development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To learn more, visit [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov) and follow @US-DANutrition.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

**Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village  
**Charloe:** Charloe Store  
**Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

**Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid  
**Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
**Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center  
**Ney:** Marathon  
**Oakwood:** 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  
**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub  
**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain

**Monroeville:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub  
**New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

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# CUTIE PIE CONTESTANTS WANTED FOR ANTWERP'S DAY IN THE PARK



Antwerp Chamber of Commerce DITP committee are on the look out for cuties for the annual Cutie Pie Contest! Do you have a cutie pie in your house? Is your phone loaded with pictures of your cutie pie? Do you take every opportunity to show off pictures of your cutie pie? We know that they are out there just waiting to be "discovered!"

Well, now is your chance to show them off during Antwerp's Day in the Park on August 13th.

This event, sponsored by

the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, will feature newborns to 4 year olds. Admirers of the cutie pies will have the chance to "vote" for their favorite Cutie Pie at Petals and Vines prior to Day in the Park and at the park on August 13th. The cutie pie with the most monetary donations at the end of the day will be the winner. The proceeds of this event will go to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Scholarship award winner in 2023. Chamber scholarship winner for 2022 was Jonathon

Meyer.

**To enter, submit a 5 x 7 picture (no frame) and a decorated donations container (please do not put photograph on container; DITP committee will put photograph in a frame for you) to Petals & Vines by August 8th.** Put the child's name and phone number on the BACK of the photo so the voters will not be influenced by the name. All entrants will be on display at Petals & Vines beginning on July 25th and then at the park on August 13th.

## MERCY HEALTH HOSPITALS EARN ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

As a mission-based organization, Mercy Health has a continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of the patients and communities it serves. That includes a commitment to developing a sustainable culture through environmental stewardships and working with others to protect the environment and communities' health now and for future generations.

Through efforts coordinated by a collaborative council of multi-disciplinary stakeholders across our ministry, Bon Secours Mercy Health (BSMH) and hospitals in Tiffin, Willard and Defiance implemented sustainable initiatives that earned environmental excellence awards from Practice Greenhealth, a leading sustainability member organization for hospital networks.

Locally, Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital, Mercy Health - Willard Hospital and Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital were recognized as Partners for Change. Additionally, Mercy Health - St. Vincent Medical Center, Mercy Health - St. Anne Hospital and Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital were recognized with Partner

Throughout the ministry, 31 BSMH hospitals received either the Partner for Change or Partner Recognition from Practice Greenhealth.

"We are pleased that Practice Greenhealth has highlighted Mercy Health's commitment to the environment in the Willard, Tiffin, and Defiance hospitals," said Julie Landoll, director of Mission for Mercy Health - Toledo Rural Market. "The connection between the health of the Earth and the health of our community is clear and we are excited to deepen our efforts toward sustainability."

Among the initiatives that led to these recognitions include:

- Tiffin Hospital, Willard Hospital and Defiance Hospital in the Toledo market have all become leaders in sustainability. In 2021, the Toledo market put together a sustainability council containing market physicians and leaders to help lead the market in sustainability efforts.
- Efforts such as following guidelines to place only the most necessary hazardous items in waste boxes. This eliminated the amount of hazardous waste at all three hospitals.
- In Defiance, Desflurane was removed from Mercy Health's acute care formulary.

Many different service lines collaborated on this effort including pharmacy, perioperative supply chain and biomedical engineering.

BSMH won the System for Change Award, which recognizes health systems that are working cohesively to set system-wide sustainability goals, track performance data, benchmark, and support intra-organizational learning and implementation within their institutions.

Major Health system successes that led to the award include:

- Achieving system-level recycling at Practice Greenhealth's median percentage; BSMH's average of 27% exceeds Practice Greenhealth's target with five BSMH hospitals performing above the 90th percentile.
- BSMH eliminated the use of desflurane as an anesthetic gas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, translating to the avoidance of approximately 1,671 metric tons of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere.

"I feel very grateful that so many people across the ministry have helped to demonstrate our commitment to strengthening our connection to our mission through sustainability. Receiving such an abundance of accolades

speaks volumes to the environmental stewardship within our culture. It is clear that we are a ministry that diligently cares for our common home," said Noah Dunlap, vice president of insights and innovation, Bon Secours Mercy Health and Advantus Health Partners, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bon Secours Mercy Health.

These successful initiatives illustrate the commitment BSMH has to instilling a sustainable culture in every area of health care.

"In a shifting health care landscape, a focus on sustainability can help build resilience while better protecting the health of patients and the community," said Practice Greenhouse Found Gary Cohen. "Bon Secours Mercy Health and its hospitals demonstrate the kind of leadership, innovation, and performance that can drive the entire health sector toward more environmentally responsible practices."

**RIVER BANDITS WIN 2 IN DOUBLE HEADER W/ KOKOMO**

River Bandits traveled to Kokomo for Summer Basketball action on July 9th for a double header. Mark Butler hit a 2-run home run in game one with Luke Krouse going 5.1 for the win and Nate Adkins adding 1.2 for the save.

In Game 2, Abe Delano went 4 innings for the win and Nate Adkins picked up his 2nd save on the day pitching the final 3 innings.

Score by the Quarter:  
 Game 1:  
 River Bandits - 0 0 0 3 0 0 = 3; 5H, 2E  
 Kokomo Legion - 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 1; 6H, 3E  
 Game 2:  
 River Bandits - 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 = 4; 6H, 2E  
 Kokomo Legion - 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 1; 4H, 2E  
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**SUNDAY FURY: RIVER BANDITS TAKE 2!**

On Sunday July 10th, River Bandits baseball hosted Muncie Legion in double header play.

Game 1 saw Muncie coming out of the gate with 2 runs in the first inning, but the Bandits kept right on their tails nabbing 1 in the first, 2 in the 3rd for the lead. The 4th inning gained 3 runs for each team, but that was the turning point for the Bandits as they gained on Muncie for the next 3 innings with 3 in the 5th and 1 in the 6th (compared with Muncie's 2 in the 5th and 1 in the 7th). This was just enough for the Bandits to snag a 8-10 win over Muncie

Score the by the Quarter:  
 Muncie - 2 0 0 3 2 0 1 = 8; 10H, 7E  
 Bandits - 1 0 2 3 3 1 x = 10; 8H, 3E  
 Game 2 was a sweep for the Bandits, taking the game in 5 innings.

Score by the Quarter:  
 Muncie - 0 0 0 0 0 = 0; 3H, 3E  
 Bandits - 2 2 2 5 x = 11; 14H, 0E

**RIVER BANDITS STOMP PEMBERVILLE**

The River Bandits 180 took to the road for baseball action against Pemberville Legion on Tuesday, July 12th.

Competition was stiff in this match up giving and taking runs through the 3rd in-

ning. Then the Bandits kicked it into high gear in defense and behind the plate. Bandit pitchers Liffick and Bok had a total of 11 strikeouts.

Score by the Quarter:  
 Bandits - 2 0 6 0 6 0 0 1 = 15; 17H, 0E  
 Pemberville - 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 = 6; 6H, 2E

## BANDITS SMASH ADRIAN

On July 13th, the River Bandits one again hit the road to Adrian for summer baseball. This game was all Bandits with only 2 runs for Adrian.

Score by the Quarter:  
 Bandits - 4 9 0 3 2 0 = 18; 15H, 0E  
 Adrian - 0 0 0 2 0 x = 2; 4H, 3E

## POST-WHEAT HARVEST OPTIONS

Farmers are working to wrap up wheat harvest and considering what to do next. Some will decide to do nothing, others may consider planting another crop, either soybeans or a cover crop. Double crop soybeans do best when soil is moist and temperatures do not get too hot. Cover crops give a farmer a little more flexibility, especially when planted in mixtures. Research in North Dakota, shows that even with minimal moisture, cover crop mixtures can flourish.

If cover crops are to be planted, there are several considerations. First, do you leave the straw and the biomass, or do you harvest it? While many farmers want to conserve their carbon, the high carbon to nitrogen (C:N) ratio of straw can reduce new cover crop plant growth. For soybeans, it does not seem to matter, since they make their own N. Harvesting straw can be an option for extra income, but the nutrients removed in straw need to be adequately compensated. Wheat straw has roughly about 9-12# N, about 1.5# actual phosphorus (P), and roughly 30# of actual potassium (K) per ton. At \$1 for N, \$.60 for P, and \$.40 for K, a ton of wheat straw has about \$25 of macro-fertilizer nutrients in it.

Second, what is the next crop? Corn benefits from planting legumes (cowpeas, winter peas), clovers (crimson, Balansa, Red) or vetches (hairy, common). Generally, when its hot and dry, cowpeas do better while winter peas like cooler temperatures and more moisture. Soybeans, benefit from grasses like cereal rye, barley, and oats

which supply more P with their fibrous roots.

Next, when and how will the cover crop be planted? Planting right after wheat harvest allows plants to gain more biomass before it freezes. However, moisture and weed seed germination can be issues. Planting early allows many summer annuals to be included in cover crop mixtures before a frost. Sunflower, buckwheat, Sorghum species all can be planted in early summer and benefit from the sunlight. To reduce weeds; cereal rye, radish, and sorghum are known to be good weed fighters. If planting later in the summer (August), farmers have the option of letting the weeds grow first, then spraying with a herbicide to terminate weeds. The later cover crops are planted, the less benefit there are to planting summer annuals. In summer, due to moisture restrictions, drilling cover crops is really the best option, broadcasting is not recommended. Broadcasting seed in the summer runs the risk of not enough rain for moisture; plus voles, earthworms, and even slugs like to consume broadcast seed.

Farmers may not be sure when they will plant their cover crops. In this case, hedge your bets by buying seed in bulk and mixing your own seed. Farmers can use two totes stacked on top of each other to mix their own seed. Weigh out or put in each variety in layers, add rhizobia inoculant if needed, then open the hatch about .5 inches. The seed/inoculant will slowly mix together and repeat three times. Mixing your own seed can save on mixing costs and avoid planting a species that will freeze out early. Make sure you use the right inoculant for the legumes, clovers, or vetches that are planted. Keep the inoculant cool and out of sunlight. Most cover crop seed inoculant will only survive 12 to 48 hours, so put it on right before planting.

On the drill, make sure the disc blades are sharp when planting into wheat stubble to avoid hair pinning. Calibrating your drill is beneficial to having adequate seed and not too much left over. If you have a mixture this is often used, remember to take notes and write down the settings for next year. When drilling cover crops, try to keep the boxes relatively full and avoid bouncing. Generally, it pays to slow down near the end because as seed mixtures runs

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The new Pierce Firetruck, at a cost of \$423,000, was received on May 13, 2022 with a new Freightliner truck chassis. The truck was built in Bradenton, FL and custom-

ized for the fire department and their equipment they use on site. This truck has a capacity of 1000 gallons of water and a pump capability of up to 1250 gallons per minute. This firefighting vehicle, equipped with thermal imaging, will be used for every scene except for grassfires.

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**ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WEEKLY UPDATE**

**PAULDING COUNTY:**  
LIMA, Ohio (Thursday, July 14, 2022) The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways the week of July 18, 2022.

All outlined work is weather permitting.

**U.S. 24 PROJECTS:**  
**U.S. 24** in both directions between U.S. 127 and the city of Defiance, the left/passing lane will be closed for pavement repairs.

**State Route 49**, between the village of Antwerp and the Defiance County line, will have lane restrictions for

crack sealing operations.

**State Route 500** between the Indiana State line and the village of Paulding will have lane restrictions for crack sealing operations.

**State Route 613** in the village of Oakwood will have lane restrictions for crack sealing operations.

**Village of Oakwood**, the work to install sidewalk ramps in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is complete.

**PUTNAM COUNTY:**  
All outlined work is weather permitting.

**State Route 65**, near the Henry County line, between County Road A and County Road B will close on Monday, July 25, for approximately three days for pavement repairs.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**  
**Detour:** SR 613 to SR 235 to SR 18 back to SR 65 (see map).

**State Route 189** between Road R-23 and Road R, on the northwest edge of the village of Fort Jennings, will close on Monday, July 11, for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT AND PROJECT UPDATE**

Reopening is anticipated on Friday, July 15.

**Detour:** SR 190 to SR 634 to U.S. 224 back to SR 189 (see map).

**County Road 19** on the north side of State Route 613 will close on Monday, July 18, for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

**VAN WERT COUNTY:**

**U.S.30 PROJECTS:**

**U.S. 30** eastbound between State Route 49/Convoy Heller Road and Lincoln Highway, over Hagerman Creek, will have the left/passing lane clos-

**BUBBLES AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**



Shown here with our guest is: Zander James, Mylann Good, Hannah Federighi, Skilerr Good, Ayden Good, Isabel Isidoro, and Savannah Coil.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool and Daycare were recently visited by Mrs. Barb Searing and her amazing bubbles. We made HUGE bub-

bles with her magical wands and were absolutely amazed! Mrs. Searing was such a fun guest and we could have played for hours with her bub-

bles! It is time to register for fall preschool! If you have a 3 or 4 year old at home, call 419-399-KIDS (5437) and get on the list now!

ing on July 5 for approximately 30 days for bridge work.

**U.S. 30** between State Route 66 and Middle Point Wetzel Road will have daytime lane restrictions for drainage repair.

**U.S. 33 PROJECTS:**

**U.S. Route 33**, just southeast of the village of Willshire, will be restricted to one 10-foot lane beginning July 25 for approximately five weeks for a project to repair a culvert. Traffic will be maintained utilizing a temporary traffic signal.

**U.S. 127 / U.S. 224 ROUNDABOUT AND BRIDGE PROJECT:**

**U.S. 127, U.S. 224, and Marsh Road 224** closed on June 1 for approximately 60 days to construct a roundabout at the intersection.

**U.S. 127**, just south of County Line Road, five miles north of the roundabout closed on June 1 for a bridge deck replacement.

Visit the project webpage for more information.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**

• **Mendon Road** at U.S. 30 and Boroff Road at U.S. 30 are restricted to right in and right out for the duration of the detour for the project.

• **U.S. 127 Detour:** SR 114 to SR 49 to U.S. 30 back to U.S. 127.

• **U.S. 224 Detour:** SR 66 to U.S. 30 back to U.S. 224 (see map).

**State Route 49** between Wren-Landek Road and Sheets Road over Twenty-seven Mile Creek, south of the village of Wren, closed on April 11 for approximately 120 days to replace the bridge.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**

**Detour:** U.S. 33 to Indiana Route 101 to U.S. 224 back to State Route 49.

**State Route 116** between State Road and Wren-Landek Road closed on June 28 for approximately 45 days for a culvert replacement.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**

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# THE LEFT TURN



Pictured left to right, former racer Brad Doty, Brad Doty Classic winner Kyle Larson with his son. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns

**By: Ron Burt**  
Last week mother nature played tricks on us again and several tracks couldn't get their racing programs in. Rain didn't affect Attica Raceway Park Friday, July 8th. Tanner Thorson moved from the cushion to the bottom of Attica Raceway Park with a pair of laps to go in the 410-sprint feature and pick up the victory. It was the first win at Attica for the Carson City, Nevada native. The 2022 Chili Bowl champion and former USAC national midget champion, took the lead from Travis Philo after Philo got sideways in traffic on lap nine. Phil came right back and was right on Thorson's rear bumper with two laps to go. That's when Thorson went from the cushion to the bottom of the track and pulled

away for the win and a \$4000.00 payday. Thorson commented that this would hopefully be a momentum changer, since he's had a monkey on his back recently. It was a nice win heading into the Brad Doty Classic. He gave all the praise to his hardworking crew. Rounding out the top four spots in the 410 Sprint feature, 2. Travis Philo, 3. Craig Mintz, and 4. Trey Jacobs. The 25-lap Late Model feature went to Ryan Markham, but it wasn't an easy win. He fought off several challenges from 2nd place Devin Shiels and 3rd place Ryan Missler. Caution flags and restarts became Ryan Markham's best friends. The 305-Sprint feature was full of cautions. Jimmy McGrath led the first eight laps until Paul Weaver took over on lap nine.

Third through seventh changed hands every lap until the final caution fell on lap 19 when third place running Dustin Stroup had a rear axle failure.

Weaver could not shake McGrath and when Weaver slid off the track on the final lap McGrath made a last-ditch charge but came up just short as Paul Weaver held on for the win. Behind him was Jimmy McGrath, Tyler Shullick, Mike Keegan, and Logan Riel.

On Tuesday, July 12th the World of Outlaw Sprints returned to Attica Raceway Park for the 34th Annual Bob Doty Classic. It was also a tune up before they headed to Eldora for the Kings Royal. Several NASCAR Cup drivers were in the starting field. Kyle Larson was looking to make it two WoO wins in a row at Attica and three wins in 2022 with the series. The NASCAR Champion didn't disappoint his fans. He started the night winning his heat race. In the feature Larson took the lead from his brother-in-law Brad Sweet on a lap 13 restart and seemed to have the race in hand until lapped traffic came into play on lap 27. The 10-time World of Outlaws champion Donny Schatz had worked his way to third by lap 21 and took second from Sweet on lap 29. In six laps Schatz cut Larson's lead in half. The capacity crowd were on their feet as Donny Schatz pulled under Larson on several occasions, but Larson made some great moves in traffic to seal the \$15,000 win, his fifth victory at Attica in his career. Rounding out the top-5 spots 2nd Donny Schatz (\$6,000), 3rd Brad Sweet (\$3,500), 4th Logan Schuchart (\$2,800) and 5th David Gravel (\$2,500).

The weather forecast looks good going into this weekend in the tri-state. I will have complete coverage of the 39th Annual Kings Royal from Eldora Speedway for the 410 Outlaw Sprints. Non-Winged Sprint fans you won't be left out. I will be covering the Indiana USAC Sprint Week! I will also have coverage of the two-night Supermodified show at Berlin. What I can't cover here, I'll try to cover on my sports blog, the Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook. Lastly well wishes and prayers go out to the people at Oakshade Raceway that lost a family member. That's why they didn't race last week. Until next week, keep your wheels on the ground, Ron out! [ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com)

### PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/13/22

This 13th day of June, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Roy Klopfenstein, Mark Holtsberry, Mike Weible and Heather Barnhouse, Clerk

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
Warrants documented as 277181 through 277283 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**  
• Mark Holtsberry, NOCAC Meeting in Defiance, OH 43512 on June 9, 2022  
• Mike Weible, MVPO Executive Council Meeting in Defiance, OH 43512 on June 13, 2022

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 010)**  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2022 Annual Appropriations by appropriating the following in the Soil Conservation Fund (010) and to-wit; 010-001-00002/Soil Conservation/Supplies AMOUNT:\$ 2,000.00

Meeting Notes of Appointments  
Tim Yenser, Maintenance Director, provided the Commissioners with a weekly update on maintenance procedures and operations.

• MVPO, CHIP 2nd Public Hearing - All who participated in the public hearing were Liz Keel and Dottie Vollmar, MVPO,

Commissioner Mike Weible, Commissioner Mark Holtsberry and Clerk, Heather Barnhouse. Maumee Valley South CHIP Consortium (MVSSC), a housing partnership of Defiance County, Paulding County and the City of Defiance, intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Community Development (OCD) for funding under the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio. The Consortium is eligible for \$1,150,000 of Program Year 2022 CHIP funding provided the Consortium meets the applicable program requirements. This hearing was to inform citizens about programs available to the area as outlined in the State of Ohio Consolidated Plan. Funding for programs administered by OCD is provided by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) and other funding sources as identified by the State of Ohio. Based on citizen input and local officials' assessment of area-wide needs, the Consortium is proposing to undertake the following CHIP activities for Program Year 2022. These activities will benefit low to moderate income persons.

Paulding County Activity Amount	Source of Funds	Rehabilitation
\$271,100	4 units HOME/CDBG	Owner-Occupied
\$75,600	4 units CDBG/OHTF	Owner-Occupied Home Repair
\$5,000	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	1-unit HOME
\$48,300	Administration & Fair Housing HOME/CDBG	
Paulding County Total: \$400,000		
Applications are due June 22, 2022.		
Any questions please contact Liz Keel @ Maumee Valley Planning Organization (419) 784-3882.		



### ANTWERP POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 29th, it was reported that mailboxes at North Garden Apartments had been struck and knocked over by a vehicle.

On June 30th, Antwerp Police Department received a report of an alarm at a business on Buffalo St. The officers went to the business, found it unlocked, secured it and waited for the business owner to arrive.

On June 30th, a suspicious vehicle was reported parked in the alley behind Friend Furniture. The officer responded and determined who the vehicle belonged to.

On July 1st, an individual on River St. was cited for wrongful entrustment.

On July 2nd, officers attempted to serve a warrant on N. Main but unable to locate the individual.

On July 3rd, an officer was requested to settle a civil dispute between a mom and daughter and a vehicle over keys.

On July 8th, Hicksville Police Department requested information in reference to filing charges against an individual that was selling stolen items on Facebook. The items were allegedly stolen from a factory in Hicksville.

On July 8th, it was reported that a gray Dodge was speeding through the Park Avenue Villas.

On July 8th, a resident of Woodcox St. reported an altercation with his neighbor.

On July 8th, a report of open burning was received on W. River St. The officer went and located the individual and explained open burning wasn't allowed in the village limits.

On July 9th, an individual on W. River St. contacted the police department and asked if the police were flying a drone around his house. He

was told that they were not. On July 9th, Antwerp Police Department was called about suspected elderly abuse in the county. The call was referred to the Paulding County Sheriff.

On July 10th, a suspicious person and vehicle was reported on Main St. The individual and vehicle were located and the individual claimed he was looking for someone in the village.

On July 10th, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to an individual that had fallen and the family needed help lifting them. Officer responded and ultimately contacted the Antwerp EMS.

On July 10th, an officer was requested to be present for a child custody transfer that took place in the Antwerp school parking lot.

On July 10th, residents of West River St. reported what they thought were gun shots. The officer located the individual and determined the gun was being shot outside the village limits.

On July 12th, Antwerp Police Department assisted the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce with the annual children's bicycle parade.

On July 12th, a wallet was found on S. Erie St. The owner was located and the wallet returned.

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

### A REASON TO SMILE: SAVING MONEY ON DENTAL CARE

(NAPSI)—According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you may be able to take a bite out of all sorts of health risks—if you take care of your oral health.

The Problem  
Oral disease—particularly cavities, severe gum disease, tooth loss and oral cancer—can cause pain and infections that may lead to

problems with eating, speaking and learning. It can also affect social interaction and even employment potential. Yet a quarter of adults aged 20 to 64 currently has cavities and, the University of Illinois College of Dentistry reports, about 74 million Americans have no dental insurance.

An Answer  
Fortunately, having insurance or paying full price are not your only options.

Dental savings plans are an affordable alternative to dental insurance that offer plan members 10-60% off most dental procedures (preventive and restorative) from a nationwide network of dentists.

How They Work  
A dental savings plan functions a lot like a membership at a warehouse club. You pay an annual fee and choose among dozens of different plans offered by major healthcare companies. Family plans and individual plans are available. Then you go to any of 140,000 participating dentists, show your membership card and pay a reduced fee. While dental insurance has annual maximums, waiting periods, deductibles, forms to file, health restrictions and annual limits, dental savings plans do not. Dental savings plans are typically priced at about half of what dental insurance policies cost.

According to a blog post on DentalPlans.com, personal finance expert Suzie Orman said: "Dental savings plans are not only far more affordable to purchase than dental insurance—they can also save you more money in the long run especially if you need extensive dental work or braces."

Learn More  
For facts on how dental savings plans can help you save money on dental care, call DentalPlans.com at 844-779-1021 or visit [www.DentalPlans.com](http://www.DentalPlans.com). Further information about dental health can be found at [www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/fast-facts/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/fast-facts/index.html).

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**PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

erator's license, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty

**Agustin R. Ortega**, Paulding, OH; Specific ALC Cont, Defendant appeared in open court without counsel, Pled guilty, Complete DIP by 1/27/23, Pay or collections 1/27/23, Placed on probation; No operator's license, Guilty; No taillights, Guilty

**Renesa L. Wilkinson Vangalis**, Fort Wayne, IN; OVI/under influence, Case dismissed without prejudice, Cost waived; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; No taillights, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived; No operator's license, Case dismissed without prejudice, Costs waived

**Scott Russell Haney**, Paulding, OH; Possession of drugs; Preliminary hearing waived; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court

**Joseph M. Thomas**, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence, Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas Court; Drug abuse, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over

**Jordan M. Cox**, Fayette, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Matthew A. Eustler**, Botkins, OH; Unsecure load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Brett M. Price**, Hudson, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Joshua L. Stewart**, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Abdiwahab M. Abshir**, West Valley, UT; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Troy A. Frecker**, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant appeared in open court without counsel, Pled guilty, Complete DIP, Compliance 1/27/23, Pay all fines and costs today, Placed on probation; OVI/breath(low), Merged with Count A; No op-

**Britnie L. Walton**,

Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

**Drew A. Forrer**, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Saeed A. Patel**, Mississauga, ON; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**David Thompson**, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Angelica M. Salinas**, Defiance, OH; No operator's license, Guilty, Pay fine by 8/26/22; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Pay fine by 8/26/22

**Broc M. Forrer**, Payne, OH; FRA suspension, Guilty, Pay fines and costs by 8/26/22; Seat belt/drive, Guilty

**O Wa**, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH ON STATE ROUTE 117**

The Lima Post of Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on July 10, 2022, at approximately 5:09 P.M. The crash occurred on State Route 117 near Lost Creek Boulevard in Perry Township, Allen County.

Michaela Cosart, age 19, of Harrod, was driving a 2005 GMC Envoy eastbound on State Route 117. Patrick Woods, age 56, of Cairo was driving a 2014 Harley Davidson Motorcycle westbound on State Route 117. Ms. Cosart approached stopped traffic in the eastbound lanes of State Route 117. Ms. Cosart lost control of her vehicle and crossed the centerline into the westbound traffic of State Route 117 causing Mr. Woods to strike Ms. Cosart's vehicle. Ms. Cosart was transported to the Lima Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Mr. Woods succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Mr. Woods was reportedly not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. Speed appears to a factor in the crash.

The Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Allen County Sheriff's Office, Perry Township Fire and EMS, Allen County Coroner's Office, H&H Funeral Services and Kenny's Auto Wrecking. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages motorists to wear helmets while on motorcycles, and for motorist to be vigilant during the motorcycle season.

**ENVIROKURE, INC. ANNOUNCES \$25M IN FUNDING TO EXPAND PRODUCTION CAPACITY**

PHILADELPHIA, July 14, 2022 - EnviroKure, Incorporated ("EnviroKure") announced the completion of the raise of \$25M of capital for expansion of operations. EnviroKure's proprietary technology produces bio-stimulants and organic bio-fertilizers for conventional and organic farmers. Its products are sustainable and harness the underutilized potential of chicken manure to improve crop quality, yields, and the environment.

Kairos SKK EnviroKure Investors, LLC ("Investors") led the capital raise. Kairos SKK is co-managed by Kairos Investment Management Company, LLC ("KIMC") and Shepherd Kaplan Krochuk, LLC ("SKK"). KIMC is an employee owned, entrepreneurial SEC Registered Investment Advisor led by Carl Chang focusing on value-based investments with favorable risk/reward characteristics. SKK is an independently-owned SEC Registered Investment Advisory firm led by David Shepherd with more than 20 years of experience delivering investing services including opportunistic private equity.

"EnviroKure will use the proceeds of the capital raise for general operations focused primarily on the construction of a new commercial manufacturing facility that expands the Company's distribution capabilities, accelerates product development, and enhances its sales and marketing efforts. As a result, our existing and new customers across the United States will have greater access to our products which seek to improve soil health, stimulate plant growth, increase crop yields, and help the environment" said Joseph Steck, Founder/President of EnviroKure.

Agriculture, food, and related industries contributed \$1.055 trillion to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) in 2020, a 5.0 percent share. The overall contribution of agriculture to GDP is extensive because agricultural sectors rely on agricultural inputs to add value to the economy. (USDA Economic Research Service)

The new production facility located in Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio, will open on July 23, 2022, in response to the increasing demand for EnviroKure products and growth of the bio-stimulant and biofertilizer market. The plant will share management, supply chain, and administrative services with EnviroKure's existing plant in Philadelphia while enabling present and future expansion of production capabilities to address ongoing demand.

**PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/15/22**

This 15th day of June, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present:

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS**  
Warrants documented as 277284 through 277374 or County Bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REVISING THE OPTIONAL STANDARD MILEAGE RATES FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES USING THEIR PERSONAL CAR FOR COUNTY BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, various Paulding County elected officials and employees are occasionally required to use their own vehicles for business travel; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 policy of the Paulding County Commissioners is to reimburse individuals who have obtained prior authorization for such travel; and

WHEREAS, Section XXII County Property, B. Vehicles, page 31, of the Personnel Policy Manual adopted on December 20, 2012, reads "Employees using their personal motor vehicle shall be reimbursed for the miles traveled at a rate determined by the County Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, the Paulding County Commissioners will follow the Internal Revenue Service's optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business; and

WHEREAS, IRS announced that beginning on July 1, 2022, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be 62.5 cents per mile for business miles driven; now, therefore

**The West Bend News**

**Sudoku Puzzle**

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**Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"**

County employee reimbursement mileage rate at 62.5 cents per mile for prior approved business miles traveled on or after July 1, 2022.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (FUND 008)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to amend the 2022 Annual Appropriations by appropriating the following in the Real Estate Assessment Fund (008-001) and to-wit:

008-001-00012/Real Estate Assessment/Insurance AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

**IN THE MATTER OF CREATING NEW EXPENSE AND REVENUE LINE ITEM WITH APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR (FUND 289)**

WHEREAS, line items must be created to accurately track revenue and expenses associated with the Technology Grant Fund; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby direct the County Auditor to create the following new expense and revenue line items with estimated revenue and appropriation for the Technology Grant Fund (289), to wit; Revenue Line-Item: Fund/Dept./Acct. 289-001-10022/Technology Grant Fund Estimated Revenue \$79,260.00; Expense Line-Items: Fund/Dept./Acct. 289-001-00022/Technology Grant Fund/ Tech Grant 2022 Appropriations \$79,260.00

This 15th day of June, being the day advertised in the Paulding Progress, a paper of general circulation within the County, as per Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code, one bid was received and opened for the 2022 Paulding County Asphalt Paving Project, to-wit: BIDDER Gerken Paving, Inc. 9072 OH-424 Napoleon, OH 43545: BID AMOUNT PROPOSAL 1 \$348,838.00 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE PROPOSAL 1 \$318,355.00; BID AMOUNT PROPOSAL 2 \$334,274.00 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE PROPOSAL 2 \$312,577.00; BID AMOUNT PROPOSAL 3 \$2,997,593.50 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE PROPOSAL 3 \$2,974,887.00

Meeting Notes of Appointments

• Lou Ann Wannemacher and Ann Pease presented the monthly Investment report as of May 31, 2022. Ms. Wannemacher stated that total investments as of May 31, 2022 is \$24,173,704.27. Total of all combined Investment Interest earned for May 2022 is \$7,935.36 and 2022 total of all combined interest earned year to date is \$ 50,336.43. Investment Interest receipts received in the month of May 2022 was \$ 6,626.82. Ms. Wannemacher noted that 2nd half tax bills were mailed on June 10, 2022.

• Travis McGarvey, County Engineer, conducted a Bid Opening for the 2022 Asphalt Paving Project

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO**

**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**LEIGHTON MULLINS, ET AL.**  
DEFENDANTS,

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

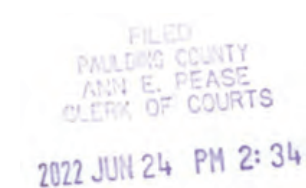
**TO: Leighton Mullins; Unknown Spouse of Leighton Mullins**  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 15803 Rd. 191, Defiance, Ohio 43512**

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 a 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



East 21 thence North 00°01'18" West on the West line of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21 for a distance of 181.60 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89°56'08" East on the line parallel with the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21 for a distance of 1310.99 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing South 89°56'08" East for a distance of 20.00 feet to the true place of beginning of the parcel herein described.

Containing 5.549 acres of land, more or less, being subject to all legal easements, zoning restrictions, and legal highways of record.

The bearings used herein are for the purpose of describing angles only and are not referenced to true magnetic North.

Auditor's Parcel I.D.#01-05S-001-04  
Property Address: 15803 Road 191, Defiance, Ohio

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk  
Court of Common Pleas  
Paulding County, Ohio  
By: *Kacy Burkard*  
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,  
*[Signature]*  
Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
120 S. Walnut Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
419-399-8270

**NOTICE**

**ATTENTION:** Lienholders and/or owners of the properties located at **209 AUGLAIZE ST** in the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. This is to inform you that the above mentioned properties appear to be in violation with Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance that provides for the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings located within the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. You are hereby directed to affect the repairs necessary to place the properties in a reasonably safe condition, within Thirty (30) days. No repairs shall be made unless requirements of applicable government building/zoning codes are complied within making repairs.

**NOTICE**

**ATTENTION:** Lienholders and/or owners of the properties located at **113 E. SUPERIOR ST** in the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. This is to inform you that the above mentioned properties appear to be in violation with Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance that provides for the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings located within the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. You are hereby directed to affect the repairs necessary to place the properties in a reasonably safe condition, within Thirty (30) days. No repairs shall be made unless requirements of applicable government building/zoning codes are complied within making repairs.

**NOTICE**

**ATTENTION:** Lienholders and/or owners of the properties located on parcels **10-16S-015-00, 10-16S-016-00, 10-16S-017-00, 10-16S-018-00 & 10-16S-023-00** in the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. This is to inform you that the above mentioned properties appear to be in violation with Ordinance 22-03, an Ordinance that provides for the demolition of insecure and unsafe buildings located within the Village of Oakwood, State of Ohio. You are hereby directed to affect the repairs necessary to place the properties in a reasonably safe condition, within Thirty (30) days. No repairs shall be made unless requirements of applicable government building/zoning codes are complied within making repairs. It also appears to be in violation of Ordinance 19-08 prohibiting junk motor vehicles on private properties, you have fourteen (14) days to remove all vehicles in violation of the Village Ordinance and Ohio Basic Code 93.41 & 93.43 prohibiting weeds and litter from private property within the Village of Oakwood. You have fifteen (15) days to remove any weeds and/or litter from the property.

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT, EVEN FOR COMMUNITIES



No matter how someone comes into a community, officials want it to look nice and welcoming. For the past few years, the Defiance community has been working on comprehensive improvements to make the eastside neighborhoods more inviting to current and new residents, businesses and others.

Defiance Mayor Mike McCann said city officials refer to the areas people come into town from as gateways to the community. The eastside is one such gateway as a lot of traffic comes in from Ohio 15 (Ottawa Avenue).

"We've done a lot for the eastside," he said, adding that grants have made many projects possible and continue to be instrumental in revitalization efforts.

In October 2021, a roundabout opened at Cleveland and Ottawa avenues on the city's eastside. The roundabout, the third one for the city, was constructed by Vernon Nagel Inc. of Napoleon. The more than \$2.4 million project primarily was funded by state grants. Grants included \$1.1 million from the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) small cities fund.

The roundabout is one of several projects the city has and is conducting to revitalize its eastside.

Revitalization efforts included building a multi-use path along Ottawa Avenue south to the Spring Meadows Manufactured Home Community. Ward Construction of Leipsic was contracted to build the path from Cleveland Avenue to Greenbrair Lane for a little more than \$234,000. A state grant covered more than half the cost (\$147,000) of that project as well.

The roundabout at Cleveland Ottawa avenues in Defiance opened in October 2021. The roundabout was part of

the revitalization efforts for the eastside of the city. The efforts also include new sidewalks, a park, roadwork and more.

There have been many improvements made to the area in the last few years.

Karnes Avenue between Summit Street and Ottawa Avenue was reconstructed. Myrna Street also was reconstructed in 2020 after a new water line was installed. New storm sewers were installed between Ottawa Avenue and Thurman Street. Several streets also were repaved including Logan, Haig, Blaine and Thurman.

Perhaps one of the most impactful projects - especially for younger residents - was the purchase and improvements of a park. In 2011, the city purchased the former Compo Park, which had been privately held by the Compo family. The property is located between Karnes and Ottawa avenues. The city purchased the property for \$150,000 using \$75,000 in private donations for part of the cost. The park was renamed East Side Park. While private donations helped purchase the park, several state grants were used for upgrades. An Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant was used for the shelterhouse. Community Development Block Grant funds also were used for the new playground equipment and the parking lot.

The new East Side Park is seen off of Karnes Avenue in Defiance. The park, which was formerly known as Compo Park, features a new playground, shelter house and basketball court. There are plans to upgrade the ball diamond at the park as well.

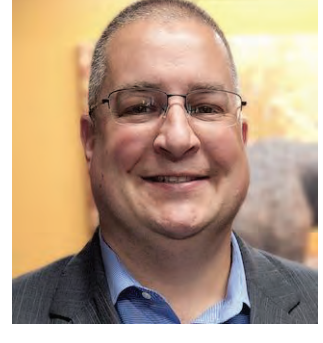
Future plans at the park include upgrading the baseball diamond as well as expanding sidewalks to the area. City planner Nike Warncke said some of the eastside projects

are the ones that she is most proud of for what they have done for the community. "We actually had to rebuild Karnes Avenue," she said. "That was completely restructured. That was one of my projects that I'm the most proud of. That is one of the projects we started working on 5 1/2 years ago." Warncke said it was wonderful to put a park in a neighborhood where there was just a field prior for children to play. "We are still working to connect sidewalks to get more kids to the park every day," Warncke said. "That is huge for that neighborhood to have that." She said the importance of grants cannot be underestimated for the revitalization projects on the eastside.

ODOT, Safe Routes to School, CDBG, Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Ohio Capital Appropriation funds all were used - as were local funds for match money - to complete revitalization projects. "There were multiple different sources there," she said. "The sidewalks that are more internal that lead to the neighborhood north -- so the kids can cross Ottawa to the park -- was capital appropriations funding. There are a lot of funding sources we've used."

Work continues to be planned on the eastside of the city. McCann and Warncke said grants are being sought to continue sidewalk work to connect more of the eastside together and in turn, connect the community together more while making it more attractive to those coming into the area.

## B.J. HULL NAMED CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE



Purdue University Fort Wayne has selected William "B.J." Hull to become its chief development officer. He brings with him to PFW 15 years of advancement and development experience in higher education.

Most recently, Hull served as vice chancellor of university advancement at the University of Michigan-Flint. There he was tasked with,

among multiple responsibilities, analyzing and rebuilding the functions of a 28-person unit responsible for major giving, annual giving, and alumni engagement.

"B.J. Hull is joining our university at a time when we are poised to put into motion many of our visions for the future," said Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer. "His unique experiences serving universities and colleges of varying sizes are a true asset to what Purdue Fort Wayne is today and what we intend to become. We welcome B.J. and look forward to him getting out into the community to meet the people who make our region special."

Prior to his time in Flint, Hull spent nine years as vice president for advancement at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan. His leadership roles in higher education have also included positions at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Before his transition to academia, Hull served for five years as the director of development for the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and as a division director for the Greater Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes.

"When I first became aware of this opportunity, I was impressed by everything Purdue Fort Wayne has accomplished and was drawn to the many opportunities the university has to further enhance the experience for students, faculty, and staff through renewed engagement with the greater Fort Wayne community," Hull said. "We have plenty of projects to tackle moving forward, and the development and alumni team is excited to create and boost those key relationships to deliver the funding necessary to continue the growth and improvements across this amazing campus."

In his position, Hull will provide leadership and counsel for the Office of Development, the Mastodon Alumni Community, and the Purdue Fort Wayne Foundation.

Hull earned an MBA, with honors, from Michigan State and a bachelor's degree in English from Alma College in Alma, Michigan.

## HERITAGE LIONS STILL COLLECTING DONATIONS



The Heritage Lion are collecting eyeglasses, cell phones, hearing aids and batteries. We have also begun collecting shoes for an Indianapolis-based program called Changing Footprints. We will accept any type or condition of shoe. Even the most worn-out shoes, or even a single shoe, is welcome. Nike pays the shipping costs for all unusable shoes. They have machines that chew up the unusable shoes and use the material for playground surfaces, running tracks, and other uses. Almost nothing ends up in the landfill.

The donated shoes are sorted and distributed to poor children and adults in our country. They are also carried by missions to several poor countries. Jim and Cheryl Brockmann, who have visited Kenya and other countries,

were told that there is an enormous need for shoes. Jim and Cheryl sort and distribute the shoes collected in our area, bringing them to the next stop in the network.



The Heritage Lions need locations where we can place a small, 32-gallon, new bin (with 3 shoes bolted to the top -- see pictures). If you have such a location or know of one, please contact Lion Rick Boys 260-755-2162.

You can find more information on this worthy project at: <https://www.changingfootprints.org/>

And there is an excellent video on the project at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWKATWj2x20&t=69s>

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

## RIDING JANE CROW: BLACK WOMEN AND THE RAILROAD

(NAPSI)—How to measure freedom and equality in American society? One way may be to look at how Black women are treated on the trains.

Hidden History That's the idea behind Riding Jane Crow, (University of Illinois Press, \$22.95) a new book by Miriam Thaggert, author of Images of Black Modernism. It compellingly studies Black women's train travel and work in the 19th- and early 20th-century United States (and even in the 21st). A fascinating hidden history of gender and race based on diaries of Black female passengers, court transcripts, and the archives of the Pullman Company, illuminating the discrimination Black women faced while traveling and working on trains.

Railroad Stories Thaggert highlights the perspectives of four distinct groups of women: Black intellectuals such as Anna Julia Cooper and Mary Church Terrell, who give written accounts of their own travel experiences; middle-class women of some means who enact their legacies through legal recourse; waiter-carriers who work serving food on the tracks; and the maids em-

ployed by the Pullman Company on their luxury cars. Each of these perspectives fundamentally contributes to the historical train-riding experience while each woman's story yields details about that experience that go largely unvoiced.

Alongside letters and stories, Thaggert collects blueprints, schematics, and advertisements, constructing a door-to-door picture of the course that a train ride may have taken. She compares the celebratory train songs popularized by Black women to the lonesome masculine counterparts so deeply ingrained in the American musical tradition.

The book has been called, by Pilgrim Magazine, a must-read for anyone interested in the life of the train in American history and especially the racial underpinnings that are less frequently the topic of its story.

A Unique Train Of Thought

It suggests it's the Black woman who most fully measures the success of American freedom and privilege, or "progress," through her travel experiences.

Learn More For further information and to order the book, go to [www.press.uillinois.edu/books/?id=28ns-g7gk9780252044526](http://www.press.uillinois.edu/books/?id=28ns-g7gk9780252044526).

## FLEXITARIANISM FOR DOGS—FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, FOR THEIR HEALTH AND FOR YOUR WALLET

(NAPSI)—If U.S. dogs and cats were their own country, they'd rank fifth in global meat consumption. In fact, through their diet, our pets constitute about 25–30% of the environmental impacts from animal production in terms of the use of land, water, fossil fuel, phosphate, and biocides in the United States.

Imagine the environmental impact if the 90 million dogs in the United States consumed just 25% less meat-based food?

There are health benefits to flexitarianism, too. A recent study shows that vegan diets for dogs may be linked with better health, and could be less hazardous, than meat-based diets. Statistical analysis of the survey results suggested that, overall, dogs on conventional diets were less healthy than dogs on vegan diets. It stands to reason that even a reduction of meat-based food in a pet's diet will have an impact on overall health, which

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# PEG PEREGO DONATES 24 HIGH CHAIRS



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pointments, keeping immunizations up-to-date, and taking parenting and childbirth classes for these high chairs and other items at A Baby's Closet. Thank you to Peg Perego for helping to keep children safe.

can lead to a reduction in vet bills (improving the health of your wallet, too.)

According to Dr. Abril Estrada, co-founder and Chief Product officer for Wild Earth, the cruelty-free dog food company, there is a specific impact on allergies, too. When it comes to skin allergies—itchiness, flaky skin, scabs and paw licking—one of the top allergens for dogs is actually chicken. Why?

“When you think about a dog's diet, they're usually eating the same foods over and over every day. Then, think about your dog's lifespan - you started with a food when they were puppies and, when you found one they liked, you kept feeding them that. It is this exposure to the same type of protein over and over that can create an immune response to those proteins—so that's why people that see allergies with a certain type of meat. Rotating protein sources prevents over-

exposure to the same types of protein over and over again, which causes these issues. That said, it is just as important to rotate your proteins, even if you are feeding a plant-based protein.”

Whether you are concerned about the environmental impact of meat consumption, or seeking to avoid common food allergies in dogs, flexitarianism may be the answer. For those considering incorporating nutritionally-complete vegan foods into their dog's diet, Dr. Abril encourages pet parents to first discuss options with their veterinarians, and then to be mindful of the importance of a gradual transition to new foods.

If you suddenly feed a full meal (or two) of a higher fiber food, the chances are good your dog will experience some GI upset. The same goes for different proteins, fat content, and even nutrient formulations. The reason this happens turns out to be deeper than the food bowl.

When you change your dog's diet, you also change what you're feeding their gut bacteria or microbiome. Recent research shows that switching diets alters the richness and diversity of the canine microbiome. If this transition occurs abruptly, the gut bacteria may shift dramati-

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cally and GI symptoms develop. By easing into a new diet, you allow any changes in gut bacteria populations to occur in a safe—and diarrhea-free—fashion.

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### COMBATING SICKLE CELL DISEASE

(NAPSI)—If you or someone you care about is among the estimated 100,000 Americans with sickle cell disease, here's information that could be important:

**One Man's Story**  
Chris Ruffin Jr. never knows when extreme pain will strike. Since birth, Ruffin's had sickle cell disease, an inherited condition that causes extreme pain when red blood cells become hard, crescent-shaped and have difficulty carrying oxygen to the rest of the body.

“It's like having a charley horse,” said Ruffin. “It's just a throbbing pain to the point where you can barely walk. It's like your whole body hurts but you can't do anything about it.”

The pain can strike at any time. A sickle cell pain crisis can suddenly occur in the back, knees, legs, arms, chest or stomach and last several hours to several days.

What Can Be Done  
After suffering a stroke at six years old due to complications of the disease, Ruffin began receiving monthly blood transfusions to prevent further complications. Over the course of 22 years, he has received more than 3,130 units of blood through monthly red cell exchanges.

Individuals with sickle cell disease can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lifetime—needing as many as 100 units of blood each year—to treat complications of the disease. Unfortunately, frequent transfusions can make finding compatible blood types even more difficult if patients develop an immune response against blood from donors that is not closely

matched to the blood of the recipient.

That's why on World Sickle Cell Day, June 19th, the American Red Cross wants to raise awareness about sickle cell disease and the challenges patients face while battling the chronic condition.

Through its Sickle Cell Initiative, the Red Cross has expanded its blood donation testing to include sickle cell trait screening on all donations from self-identified African American donors. This additional screening helps the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly for patients with sickle cell.

Ruffin, an Emmy Award-winning senior news producer, credits a strong support system, good doctors, generous blood donors, and a consistent diet, exercise and rest routine as key factors to him succeeding with sickle cell.

### Sudoku solution from page 9

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

“I didn't always know how important blood was,” said Ruffin. “Based on the one hour it takes to donate blood someone like me can live years longer and live a full life.”

How You Can Help  
Eligible individuals who are feeling well can make an appointment to donate blood by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/OurBlood](http://RedCrossBlood.org/OurBlood), using the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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**Detour:** U.S. 127 to SR 709 back to SR 116.

**Grill Road/Kear Road/Bonnewitz Avenue** between John Brown and Washington Street in the city of Van Wert will have traffic impacts through October for a project which includes sanitary line replacement, resurfacing, and shoulder widening.

**TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**  
• Phase one work is complete. Phase two widening work is expected to begin in mid-August.

### DISTRICTWIDE LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT:

**U.S. 23, U.S. 30, State Route 15** - will have a temporary lane or shoulder closures for highway lighting upgrades. High-pressure sodium fixtures (HPS) will be replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) luminaires. Lighting will be added at 12 locations where drivers make key decisions. Nonessential lighting will be removed. Temporary lane or shoulder restrictions may occur. Visit the project webpage for more information.

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# SHERRY DONATES TO LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER



We here at West Bend News & Print are always looking for Good News stories that help tell the story of good will toward our fellow humans... and in this case, their furry counterparts. Kinlee Sherry has a heart of gold and her love of our furry companions is evident when she reaches out to the community for help to assist a fellow peer complete his Eagle Scout project for the local Dog Kennel in Paulding, Ohio. We will let her tell it. Here, we will let her tell it...

Hi my name is Kinlee Sherry and I'm 11 years old. I love helping people or animals in need, so I did all I could for the dog kennel. A few months ago I came home from school and I said, "I want to raise money for the dog kennel." I made homemade dog treats to sell and donated the money to

kennel towards their vet fund. That time I raised \$374 in donations.

Once we heard about Hunter Courts Eagle Scout project for new flooring at the kennel we got to work. I made a lot of homemade dog treats, dog cake pops, hand painted canvases, and put together some dog items that were sold to raise money.

We knew that the money we would raise would help a lot of dogs. This time we ended up with \$1,560 to donate to the kennel. I appreciate everyone who helped me not only reach but exceed my goal.

**If you are not busy July 23, 2022, stop out at the Paulding Eagles for an event Hunter and his mom are holding to benefit the kennel. The event is from 3-7pm. There will be food, raffles, and more.**

2021 surveys were created for which Paulding County residents and stakeholders were asked to participate to generate data about the need for public transportation in the county. With these survey results, ODOT and MVPO analysed this data and developed a draft of the Transportation Coordinated Plan that was presented to those in attendance at the Public Meeting held at the Paulding County Senior Center on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Kim Lammers, Mobility Manager at MVPO, presented and highlighted the Plan that was developed from the survey which included the data collection, unmet needs, goals for this Plan and the timeline for implementing the Coordinated Plan.

For this Plan to succeed, cooperation from many entities will need to be coordinated — transportation provides, planning agencies, passengers and advocates, human service partners, health providers, private industry educational institutions, and government officials will all need to be congruent in achieving the goals of this Plan for Paulding County.

Currently, the resources available for for transportation in the County include American Cancer Society - Road to Recovery Program, Job and Family Services, Easy transit, Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission, Paulding Area Support Society, Paulding County Board of DD, Paulding County Senior Center, K&P Medical, Paulding County Veterans Services, and PC Workshop.

Prioritizing the needs of transportation in the county involves public transportation for people to get to work or household duties such as grocery shopping; drivers are needed; resources and funding for transportation services will be needed; need of education about transportation programs and providers; need for extended hours for transportation such as 2nd shift and 3rd shift employment rides or weekends; accessible vehicles; and active transportation options are being discussed as well - bike trails, walking paths, sidewalks, etc.

July is the Open Public Comment period, which means anyone may go to [www.nwomobility.com](http://www.nwomobility.com) and make a public comment about this Coordinated Plan for consideration by the Committee. The Committee was formed in November 2021 just prior to the Survey period opening. This Committee is comprised of: seniors, individuals with disabilities, people with low incomes, public, private and non-profit transportation providers, human services providers, and the general public.

This Public meeting was very informational about what MVPO and ODOT are attempting to do for county residents to assure that everyone has access to transportation when it is needed, whether for work purposes, household or medical purposes.

Remember the Public Comment period is open for public comment on [www.nwomobility.com](http://www.nwomobility.com) until July 31, 2022. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this Transportation Survey or Coordinated Plan, please contact Kim Lammers, MVPO mobility

manager at 419-956-2211 or email, [mobility@mvpo.org](mailto:mobility@mvpo.org) or visit their Facebook page, Northwest Ohio Mobility.

## PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SEES POSITIVE OUTLOOK

The Paulding County Economic Development (PCED) Board met this week with all board members present. John Kobbie, President of PCED Diamond Investment Member Antwerp Exchange Bank, and former PCED Board Chair, was invited to update the board about the bank. Kobbie spoke on current events with the bank branches in Antwerp, Payne and Harlan, IN, and shared some insight on current banking conditions. Kobbie also shared what it means for the bank to be an active community participant and investment member with the PCED office.

The group agreed in whole that this collaboration is beneficial to both parties and all the residents and communities they serve. PCED Director Tim Copsy then updated the board on office business. Copsy announced the Small Business Innovation Center, which is a small business incubator office space managed by the PCED office, is at capacity. The eight finished offices are all currently being rented. Discussion with the board followed as there is still room for two additional spaces to be developed. The board approved estimates be obtained to develop these last two spaces. A determination from the board of how to move forward will take place upon receipt of the estimates.

It was shared that private membership investment into the PCED office is up 13.5% over the 2021 record year. At this point in 2022 there have been 31 new investment members added to the roster. Copsy asked the board to continue providing investor leads for the office to follow up on and add as potential opportunities to add even more members in the future.

Discussion took place in regard to the strategic plan for Paulding County. A draft of decided goals was recently presented from the board. Copsy presented some possible tracking for reaching those goals to the group. Pertinent discussion followed and a decided forward path was developed. This path will tie into future director presentations to the board and will be monitored for depth of value in the future.

Copsy shared that it has recently been agreed by all three county community improvement groups in the county (Antwerp/Payne/Paulding County, Paulding Village & Oakwood Village)

## THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PETALS & VINES



Our next episode of Paulding County Business Weekly brings an in-depth look at Antwerp business, Petals and Vines. Listen in to a great discussion with local business owner Denise Coleman. Denise is a great example of graduating local, moving away but realizing how great Paulding County life is and

coming home to make your local dreams come true and then growing into a regional supplier. Thanks to Ohio Means Jobs and My102.7FM you can hear this recording at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday & Thursday or anytime on Spotify or the My102.7FM or PCED websites.

to collectively meet and share some thoughts and ideas. This has been discussed in the past but this was the first time it was suggested by the groups themselves. A near future date will be set for the discussion.

The regular business agenda followed including:

Board consent for Copsy to attend the upcoming annual Ohio Economic Development Summit in Dublin, OH October 4-6.

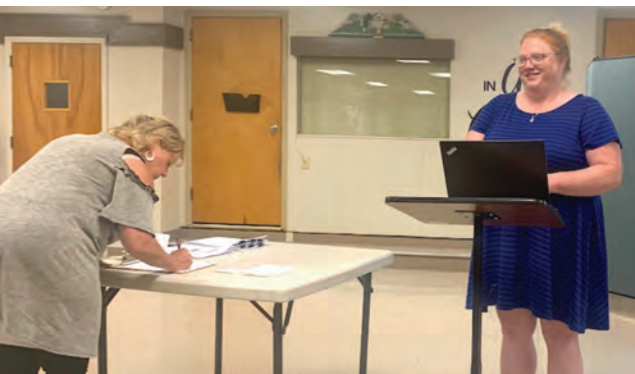
Banquet update for the annual event to be held at Grant's Catering in Antwerp November 1, 2022

Financial Committee update to discuss current budget and projections.

Executive session to discuss future salary and benefit packages for new and existing office employees.

The board will meet again in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

## PC COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPEN COMMENT PERIOD SET TO END JULY 31st



Kim Lammers, Mobility Manager for MVPO, spoke about the proposed Transportation Coordinated Plan on July 11th.

By: Angel Steiner  
Maumee Valley Planning Organization has been work-

ing since 2021 on a Transportation Coordinated Plan for Paulding County Ohio. In

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## JULY 29-30-31, 2022

Thursday July 28 7:00pm Interdenominational Church Service

Friday July 29  
gates open at 4:30 • food line opens at 5:00  
5:30pm-7:00pm • 8:30pm-10:00pm Anthony Culkar Band  
7:00pm-8:30pm • 10:00pm-11:30pm Garrett Tatano Band

Saturday July 30  
gates open at 2:00 • food line opens at 3:00  
2:30pm-4:00pm • 5:30pm-7:00pm Fred Ziwich  
4:00pm-5:30pm • 8:30pm-10:00pm Jon Dietz & the Jolly Brewers  
7:00pm-8:30pm • 10:00pm-11:30pm Duane Malinowski

Sunday July 31  
gates open at 10:00 • food line opens at 11:30  
free admission before 10:30am for church service  
after 10:30am gates charge \$5 • adults who bring a child get in free  
1:00pm-2:30pm • 4:00pm-5:30pm Jon Dietz & the Jolly Brewers  
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