

## HARLAN DAYS FESTIVAL NAMES GLEN MARINI AS GRAND MARSHAL



The theme for the 2022 Harlan Days is 'A Harlan Homecoming' and our local volunteers have been putting in a lot of hard work getting this year's festival up and running. This summer we are so glad to welcome everyone back to celebrate the 75th annual Harlan Days in support of the Harlan Community Park! The Park is community owned and receives no tax dollars. To start off the festival, the National Anthem will be sung at the flagpole during the Opening Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. The Grand Parade is on Saturday morning with past Harlan Days Queens as our Honorary

Citizens and Grand Marshal, Glenn Marini, Sports Director at WANE-TV. The parade will begin on Spencerville Road and will end in the park.

The very popular free t-shirt drawings will happen every day of the festival so be sure to stop at the Headquarters Tent and sign up to win! Test your luck with a few Raffle Tickets for a chance to win the grand prize or one of the additional 11 awesome prizes! (\*No Car for grand prize this year due to skyrocketing vehicle costs). The Woodlan High School Band will be pre-selling raffle tickets. The raffle drawing will be held at 10:30

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## MERRIMAN, MILLER & JOHANN'S REPRESENT; PLACE AT OHIO STATE FAIR!



Beth Miller placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Horse Show at Ohio State Fair.



Ally Jo Merriman placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Reining at Ohio State Fair.

Ohio State Fair took place recently down by the state capital as it does every year. 4-H students and FFA students from all across the state participate in this prestigious event every summer. They dedicate their young lives to projects in which they are passionate about and some of which they may see a future career.

This year three Paulding County students chose Horse projects in which to compete at the Paulding County Fair.

Ally Jo Merriman, is a FFA

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## CMH OBSTETRICS DEPARTMENT CLOSURE



Staff at Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) have been notified that the Board of Governors have voted to close the CMH Obstetrics Department and stop labor and delivery services effective Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Roy Davis, CEO, stated "It is a very difficult decision. Labor and Delivery is a unique service line that requires intensive staffing and training. Unfortunately, the pandemic response, years of declining births and the struggle to recruit staff, have led to an un-

sustainable financial position for the hospital. The OB staff will all be offered current open positions within the system and there will be no layoffs."

Expectant mothers may continue to receive their prenatal and postnatal care with a CMH physician and then deliver at another facility. To assist with continuity of care for our patients CMH is currently working with area hospitals to credential our OB physicians so that they may choose to deliver their patients at those facilities.

## 90<sup>th</sup> KOERNER REUNION

The 90th Koerner Reunion for descendants of Gottlieb David Koerner is scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2022 at the Emanuel United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm. The church is located at 4763 Kramer Road, Edgerton, Ohio. This will be "The Last Hurrah" due to declining attendance. Questions may be directed to Teresa Koerner Johnson at 419-519-3014.

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## ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS TRIVIA NIGHT

Dust off your thinking cap, grab your smartest neighbor or friend and come out and join the fun.

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Trivia Night! Trivia Night is being hosted by Antwerp's own "Boy Genius" Josh Hahn and will be held August 5th at the Oasis Bar & Grill starting at 8:00 p.m.

Teams are to be groups of four people and limited to 15 teams. Winner will split entry fee with Chamber.

Deadline for entries is August 3rd and needs to be turned in to Leland Smith Insurance.

## Community Calendar

### MON & WED

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

### August 2

• 82<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Primary Election  
• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

### August 2

• PERI meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

### August 4

• Heritage Lions Ice Cream @ Monroeville Harvest Festival

### August 4-6

• Harlan Days Festival @ Harlan Park

### August 5

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

### August 6

• Pink Out The Park Yoga @ Antwerp Park, 9:30a-11a  
• Friends of Paulding Park Dist. Fundraiser @ Five Span Park, 11a-2p  
• All GM Cruise-In @ downtown Bryan, 5-8pm

### August 8

• NAZ Game Day @ Payne NAZ, 10a-3p  
• JPHS Chicken BBQ & Cruise In, 4-7pm  
• Senior Saints Concert @ Emanuel Comm. Church, FW, 1pm

### August 9

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



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**OBITUARIES**

**PAYNE, OH:**  
**Ruth Kay Eschbach**, 70, of Payne, OH, passed away Saturday, July 23rd, at Paulding County Hospital, Paulding. Arr by **DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME**, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO.

Father Austin Ammanniti officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Visitation was 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a Rosary service at 7:30 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to Masses or Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, 417 N Main St., Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**ANTWERP, OH:**  
**Hazel A. Meglich**, 94 of Antwerp, passed away, Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Gardens of Paulding. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

**PARSON TO PERSON**

**By: Dr. James Bachman**  
 Dear Parson,

Do you believe babies will be raptured as well as saved adults? If so, how do you explain Mark 13:17 - "But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days?"

I tend to think that those who have not come to accountability yet will go in the rapture. Romans 1:18 says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Isaiah 7:16 - "For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings." Small children are incapable of understanding right and wrong.

Mark 13:17 is in the mid-tribulation period when the Anti-Christ will start hunting down tribulation saints to kill them 3 1/2 years after the rapture.

Send questions and comments to: [jamesbachman@juno.com](mailto:jamesbachman@juno.com)



**Beth Miller, Delaney Johanns and Ally Jo Merriman compete in the Horse division at Ohio State Fair.**

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student at Paulding High School and she placed well enough at the PC Fair to qualify for State.

Beth Miller is a FFA student at Wayne Trace High School. She also did well enough at the County Fair to qualify for State.

Delaney Johanns is a 4-H student at Paulding Junior High School and went to State Fair with Merriman and

Miller.

Ally Jo earned 8<sup>th</sup> place in Reining at the 2022 Ohio State Fair, Beth earned 4<sup>th</sup> in Horse Show, and Delaney gave a strong show but did not place at State.

This is a major accomplishment for our little Paulding County to have three students compete at the state level, but then to have two students place. You all are #pauldingcountystrong!!!

**COVID UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY**

This week we had 40 new cases with 2 new Hospitalizations

Our ranking is 80th in the state of Ohio and in Paulding County our transmission level is High.

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots.

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your appointment.

Get tested if you have symptoms.

**OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH**

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a fatal crash that occurred on State Route 613 near Van Wert Street in the Village of Latty, Paulding County, at approximately 03:35 A.M. on July 23, 2022.

Courtney Foy, age 29, of Paulding, Ohio, was driving a 2017 Jeep Renegade eastbound on SR 613. Juan Gibson, age 19, of Fort Wayne, Indiana was standing in the eastbound lane. The Jeep struck Mr. Gibson. Mrs. Foy was not injured. Mr. Gibson succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene

by Paulding County Coroner's Office, Paulding Sheriff's Office, and Paulding Fire and EMS. This crash is still under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their safety belts, and to never drive distracted or impaired.

**DEFIANCE POST INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH**

Florence Township - The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a two-vehicle serious injury crash that occurred at the intersection of State Route 49 and County Road H in Florence Township, Williams County on July 23, 2022 at approximately 1912 hours.

Phillip Richmond, age 26, of Montpelier, Ohio, was operating a 2010 Pontiac Vibe westbound on County Road H. Bonnie Mills, age 79, was operating a 2013 Nissan Sentra northbound on State Route 49. Richmond failed to yield the right of way and was struck by Mills. Both vehicles went off the west side of the roadway. Both driver's sustained serious injury and were taken by air ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Safety belts were in use for both drivers.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by Williams County EMS, Florence Township Fire and EMS, Hutch's Towing, Samaritan Life Flight, Saint Vincent's Life Flight and Toledo Edison Power Company. This crash is still under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol encourages drivers and occupants to always wear their safety belts and to never drive distracted or impaired.

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**Scripture of the Week**

"I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life."

— Psalm 119:93



Tugboats like train engines are a favorite character for children's books. Tugboats for harbors and ports are short and wide (like the one in this image from our port). Port tugboats are sometimes called "lunch bucket boats" as the two-man crew need to just take one meal with them as they work a regular shift whereas open ocean tugs might mean a trip requiring days.



boat horn.

When I approach an intersection and I'm not sure if cars will yield to me, I tap the powerful boat horn. If a car begins encroaching in my lane, that is another good time to touch the air horn. Drivers immediately slow-down in perplexed bewilderment as they look for what sounded like a boat approaching port, or maybe a large dump truck, but all that can be seen is a dinky little scooter. Drivers never seem to realize that the sound is coming from a little scooter, but the reaction is the same - slow down and be cautious.

If some dogs are all bark and no bite, I am a tugboat that has all beep and no bump.

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

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**THE SS MINNOW OR THE MAYFLOWER?**

**Penny For Your Thoughts,**  
By: Nancy Whitaker

We all remember the old TV series, "Gilligan's Island," when Gilligan and his crew set off on a three hour tour on the S.S. Minnow and their ship wrecked. The group wound up on an island and made the best out



of their surroundings. They always seemed to have enough to eat and drink and they liked it so much they really did not want rescued. There was The Captain, Mr. Howell and his wife, Gilligan, The Professor, Ginger and Mary Ann.

Another sailing trip, back in 1621, carried the people who would make their way to America and begin life as we know it today. They were the Pilgrims.

The Pilgrims had a tough time making their way to the new world. They sailed on the ship, Mayflower, with 102 passengers and 25-30 crew members. High winds and gales made the North Atlantic a dangerous place for sailing. Plus supplies were getting low due to a month's delay on the ship.

According to reports, there were many stores on the Mayflower that supplied the Pilgrims with the essentials needed for the trip. They also had live animals on board such as sheep, dogs, horses and chickens. Time was measured with an hour glass, of all things.

The passengers mostly slept and lived in the low-ceilinged cabins. These cabins were thin-walled and extremely cramped. The cabin area was 25 feet by 15 at its largest, and on the main deck, which was 75 by 20 at the most. Below decks, any person over five feet tall would be unable to stand up straight. The maximum possible space for each person would have been slightly less than the size of a standard single bed.

Passengers would pass the time by reading by candlelight or playing cards and games. Meals on board were cooked on a firebox which was an iron tray with sand in it on which a fire was built. Their food supply was rationed per family and many times they were not only hungry, but suffered from rickets and other diseases. Life on the ship was hard, but we know the group landed on Plymouth Rock.

The Pilgrims were not only running out of food, but also out of their choice of beverage, beer. Reports suggest that when the Pilgrims landed, they were so worried about running out of beer, they built a brewery. That is the story, but is it really true? Would religious puritans really consume alcohol? Here's what I found out.

Water is essential to life, but at the time of the Mayflower water could also make you sick. In fact, none of the water was safe to drink, so beer and wine became their water. The reason for beer's advantage over water is harmful microorganisms cannot survive long in beer (or wine). Of course you can boil water to make it safe, but in the 1600s, no one knew that. They just knew beer was safe and water was not. So yes, the pilgrims drank beer, but not to get drunk. It just so happened to be the safest thing to drink at the time.

Beer is not my beverage of choice, so I think I will have water, iced tea or soda. Although the Pilgrims didn't sink on the Mayflower, another state of the art ship sank. The ship? The Titanic. No one imagined that The Titanic would ever hit an iceberg and sink. With three separate sections, the Titanic held not only the rich but the poor folks as well.

At one time I bought a book that had the menus and recipes in it for each deck on the Titanic. The upper deck ate a lot better than the lower deck. When the Titanic sank, it is said the lower deck suffered many casualties. But in the end rich or poor, only so many were rescued. I think the Titanic is such a sad story.

I have never been on a cruise and really have no desire to go on one. Now I ask...The Minnow; The Mayflower; or The Titanic? Have you ever been on a cruise? Do you like fresh water? I can't believe that the Pilgrims, and even their kids, drank beer. What do you think?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

**ANTWERP MANOR HAPPENINGS**



Pictured is Charles Keller who won the 4th of July raffle.

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. We are located at 204 Archer Drive in Antwerp, Ohio. July is nearly over and it has been a busy month for us. Not only did we welcome three new residents, but we celebrated the 4th of July as well as our annual Christmas in July. Five of our residents had birthdays this month! We have been blessed with cake, cards, and balloons.

Shout out to Lincoln Ridge Farms for once again setting up their fresh (and delicious) produce stand on Main Street. The residents have loved being able to enjoy the wonderful fruit and vegeta-

bles. Recently our resident kitchen helper, Dick Gasser, helped to prepare a huge bowl of fresh fruit that was served as a refreshing dessert to everyone. Not only did it taste amazing but it looked beautiful. We plan to make that a weekly event.

We were delighted to once again be entertained by Mr. Gene Zenz during our Christmas in July celebration. Gene is a wonderful entertainer. He sings and plays the guitar.

The residents were served a Christmas themed treat, and each resident was given a gift bag filled with useful items for their apartment. It was a fun afternoon for everyone.

**VWCS 2022-2023 STUDENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Registration for new students (KG - 12) is currently open for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students may register at the school building they will attend:

**Kindergarten:** Van Wert Early Childhood Center (419) 238-0348

**Grades 1-5:** Van Wert Elementary School (419) 238-1761

**Grades 6-8:** Van Wert Middle School (419) 238-0727

**Grades 9-12:** Van Wert High School (419) 238-3350  
Please call the Early Childhood Center for information about VWCS preschool programs.

Registration forms are available on the district website at [www.vwcs.net/Content/forms-registration](http://www.vwcs.net/Content/forms-registration).

Forms are also available at the school buildings or from the district office.

Parents of continuing students may now log into their Final Forms account to complete annual student forms at <https://vanwert-oh.finalforms.com/>. Forms should be completed prior to the first day of school.

The first day of school for students in grades 1 - 12 is Thursday, August 18. The first day of school for preschool - kindergarten students is Thursday, August 25.

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p.m. on Saturday.

There will be all the exciting events we expect, such as great carnival rides brought to us by Huesman Amusement Company, along with new events like the 1st Annual Pickleball Tourney! Come out to the festival and check out the softball, corn hole, and volleyball tournaments, a Bingo Tent, Youth Parade, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Youth Kickball Tourney, a large Arts & Crafts Tent, a dog agility competition & a dog breed exhibit. Bring your kids to the Kid's FREE Game Tent. The 26th Annual Cruise-In Car Show is always a big hit, too.

Make sure you stop by and grab a spot to listen to the FREE nightly live music at the Moonlight Theater! On Thursday we'll be featuring the Graber Family Singers, Fansler Kid will be playing on Friday, and the Dan Heath and the Iconics take the stage on Saturday. Sign-up to take part in the Harlan Hustle 5K on Saturday morning and then head over to the Harlan Days Pancake Breakfast! Come hungry -- because as always there will be plenty of food to choose from including the long-running Harlan Days Food Pavilion that will be

serving up some delicious meals daily, along with additional food trucks serving up apple dumplings, BBQ, ice cream, cheese curds, Lion's Club donuts, and much more!

Get to the festival early and snag a good seat in the festival arena for some great 2022 events! Thursday night we are happy to once again be hosting 'Horse Barrel Racing'. Friday night you can join in on the arena fun with 'Drag Racing'. For the Saturday night main event, you will NOT want to miss the much-loved fun of 'Demo Derby Soccer'. Arena event are free for kids 5 and under and gates open at 7:00 each night; events begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for August 4, 5 & 6 and don't miss out on the best summer festival in the area! Please take this opportunity to support our wonderful Harlan Community Park. Festival entry & parking is free. Events are subject to change due to poor weather. Please leave your pets at home as there are no dogs allowed at the festival! Please go to our website, [www.harlandays.com](http://www.harlandays.com) for more info on events and times. H2022 ope to see you there!

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue.

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**

By: Mark Holtsberry

Harold George Stewart is an interesting fella who left the boxing ring to serve his country. Harold was born January 4, 1891 in Blue Creek Township, Paulding County, Ohio. The son of David Clinton and Mary S. (Coe) Stewart. David was born August 5, 1851 in Shelby County, Ohio. Mary was born December 21, 1854 in Denver, Miami County, Indiana.

David and Mary were married in 1874. By 1880, the couple had two daughters, Maud P., born in 1873, and Susan M., born in 1877. By 1900, the Stewart's daughters had married and moved on. A son, William H., was born September 26, 1884 and

Harold, or Hal as most knew him, became a boxer. He had numerous bouts during his career in the ring and met some of the foremost fighters of the country. Harold joined the regular army at Fort Thomas, Ken-



tucky on May 8, 1917, and was listed as 5'6", brown hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, and of course, listed boxing as a career.

Harold was promoted to Corporal, August 1, 1917. Harold served in the 36th Aerial Squadron to April 7, 1918, then was sent to serve with the 1103rd Aerial Squadron to January 3, 1919, then served with the 16th Aerial Squadron to discharge.

Harold left Pauillac, France April 23, 1919 and arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 6, 1919 on the ship, Housatonic. He was honorably discharged, May 24, 1919. On July 19, 1919, Harold married a gal named Myrtle Croy in St. Joseph, Michigan. She had a son, Morton, from a previous marriage. By 1920, Harold, Myrtle and now stepson, Morton, was living in Ft. Wayne at 221 Berry Street and Harold became a truck driver.

By 1930, Harold and Myrtle were living in Chicago on Champlain Avenue. Harold became a mailman. Harold's mother, Mary, moved to live with her son and she passed away December 26, 1938. By 1940, still living in Chicago, but on Halsted Street, he was still a mail carrier.

In 1942, Harold registered for the draft, as World War Two was underway. By 1950, still living in Chicago, Harold and Myrtle were slowing down a bit. On April 22, 1961, Myrtle passed away. On October 10, 1969, Harold joined her corner of the ring as he passed away. They both are buried in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmel, Noble County, Indiana.

... Next Time!



Harold G. were still at home living on the farm in Blue Creek Township.

On November 21, 1907, Harold had enlisted in the Marine Corp at Washington D.C. Mustered in as an apprentice, December 1907. January 1909, Harold was a trumpeter at Marine Barracks, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In September 1909, served as a trumpeter on the U.S.S. Wisconsin, stationed at Provincetown, Massachusetts, then served as a drummer on the U.S.S. Nebraska July 1910.

Harold's father passed away, October 3, 1910. In June 1911, Harold served as a trumpeter with Marine detachment U.S.S. Washington. In September 1911, Harold served as Barracks Detachment at Marine Barracks Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts. After he left the Marine Corp. Harold was single and living in Akron, Ohio working as a laborer at a rubber factory.

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→ August 6th ←

**Where:** Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park, 209 East River St., Antwerp, OH

**Time:** 9:30-10:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga for those who have difficulty with mobility or beginners; 10:00-11:00 a.m. – All Levels Yoga Class for beginners to advanced yogis

**Cost:** \$5.00 minimum donation. All proceeds go to local breast cancer resources in the NE Indiana & NW Ohio area. Cash, card or checks are accepted the day of the event.

**\*\* A participants** will receive a free bottle of water and wrist band. There will also be some prizes drawn at the end of the session for those who have attended.

**\*\* Please bring** a yoga mat, towel or blanket and a friend! Join us in honoring your body and all of those affected by breast cancer in the local community.

Please join us for the 2nd annual Pink Out The Park Yoga Event at Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park in Antwerp, OH. This event is for breast cancer survivors, supporters and in memorial of those who have had breast cancer in our local area. All of the proceeds of this event will go toward local resources for breast cancer survivors for treatment, post-treatment, and access.

# LIFEWISE ACADEMY 5K SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 5, LABOR DAY



The 2nd Annual Event will start and end at the site of the Elida Lifewise Academy.

LifeWise Academies of Elida, Spencerville, and Allen East, in conjunction with ACTS Character Academy and Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships are holding a 5k race Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 9am. The event starts and ends at 4289 Sunnydale St., Elida, the property known as The Sunnydale House.

This 5k will guide runners through the village of Elida, with many volunteers along the route to encourage you and your running companions.

Register online at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). (Search the keyword "LifeWise")

On race day, tours of the newly renovated Sunnydale House will be available, plus artist renderings of the future Spencerville and Allen East permanent LifeWise Academy locations.

Lifewise Academy- Elida will launch their 2nd year of classes in September. Meanwhile, Spencerville and Allen East will start their first year of LifeWise Academy classes. All three Academies are working in conjunction with the ACTS Character Academy.

LifeWise Academy is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program, which provides Bible based character education to public school students. Under RTRI laws, students can be released from public school during the school day to attend religious classes, provided the program is off school property, privately funded and parent permitted.

For more information about the Lifewise of Allen County 5k, contact Joe Wassink at 419-339-4444 or [jwassink@wtlw.com](mailto:jwassink@wtlw.com). Register for the 5k at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Elida/LifewiseElida5K>

April 27 for approximately 90 days to reconstruct the embankment. Visit the project webpage.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Reopening is delayed until late August, due to weather delays during the beginning of the project.

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

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

State Route 18/State Route 281, at the railroad crossing on the east side of the city of Defiance, will close on Wednesday, July 27 for approximately eight days for railroad repairs.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: SR 281 to U.S. 24 to SR 108 back to SR 18

State Route 49 near Seevers Road, approximately four miles north of the village of Hicksville will have lane restrictions for drainage work.

State Route 66 between the city of Defiance and the Williams County line will have lane restrictions for a resurfacing project. Work is expected to be completed by July 30.

**Paulding County U.S. 24 PROJECTS**

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

U.S. 24 westbound, approximately one mile east of the U.S. 127 interchange and the village of Cecil, the driving/right lane is closed for work to repair a slide. Visit the project page for more information about slide projects in Paulding County.

State Route 49 between State Route 111 and Road 144 will be restricted to one lane for hydro excavation work.

State Route 613 between State Route 637 and Road 137 will close on Monday, August 1, for approximately 60 days for a culvert replacement.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: U.S. 127 to SR 114 to SR 637 back to SR 613

**Putnam County**  
State Route 65, near the Henry County line, between County Road A and County Road B is open following a closure for pavement repairs.

State Route 15 between the village of Ottawa and State Route 613 will be restricted to one lane for berming operations.

State Route 613 between State Route 15 and the village of Leipsic will be restricted to one lane for berming operations.

**Van Wert County U.S.30 PROJECTS**

U.S. 30 eastbound between State Route 49/Convoy Heller Road and Lincoln Highway, over Hagerman Creek, is restricted to the right/driving lane until early August for bridge repairs.

**U.S. 33 PROJECTS**  
U.S. 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**  
Both locations are anticipated to reopen to traffic on August 3 (weather permitting).

• 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

State Route 49 between Wren-Landeck 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-Landeck Road closed on June 28 for approximately 45 days for a culvert replacement.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Reopening is anticipated to take place on Friday, July 29.

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

State Route 697/State Street between W. First Street and Bank Street in the city of Delphos will close Saturday, July 30 for approximately five days for a railroad repair.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT**  
Detour: Lincoln Highway to Middle Point-Wetzel Road back to State Route 697

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.

John Brown Road, Woodland Avenue, and Lesson Avenue in the city of Van Wert may have traffic impacts for the construction of a bike path through Rotary Soccer Part and Smiley Park.

**DISTRICT WIDE LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT**

U.S. 23, U.S. 30, State Route 15 -- will have 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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**ACCESS FREE/LOW-COST INTERNET THROUGH NEW FEDERAL PROGRAM**

(NAPSI)—A fast, reliable Internet connection has become a critical part of our daily lives. From remote learning and working to networking and searching for jobs, Americans everywhere felt an online shift during COVID-19.

And, while the country gradually recovers from the pandemic, the collective need to stay connected remains stronger than ever.

Enter the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

# PAULDING FFA OFFICER TEAM TRAVELS TO SUGAR GROVE, OHIO FOR RETREAT!



**Pictured top-bottom: 2022-2023 FFA Officer Team: Mason Schlatter, Carter Manz, Jamy Hunt, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Caydence Rue, Kobe Foor, Brooke Kilgore, Tyler Schlatter at their cabin in Sugar Grove, Ohio during Officer retreat.**

**By: Caydence Rue, Paulding FFA Reporter**

The Paulding FFA Officer Team recently went on an officer retreat to Sugar Grove, Ohio near Hocking Hills. The retreat was a great opportunity for the officer team to get away and plan out their 2022-2023 FFA year. The retreat began with team bonding activities that allowed the officer team to learn more about each other, then the officers made a picture collage to represent them to be hung in the ag classroom throughout the year. While in Sugar Grove the team went to Wahkeena Nature Preserve and

walked half a mile on the shelter trail, they took officer pictures, and spent time bonding with each other while spending time in the hot tub and playing games at the cabin. The officer team also had dinner and did team-bonding games with Chief Logan's FFA Officers which was really fun to share chapter ideas and gather new ideas from each other. They are all very excited to see what this year holds for the chapter. The officer team had a great few days together, and can't wait to spend many more to continue to grow and build the Paulding FFA Chapter!

ACP extends and makes permanent the Internet subsidy for families in need that began under the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Falling under the \$1.2T bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the ACP is part of a \$65 billion broadband Internet initiative designed to bring affordable or even free Internet service to families who qualify.

Eligible households can save up to \$30 a month, or up to \$75 if they reside on tribal lands.

So, who qualifies? Here's a glance at the different criteria from the FCC of which one or more is required:

•Household is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

•Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal

Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline.

•Participates in tribal-specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

•Participates in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

•Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

•Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income Internet program.

Learn More  
Visit [fcc.gov/acp](http://fcc.gov/acp) for more details and call 844-844-WIFI (844-844-9434) to find a participating provider nearby.

## ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2022

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties next week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

Defiance County  
**U.S. 24 PROJECTS**  
U.S. 24 westbound exit ramp to Baltimore Street in the city of Defiance closed on

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**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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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Quote from Saint Mother Teresa: How can there be too many children? That's like saying there are too many flowers.

For HELP, if you or someone you know is pregnant or needing help with supplies for their baby or for healing after an abortion, CALL the Women's Health Resource (C.P.C.) @1-800-633-3339 or go to any of their locations in Defiance, Bryan, Napoleon or Wauseon.

—Judy McCalla, Respect for Life Hicksville, Ohio

**BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES REFORESTATION PLANS**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a strategy for how the Biden-Harris Administration, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will address a reforestation backlog of four million acres on national forests and plant more than one billion trees over the next decade.

With new resources made available through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, combined with support from state, local, and Tribal governments as well as other partners, the Forest Service aims to eliminate the backlog over the next 10 years and develop the infrastructure, such as nurseries, to keep up with increasing needs.

The Forest Service has invested more than \$100 million in reforestation this year – more than three times the investment in previous years – thanks to the Repairing Existing Public Land by Adding Necessary Trees (REPLANT) Act made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These historic investments will help mitigate the impacts of climate change, rebuild in the aftermath of devastating wildfires and strengthen America's forestlands.

"Forests are a powerful tool in the fight against climate change," said Secretary Vilsack. "Nurturing their natural regeneration and planting in areas with the most need is critical to mitigating the worst effects of climate change while also making

those forests more resilient to the threats they face from catastrophic wildfire, historic drought, disease outbreaks and pest infestation."

Before the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and REPLANT, the Forest Service was only able to address about 6% of its post-wildfire reforestation needs. The REPLANT Act directs the Forest Service to plant more than a billion trees over the next decade, removes a cap of \$30 million and is now expected to provide the agency significantly more resources every year to do so.

According to Forest Service Chief Randy Moore, the reforestation strategy (PDF, 7 MB) will serve as a framework to understand reforestation needs, develop shared priorities with partners, expand reforestation and nursery capacity, and ensure the trees planted grow to support healthy, resilient forests.

"Our reforestation efforts on national forests only increase through strong partnerships with other federal agencies, tribes, state and local governments, communities and organizations," Moore said. "We recognize that successfully increasing reforestation on national forests is dependent on these strong partnerships."

Secretary Vilsack and Chief Moore said that the strategy announced today is an important first step in realizing the goals laid out in President Biden's direction to scale up climate-smart reforestation and also supports the Forest Service's 10-year strategy to cut wildfire risk, protect communities and improve forest health.

In addition to the reforestation strategy, Secretary Vilsack announced 13 new USDA agency climate adaptation plans, which outline how each USDA agency will incorporate climate change into their operations and decisions to support communities, agriculture and forests nationwide.

"Our climate adaptation plans represent a blueprint for how we account for the risks our changing climate has on those groups most vulnerable to its effects – America's farmers, ranchers, forest landowners and rural communities," said Secretary Vilsack.

With nearly half the country experiencing drought, record-breaking heat, and increasing development where fire-prone forests meet at-risk communities, Secretary Vilsack said that prioritizing climate in how the USDA makes

decisions will be critical in protecting people, resources and livelihoods.

In October 2021, USDA released its departmentwide Climate Adaptation Plan (PDF, 813 KB), which identified ways that climate change will impact USDA's mission and stakeholders, and developed cross-cutting actions to adapt to current and future effects of climate change.

**FOREST SERVICE TAKING EMERGENCY ACTION TO PROTECT GIANT SEQUOIAS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is initiating emergency fuels reduction treatments to provide for the long term survival of giant sequoia groves against immediate wildfire threats. These actions make use of the agency's existing authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to conduct emergency fuels treatments as expeditiously as possible.

"Without urgent action, wildfires could eliminate countless more iconic giant sequoias," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "We can and must do more to protect giant sequoias using all the tools and flexibilities available to us. This emergency action to reduce fuels before a wildfire occurs will protect unburned giant sequoia groves from the risks of high-severity wildfires."

Encompassing approximately 13,377 acres that will protect 12 giant sequoia groves, the emergency fuels treatments would remove surface and ladder fuels that present the greatest wildfire risk and include hand cutting of small trees, mechanical removal of trees, application of borate on green stumps, pulling duff away from the base of large giant sequoias and prescribed burning.

Most of the planned treatments have already initiated NEPA required environmental reviews. The environmental review processes for two of the projects are scheduled to be completed by April 2023 and the other will be completed by November 2023. With the emergency action, giant sequoias could receive accelerated protection by as much as 9 to 12 months in most groves and

**LATTA HELPS PACK USO CARE PACKAGES**



Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined the USO Congressional Caucus on Capitol Hill to assemble USO Care Packages, filled with snacks, toiletries, and other items that will be delivered to military service members stationed around the world. The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation. This has been a timed honor tradition for Congressman Latta. He has

participated for many years until the COVID-19 pandemic put the event on hold. Today is the first time since 2019 that the event is once again being held.

"This morning, I had the opportunity to pack USO care packages alongside my fellow members," said Latta. "While this will never repay the sacrifices that our service members make for our country, it will bring a few necessities and a little slice of home to wherever they are serving around the world."

years earlier in other groves. The intent is to complete treatments by 2023 but may continue through the end of 2024.

On the Sequoia National Forest, the estimated cost for the manual and mechanical treatments, including prescribed burn preparation on up to 11,945 acres, is approximately \$15 million, which the Forest Service has available thanks to funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and appropriations from Congress. Work on eight groves could be initiated this summer and work on three additional groves could begin this fall.

On the Sierra National Forest, approximately \$6 million is needed for manual and mechanical treatments, including prescribed burn preparation on up to 1,432 acres. Work could be initiated this summer on three groves.

Of the 37 giant sequoia groves found on 37,000 acres of national forests in California, all but five have burned

or partially burned in recent wildfires, and many giant monarchs – the largest sequoias in a grove – were killed. Since 2015, wildfires have caused significant destruction of the giant sequoia groves, and have destroyed nearly one-fifth of all giant sequoias in the last two years. The emergency facing giant sequoias is unprecedented.

**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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# ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS ENJOYS A VISIT FROM MARK'S ARK



Irwin the Alligator (yes, he is alive!) is shown in the picture being held by Peyton Hollar along with all of the children who were able to make it for the big day!

Ann's Bright Beginnings summer program recently hosted Mark's Ark from Auburn, Indiana. He brought along different exotic animals for us to touch

and hold such as a blue tongue skink, a tortoise, a cinnamon hedgehog, snakes, ducks, doves, and Australian tree frogs! Do you have a 3 or 4 year old at

home? Call 419-399-KIDS to get them registered for preschool! It all starts in September and you don't want to miss out!

## WESTERN BUCKEYE BOARD MEETING

The next Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the ESC Conference Room at 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH.

## FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

Over the Memorial Day weekend, State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, received information about two anglers taking undersized saugeye at Indian Lake. Indian Lake's daily limit is six saugeye with a minimum length of 15 inches. Officer Smith responded to the call and discovered the anglers had 16 saugeye in their possession, all of which were under 15 inches. One angler was fishing without a license. The two anglers were each issued a summons and paid a total of \$400 in fines. The fish were also forfeited.

State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, received a call about a white-tailed deer fawn stuck in a backyard fence. When Officer Kiger arrived, the fawn was stuck between a garage

and wooden fence. Officer Kiger captured the fawn and prepared to release it. As he released the fawn, Officer Kiger saw the fawn's mother approach and the deer were reunited. Most of the first few weeks of a fawn's life are spent alone while the mother watches nearby. Unless the fawn is in distress, leave it be and observe from a distance.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2022 spring walleye run on the Maumee River, State Wildlife Officer Eric VonAlmen, assigned to Wood County, observed an angler catch a walleye and then carry it back to his truck. The angler returned to the water and fished for a while longer. Officer VonAlmen contacted the angler, who said he had not caught any fish. When Officer VonAlmen inquired about the fish in the truck, the angler admitted that he knew the fish was undersized. The walleye was confirmed to be under the legal minimum of 15 inches and the angler was written a summons for the violation. He paid \$155 in fines and court costs.

In February, State Wildlife Officer Ethan Bingham, assigned to Williams County, received a call from Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper regarding an injured red-

tailed hawk that was struck by a vehicle. Officer Bingham retrieved the hawk and transported it to Nature's Nursery, a local wildlife rehabilitation center, for care. A few months later, Officer Bingham received a call from Nature's Nursery advising that the hawk was ready for release. Officer Bingham coordinated with the individual who struck the hawk and together they released the hawk into the wild near where it was discovered.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

During the 2021 white-tailed deer gun season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received information regarding an individual hunting on private property without permission. Officer Porter and Ohio Division of Wildlife investigators conducted interviews and executed a search warrant on the individual's residence. They seized numerous firearms, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and untagged deer parts. After adjudication, the individual was found guilty and sentenced to 180 days in jail with subsequent house arrest for 90 days, one-year probation, \$545 in fines and court costs, and forfeiture of all evidence.

State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received information in the spring of 2021 about an individual shooting an adult male wild turkey over bait. A summons was issued for the violation and the person was found guilty in court. A total of \$295 in fines and court costs were ordered to be paid and the turkey was forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

Earlier this summer, State Wildlife Officer Cole Tilton, assigned to Scioto County, assisted with Shawnee Science Camp at Camp Oyo in Shawnee State Forest. Nearly 30 youth attended the two-night camp and learned about wildlife, creeks, insects, and nature skills. Officer Tilton taught water safety and how to kayak. He also had BB gun and archery ranges for the children to try. Many attendees said archery was their favorite activity at the camp.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

While on patrol, State Wildlife Officers Houston Wireman and Mark Schem-

mel, assigned to Champaign and Auglaize counties, respectively, observed two individuals fishing at Lake Loramie State Park. The officers checked the pair's fishing licenses as they left the area. During this routine check, the officers found that one of the individuals had discarded a glass bottle into the grass near his car. The individual was issued a summons for litter on state property. Charges are pending in the amount of \$205.

State Wildlife Officers Matt Roberts and Matt Hunt, assigned to Clinton and Greene counties, respectively, along with Assistant Chief Todd Haines, Wildlife District Manager Rick Rogers, and Wildlife Officer Program Manager Eric Lamb recently helped serve meals at Sugar Tree Ministries in Clinton County. The Ohio Division of Wildlife donated 50 pounds of ground venison obtained from unlawful harvests to the food bank. The Ohio Division of Wildlife routinely donates forfeited deer meat to food pantries across the state. This time, staff also assisted with serving around 100 meals of venison burgers to those in need. Many of the individuals served commented that it was their first time eating venison. Sugar Tree Ministries serves meals and provides guests with carryout meals.

## BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$1 BILLION IN COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANTS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack launched a new \$1 billion Community Wildfire Defense Grant program. This new, five-year, competitive program funded by President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is designed to assist at-risk communities, including Tribal communities, non-profit organizations, state forestry agencies and Alaska Native corporations with planning for and mitigating wildfire risks.

The program launch comes at an important time as shifting development patterns, land and fire management decisions, and climate change have turned fire "seasons" into fire "years" with

increasingly destructive fires. Applications will be available in the coming days.

Secretary Vilsack made the announcement during his keynote address at the Western Governors' Association's 2022 annual meeting where discussions focused on wildfire threats, restoring burned landscapes and the effects of drought in the West.

"These investments are crucial to tackling the wildfire crisis, climate change and public safety," said Secretary Vilsack. "President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is giving us new resources and tools to invest in communities in the areas where they live and the forests they value."

Individual grants will fund up to \$250,000 to create and update community wildfire protection plans or conduct outreach and education, and up to \$10 million for associated infrastructure and resilience projects. Local and Tribal governments are encouraged to conduct planning exercises to assist their communities with wildfire preparedness, response and adaptation efforts. Projects must be completed within five years of the award obligation. The number of projects selected will be determined by available funding, which is \$200 million annually.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant program is based on legislation initially introduced by Vice President Harris in the Senate. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included language to ensure the program prioritizes communities that have a high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low income, or have been impacted by a se-

vere disaster. The new program will also help communities in the wildland urban interface meet the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy to maintain resilient landscapes, create fire-adapted communities and improve wildfire response.

"Insight and guidance from the communities most at risk for catastrophic wildfires helps us mitigate those risks more effectively," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "We need a collaborative effort at all levels to ensure the success of this critical national effort."

Addressing wildfire is a whole-of government approach, and through the White House Wildfire Interagency Working Group, agencies are working together to align and promote funding opportunities and resources. In addition, earlier this month, USDA, the Department of the Interior, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, announced appointments for a new Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission, created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which will assemble policy recommendations on how the agencies can better mitigate, prevent, and respond to wildfire risk. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also provides an historic \$8.25 billion investment for wildfire management, through a suite of programs aimed at reducing wildfire risks, detecting wildfires, instituting firefighter workforce reforms and landmark pay increases for federal wildland firefighters.

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# VWFT GIVES TO LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMS



(YWCA) Pictured L-R: Mark Bagley, VWCS Superintendent; Betsy Hamman, YWCA Director of Summer Food Program; two program participants; and Chuck Rollins, VWFT President.



(Brumback) Pictured L-R: Mark Bagley, VWCS Superintendent; Linda Bagley and Gary Taylor, Brumback Library Board Members; and Chuck Rollins, VWFT President.

The Van Wert Federation of Teachers donated a total of \$2,500 to two local youth summer programs. The Brumback Library Summer Reading Program and the YWCA Summer Food Program each received \$1,250. This is the twelfth consecutive year the VWFT has been

able to donate to these programs.

Van Wert City Schools employees are encouraged to donate to the fundraiser in exchange for "dress casual" days during the last week of school. Chuck Rollins, VWFT President is grateful for all school employees who

participated in this fundraiser, stating, "The Van Wert Federation of Teachers is proud to work with the administration and staff of Van Wert City Schools to help provide these valuable funds to support two outstanding programs for the children of Van Wert."

## PRACTICAL SOIL HEALTH TIPS

Since I am on the road teaching, here are some practical tips from my fact-sheet: "25 Tips to Growing and Managing Cover Crops".

**Tip 1:**  
Use cover crop mixtures composed of at least one grass, one legume, and one brassica or other diverse cover crop species to improve diversity. Mix summer annuals with fall and winter annuals to increase crop diversity.

**Tip 2:**  
Select diverse species that maximize both sunlight and moisture interception. At

least 50 percent of cover crop species should be low growing, another 30 percent intermediate, and 20 percent tall growing. Select cover crops that have a variety of taproots and fibrous root systems that incept moisture from different soil regions. The goal is to utilize 100% of available sunlight and moisture to minimize direct competition for nutrients and water.

**Tip 3:**  
To determine initial seeding rate in cover crop mixtures, divide the full rate of seed needed for each cover crop in a monoculture and divide by the number of cover crop species planted.

Small seeded cover crops should be planted shallow, large seeded cover crops deeper. Set the planter or drill for the largest seed in the mixture. For example, a simple cover crop mixture is oats, crimson clover and radish. The full rate for oats by itself is one bushel per acre (32 pounds) divided by 3 or 10-11 pounds in a three-way mix. Crimson clover is 15 pounds by itself or 5 pounds/A in a mixture and radish (daikon) is 3-5 pounds/A by itself or 1-2 pounds in a three-way mixture.

**Tip 4:**  
Add manure or fertilizer to cover crops to increase biomass production. Most fertilizer or manure applied will become available to the next crop after it is decomposed. Adding 50 pounds of nitrogen to most grass or brassica cover crops may double biomass production if manure is not available. Adding a legume to the cover crop mix reduces the need for additional nitrogen fertilizer because cover

crops mixtures share nutrients between species.

**Tip 5:**  
Most cover crops need a minimum of 1 inch of rain and at least 60 days of growth to survive the winter. Due to day length and soil temperature, planting or drilling even one week earlier is beneficial for establishing cover crops successfully.

**Tip 6:**  
Drilling is preferred to broadcasting seed to improve seed-to-soil contact and to improve germination. If you are broadcasting or flying on seed early, increase the seeding rate by 10 to 20 percent to compensate for reduced germination. Large seeded cover crops generally should not be flown or broadcast unless soils are really wet. For corn production, broadcast seed when you can see 50% light penetration between the rows; for soybeans, when 25% of soybean leaves are turning yellow. Drilling reduces seeding issues with voles (field mice), slugs, and worms.

**Tip 7:**  
Many early seeded cover crop failures are associated with herbicide carryover issues due to August dry weather (slow breakdown), especially when associated with triazines (Ex. Atrazine), ALS herbicides (Ex. Pursuit and Scepter) or herbicides with long half-lives. If you are dissatisfied with cover crop stands in the fall that were broadcast, chances are herbicide carryover may be an issue. Many legumes and brassicas (radish, rape, kale) struggle with herbicide carryover.

**Tip 8:**  
Use legume cover crops like crimson and Balansa clover, winter peas, hairy vetch before corn next year to add 50-150 pounds of organic nitrogen or brassicas to aerate the soil before corn production. Minimize using high carbon to nitrogen ration cover crops that will need additional nitrogen to decompose. Remember, the corn is the last organism to utilize nitrogen, soil microbes and the soil organic matter will tie up most of the available nitrogen first, so the corn generally feeds last.

**Tip 9:**  
Legumes maximize their nitrogen production (90% complete) at blooming. Terminate legume cover crops before they set seed and tie up nitrogen. Most nitrogen in the legume cover crop will become available to next crop in 4-8 weeks once they decompose.

**Tip 10:**  
Add 40-60 pounds of nitrogen in corn starter next year to stimulate corn growth before soil microbes begin reproduction. Most soil microbes double their population with every 10-degree Fahrenheit increase in soil temperature. As microbial populations increase with moisture and warmer soils, nutrient recycling increases, and more nutrients are available for crop production. Long-term nitrogen studies show that almost 50% of N for corn comes from existing soil organic matter. Improving soil health next year starts with a good cover crop planted this year!

James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

# YOUNG MAKER'S MARKET TO MAKE DEBUT AT ANTWERP'S 2022 DAY IN THE PARK



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to offer a new opportunity at Day in the Park to be held on August 13, 2022. This opportunity is the Young Makers' Market – an opportunity for you, our community's young crafters up to age 16, to have a booth space and sell your creations. You will have your own space alongside the other artisans/crafters/direct sales representatives.

Our set up fee for this opportunity will be \$5.00 for one card table-sized space. You are responsible for providing your own card table. Payment is due and payable when you return the form before reserving your space. Cash or check is accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce. You will be notified before the event of receipt of your payment and your space number assigned. If the Chamber cancels The Day in the Park, your fee will be refunded at the address you provide below. The Day in the Park happens rain or shine.

We ask that you be set up by 9:30am and remain till the close of the day at 3:30pm. We will be at the park at 7 am to assist you in finding your space.

We look forward to hearing from you concerning your participation. Our only restriction is that no food or beverages of any kind be

sold in the Craft/Direct Sales Vendor area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Chamber at antwerpchamber@gmail.com. Forms are also available on Facebook at Antwerp Chamber of Commerce.

Please mail your reservation form and payment to the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce at the above address by 8/7/2022.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Circle City Speedway USAC Indiana Sprint Week July 25<sup>th</sup>, Photo Credit kfmediaphotos7

By: Ron Burt

The 35th annual USAC Indiana Sprint week got off to an interesting start at Gas City I-69 Speedway on Friday, July 22nd. 52 cars were in the pits to qualify. The first night saw Shane Cottle of Kansas, IL take the checker in the feature. He only led one lap but that's the one that counted. The two-time track champion had to qualify through the semi-feature, and he started tenth in the feature, but he charged under Justin Grant of Avon, IN, in turn 1 on the final lap to win the first night. Cautions, red flags, and restarts help Cottle in getting his win. Finishing behind the winner was 2nd Justin Grant, and 3rd Mitchel Moles. Mother nature won night No. 2 at Kokomo when the sky's opened up. Sunday, July 24th the race teams traveled to the beautiful Lawrenceburg Speedway on the banks of the Ohio River. You guessed it; rain poured down at the start of the feature. The event was considered a complete show. The

feature payout and points were shared among the main event starters. Monday night, July 25th, the series went to Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis. C. J. Leary spent the majority of Monday night's USAC Sprint Week debut at Circle City Raceway running the bottom line in pursuit of leader Brady Bacon. He finally over-took Bacon with three laps remaining to claim his 6th all-time Indiana Sprint Week victory. Finishing after the leader 2nd Justin Grant, and 3rd Brady Bacon. Tuesday July 26th was an open date, and the cars went back to Kokomo Speedway. C.J. Leary set a new Kokomo's USAC National Sprint Car track record with a time of 12.284 seconds during qualifying. Justin Grant looked to have a comfortable lead but at the midway point of Tuesday night's 30-lap feature, Grant saw the race lead slip from his grip three different times and the race had seven lead changes. The 30-lap feature tied an all-time Indiana Sprint

Week record for the most lead changes in a single feature event, equaling the mark of seven set during the rounds at Lincoln Park in 2001 and Bloomington in 2016. Justin Grant won the feature with Kyle Cummings only a car length behind him. Robert Ballou took 3rd. Because of heavy rain, Wednesday, July 27th scheduled race at the Terre Haute Action Track has been canceled and will not be rescheduled. This was a big disappointment to USAC Sprint fans. I will recap the final three races next week.

Many tracks were hit by rain last weekend and some just had the night off. On Friday at Attica Raceway Park, Travis Philo took the top spot in the Winged 410 Sprint feature with Craig Mintz and Trey Jacobs right behind him. The Dirt Late Model victory went to Ryan Markham. Devin Shiels took 2nd and Casey Noonan 3rd. Matt Foes picked up another win at Attica in the 305 Sprints. On lap 11, Jamie Miller slid off the track opening the door for Foes who led the rest of the race. Kasey Jedrzejewski was 2nd followed Jamie Miller.

I have complete coverage from 12 tri-state tracks every week on the Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page with pictures. Next week I'll look ahead to the Knoxville Nationals for the 410-Winged Sprints. Many top area drivers make the annual trip to Iowa. I will also recap the 3rd Grand Slam event for the Outlaw Asphalt Late Models at Plymouth Speedway and the Hy-Miler Supermodified Nationals at Sandusky. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! [www.ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com](http://www.ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com)

Warrant and warrant block recalled; Show proof of insurance by 7/21/22; Operator license forfeiture may be released in all cases; Fines and costs to be taken from bond

Juan C. Sanchez, Antwerp, OH; Improper handling of firearm, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Gun and ammo may be returned to the defendant; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; OVI/breath(low), Pled no contest, found guilty, Pay all fines and costs, ALS vacated; Left of center, Count C dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count D dismissed

Emily M. Miller, Paulding, OH; Confinement of dog, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Shall pay restitution in the amount of \$225.00, Maintain general good behavior;

Shabria T. Drake, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carlos Zamora Jr., Van Wert, OH; FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Show proof of insurance by 7/21/22; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Terrance W. Williams Jr., Flint, MI; No operator's license, Guilty; Seat belt/drive, Guilty; Pay fines and costs by 8/26/22

Heather M. King, Oakwood, OH; Confinement of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Pay restitution of \$2695.27

Megan N. Landers, Holgate, OH; Attempted-theft; Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Shane P. Menke, Latty, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed without prejudice; Costs waived

Victoria N. Andrews, Cloverdale, OH; Criminal trespassing, Case dismissed per state, Costs waived; Child endangerment, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, Mental health evaluation, 20 hours community service, Risk assessment, Continue with all medical treatment

James N. McGowan, Noblesville, IN; OVI/breath(low); Guilty; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail

Cody Adkins, Melrose, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; Jail days concurrent with Common Pleas

Tiera J. Gomez, Antwerp, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alexandre Gingras, Thetford Mines, QC; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christian T. Thomas, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dustin J. Glossett, Van Wert, OH; FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Registration violation, Guilty

Rachel N. Box, Cecil, OH; Obstructing; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours community service; Placed on probation; Risk assessment; Online classes; Write a letter of apology to the arresting officer while incarcerated

Kendra D. Gamble, Defiance, OH; Domestic violence, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on

standard probation, Submit an evaluation, Shall have no contact with victim, Complete online courses, Risk assessment, Repay SCRAM unit, Remove SCRAM today, 20 hours community service; OVI/under influence, Case D dismissed at defendant's costs, ALS vacated

Jessica Wolfe Koppenhofer, Paulding, OH; Confinement of dog (2 counts); Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Layton R. Boham, Paulding, OH; Sell cigarettes to minor; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Hannah M. Hodson, Anderson, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Andrew C. Poucher, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension-operator license forfeiture; Guilty; Defendant may be released today; Warrant and warrant block may be removed; Case must be paid in full before operator license forfeiture is released

Luiz F. Purcino, Etobicoke, ON; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Katherine R. Pessefall, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Guilty; Defendant removed from diversion; Shall pay all fines and costs

Jonathon P. Miller, Wauseon, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Complete an online DIP, Pay all fines and costs by 8/25/23; Failure to control, Guilty

Robert L. Bair III, Melrose, OH; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Show proof of insurance by 7/28/22; No operator's license, Guilty

Gannon T. Prowant, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Nathan J. Woodby, Cecil, OH; Traffic device/signal; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Harli M. Hall, Payne, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

William F. Lloyd, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear

distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Emily M. Miller, Paulding, OH; Theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; No contact with Dollar General; 40 hours community service; Write a letter of apology; Probation to determine online classes; Risk assessment; Restitution \$1050.00

Jose A. Hernandez, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Count A dismissed

Roblero R. Rodelio, Delphos, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Melisa K. Page, Benton, KY; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Taryn M. Moore, Arcanum, OH; Tinted windows; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Riley E. Rue, Paulding, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dejanae D. Hunter, Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant, Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Ronald L. Craig Jr., Paulding, OH; Fishing without license; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Harold R. Stegman Jr., Van Wert, OH; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Steven P. Ferrell, Paulding, OH; Left of center, Case dismissed at defendant's cost

Gregory K. Anderson, Harper Woods, MI; Distracted driving; Defendant completed course

Stephond L. Morgan, Indianapolis, IN; Highway use tax, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Christina A. Hicks, Richmond, IN; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

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### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

Marlene Ortiz, Indianapolis, IN; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put lawful use by the arresting agency; No operator's license, Guilty, Forfeiture may be released when paid in full; Wrong plate, Guilty

Mahylik J. Lowery, Napoleon, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty;

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if he is found there he would be arrested for trespassing. Jason Fisher was notified.

On July 15th A resident on Buffalo St. was served a notice in reference to weeds and junk.

On July 16th While patrolling, an officer noticed the street signs at Cleveland and Canal had been knocked down. He notified the village administrator.

On July 18th Antwerp Police Department received a report of an individual who had over heard a conversation. In the conversation threats had been made against one of the local churches and pastor.

On July 20th A suspicious individual was reported on E. Daggett St. The officer arrived and found the individual cut-

ting grass with a pair of hedge sheers.

On July 20th Antwerp Police Department was contacted by Allen County Indiana Sheriff Office in reference to a trailer that had been stolen in their county. It was reported that the trailer was in Antwerp.

On July 23rd Hardin County Sheriff Office contacted the Antwerp Police Department in reference to an individual that lives in the vil-

lage. On July 23rd Antwerp Police Department received a call suicide help line, in reference to an individual that was speaking to them on phone. It was determined the individual lived outside village limits and the call was referred to sheriff office.

On July 24th A resident on High St. had been given a notice for junk and trash. On July 24th the residence appeared to be in compliance

On July 24th A resident reported a vehicle driving down 49 outside the village with a trailer full of debris and some of the debris was falling off.

On July 24th An individual from Ft. Wayne called to check the water condition of the Maumee River in reference to them canoeing

On July 25th An individual stopped in and explained that she would be going to local businesses to help raise money for breast cancer awareness. She then provided her name and information should any one call.

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!

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That's because the app, Dwellin, shows you the total cost of annual home maintenance, and how to budget for it, when to plan it throughout the year, tips and hacks for DIY projects, and ways to easily store and share your information about service pros, utility numbers and appliance facts with household members.

App Description:

In only 30 seconds, it can estimate your annual home maintenance costs and carbon footprint and recommend steps you can take to reduce both.

Here's How

An AI-powered platform polls publicly available data about an address, including square footage and zip code, to instantly calculate:

•Annual Maintenance Cost: The total home maintenance, utility, vehicle, EV and insurance cost to help you budget better.

•Annual Carbon Footprint: Your estimated carbon dioxide emissions—the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) emitted by you and your possessions into the Earth's atmosphere each year—which collectively and negatively affect climate change. Tips and articles offer ways to live more sustainably and even begin the journey toward net-zero home ownership.

•Personalized Home Maintenance Calendar: Walk through monthly maintenance tasks designed to keep your home running smoothly. Learn about home maintenance projects and organize your service pros to get every job done.

•Appliance and Asset Tracker: Organize and share models, manuals, warranties and maintenance schedules for your home appliances, HVAC and mechanical systems, solar, vehicles and EVs with your household members.

Some Suggestions

For example, the app offers these seven tips on reducing

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Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

carbon emissions:

1. Use smart plugs: These have a single on/off plug for multiple devices so you don't have to unplug each socket individually.

2. Install a smart thermostat that can regulate itself when you're home and away.

3. Use the dishwasher. It seems surprising but that uses less water and energy than doing dishes by hand.

4. Replace your old appliances with new, energy-efficient models.

5. Dry your clothes on a clothesline outdoors on sunny days.

6. Secure windows and doors by caulking the gaps.

7. Save water. Turn off faucets when not in use—while you're brushing, shaving, and so on. Fix leaky faucets and pipes. Take short baths rather than long show-

ers. Use a drip irrigation system for your garden.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN ADMINISTRATOR, EXECUTOR OR FIDUCIARY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. FULK, ET AL.

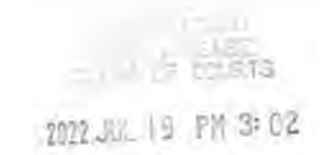
DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-094 RASC# 22-020544 Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: UNKNOWN ADMINISTRATOR, EXECUTOR OR FIDUCIARY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. FULK, you will take notice that on June 9, 2022, Plaintiff, filed a Complaint for foreclosure in the PAULDING County Court of Common Pleas, being Case No. CI 22 094, alleging that there is due to the Plaintiff the sum of \$91,169.80, plus interest at 4.25.000% per annum from July 01, 2020, plus late charges and fees applicable to the terms of a Promissory Note secured by a Mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 1029 EMERALD RD PAULDING, OH 45879-7809, being permanent parcel number Parcel Number: 23-51A-052-00.

Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of a default in payment of said Promissory Note, the conditions of said Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

Plaintiff prays that the Defendant named above be required to answer and assert any interest in



said real property or be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, for foreclosure of said mortgage, marshalling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied according to law.

Said Defendant is required to file an Answer on or before the twenty-eighth day following the last date of Publication.

Edward J. Delp, 0088641 Austin R. Decker, 0100918 Maria T. Williams, 0079972 Brady J. Lighthall, 0079428 Brian S. Jackson, 0068516 Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 2400 Chamber Center Dr. Suite 220 Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 833-310-1332 Email: ausdecker@raslg.com / bjackson@raslg.com blighthall@raslg.com maria.williams@raslg.com edelp@raslg.com

Ann E. Pease hereby certify the foregoing is true and correct. Original on file in the County Clerk's Office. Ann E. Pease, Clerk Deputy

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff,

vs.

JESUS ORONA, EL.A.L. DEFENDANTS,

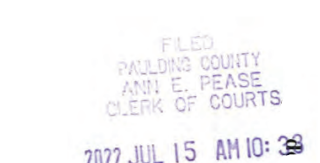
Case No. CI-22-105 Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Jesus Orona; Eva Orona; Nations Credit Home Equity Services Corp. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 302 E. Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio; 405 West Loop 620 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against Jesus Orona and Eva Orona seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Jesus Orona and Eva Orona to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 534 Page 1661 of the Paulding County Records. Defendant, Nations Credit Home Equity Services, Corp. has been named as a lien holder to the property.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the Village of Oakwood, County of Paulding and State of Ohio: Commencing at the North side of Harmon Street and being Seventy-six (76) feet East of the intersection of Harmon and Third Streets on said North side of Harmon Street; thence North One Hundred and thirty-two (132) feet; thence East Sixty-four (64) feet; thence South One Hundred and



Thirty-two (132) feet; thence West Sixty-four (64) feet to the place of beginning. The above premises being part of Outlot 9 of Section 26, Brown Township. Auditor's Parcel #10-22S-017-00 Property Address: 302 E. Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio Prior Instrument Reference: V.410, P. 486

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: Gretchen Burkhauer Deputy

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

2022 T89-1.36 Culvert Replacement, Crane Township, Paulding County

Bids will be received by Crane Township until 5:00 PM August 18, 2022, and then at the Crane Township Building at 302 North Main Street, Cecil, Ohio, publicly opened and read aloud at 7:00 P.M. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to Crane Township Fiscal Officer, 17374 US 127, Cecil, Ohio 45821 and must be received by 5:00 PM August 18, 2022.

PROPOSAL: T89-1.36 Culvert Replacement

The owner intends and requires that the project be completed no later than August 31, 2023

Engineer's Estimate = \$66,460.00

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed as listed above.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972, and Governor's Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Paulding County as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

All contractors shall hold all applicable Federal and State OSHA regulations. The contractor shall also hold Crane Township or Trustees harmless for any violations or fines received while engaged in this project.

All contractors must provide current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage for \$1,000,000 along with a current Certificate of Worker's Compensation Coverage, before they can be hired to perform any type of work for Crane Township.

All materials shall conform to the latest revision of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

Sealed bids shall be in writing and in accordance with specifications furnished by Crane Township, specifications can be requested by email at Cranetwp@yahoo.com. Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Crane Township Fiscal Officer, 17374 U.S.127, Cecil, Ohio 45821, and bids on the above-named items to be marked:

PROPOSAL: "2022 T89-1.36 Culvert Replacement"

The Crane Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE CRANE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Carol Razo Fiscal Officer

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. SHARON ANN FRY AKA SHARON FRY, ET AL, Defendants,

Case No. CI 21 122.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

104 West Woodcox Street, Antwerp Parcel Number: 12-04S-050-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office located in the Courthouse or at:

www.uslandrecorders.com.

Said premises appraised at Thirty-nine Thousand and No/100 (\$39,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the August 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

https://pauldingsheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on September 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

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

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingsheriff.com Brian S. Gorrell, Attorney for Plaintiff

# OHIO ARTS COUNCIL JOINS ROADSIDE MARKER GRANT PROGRAM



An example of a Legends and Lore roadside marker

OAC Partnership with Pomeroy Foundation Brings Legends & Lore Markers to Buckeye State COLUMBUS, Ohio - July 28, 2022

Thanks to a new partnership between the Ohio Arts Council (OAC) and William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Ohio communities can now highlight their stories, customs, and traditions through a roadside marker grant program named Legends & Lore.

Launched by the Pomeroy Foundation in 2015, the Legends & Lore grant program helps communities commemorate their local folklore and legends, and promote cultural tourism with roadside markers. The OAC, which funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities, has joined the grant program as a state partner of the Pomeroy Founda-

tion. The OAC will help vet grant applications and ensure the legitimacy of the folklore proposed for commemoration.

"Encouraging cultural tourism is an important part of promoting a vibrant Ohio arts economy," said Donna S. Collins, OAC executive director. "The Ohio Arts Council looks forward to spotlighting local folk and traditional arts and culture through Legends & Lore."

The Pomeroy Foundation is a philanthropic organization based in Syracuse, N.Y. One of the Foundation's main initiatives is to help people celebrate their community's history by providing grants for roadside markers. Since 2005, the Foundation has awarded close to 1,800 grants for markers and bronze plaques in 46 states and Wash-

ington, D.C.

"We are delighted to partner with the Ohio Arts Council to bring this unique grant opportunity to the Buckeye State," said Deryn Pomeroy, trustee and director of strategic initiatives at the Pomeroy Foundation. "The Legends & Lore marker program has already helped communities around the country commemorate the cultural traditions, customs, and stories that are important to them. Through our partnership with the OAC, we look forward to recognizing Ohio's diverse landscape of folk and traditional arts with roadside markers."

More than 140 Legends & Lore marker grants have been awarded by the Pomeroy Foundation since the program's inception. In addition to Ohio, Legends & Lore grants are currently available in the following states: Alabama, Connecticut, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, and West Virginia. Prospective applicants must apply through a local 501(c)(3) organization, such as a historical society; non-profit academic institution; or a local, state, or federal government entity.

There are two Legends & Lore grant rounds each year. The second Legends & Lore grant round in 2022 will open on Monday, Aug. 29. The deadline to submit a marker grant application during that round will be Monday, Oct. 17, 2022. Legends & Lore grant funding includes the full cost of a marker, pole, and shipping. To review program guidelines and details about how to apply online, visit the Foundation's website: [www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/](http://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/)

## ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES 7/21/22

The Antwerp Local School District Board of Education met at 5:00 P.M. at the above date for their July meeting at the Antwerp Local School Board Room.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board Members.
2. Call to order
3. Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mr. Dennis Recker, Mrs. Sara Schuette and Mrs. Jayme Landers.
4. Acknowledgement of visitors and guests: Others Present: Dr. Martin

Miller (Superintendent) and Kristine Stuart (Treasurer). Guests include Robert Phillips and Adam Papin (Paulding Progress News Reporter).

Dr. Miller gave a presentation to the Board Members his recent tour of Europe with the EF (Education First) Professional Learning Tour.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Robert Herber and seconded by Anita Bok, to approve the agenda with any additions or changes as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jayme Landers and seconded by Dennis Recker, to approve the minutes from the regular meetings of June 30, 2022. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

7. LIAISON REPORT: None

8. VANTAGE BOARD REPORT: None

9. TREASURER'S REPORT: a. Review of Accounts Payable b. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Motion passed: 5-0.

Motion by Robert Herber and seconded by Sara Schuette, that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

10. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Lichty - Middle/High School Principal - None

Mrs. Tracey Stokes - Elementary School Principal - None

11. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS:

- a. Staffing Update
- b. Building and Grounds Update - open House on August 23rd (Ribbon Cutting of IAC)
- c. Technology Update
- d. Curriculum/Technology Integration Update
- e. School Safety Update
- f. Book Donation from the PC

Retired Teachers in memory of Lonnie Bostelman

12. CONSENT ITEMS: a. Approve the Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Substitute list for the current month and provide reasonable assurance that all active members on the list have a position as a Substitute Teacher on an as-needed basis with the Antwerp Local School District.

b. Rescind the 2022-2023 Girls Golf Coach contract for Zach Lee.

c. Approve a one-year teaching contract for Ashley Fidler for the 2022-2023 school year.

d. Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Jason Hale - Weight Room Supervisor 50%

2. Craig Good - Assistant Football Coach - 50%

e. Approve Vision Impaired Service agreement with Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for the 2022-2023 school year.

f. Approve official Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY23.

g. Approve a 12-week FMLA request for Greg Bryant with an approximate begin date of August 1, 2022 and waive the requirement of using accrued paid personal and vacation leave concurrent with the FMLA leave.

Motion by Dennis Recker and seconded by Robert Herber, that the Board approve the following consent items (a-g). Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Herber and seconded by Sara Schuette to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Board of Education room. Vote: Yes: Mrs. Anita Bok, Mr. Robert Herber, Mrs. Jayme Landers, Mr. Dennis Recker and Mrs. Sara Schuette. Motion passed: 5-0.

# INSOURCE TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS WITH OPEN HOUSE



Insource, located at 12124 Road 111, Paulding, is set to celebrate its 25 years of operation in business this year. They are offering an Open House to the public on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 to give the public the opportunity to tour the facility, meet the Insource team and enjoy a hot meal on Insource! Insource is a manufacturing company that produces components for many different types of electronic equipment including navigation boards for tractors and combines, refrigeration units, braided harness for use in numerous types of emergency vehicles and forestry equipment, and electronic boards with embedded chip hardware/

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The Department will make additional investments for rural high-speed internet later this summer, including ReConnect Program funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides a historic \$65 billion investment to expand affordable, high-speed internet to all communities across the U.S.

"Connectivity is critical to economic success in rural America," Vilsack said. "The internet is vital to our growth and continues to act as a catalyst for our prosperity. From the farm to the school, from households to international markets, connectivity drives positive change in our communities. The investments I am announcing today will help 31,000 people and businesses in large and diverse regions across the country access new and critical opportunities. Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA knows rural America is America's backbone, and prosperity here

means prosperity for all."

USDA is supporting high-speed internet investments in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota and Texas through today's announcement. Several awards will help rural people and businesses on Tribal lands and those in socially vulnerable communities.

As part of the announcement:

- Uprise LLC is receiving a \$27.1 million grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Pershing County, Nevada. It will connect 4,884 people, 130 businesses, 22 farms, and seven public schools to high-speed internet. Uprise LLC will offer subscribers symmetrical service tiers of 200 megabits per second (Mbps) or one gigabit per second. It plans to apply to participate in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program to enable subscribers to obtain the 200 Mbps symmetrical service for free. This project will serve people in the Lovelock Indian Colony and several socially vulnerable communities in Pershing County.

- The Midvale Telephone Company is receiving a \$10.6 million loan to deploy a fiber-to-the-home network. It will connect 455 people, 39 businesses and 69 farms to high-speed internet in Elmore, Blaine, Custer and Boise counties in Idaho, and in Gila, Graham, Pinal, Cochise and Pima counties in Arizona. This loan will serve people in socially vulnerable communities in Pinal County in Arizona and Elmore County in Idaho.

- The Arkansas Telephone Company Inc. is receiving a \$12 million grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect

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986 people, 10 businesses and 145 farms to high-speed internet in Searcy and Van Buren counties. The company will offer low-cost starter packages with voice and voice/data. Discounts will be available to participants of the FCC's Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs.

Background: ReConnect Program  
To be eligible for ReConnect Program funding, an

applicant must serve an area where high-speed internet service speeds are lower than 100 megabits per second (Mbps) (download) and 20 Mbps (upload). The applicant must also commit to building facilities capable of providing high-speed internet service at speeds of 100 Mbps (download and upload) to every location in its proposed service area.

To learn more about investment resources for rural

areas, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov) or contact the nearest USDA Rural Development state office.

Background: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
President Biden forged consensus and compromise between Democrats, Republicans and Independents to demonstrate our democracy can deliver big wins for the American people. After decades of talk on rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure, President Biden delivered the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - a historic investment in America that will change people's lives for the better and get America moving again.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$65 billion to ensure every American has access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment. The legislation also lowers costs for internet service and helps close the digital divide, so that more Americans can make full use of internet access.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

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**Sudoku solution from page 9**

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

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# TERRY WEHRKAMP SPEAKER FOR KIWANIS CLUB MEETING



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Terry Wehrkamp, Director of Live Production at Cooper Farms as guest speaker at the July

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Get ready for Kiwanis' OSU block fundraiser! There are 100 squares available and there is no limit on the number of squares you can purchase.

- You will be entered for

all 12 Ohio State Football games this season.

- Each participant will receive a randomly generated square each week.

- There will be a pay out each week to two winners.

- One winner will have the last digit of Ohio State's final score and the last digit

of the opposing team's final score. The second winner will have the reverse of the last digits. (Example: If the final score is 28-17 the two winners for the week would be square 87 and 78).

All proceeds go to the Kiwanis Club of Paulding County.

For more information or to purchase a square(s) contact Josiah Linder. Email Address: Josiahlinder15@gmail.com

## OSU ALUMNI CLUB TO AUCTION OSU VS NOTRE DAME FB TIKS

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Van Wert and Paulding Counties will be holding a silent auction for 2 premium tickets for the Ohio State vs Notre Dame Football game. The game will take place at Ohio Stadium in Columbus on September 3rd at 7:30pm.

The silent auction will be held from Aug 8-12 at Lee Kinstle GM Sales and Service car dealership 650 W Ervin Rd in Van Wert Ohio. The seats are located in Section 26 AA Row 10. The way the silent auction will be held is as follows: Bidders will be placing a bid for the right to purchase the 2 tickets which have a face value of \$406 to

tal. A person will bid an amount that they are willing to pay in addition to the \$406 ticket price. The highest bidder by the end of business hours on Friday, Aug., 12th will be able to purchase the 2 tickets {\$406} and pay the amount of their bid. All bids must be made in person.

The Lee Kinstle dealership will also be graciously providing a car with a full tank of gas to the highest bidder to drive on game day to the football game in Columbus. Lee Kinstle business hours can be found at their website [www.leekinstle.com](http://www.leekinstle.com) and questions can be answered by calling the dealership at 419-910-2012 or 419-506-1981.

## PERI CHAPTER 10 MEETING

NOTICE! All 96 state members: PERI Paulding County Chapter 10 will hold its meeting at the Paulding County Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St. at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

## CONVOY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAR SHOW

2022 Convoy Community Days Car Show Under the Water Tower will be held on

# THIS WEEK ONPCBW: MYSPTS.LIVE



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we hear from one of the newer businesses in Paulding County, MySports.live. This internet related sports broadcast business just happened to start up prior to gymnasium attendance restrictions and has blossomed ever since. Find out the cool way of how this thriving business concept

developed and where it is headed today. Thanks to Paulding County Ohio Means Jobs, My102.7FM, Station Manager Joe Barker and Engineering Manager Terry Car-wile can tell you all you need to know and more about this business. Broadcasts are Tuesday and Thursday at 8am and 5pm or anytime on Spotify.

Saturday August 13th from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

The first 75 registrations will receive a dash plaque.

23 awards presented to vehicles built prior to 1987, newer vehicles are welcome, but will not be judged.

Goody bags, door prizes & 50/50 drawing.

Lots of good food available at Cheers & Gears, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ & Knight Pizza.

Proceeds to fund the event.

For more information contact Sandy Harting at 41-203-1410 or Warren Kraner at 419-773-0055.



# BACK TO SCHOOL

## ARE YOUR KIDS' VACCINATIONS UP TO DATE?

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that every child receive routine vaccinations. If your child has missed a scheduled vaccination, reach out to their Paulding County Hospital Provider to confirm when and how to receive any missed vaccine doses.

Paulding County Hospital conveniently offers immunizations at all of our clinic locations. **Please call for an appointment.**

- Commercial insurance accepted
- VFC program vaccinations available (VFC is a federally funded program providing no cost vaccines to eligible children)

- Paulding County Hospital Medical Office Building**.....419.399.1782, 419.399.1752  
.....419.399.1762
- Antwerp Medical Center**.....419.258.5641
- Oakwood Medical Center**.....419.594.3520
- Payne Medical Center**.....419.263.2947



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