

NO COMPROMISE! MYSTERY DINNER THEATER COMING TO ANTWERP!



Tickets for *No Compromise! The Story of the Reservoir War of 1887* Mystery Dinner Theater are available at West Bend News, Petals & Vines, and Paulding Chamber office. Mark your calendars for April 14-16 & plan to attend a showing.

The cast of "No Compromise" are hard at work memorizing lines and getting their placements solidified on the Dinner Theater stage at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church. This fundraising mystery dinner theater is set to take place on April 14-16, 7:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on 4/16). This interactive dinner theater was written by area historian and "No Compromise" playwright, Jane Nice and is directed by Renee Boss of Paulding. All the inter-actors are community members who were cast in the original performance that was in 2018 as well as Antwerp Chamber members and Antwerp resi-

dents. Local Playwright, Jane Nice, wrote this interactive play about the Six Mile Reservoir several years ago, and it has been performed in Paulding before. Nice did hours of research with the assistance of the John Paulding Historical Society for the original play, and collaborated with Antwerp Alum, Jerrett Godeke, for historical updates that were discovered during Godeke's own research about the Reservoir War of 1887. The Six Mile Reservoir was located just outside of the Village of Antwerp, an historical marker is posted at the intersection of Rd 180 (Canal Rd)

and Rd 77 (High Rd.). Ever wonder about those names? The High Rd was one of the banks of the infamous Six Mile Reservoir, and when you are driving on Canal Rd., you may notice an extra wide ditch along the south side of the road. About the time that this play begins it is the year 1887 in early spring. The good folks of Antwerp were fed up with the mosquitoes that permeated the area every year due to the stagnate waters lying just outside of their little town. The mosquitoes caused sickness to the residents of the area, and the stagnant waters carried an unpleasant aroma when the winds were just right. The canals had all but been shut off at this point in history as the railroads were expanding and becoming the preferred means of industrial hauling for materials across (Continued on Page 2)



GOVERNOR DEWINE APPOINTS HYMAN TO PAULDING COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced the appointment of Harvey Hyman to the Paulding County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division.

Hyman, of Paulding, will assume office on April 11, 2023 and will be taking the

seat formerly held by Michael Wehrkamp, who resigned. Hyman must run for election in November 2024 to retain the seat.

He started his career in law as a general practicing attorney in Paulding. Hyman was elected to serve as a delegate for the Ohio State Bar Association for the third district of Ohio. Hyman became a solicitor for the village of Paulding in May 2018. Since then, he has also served as solicitor for the Villages of Melrose, Latty, Haviland, Payne, and Sherwood. In addition to his public service as a solicitor, he has his own private practice, Hyman and Hyman, Ltd.

Hyman received his Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo College of Law. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hillsdale College and a master of business administration from Defiance College.

OPERS MEETING SCHEDULED

The next OPERS meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Paulding County Senior Center. Speaker for this month's meeting is a representative from Limitless. All are welcome.

JPHS HOSTS SPRING TEA

JPHS will host its annual Spring Tea from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 13. The museum is already being deco-

STRALEY INSURANCE ACQUIRES LOCAL AGENCY

On March 1, 2023, Straley Insurances Services, LLC acquired the property and casualty portion of Waters Insurance, LLC. This is approximately 85% of the existing business. The new Straley Insurance office will take over the existing Paulding location of the Waters Insurance agency. The Payne location will close with this merger.

Brian Waters describes the transition as a win-win for both agencies, allowing them to gain access to additional markets while also allowing their existing client base to "reap the benefits of more competitive insurance rates." Waters wants clients to know that he will still be on board and present to ensure a smooth transition and is looking forward to the opportunity of spending more time on client relationships.

Straley Insurance has been family-owned and operated since 1997. Owner Dan Straley has been in the insurance

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- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- March 28**
- P.E.N. Meeting @ Pin-A-Rama, Antwerp, 6pm
 - Spring Sparkle @ Christ Luth. Church, 7pm
- March 29**
- Comm. Lenten Lunches @ 1st Pres Church, Paulding, 12pm
- March 30**
- Doctors' Day
 - Comm. Lenten Svcs @ Auglaize Chapel, 7pm
- March 31**
- Hicksville KofC, Fish Fry @ St. Michaels, 4:30pm
 - Quarter Auction @ Oakwood Elem, 7:30p; doors
- April 1**
- Antwerp Conservation Club Easter Egg Hunt, 12Noon
 - WOW @ Branch Fellowship Church, 9a-1p
 - Cancer Benefit - Kelley Ash @ Delaware Twp FD, 3-7pm
- April 2**
- Palm Sunday Svc @ St. John Luth. Ch, Hicksville, 10:15a
- April 4**
- PCED Career/College Expo @ PC Fairgrounds
 - PCAF Annual Banquet @ Grant's, 5:30pm
- April 6**
- Maundy Thursday @ St. John Luth. Ch, Hicksville, 6:30pm

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Dinner Theater
Fri. April 14 • Sat. April 15
Sun. April 16

Antwerp Global Methodist Church
(202 E River St., Antwerp)

7:00 p.m.
(2pm, Sunday)

\$40

Tickets on Sale at:

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Paulding Chamber of Commerce
on the Square in Paulding

This dinner theater play was written by Jane Nice & directed by Renee Boss

—sponsored by Antwerp Chamber of Commerce; proceeds will go toward a mural on a downtown business wall in Antwerp.

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OBITUARIES

FIRST UM CHURCH ANNOUNCES LENTEN AND RESURRECTION SERVICES

PAULDING, OH:
Robert "Bobby" Dennis, 63, of Paulding, Ohio passed away at home on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 5761 SR 500, PAYNE, OHIO 45880.



PAYNE, OH:
Mary Catherine Williams, 92, of Payne, Ohio passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Vancrest of Van Wert.

Mary was born in Payne Ohio on October 19, 1930, a daughter of the late Helen (Kelble) and John Ditlinger.

She worked at Paulding County Hospital for many years. Mary and Keith managed the Antwerp Shell Station. She also volunteered at the Paulding Bargain Bin. Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She will be sadly missed by her children; Rita Davis, Kristine Williams and Jerry (Ellen) Williams, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Keith, grandson Scott Rumschlag, son-in-law Rob Davis and two brothers, Richard Ditlinger and Morris Ditlinger.

Her funeral service was Friday, March 24, 2023 at 11 AM with viewing from 9:30 to 11 AM at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne OH.

She was laid to rest in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne, OH.

Preferred memorials are to the Payne EMS and Fire Department.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

ANTWERP, OH:
Harry D Cottrell, 92 of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Vancrest of Payne. Arr by DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

St. John Lutheran Church, 812 East High Street, Hicksville announces their Holy Week Service Schedule. April 2nd will be the Palm/Passion Sunday



First United Methodist Church, located at 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio is planning their upcoming Lenten and Resurrection services.

Palm Sunday, April 2 will feature children and choir processing with palm leaves at the 8:15 and 10:45am services. Pastor Chris Farmer will give the sermon: "When Christ Comes to Town" based on the scripture from Matthew 21:1-11 The 8:15am early service features a casual style of worship, while the 10:45am service features traditional liturgy and music.

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we invite all members of the Community to join us in Celebrating "Christ in the Passover" with the Trinity Friends Church. This worshipful event will begin at 6:30 PM at Trinity Friends Church. Pre-registration is required.

First Church will host the traditional community Good Friday service on April 7 beginning at 12:05pm. The service will begin with a procession of the cross beginning at 11:50am from the corner of Cherry and E Main Streets, in

front of the YWCA. After processing down Main Street to First Church, the service will begin with a special offering being taken for 'Haven of Hope.' This is an initiative to address homelessness in Van Wert County. Special music will also be incorporated in this community service. The greater Van Wert community is invited to attend and worship together.

Resurrection, or Easter Sunday, April 9 will be celebrated in all its glory and splendor during both of our Worship experiences at 8:15 and 10:45 AM. Brass instruments will be featured at the 10:45 worship experience along with the Chancel Choir in a regal service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pastor Chris Farmer will be delivering the sermon: "Filled with New Life" from the scripture of Matthew 28:1-10.

If you are looking for a church home or haven't been to church in a while, the loving congregation of First United Methodist and Pastor Chris Farmer invite you to celebrate this blessed season with them.

Service with Palm Procession beginning at 10:15 a.m.

April 6th at 6:30 p.m. will be the Maundy Thursday Service which will be a joint service hosted by Holy Trinity Harlan, Indiana. April 7th at 5:00 p.m. will be the Cross Walk beginning at the Harlan Park flagpole. This is sponsored by the Harlan Christian Youth Center and Holy Trinity.

The Good Friday Service will be a joint service hosted by St. John at Hicksville at 6:30 p.m. April 9th the Resurrection of Our Lord will begin with an Easter Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. hosted by WELCA. There

will be no Adult Sunday School. The Easter Service will begin at 10:15 a.m. with special prelude music before the service.

An Egg Hunt will follow the service for the children. Questions can be answered at 419-542-6269. JESUS HAS RISEN... ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear parson,
Revelation 21:8 indicates the fearful, murderers, whoremongers, etc., including all liars, will end up in hell. That would also include King David and even me. How can that be?

All sin carries the penalty of the first and second death (James 2:10; Romans 6:23; revelation 20:14). We all deserve hell, according to God's justice. However, his mercy and grace still provide an opportunity to go to heaven by the substitutionary death and resurrection

of his righteous son, Jesus (II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 3:18)

He is available to all who will receive him by faith (John 1:12, 3:16). That makes us overcomers of our sin's deserving destination. Note the verse prior to your question in Revelation 21:7. Note also I Corinthians 6:9-10 where there is a list of similar sinners who won't be in heaven. However, verse 11 says, "and such were some of you: but ye are washed (now made clean), but ye are sanctified (now set apart by and for god), but ye are justified (possessing Christ's righteousness instead of your own)..."

If you have not already received Christ by faith, do it today. "He that hath the son hath life; and he that hath not the son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the son of God." - I John 5:12-13. Call on him today to save you and he will forgive you of your sin. See also II Corinthians 6:2.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

EASTER OR RESURRECTION

By: Doris Applegate
 Oh Hallelujah, what a great joy

The Resurrection Day When Jesus Christ came back to life

And burst forth from the grave, His death and resurrection

Accomplished God's great plan to finally get His family back

And forever live with man

If you accept this blood-bought gift

And have your sins forgiven

And you will have a home in Heaven.

If my words seem simple and childish it is because the gospel of Jesus Christ is simple enough so that even a child can understand and be born again, "saved"

We adults also have to come to Jesus Christ just as a little child would. This is God's way and plan for everyone. Believing that you need forgiven of your sins and accepting what Jesus offers will seal the deal and make you bright clean.

When Jesus Christ was on the earth people brought their little children and waited Jesus to lay His hands on them and bless them but but the disciples told the parents not to bring the chil-

Scripture of the Week

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

— Romans 6:23

OAKWOOD LIBRARY ASSOC. HOSTS DELICIOUS EVENT!



Many guests enjoyed 30 servings of chocolate at the 2 night event in Oakwood recently. The Oakwood Library Association hosted their annual fundraiser event, the Chocolate Extravaganza on March 14 & 16, 2023. This year's theme was 'Spring Fling.' The organization made approximately \$2500 for the Cooper Community Library. "It's a lot of work, but we do it as much for community fun as the money!" stated one of the event committee members, Sue Brown.



Individual chocolate butterflies, made by Jeanine Keyes, wowed the guests at the recent Chocolate Extravaganza at the popular library event in Oakwood!

dren to Jesus. Jesus rebuked the disciples and said: "Let the children come to me, for such is the Kingdom of God"

When I was a child in Sunday school we sang the song: "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red or yellow, black or white, they are pre-

cious in his sight"
 We see here that Resurrection Day is also for the children. If Jesus had stayed in the grave we would not be saved. Let the children have their fun, but make sure that they get saved.
 Amen!



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the area. The only part of the canal still being used regularly was between Antwerp and Defiance [Ptooe] to haul the timber for the furniture factories there at the time. A bill had gone through Ohio Congress to disband all of the canals in Northwest Ohio, but a lobby group from Defiance [Ptooe] influenced the Senate enough to kill the bill. A band of Antwerpians — Champions, Applegates, and Zubers (the dynamiters) — decided the reservoir had to go, and devised a plan to do it.

Make plans to see this entertaining evening full of mosquitoes, history, murder

as well as good food, and lots of talk about those "bad people" from Defiance [ptooey]. Contact The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce or stop in at West Bend News, Petals & Vines, or Paulding Chamber office today for your tickets. This dinner theater is being catered by Grant's Catering and will take place at Antwerp Global Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16. Antwerp Chamber will use the funds raised at this event for the downtown mural being commissioned for the summer of 2023 on the wall of Friend Flooring building.

Don't forget to add some
Spring Sparkle
to your home!

- ◆ Gets tips on floral arranging from Beverly Nurseries
- ◆ Elite Interiors will be here sharing design ideas to brighten up your home.
- ◆ Refreshments will be served!

Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
 Christ Lutheran Church
 4412 Park Street - Woodburn

See you there!



DOGS, CATS AND ALLIGATORS

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
Even though I have no pets now, I have had my share of dogs, cats, fish, gerbils, mice and even sea monkeys. I remember those sea monkeys looked like a lot more fun on the package than they actually were. Our sea monkeys looked like specs of dust that really did not do much.

We did have to add something to a pitcher of fresh water when we added water to their fish bowl. I always put the mixture in the refrigerator and never thought anything of it. One day I came home from work, and I noticed the sea monkey water was gone.

I asked my kids, "Where is that sea monkey water?" Of course daughter number one spoke up and said, "I drank it." It did not hurt her but it was probably my fault for not labeling the water.

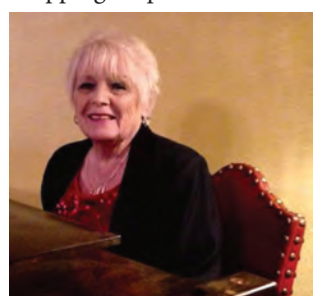
I have had a variety of dogs during my lifetime beginning with Rover 1, 2 and 3. After I got married, we had a little dog named Dino. Dino was just a small little dog, but at that time dogs could go visiting the neighbor dogs and everyone in town knew Dino.

One year our little town had a Halloween Parade and a celebration. Me and my two little girls dressed up and walked proudly down the parade route thinking no one would know us. Well somehow Dino followed us and walked right behind us in the parade and everyone said "That must be The Whitaker's cause there is Dino"

We have all kinds of stories about our pets, so here are a few: Two dogs in Mass-

achusetts, Winston and Rosie, were playing together in their back yard. They got excited and ran into a drain pipe behind their property and down a hillside.

The two dogs were trapped for several hours and the police were called. Brother and sister emergency workers Tyler and Brooke Dechene were able to monitor the dogs by dropping a probe into the



pipe which eventually helped guide the dogs to safety after five hours. Now Winston was the smaller dog and he could have got out, but he would not leave Rosie. She was the one really stuck and he would not come out without her. Neither of the dogs were injured during the rescue, but their owner said the curious pets tried to go back into the pipe just minutes after being rescued.

Here in the USA police use drug dogs sometimes to find drugs and contraband. However, over in Australia, the crows are willing to do that instead. The crows are "snitches" because surveillance cameras are filming the birds fishing bags of drugs from trash cans where they were hidden.

Now anyone who has had a chicken farm or even ate chicken knows that they will more than likely wind up on someone's dinner table.

A popular football player got more than he bargained for when he ordered some chicken wings. In the middle of all the yummy wings was a full head of a chicken. (poor thing) The Packers player said, "It had the eyes, beak and tongue" Be warned this may have put him off of eating chicken wings for the whole season. I have always said this, "I am go glad that

God didn't make me a chicken."

Over in Beaumont Texas, the owner of Gator County and his team caught a 13-foot, 8 inch alligator. The huge gator was captured at Champion Lake. The animal is settling into his new surroundings, swimming around in owner, Gary Saurage's private pool. The gator, named Big Tex, broke state record for size.

A Nebraska family got a little kitten. They happened to notice its little nose was swollen and did not know what to do about it. So they took the young kitty to the local vet who looked into its nose. And, that is where he found the nightmare growing in the kittens nose.

It was not a tumor or a disease but a huge bug called a cuterebra larvae, which infests small animals when they spend a lot of time outdoors. Apparently the kitten had a sore on it' nose in which the parasite entered. The little cat was so small, that it had the surgery with no drugs.

Regardless of what kind of animal or pet you have I am sure we have all kinds of stories that are humorous, sad, and those which are heroic and brave. Do you have any stories to tell about you and your pet or pets? I could share a lot more, but it is your turn. Tell me and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

WOMEN OF WORSHIP AT BRANCH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

God's Word calls us to "worship in spirit and truth" in John 4:24. Worship can be defined as "extravagant respect, or admiration for, or devotion to an object of esteem". As Christians we worship our Lord in many ways, but the most common way is through songs of praise and adoration. Did you know there are other ways to offer up your worship to God? Some other areas are in the family, in the arts, and in the spirit. Branch Christian Fellowship in Paulding Ohio would like to invite ladies to come and join other women in the community to learn how we can go deeper in worship on Saturday April 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event is free and open to ladies of the community. We will have a short break and there will be refreshments offered midway through the seminar. There will be a time of praise and worship and 4 speakers will be talking on 4 different areas of worship. Bring your friends and come and enjoy a day of worship with other ladies seeking to worship our Lord.



Penny Duer

Penny Duer will be speaking on worship in the family. She has been involved in worship ministry for over 45 years in various churches around the area.

She is currently one of the worship leaders at Empower Church and her desire is to know Him more, and lead others to walk in faith, not by sight. Penny is the wife of 25 years to Craig Duer, mother of 4 children and grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She believes Family is the most precious gift, besides our salvation, that God so graciously gives us.



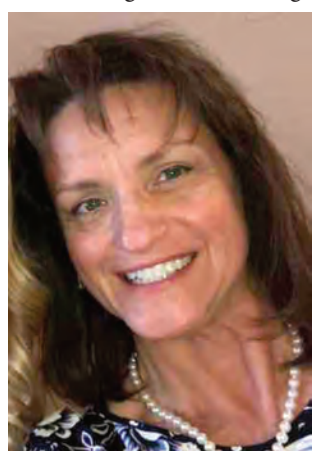
Lisa Sproul

Lisa Sproul will be speaking on worship in the spirit. Lisa, a Liberty University graduate serves as a clinical nutritionist, wife, homeschooling mother, and grandmother. Through counseling, social media, her blog, and as a contributing writing and guest to various podcasts she encourages the faith walk of women. Her ministry, The Purposed Driven Wife, ministers to women in crisis, providing spiritual wisdom and tangible helps in Jesus' name. She is a beggar showing other beggars where to find bread.



Holly Workman

Holly Workman will be leading us in a time of praise and worship and then will speak on worship in song. Holly has been a hard worker School Custodian with Defiance city schools for 15 years, and an LMT for 8 years. She has been singing since she was a young girl and writing her own songs



Denise Gebers

since high-school. She has been in several Christian worship bands as well as singing in weddings and funerals over the years. Holly has 2 adult boys and 3 stepchildren and between them, together with her husband they have 13 grandchildren. She enjoys candle

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Silas Frederick Harper was born September 28, 1869 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. The son of John, born August 1818 in Belmont County, Ohio and Catherine(Priest) Harper born 1834 in Ohio. They were married in 1864. This was John's second wife. John's first wife, Sinia (Wells) Harper passed away June 14, 1861.

Five children were born in this union. In 1870, the family was living in Jackson, Franklin County, Ohio, with John working as a farmer. By 1880, the Harper family had moved to Washington, Union County, Ohio. John was still engaged in farming. Silas was in school at the age of ten.

Records for 1890 were unavailable, but no more children were born with John and Catherine. Silas had quit school by the time he was in the eighth grade. But Silas was twenty one (and guessing) working on the farm.

As war with Spain became more ever more increasing, Silas enlisted in Company L. 31st United States Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into service August 6, 1898. He was stationed at Post Matti, Philippine Islands military and naval forces base,

serving until June 18, 1901, where he was mustered out of service.

Returning home to Paulding, Ohio, as the family had moved to Paulding in 1900. Silas met a gal named Nettie Chaney, on July 25, 1901, they married in Paulding. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary E. Chaney, from Paulding.

Samuel was a Civil War Veteran. He served with Company c. 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On April 27, 1905, a son Gerald Rhupert Harper was born in Paulding. A daughter Elsie, was born September 13, 1907 in Paulding. Elsie passed away, May 23, 1909 and was buried in Cooper Haines Cemetery.

By 1910, the Harper family was living in Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan. Silas was working as a farm laborer. A daughter, Marie H. Harper was born April 27, 1910. A son Ray was born, March 15, 1912 Nettie passed away September 8, 1912. Ray passed away September 14, 1912. He had been coughing and his little heart stopped. He was buried in Cooper Haines Cemetery, along with his mother, Nettie.

In 1920, Silas and his son, Gerald, moved to a town called Washington, in Lucas County, Ohio. Silas worked in an automobile factory, Gerald was in school. By 1930, Silas and Gerald, were living in Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan. Silas was unemployed and Gerald now twenty four, was working as a laborer at various odd jobs.

On September 19, 1930, Silas passed away in Pittsford, Michigan. Silas Frederick Harper was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne, Ohio. Lot 172, Block 3, Grave 7.

Not sure why he was not buried with his wife and children.

...Until Next Time!

making, spending time with her grandbabies and spreading hope and joy through the gift of song that God has blessed her with.

Denise Gebers will be speaking on worship in the arts. Denise Gebers came to Christ in 1982 and has attended Branch Christian Fellowship since it's incep-

tion 10 years ago. She was involved with the banner ministry at a church she attended previously and will be speaking on the use of flags in personal worship. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters and five grandchildren with a sixth on the way.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND TO PERFORM AT THE NISWONGER



Van Wert Live is pleased to announce the grand return of The Ohio State University Marching Band to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center presented by Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. The nationally recognized, 228-piece "Pride of the Buckeyes" is one of the few college all-brass-and-percussion bands in the U.S. and is acknowledged as the largest of its type in the world. The Ohio State University Marching Band performs for all Ohio State Buckeye home football games, selected away games, and post-season bowl games, and additional events during the autumn semester. It has been a decade since the band traveled to Northwest, Ohio. Their return is made possible by Presenting Sponsor Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry and Supporting Sponsors, Mel & Arlene Hurlless and Edward Jones office of Eric Hurlless, The Ohio State Alumni Association of Van Wert and Paulding Counties, and JoAnne Wolford.

signed for marching bands were also first used at Ohio State. In 2013, the band garnered national attention for using iPads, a sustainable alternative to paper charts and music, to facilitate its rehearsal process.

More recently, the band cheered the Buckeyes on to victory at the first-ever College Football Playoff National Championship game in January 2015, took its talents abroad in October 2015 for a performance at an NFL International Series game at Wembley Stadium in London, performed at Fiesta Bowls to conclude the 2015, 2016, and 2019 seasons and at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic to conclude the 2017 season. The band also marched in the 2018 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City along with the 2019 and 2022 Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game in California.

Grounded in tradition yet propelled by innovation, The Ohio State University Marching Band, year in and year out, lives up to its nickname: The Best Damn Band in the Land.

Dr. Christopher Hoch is in his seventh year as director of Marching and Athletic Bands at The Ohio State University. An assistant professor in Ohio State's School of Music, Dr. Hoch holds the Endowed Chair for the Director of The Ohio State University Marching Band and also serves as associate director of university bands.

Prior to his appointment, he served one year as interim director, two years as associate director, and one year as assistant director of the Marching and Athletic Bands at Ohio State. In addition, he served three years as director of The Ohio State University Marching Band Alumni and seven years as director of bands at Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware, Ohio.

Dr. Hoch's work with The Ohio State University Marching Band has received national and international recognition for innovation and creativity in show design; he has been the architect behind many of the shows that have been watched by millions of people on YouTube and at sites across the country.

For information go to vanwertlive.com or call 419-238-6722.

The Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation presenting VWLive events is powered by the Van Wert County Foundation. 2023 Annual sponsors helping keep ticket prices low are Central Insurance, Statewide Ford, and First Federal Bank of Van Wert. The Box Office is located within the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 S, Van Wert.

UNDERSTANDING BIOLOGICALS

Biologicals may be the next revolution in farming. Biologicals are natural products, either living or chemical by-products, that benefit crop production. Chemical by-products include minerals, organic materials, and plant extracts. Many snake oil type products exist on the market and it is difficult to separate out good products from bad.

Dr. Jane Fife, 3 Bar Biologics outlined the use of biologicals at the Conservation Tillage Conference. A number of bio-stimulants and bio-fertilizers decrease many environmental stresses like drought, high or low temperatures, and soils with high salts. Many products also improve the plant's ability to recycle soil nutrients and speed up biological processes.

The problem with many biologicals is that they are not highly regulated yet but bioinsecticides are regulated. A common example is Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) which is a registered and regulated bioinsecticide. Other substances can be living or nonliving and have been harder to regulate. Most products need to be applied to the seed, roots, soil, plant tissue or foliar applied to leaves to be effective.

There are several broad categories of biological products. These include organic acids, amino acids and enzymes, plant extracts, and microbials which are living organisms. Organic acids include fulvic, humic, and humin which are carbon-based materials that feed the soil microbes and enhance plant nutrient uptake. Amino acids (proteins) are high in nitrogen and come from plant and animal sources. Amino acids tend to decrease plant stress and increase plant growth and yield. Amino acids are often converted to enzymes which are catalysts that increase a plants ability to grow and improve crop yields. Many companies are focusing on developing new enzymes for this purpose.

Other biologicals include plant extracts. Things like seaweed are known to boost plant growth because they may contain some soil or plant mineral or nutrient that is lacking. Many plant extracts include macronutrients lie nitrogen, phospho-

rus, and potassium; secondary nutrients like calcium, magnesium, or sulfur; or micronutrients like zinc, copper, boron, manganese, iron, nickel, cobalt, molybdenum, selenium, chromium, and iodine. Some plant extracts are complex and others are fairly simple, but they all seem to stimulate microbial and plant growth.

The least understood and the greatest potential may exist in the living microbial biologicals. In teaspoon of soil, there are more microbes (60 billion) than there are people living on Earth. There are millions of species of microbes yet to be discovered. Living biologicals include inoculants and plant growth promoting bacteria. Some fix nitrogen (N) while others solubilize phosphorus (P). The biological product Pivot® and Source® are examples of living biologicals. Plants and microbes often get lazy once N becomes adequate. Pivot® creates a situation where N continues to be fixed longer and it becomes a cheap source of extra N for the plant. Some biologicals produce organic acids that decrease the pH and free up P. Phosphorus (P) is hard to obtain for many plants. Mycorrhizae fungi are another living microbe that makes P available, moving 6X more P to the plant than the plant can alone.

Other living biologicals simply increase root growth and root mass (weight) by producing growth hormones. When looking at microbes, farmers need to find products that have a high colonizing forming unit (CFU). Dr. Fife recommends getting at least 1 million CFU for each microbe (106). The higher the number the better. You want a product that has high concentration (CFU's) and is alive or highly viable if using microbials. These living microbes are often put out in a new environment that decreases their number quickly which may decrease the effectiveness of the product.

Farmers should consider where to use biologicals. Many biologicals focus on fixing N, solubilizing P, or helping with drought stress. Make sure you understand the product and use it where you can get the most out of it. When you first try a new product, pick several zones and try it on smaller plots before doing the whole field. It may take 2-3 years to see any results, so be patient. If conditions are excellent, you may only need to use a product for a couple of years until the microbes colonize your soils.

Finally, consider your application method. Some are liquid and others are dry formulations. Seed applications work better than 2X2 or furrow applications and should be use the same day seed is planted. Do not let the seed dry out, set in the tank, or be exposed to hot temperatures and the sun too long if using a live biological. Also keep the salt index below 20 in the tank. Biologicals are now becoming mainstream but require some knowledge in order to use them effectively.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL 'BE THE STORY' FUNDRAISING BANQUET



West Central Ohio Youth for Christ is pleased to present its second annual Be the Story Fundraising Banquet. The event is on Thursday, April 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Calvary Evangelical Church at 10686 Van Wert-Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891. The purpose of the event is to share dynamic new developments happening in the ministry that are impacting the lives of students in West Central Ohio. Featured will be an update from Executive Director, Brad Petrie, as well as youth who will share their testimonies and pastors will highlight their experiences with Youth for Christ. There are many ways to be part of the Youth for Christ Story. Any member of the community is welcome to attend and see what Youth for Christ is up in our community right now! To RSVP, call 419-238-1370 or visit www.wcohyfc.com by March 30, 2023. If you are unable to attend the event but would still like to support the Youth for Christ ministries in Van Wert, Convoy, Parkway, and the surrounding areas you can

contact the Youth for Christ office or visit their website, www.wcohyfc.com. Event Sponsorship is also available by contacting the Community Engagement Coordinator, Kirsten Brunswick, at the Youth for Christ office at 419-238-1370.

West Central Ohio Youth for Christ is a relational ministry that reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. West Central Ohio Youth for Christ is currently hosting Campus Life Programs at Crestview Middle School, Crestview High School, Lincolnview Junior High School, Parkway Middle School, Van Wert Middle School, and Van Wert High School. To learn more about their mission and their work, visit their website, www.wcohyfc.com or their Facebook page, West Central Ohio Youth for Christ.

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rated to reflect the theme "A Vintage Wedding." A century of wedding dresses, from the 1880s to 1980s, will be on display, along with accessories and photographs.

Agnes 12 and older are welcome to attend. Because last year's event sold out, those interested in attending are encouraged to contact the museum early.

The afternoon will include refreshments, special music and uniquely deco-

rated tables. For information the museum can be contacted on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by calling 419-399-3667 (leave message). Or, contact Eileen Kochensparger at 419-399-5818.

This event is an important fundraiser for the historical society, which is a 501c3 charitable organization. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the fairgrounds.

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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with my approval. The Association does not contact prospective members by telephone.

In November, 2022, I was voted to serve as the 2nd Vice President for the BSSA by my colleagues across the state. I am now serving my 10th consecutive year on the Board of Directors. I also sit on the Legislative, Civil Process, Carry Concealed Weapons, Education & Training, DARE/SRO, Image Enhancing and Community Corrections Committees for the Association. I feel by committing myself to these assignments, I can better serve you by having a working knowledge of what is coming out of Columbus through our association.

The funds collected by the BSSA using this membership drive directly affect my office. Our Association will continue to have the resources necessary through education to advance my office into the ever-changing world we all live in. I urge you all to consider becoming an associate member of this fabulous organization.

My office is committed to making our neighborhoods a safe place to live. It is imperative we seek progress to reduce the negative influences crime has on our children and to help safeguard the elderly.

Through your financial contribution to this associate member program, my office will continue to receive the training and guidance necessary to move forward.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Association at 800-589-2772 or by mail at 1103 Schrock Road, Suite 401, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Explore my office website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and click on the BSSA video to learn more about the Office of Sheriff.

Finally, download the Paulding County Ohio Sheriff's Office app on your smartphone from your app store for timely information and so much more. It's free!

As always, you can contact my office and ask for me directly.

—Jason K. Landers, Sheriff

PCH RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT IS NOW PAULDING COUNTY HOSPITAL IMAGING DEPARTMENT

Paulding County Hospital Radiology Department has been rebranded, now known as Paulding County Hospital Imaging Department. The planned roll took place with the opening of the newly renovated Imaging office, waiting area and CT suite.

The reason for the rebranding is that most people put radiology and x-ray hand in hand. At Paulding County Hospital our Imaging Department does so much more than just x-rays! We provide imaging for people in X-ray, CT, Nuclear Medicine, MRI, Ultrasound, Fluoroscopy, and Echocardiograms. With Paulding County Hospital being able to provide such a broad scope of services, we felt it a good idea to adopt a title that covers it all more appropriately.

To schedule an appointment with your Paulding County Hospital Imaging Department, please call 419.399.1131. Paulding County Hospital - continuing to provide advances in healthcare, close to home!

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PAULDING COUNTY

This week Paulding County had 12 New Cases, 0 New Hospitalizations, 0 New Deaths.

Paulding County ranking is 15th in the state of Ohio and transmission level is currently High and commu-

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

Call (419) 399-3921 to schedule your vaccination appointment. Get tested if you have symptoms.

PCHD has FREE COVID-19 Test Kits available at this time.

OVER \$127 MILLION AWARDED TO RURAL COMMUNITIES' INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced that \$127.6 million in federal transportation funding is being awarded to 38 cities, towns, and counties across rural Indiana to invest in local road and bridge improvements, as well as sidewalk and trail projects. Combined with local funds, approximately \$156.9 million is being invested to improve transportation infrastructure in communities receiving funds.

"Improving local infrastructure is essential to the constant growth of communities across Indiana," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "Enhancing our state's transportation network allows for continued economic success to follow and a better quality of life for Hoosiers."

Types of projects receiving funds include 26 bridge rehabilitation/replacement projects; 11 resurfacing/reconstruction projects; three Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects that involve sidewalks, ADA ramps, and trails; and seven traffic safety projects.

For this latest round of funding, local communities will design, develop and purchase land for projects that would be bid during the fiscal year beginning July 2027. While the funds awarded now are dedicated to construction, INDOT will financially participate in design, engineering, and right-of-way acquisition components for some projects.

"Modernized infrastructure strengthens communities," said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "INDOT's commitment to improve local roads and bridges, as well as expand

HORNISH SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB MEETING



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Abby Hornish (Branch Manager, The Union Bank Company) as the guest speaker at the March 23, 2023, club meeting. Abby was intro-

duced by George Carter (CEO, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative). Abby spoke to the Kiwanians about the Union Bank remodel of their new location at 103 South Main Street.

sidewalks and trails illustrates the partnerships in place that are making Hoosier cities, towns and counties great places to live, work and play."

INDOT dedicates approximately 25 percent of its federal highway funds to supporting local projects each year. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) distribute those funds to cities, towns, and counties within the state's

larger urbanized areas while INDOT distributes funds outside MPO areas. Communities must contribute at least 20 percent in local matching funds and meet other federal requirements to receive federal funding.

Rural communities were invited to submit project applications to INDOT for potential funding during a call for projects announced last fall.

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business since 1992; his wife and office manager, Jill Straley, has worked with him throughout his career. Sister-in-law, Leslie Heilshorn, has been with the agency since 2005 and handles most of the auto insurance, while son, Alex Straley, has been insuring homes, farms, and commercial businesses for the last five years.

Alex Straley described the transition as a means of stability within the county economy. With Waters staying on, and the Straley's continuing to serve clients under a long-standing family-owned company, the business can continue to thrive and serve the residents of Paulding County. The Straley team says they are "excited to meet the clients of

Waters Insurance and look forward to helping them with all of their insurance needs."

Waters describes the Straley family as "veteran insurance professionals that have built up a great relationship with their existing client base," with a "proven track record of success in all their endeavors."

Regarding the acquisition, Waters says, "I'm pleased. At this point, I feel as if Straley Insurance is the perfect match for the clients going forward. I am very comfortable with what is still being provided for the clients and our staff."

Straley Insurance Services, LLC is located at 1007 N. Williams St, Paulding, Ohio. Visit their website at www.watersstraley.com, or contact Alex Straley at 419-399-3586.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some Paulding County residents will be soon receiving a letter in the mail signed by me. This request is from the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) attempting to seek new associate members. I am a proud member of this Association.

I feel it is imperative to communicate with our citizens and let you all know this is not a scam. The BSSA will only request for memberships using this system, and only

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
- Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
 - Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
 - Cecil:** 127 Maramart
 - Charloe:** Charloe Store
 - Centerville:** 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, Village offices
 - Key:** 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
 - Grabbill:** 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 Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
 - New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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MOLITOR RECOGNIZED @ ANTWERP SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



Hannah Molitor (center) was recognized at 14th in state gymnastics (and not by division)! She is pictured here with coach Chad Molitor and Superintendent Dr. Martin Miller. Miller also recognized students Rayni Rister (Franklin B Walters) and Eli Reinhart who were not present due to their senior class trip.

The Antwerp School Board opened their meeting on Thursday, March 23.

Kristine Stuart presented the financial report for the last month.

Income: \$904,418.22
Expenses: \$766,181.88
Interest: \$27,631.82

The school is 67% through the fiscal year and over 70% of

received income and 58% of expenditures recognized.

Travis Lichty mentioned that we are now in the 4th quarter. He said 26 sophomore students have signed up for Vantage for next year, but could change. Juniors and seniors will get a 2 hour day on days that they will not have their final testing. The spring

arts festival is April 15. Summer school is starting June 3 and go for 2 weeks. The high school musical went very well he said. Two basketball players were recognized: Landon Brewer and Aewyn McMichael. May 21 is graduation.

Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal, stated Literacy Night was tonight (3/23/23). Book Fair is going on through March 31st. Kindergarten Screening is April 3-5 and parents and caregivers should go to the school website to get registered.

Dr. Miller stated Mr. Miesle has announced his retirement and that position needs to be filled. There is a custodial position also available and hope to be filled at the next meeting.

Harold Gotke stated he is working to get prices on seventy-five (75) computers for high school, 60 for elementary and some more for staff. A server will also be added on to the request. He said the costs will be a little higher this year.

Dr. Miller said Mrs. Boyer gave birth and they congratulated her and her husband. He also announced that the school is looking into putting in a new sidewalk out to the football field. The school board is waiting on approval

SALON 104 OPENS ON THE SQUARE IN PAULDING



On March 23, 2023, Paulding Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for Salon 104, located at 104 E. Jackson St., Paulding (on the Square). Welcome to Paulding!

from Antwerp village council. The Health Fair is also coming up at Paulding County Hospital in mid-April. Western Buckeye meeting will decide on an elementary classroom for the Peacock Center along with Paulding and Wayne Trace.

Lifewise is looking to have a meeting with the superintendent and principal about an arrangement for next year. There is a \$20,000 EPA grant that Dr. Miller has applied for and Antwerp is ranked 6th. He will need to be in a zoom meeting next week. Mrs.

Harla Long also was recognized as having the most influence upon the Franklin B Walters awardee.

The Antwerp School board also considered and accepted a property tax abatement for Paragon Tempered Glass system who intend on expanding their building at their Antwerp facility.

WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL:

9th Grade: Lucas More-

head, Clay Stoller, Addison Stoller, Caitlyn Mead, Whitney Boroff, Riley Manz, Natalie Richie, Torree Sinn, Lily Boyd, Hailey Duncan, Aubree Miller, Lance Whitman, Emma Stouffer, Griffin Williamson, Deklyn Schweinsberg

10th Grade: Braden Miller, Kathleen Stoller, Allison Noggle, Luke Stouffer, Nicholas Sinn, Ava Stoller, Dylan Coffman, Harper Myers, Tyler Sanderson, Lorie Sinn, Tori Young

11th Grade: Laryssa Whitman, Olivia Meraz, Kyle Stoller, Brenna Thomas, Emma Laukhuf, Meara Rager, Allison Schilt, Raelyn Schweinsberg, Kaitlin Slade, Eli Stuart, Kacy Hornish, Hudson Myers, KatieAnna Baumle, Brenna Parker, Caitlyn Thomas, Melanie Dunham, Meg Thompson, Lynsey Pease, Logen Bland

12th Grade: Macy Doster, Kara Stoller, Laura Thornell, Lane Morehead, Hannah Maenle, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Kiara Bahena, Madison Bash, Riley Daeger

HONOR ROLL:

7th Grade: Logan Gambler, Brooke Tigner, Caylie Baker, Ashlyn Manz, Madison Pease, Jenna Kipfer, Addison LaBounty, Brinna Collins, Jensen Being, Lily Shepherd, Peyton Sennebogen, Braxton Schnipke, Owen Welch, Lilly Holbrook, Javiero Vielma, Nora Wenninger, Brenan Miller, Cayla Noggle, Alyvia Thomas, Kenzie Ogle, Karsyn Troth, Avery Noffsinger, Aubrie Stoller, Reece Morehead, Emma Hurd, Isabella Lowe, Knox Mills, Faith Jacobs, Khole Merri-man, Luke Miller, Xylem Kashner, Jeremy Vejar, Kahne Mansfield, Blake Santo, Brock Knowles, Tatum Sheets, Adalynn Franklin, Savannah Sinn

8th Grade: Grady Helms, Amber Stoller, Cole Manz, Noah Schlatter, KaMaury Sullivan, Blake Noggle, Ella Crosby, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, McKenzey Johnson, Eli Treece, Grayson Sutton, Kaelyn Vejar, Olivia Zartman, Zachary Stoller, Alex Doster, Campbell Volk, Leah Bland, Madison Gilbert, Elizabeth Graham

9th Grade: Abby Elkins, Estrella Martinez-Sandoval, Myleigh Sheets, Eric Reinhart, Lexi Moore, Hunter Lyons, Careen Winans, Tanner Laukhuf, Mylie Wittwer, Caden Sinn, Chloe McClure, Jack Schoenauer, Micah Sinn, Delana Noggle, Audrey Dougall, Caroline Winans, Raegan McGarvey, Ryan Parker, Caleb Cox, Landon Blankenship, Olivia Baughman, Ian Jewell, Tyler



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*according to the American Cancer Society

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Blankenship, Izabella Foust, Jordan Hale, Konnor Wannemacher, Amber Stoller, Kamara Halliwill, Lance Maenle, Abigail Evans, Ryan Jay, Brayden Treece, Ethan Fisher, Alicia Bahena, Sierra Young

10th Grade: Isabella Knowles, Ryan Bostelman, Trent Thornell, Tyson Gerber, Anna Meraz, Jarrett Jewell, Morgan Elliott, Madison Gurney, Natalie Stoller, Brady Miller, Adela Collins, Ciarra Cotterman, Keegan Hohman, Christian Bohland, Nevaeh Jackson, Gage Ogle, Serenity Helms, Dyson Scott, Cheyene Goings, Tyler Head, Jericho Guyton, Rylin Moore, Makenna Johnson, Blake Osborn, Tianna Sinn, Trenton Thomas, EmmaJane Benschneider, Corbin Kimmel, Brandon Shoup, Kamryn Sutton, Kyle Sutton

11th Grade: Nathaniel Guyton, Paige Alber, Cale Winans, Briley Coffman, Kyren Karhoffr, Kaden Clark, Zachary Wobler, Logan Miller, Breven Anderson, Ava Zartman, Kailyn Dienstberger, Emily Thrasher, Brianna Draper, Dylan Hildebrand, Caleb Mosier, Kyla Hurd, Caitlin Sanchez, Kaden Landwehr, Brooks Laukhuf

12th Grade: Martin Alejo, Tyler Davis, Evan Crosby, Anna Miller, Elizabeth Mohr, Elise Miller, Kristin Wannemacher, Cole Fisher, Abby Moore, Storm Tracy, Gracie Shepherd, Laura Stoller, Ava Dougal, Anna Wells, Mallory Moore, Jayden Crates, Derrek Dangler

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

ALL A'S:
3rd Grade: Annabelle James, Layton Ladd, Ulrik Zilstra, Grace Beck-Bragg, Olivia Bennett, Zoey Cottrell, Brando Cruz Melgar, Olivia Kosch, Lilian Mowery, Lauren Overman, Lucas Phillips, Cora Rohrs, Greyson Smith, Soren Conley, Oliver McCague, Quintin Reyes, June Zuber
4th Grade: Destiny Getz, Brayden Miller, Sophira Partin, Carter Bagley, Dalton Hines, Charlotte Kauser, Josie Laker, Jameson Malfait, Makenzie Muir, Sylvie Zart-

man, Lily Zilstra, Cy Zuber, Conley Bissell, Aubree Feehan, Riel Gonzalez, Julian Rivera, Luke Saylor, Brady Stairhime

5th Grade: Eliza Cline, Alivia Kiracofe, Briggs Zartman, Laylah Bermejo, Anderson Honigford

ALL A'S & B'S:
3rd Grade: Blair Bowlin, Adelle Cline, Aria DeVault, Jayden Flish, Aubree Frost, Waylon Hounshell, Jameson Reeb, Rylee Slattman, Brody Smith, Ava Starr, Madison Wiesehan, Tsarina Gorbey, Elliott Henschen, Emmett Wurster, Brock Barker, Jase Burelison, Sophia Friend, Ellie Kemerer, Zooley Mylek, Braxton Smith, Sebastian Yanez

4th Grade: Keigan Custer, Addyson McKay, Owen Parisot, Lane Sensabaugh, Kennedy Zuber, Carter Beregszazi, Quinn Bradbury, Braxton Fidler, Emma Justinger, Rilee Martin, Avery Parrish, Adelynn Slattman, Devin Smith, Serenity Smith, Audreylynn Comer, Kloe Goudy, Adrian Hogans, Juliet Jones, Jocelyn Laker, Kaidyn Lemon, Colt Lockhart, Easton Ryan, Edwin White

5th Grade: Parker Bermejo, Conner Fidler, Jameson Graham, Hayden Grant, Brady Henning, Tyler Johnson, Isaac Meyer, Marshall Rice, Jordan Steel, Koltun Stuckey, Christopher Yanez, Hannah Bradbury, Isaac Meyer, Jayde Hitzeman, Carson Hughes, Luke Jones, Chance Lehman, Aveah Mezuk, Cooper Nestleroad, Bentley Taylor, Rylan Winslow

PAULDING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022-23

GRADE 6:
All A's: Daniella Borland, Ingrid Escobar, Cecilia Frazier, Brynlee Mangette, Leah Manz, Ross Myers, Evelyn Reyes, Shohawna Shepherd, Owen Stoller, Kendyl Sunday, Audrey Trejo Marin
All A's & B's: Makenna Adams, Cora Agler, Karli Breedlove, Madison Clark, Yoselin Cortes Becerra, Aubreanna Dunn, Jakob Elkins, Skilerr Good, Wesley Grindstaff, Rooney Gutierrez Cortes, Kendal Hodge, Brayden Kauser, Kendall Kohart, Gracie Leal, Lincoln

Manz, Jordyn Nagy, Merissa Schroeder, Zezaih Seba Fuentes, Lilly Steingass, Jadyan VanVlerah

GRADE 7:
All A's: Annabelle Ametewee, Addison Arend, Presley Barnes, Nicholas Baughman, Jack Daeger, Parker Egnor, Emily Hartzell, Jason Manz, Miracle Omonayin, Alayna White

All A's & B's: Ella Barker, Zachary Barton, Sophia Booher, Xandy Carlisle, Kinzley Collard, Trevor Durham, Carly Font, Tyler Foor, Tyler Goyings, Jarret Griffith, Alexandria Heath, Ridge Hunt, Delaney Johannis, Alivia Kingen, Kaydence Kuckuck, Gannon Landers, Ava Leatherman, Maleah Leslie, Tyson Manz, Adrianna Mead, Graham Miller, Gabriella Mullins, Nicholas Schlueter, Delaney Scott, Gabriella Stork, Dylan Weible, Taryn Wolford, Owen Workman

GRADE 8:
All A's: Max Daeger, Kayleigh Dunham, Mariah Klopfenstein, Megan Manz, Myrriah Manz, Vivienne Myers, Lucy Porter, Leonel Reyes, Audrey Stoller, Darcy Taylor

All A's & B's: London Ametewee, Braylon Barnes, Landon Dasher, Silas Foltz, Jayla Griffith, Mackenzie Leatherman, Esther LeMieux, Camdyn Manz, Kate Manz, Monico Moreno, Estie Pease, Eli Pessefall, Noah Pollock, Tori Schlatter, Lailah Smith, Brooklynn Verfaillie

PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL 2022/23

SENIORS:
4.0: Katelyn Beckman, Vincente Cantu, Mason Doster, Ethan Foltz, Bridget Gribble, Miranda Iler, Wyatt Jefferies, Nicholas Manz, Jacob Martinez, Hayden Mullen, Olivia Porter, Brayden Sanders, Ariana Sheaks, Bryanna Winke
3.5-3.99: Peyton Adams, Quinten Doster, Skylar Keezer, Carlea Kuckuck, Cameron Laker, Kirsten Lane, Wyatt Pessefall, Savannah Peters, Autumn Richards, Caydence Rue, Mikayla Shough-Germann, Chaz Shull, Cassandra Weller
3.0-3.49: Nathan Abner, Cayden Breier, Luis Cortes Becerra, Natali Cortes Becerra, Ashlyn Goings, Gage Lloyd, Emily Mazariegos, Braxton Ricker, Mason Schlatter, Makayla Suffel, Seth Wilkes
JUNIORS:
4.0: Casey Agler, Elli Barton, Landrey Fitzgerald, Mattie Hirschy, Jamy Hunt, Maci Kauser, Lucas Kennedy, Brayden Kingen, Sarah Lewis, Layla Logan,

PAULDING SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAMS COMPETE IN COLUMBUS



The Paulding Science Olympiad Teams of Paulding Exempted Village Schools competed at the BGSU Northwest Regional Competition on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The Division B team qualified for State Competition in Columbus which will be held in April. Pictured here are the members of the Division B team (back row): Olivia Porter, Cassie Weller, Sheridan Matty, Joe Estle, Aiden Miller, Claire Miller, Emma Porter, and Wes Ludwig; (middle row): Abby Panches, Silas Foltz, Lucy Porter, Brooklynn Verfaillie, and Hunter Harwell; (front row): Adan Zacharias, Sam Verfaillie, Jakob Elkins, Vivi Myers, and Aleah Matty.

Wesley Ludwig, Carla Manz, Aiden Miller, Patrick Paholak, Jocelynn Parrett, Trinity Salazar, Riley Stork, Sarah Wong

3.5-3.99: Drake Ankney, Hunter Coutts, Kobe Foor, Joshua Funez, Ronald Goodwin, Aiden Herman, Meagan Hirschy, Tytus Manz, Allyson Merriman, Zachary Metcalf, Kelcie Pack, Denis Santillan-Rodriguez, Tyler Schlatter, Adam Stahl

3.0-3.49: Harley Collins, Jacob Diemer, Adriannah Garms, Charles McClure, Esther Rocha

SOPHOMORES:
4.0: Kiara Adams, Matthew Bail, Alexander Baughman, Lucas Beckman, Elizabeth Dotterer, Kaitlyn Goings, Grace Goyings, Jocelynn Hawk, Emily Keezer, Giovanni Linares, Peyton Manz, Claire Miller, Marley Parrett, Emma Porter, Ashley Rickelt, Brooklyn Schlatter, Alexis Wharry, Summer Wilhelm

3.5-3.99: Johan Alvarez, Hannah Arnold, Brooklynn Bakle, Brianna Bermejo, Ryan Cantu, Allison Carnahan, Gavin Coil, David Dulaney, Makenna Dunham, Ximena Enrique-Roldan, Ethan Frederick, Courtney Good, Aeylah Hitzeman, Brooke Kilgore, Austen Kinder, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Curtis Landsdorf, Christiana Martinez, Hopeful Rose, Aniyah Sajuan, Dominic Stahl, Kadence Thomas, Cully Thompson, Ethan Warner

3.0-3.49: Conner Coutts, Greyson Harder, Madison Harpel, Kynzi Knapp, Alex Leal, Johnathan Lipps, Brandon Schroeder, David Slawson, Halcyon Smith, Jada Smith, Ameriona Stiltner, Maxwell Stork, Emiliano Turner, Jack Woods

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUZANNE CROUCH ENDORSES JIM BANKS FOR SENATE

Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch Endorsed Congressman Jim Banks For U.S. Senate In Indiana.

"Jim Banks Is A Leading Voice For Hoosiers In Washington When It Comes To Looking Out For Law Enforcement, Fighting Against

The Biden Open Borders Agenda That Is Exposing Our Families To Deadly Fentanyl, And Has Demonstrated Unwavering Support For Protecting The Unborn," Lieutenant Governor Crouch Said. "I Proudly Endorse Jim Banks For United States Senate."

"Lieutenant Governor Crouch Has Been A Committed Conservative Voice For Indiana, And I Am Honored To Have Her Support In My Race To Bring Our Shared Values To The United States Senate," Congressman Jim Banks Said. "I Will Continue To Fight For The Right To Life, For Our Constitutional Freedoms, And To Take The Financial Burden Of Liberal Spending Policies Off Of Hoosiers Backs, And It

Means A Lot To Have Suzanne's Endorsement In This Effort."

Congressman Banks Currently Serves Indiana's Third Congressional District In The United States House Of Representatives. He Is Running To Replace Senator Mike Braun (R-In), Who Is Not Seeking Re-Election. Born And Raised In Indiana, Jim And His Wife Amanda Are The Proud Parents To Three Young Daughters And They Are Honored To Serve Northeast Indiana In Washington.

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THE LEFT TURN



Chris Rutan at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon Ohio, starting his second year in the Compact FWD Class. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns.

By: Ron Burt

This week I want to introduce you to another Oakshade Raceway weekly competitor. Chris Rutan races in the very competitive Compact FWD (front wheel drive) Class. Chris got hooked on racing at a young age and this class of racecar caught his attention. This will be his second year of racing. Compacts, FWD, Mini Stocks, 4 cylinders most tracks have an entry level car that they try to use to introduce new drivers to the sport. They try to keep things stock and affordable, but everyone knows, affordable and racing are two words that don't go together. Chris and his fellow competitors spend many hours during the week getting their cars ready for Saturday night just like the Late Model, Modified and Sportsman drivers. No matter what you race, it drains your wallet even with sponsor help. You never can put a price on your own time, labor, and missed family time.

Chris races a 2003 Chevy Cavalier and its completely stock. It was built by Goodman Performance and is worked on by his grandfather Steve, who is his mechanic. At most tracks, racing is a family sport with two or three generations involved. Chris mainly races at Oakshade Raceway, but he does compete at Montpelier Motor Speedway, in Indiana at the fall Monster Mash and at Michigan's Springport Speedway for the Michigan

Cup.

His goal is to someday sit behind the wheel of a Late Model but right now he's trying to refine his skills in the Compact Class. This year he has his sights set on Top 10 in points and he's dedicating this season to his grandfather Steve, for helping him. On most race nights at Oakshade and other tracks, the Compacts run the last feature of the evening. I invite you to stick around and watch these men and women compete. Some, like Chris, are learning the tricks of the trade, and several drivers are well-seasoned in the class and have no plans of ever leaving the class. This all adds up to a fun feature to watch. If you're interested in the sport, after the night of racing go back to the pits and meet Chris and his fellow competitors. They love to talk about racing and welcome new drivers to the sport.

Two weeks in a row Attica Raceway Park has cancelled their season opener because of cold temperatures and rain. Fremont Motor Speedway got a shot in the arm last week, Kistler Racing Engines and Racing Products, has signed on as a track sponsor. Since 1993 they've produced competitive racing engines for 410's, 360's and 305's Sprint Cars. Fremont Speedway is scheduled to open April 15th. The only real change is in the Dirt Truck Class with some rules. Limaland Motorsports Park is set to begin its 88th

season of racing and 26th season under the ownership of the University of Northwestern Ohio. 13 events make up the 2023 season that will start on Friday, May 5th, with the 360 Sprint Invaders, UMP Mods and Thunderstocks. It's too bad, such a nice track has a very short season.

Over in Indiana the Battle for Kokomo is less than a month away. April 21-22 the USAC Midgets Nos Energy Drink 2023 Season begins with the Kokomo Grand Prix. It's one of our area's top early races. Hats off to Montpelier Motor Speedway for adjusting their 2023 schedule. They took some dates away to avoid conflicts with Kokomo. It's great when tracks work together to help race teams and fans. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

While conducting white-tailed deer investigations, State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, discovered an individual who had bought a hunting license and deer permit after harvesting a deer. Officer Kiger also found that the suspect's hunting partner did not have a deer permit. The pair was issued summonses for hunting without deer permits and they were each ordered to pay \$132 in fines and court costs.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2022 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Michele Butler, assigned to Erie County, responded to a call from the TIP (Turn-In-A-Poacher) hotline. A deer hunter reported seeing several hunters trespassing on a neighboring property. Officer Butler found a blood trail and tracks that led to a neighboring residence. Officer Butler spoke to the owner of the residence and determined that a buck had recently been harvested but the hunter had not game checked the deer and had retrieved it from the neighboring property without permission. The individual was charged with hunting deer without permission and failing to complete the game check process. The deer was seized as evidence and the suspect was found guilty of both charges in Erie County Municipal Court and ordered to pay \$300 in fines and court costs. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

Last summer, State Wildlife Officer Brian Baker, assigned to Lake Erie, participated in the Walleyes for Wounded Heroes event along with other state wildlife officers and the Honor Guard. A total of 100 veterans and first responders injured in the line of duty fished the waters of Lake Erie for walleye aboard the vessels of local and out-of-state volunteers who donated their time and equipment in appreciation of the services provided by these men and women. The event is held annually near Lakeside, Ohio.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officers Jason Warren, assigned to Lake

Erie, and Ryan Pawlus, assigned to Lake County, participated in a Western Reserve Land Conservancy clean-up event on Grand River. The officers assisted by picking up trash while paddling a large canoe down the state-designated wild and scenic river. The officers filled the canoe with debris and witnessed an eastern chipmunk swim across the river.

While patrolling during the 2023 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Warren, assigned to Lake Erie, received a TIP (Turn-In-A-Poacher) report from Ashtabula County of a hunter using a shotgun. Officer Warren responded to the area and contacted the hunter, who was pursuing deer with a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with one slug. Officer Warren issued the individual a summons for the violation and the suspect paid \$305 in fines and costs in Conneaut Municipal Court. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at:

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(1-800-762-2437).

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State wildlife officers from District Four and District Five came together to work a spotlighting enforcement project in Ross and Highland counties. A vehicle was observed spotlighting deer in Ross County, but before officers could make a stop the vehicle traveled into Highland County, where it was observed spotlighting a second time. Wildlife officers from both districts arrived at the same time and stopped the vehicle, which had three occupants. Two of the men were charged in both Ross and Highland counties with spotlighting and aiding an offender. The third man was identified as a suspect in an unrelated complaint in Ross County and was charged with hunting without permission. The officers seized rifles, a crossbow, and two rifles from the vehicle. All three men pleaded guilty in their respective courts and were ordered to pay fines and court costs. One of the men was a repeat wildlife offender and this was his third violation, the second within one year. His hunting license was suspended for one year following the charges.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

In early March, State Wildlife Officer Brad Turner, assigned to Preble County, State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, and K-9 Officer Scout attended a two-day Junior Achievement Inspire to Hire conference in northern Kentucky. Wildlife Communications Specialist Kathy Garza-Behr helped organize the Division of Wildlife's portion of the ODNr booth. Fish Management Supervisor Debbie Walters and Outdoor Skills Specialist Jordan Skates also participated in the event, which was attended by thousands of middle and high school students from the Cincinnati area. Junior Achievement's programming allows students to prepare for career-readiness by building professional networks and establishing connections with people involved in their areas of interest.

FREAKY FRIDAY A HIT AT ANTWERP SCHOOL



Antwerp High School performed Freaky Friday recently and was well received by the entire school and community. This young but talented cast and crew was definitely entertaining! Great job to Mrs. Mary Smith (director) and special recognition to seniors in the cast: Hope Thomas-Roebel, Zach Devall, Makenna Lawson, and Gavin Clevinger.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Andrew S. Rickard, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed with prejudice; Cost to be paid by the defendant

Dennis E. Green, Defiance, OH; 12 point suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Adam R. Daniels, Paulding, OH; Theft (2 counts); Burglary; Defendant has been indicted by the Paulding County Grand Jury; Case shall be bound over to Paulding County Common Pleas Court

Nicholas J. Sholl, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs waived

Martha E. Osten, Monticello, IN; Distracted driving; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs waived

Tyler J. Crom, Toledo, OH; Drug paraphernalia; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth E. Hancock, Celina, OH; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Aram F. Khadaiyer, Troy, MI; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Steven N. Razoki, Macomb, MI; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jayden A. Hasch, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel A. Sanchez Estrada, Elgin, IL; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Miranda Schrader

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

Pankaj Sharma, Milton, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jaylyn M. McCloud, Cecil, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph L. Brown, Aliquippa, PA; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chisom E. Emegoakor, West LaFayette, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Proof of insurance provided

Joshua R. Carper, Oakwood, OH; Prohibition ATV; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Cathy T. Jones, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence, Guilty, Fines and costs to be taken from bond, No contact with victim, \$12 to be taken from bond for 1 day jail, Maintain general good behavior; Assault, Count B dismissed per state

Knox B. Reed, Blairsville, GA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry J. Maciolek, Holland, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Tyler M. Cavanaugh, Payne, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Improper backing, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided

Mandrea M. Cowle, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Andy H. Salaverry Martinez, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat

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belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Devan R. Bermejo, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Louis P. Rachel III, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; Marked lanes, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive; Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Latasha A. Banks, Fort Wayne, IN; No operators license; Case dismissed

Monica Gonzales, Oakwood, OH; Cross yellow line;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James R. Okuly Jr, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Standard probation, Evaluation with Westwood, Secure valid license, 20 hours community, Risk assessment; Driving under operator license forfeiture, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Gurwinder S. Saran, Brampton, ON; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Maria L. Puckett, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeffrey L. Teeple, Fort Wayne, IN; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brandin D. Henkle, Rockford, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sawyer R. Hake, Edgerton, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

NOTICE

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE

As established by Chapter 905 of the Village Ordinances, it is hereby determined that weeds or grass growing at a height of eight (8) inches or higher after the first day of May of each year are a public nuisance. All property owners are required to regularly cut the weeds upon their properties during the ensuing months of the year. Failure to do so could result in a property tax assessment if the Village of Hicksville has to clear the property of high weeds or grass. Mowing grass clippings into the street is prohibited.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-09

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Village Fiscal Officer has determined that it is necessary to transfer certain funds from the General Fund to the Police and Fire Pension Fund and the Capital Projects Fund, and

WHEREAS, Council must approve the transfer pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Police and Fire Pension Fund.

SECTION 2. The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to transfer Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Dated: 03/20/2023
Ronald Jones, Mayor
ATTEST:
Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer
passed 02/06/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

The Defiance County Commissioners will hold three public hearings on a request from Defiance County Landfill Manager to increase a portion of the rates charged at the Defiance County Landfill. The Public Hearings will be:

- at the Defiance County Commissioners' Office, 500 Court Street, Suite A, Defiance, Ohio 43512
 - Monday, April 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. and
 - Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
- at the Village of Hicksville Council Room located at 108 North Main Street in Hicksville, Ohio 43526
 - Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

The proposed rate changes are only for tires accepted at the Defiance County as follows:

- Addition of a classification for if the delivering vehicle utilizes the Landfill Scale - \$0.15 per pound;
- Car and Pickup Truck Tire off rim - from \$2.00 per tire to \$4.00 per tire;
- Car and Pickup Truck Tire on rim - from \$3.00 per tire to \$5.00 per tire;
- Semi Tire >22" off rim - from \$7.50 per tire to \$10.00 per tire.

BY ORDER OF:
DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Stephanie M. Metz, Clerk
DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

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

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.
LEO P. SWALLOW, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 22 171

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

Cleveland Street, Grover Hill Parcel Number: 26-02S-014-00 and 26-02S-015-00

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

The opening bid is Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 00/100 (\$5,660.00) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, April 20, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on May 4, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

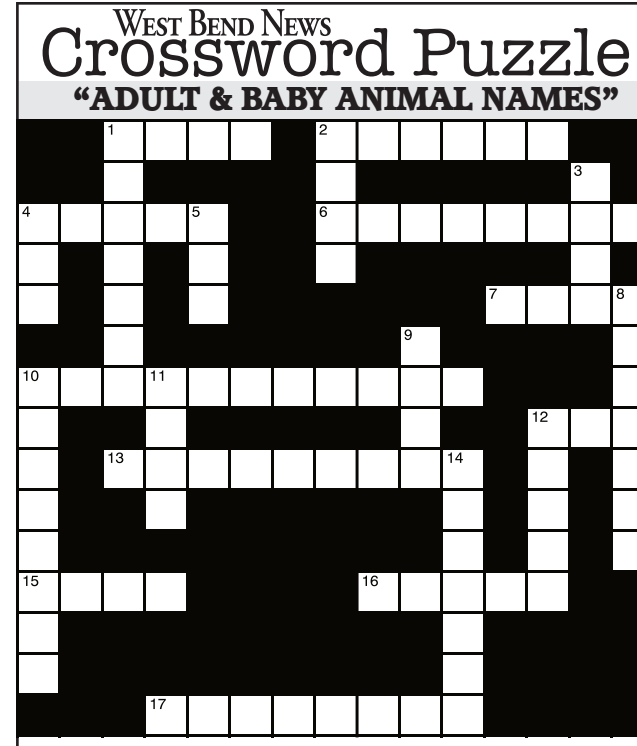
Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

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

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

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

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



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| 4. A baby chicken. | 3. A baby horse. |
| 6. A baby frog. | 4. A baby bear. |
| 7. A young male horse. | 5. A baby goat. |
| 10. A young stage of a butterfly or moth. | 8. A baby frog or toad. |
| 12. A baby seal. | 9. A baby deer. |
| 13. A baby bird that has recently hatched from an egg. | 10. A baby bird that has recently hatched from an egg. |
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NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

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

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,

vs.
RUSSELL L. BAKER, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 22 190

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

214 Maple Street, Payne Parcel Number: 19-09S-073-00

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

The opening bid is Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-four and 85/100 (\$8,894.85) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, April 20, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on May 4, 2023 for the same minimum bid

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

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

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

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

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

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
JENNIFER A. CARR, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. Cl 22 011

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

101 East Perry Street, Grover Hill Parcel Number: 26-07S-009-00

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

Said premises appraised at Forty-five Thousand and No/100 (\$45,000.00) 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 April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.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 May 4, 2023 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.

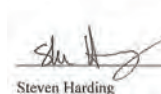
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

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.

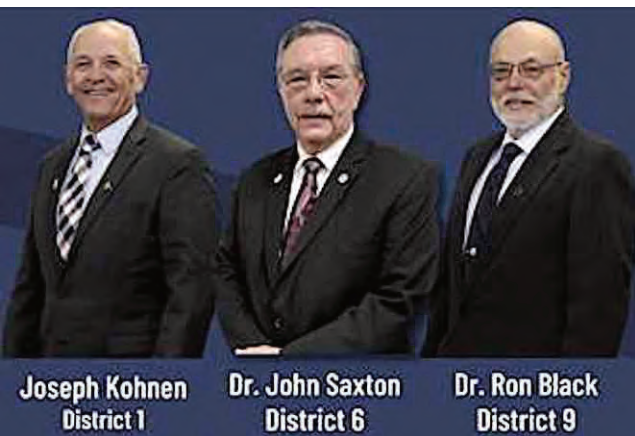
Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
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1000+ VIEWERS TUNE IN FOR PPEC'S 87th ANNUAL MEETING BROADCAST



Joseph Kohnen District 1
Dr. John Saxton District 6
Dr. Ron Black District 9

Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative's (PPEC) 87th Annual Meeting of Members premiered on Facebook and YouTube at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023. More than 1000 viewers tuned in to watch the meeting over the weekend to hear co-op updates and a recap of 2022.

Board election results were announced, with each board member elected to serve a three-year term:

- Incumbent Joe Kohnen of Monroeville, Indiana, was re-elected to District 1 (represents Marion, Madison, Monroe, Preble, and Union Townships in Allen and Adams Counties in Indiana). No candidates submitted petitions to run against Kohnen, so he was re-elected by affirmation.

- Incumbent Dr. John Saxton of Oakwood, Ohio, was re-elected to District 6 (represents Auglaize, Brown, Latty, Washington, Defiance, and Highland Townships in Paulding and Defiance Counties in Ohio). No candidates submitted petitions to run against Saxton, so he was re-elected by affirmation.

- Incumbent Dr. Ron Black of Ottawa, Ohio, was re-elected to District 9 (represents Sugarcreek, Pleasant, Union, Ottawa, and Riley Townships in Putnam County, Ohio). No candidates submitted petitions to run against Black, so he was re-elected by affirmation.

Board Chairman Steve McMichael, Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black, and President and CEO George Carter reflected on 2022's challenges and successes, highlighting the numerous ways the cooperative "defied the norm."

"Operationally, we had a particularly good year," said PPEC President and CEO George Carter. "This past year, upgrades were done to the Antwerp substation, the Convoy station, and the Columbus Grove substation. These improvements should

help to safely provide reliable service for many years to come."

Carter also reported that the cost of purchased power from Buckeye Power (PPEC's electricity supplier) increased nearly 7.5 percent this year. This includes an 18% increase in transmission charges. The transmission charge is the cost to move power from generation plants to our local substations.

"Paulding Putnam is not unlike you and your business," Carter said, "We are faced with the same inflation problems, higher gas and diesel prices, shortages of needed materials... all the same things you face. Thankfully our board and employees work hard to maintain cost competitive rates and reliable service."

Other 2022 highlights reported on during the meeting included:

- More than 2,000 members, families and kids enjoyed PPEC member appreciation day at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

- The cooperative invested nearly \$5.5 million in line rebuilds and replacements (poles, wires, transformers, and other equipment used to bring power to homes and businesses.)

- PPEC's SmartHub account management system received 900 new enrollments, totaling more than half of the membership participating.

- PPEC employees were recognized with two national awards. The cooperative was awarded two silver Spotlight on Excellence awards: one for "Best Event" for the 2021 member appreciation Dinosaur Movie Night and one for "Best Video" of our employees in action.

- The cooperative provided the Village of Ottoville with a \$360,000 USDA loan for industrial park expansion that created the revolving loan fund to help community orga-

nizations.

- Members were asked to save the date for PPEC's Member Appreciation Family Fun Event on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Board Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ron Black reported that "the financial health of our cooperative is strong," with total margins of \$4.5 million, exceeding the budget by nearly \$500,000. PPEC's auditing firm of Bashore, Reineck, Stoller, and Waterman issued an unqualified, or clean audit opinion.

Board Chairman Steve McMichael gave an overview of the board's priorities, including that safety is top of mind, and emphasized the cooperative's commitment to its members.

"Despite many closed offices and automatic systems in today's world, our member service team is available five days a week and with our partnership with CRC, after hours calls are answered promptly and courteously," said McMichael. "Additionally, our lineworkers and operations staff work not only Monday through Friday, but they go to work when we take shelter."

Board Chairman Steve McMichael introduced incoming CEO Randy Price, who will be taking over after current CEO George Carter retires April 3.

"It is my honor and a privilege to follow George Carter - somebody I admired and considered a mentor during my career," said Price. "I am humbled to be joining this co-op and work for you... I thank you for the opportunity and am looking forward to being a part of the community."

A total of \$750 in bill credits were drawn at random from those members who watched the meeting and left a comment or who called the office to pre-register. Winners were as follows:

\$50 BILL CREDIT WINNERS:

- Becky Neireiter
- Kim Hohlbein
- Travis Young
- Cheri Estle
- Ginnie Riepenhoff
- Erin Young
- Eric Roughton
- Diana Decamp
- Diana Kaufman
- Rose Bowers
- Staci Miller
- Lynn Bryan
- John Smalley
- Noah Gerschutz
- Kevin Kettels

To view the annual meeting recording, visit <https://ppec.coop/2023AnnualMeeting>. PPEC's 2022 Annual Report and 2022 audit can be found here as well. Those wanting more information can call the office at 800-686-2357.

THE KISS

Charlie Ross was the teacher's pet of the class of 1901, at Independence High School. It was common knowledge that the teacher liked Charlie. Charlie didn't deny it, in fact he did everything he could to please his teacher. The teacher was Miss Tillie Brown. She taught English and was an attractive young lady.

It didn't hurt that Charlie was the editor of the school yearbook, "The Glow," and Miss Brown was the faculty sponsor. Because of this relationship Charlie felt a great pressure to amount to something. And as you can imagine Charlie did, amount to

something."

However something happened in the graduation ceremonies that year, that put a damper on festivities. As Charlie crossed the stage to receive his diploma, Tillie... Miss Brown, rose from her seat and as he went by gave him a kiss. This upset the other boys, especially Charlie's best friend Harry. Charlie was valedictorian, but Harry was also a straight A student. Harry was the type of student that read encyclopedias for amusement, and had read the Bible through three times.

After the ceremony, Harry and a group of boys went up to Miss Brown and asked, "Where's their kiss?" She stood her ground and told them that Charlie had earned special recognition, and when they do something noteworthy they too shall receive a kiss.

In the coming years, Charlie became the owner and editor of a large city newspaper. Eventually he was picked to be The Presidential Press Secretary. One of his first duties was to phone Miss Tillie Brown.

One Saturday morning, Tillie picked up the phone to hear a familiar voice say, "Hello, Miss Brown, The President of the United States wishes to speak to you." And then another familiar voice, "Hello Miss Brown, this is President Truman, may I have that kiss now?" "You you may have it anytime you wish."

—James Neuhouser

USDA ANNOUNCES NEW INVESTMENTS IN SCHOOL MEALS TO SUPPORT HEALTHY KIDS

U.S. Department of Agriculture announced several actions to expand support for and access to the school meal programs, including awarding \$50 million in grants that will increase collaboration between schools, food producers and suppliers, and other partners to develop nutritious, appetizing school meals for kids. The department also announced \$10 million in grants for schools to expand nutrition education, as well as a proposed regulatory change to give more schools the option to provide healthy school meals to all students at no cost.

These forward-thinking, innovative actions were all highlighted by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack at an event at Maplewood Elementary in Greeley, Colo. where he spoke with school and district leaders about how these USDA actions will benefit their communities.

"The Biden-Harris Administration believes that a healthier future for our country starts with our children," said Vilsack. "Continuing to make school meals healthier and available to more students are some of the best ways we can help our children thrive early in life."

As part of the USDA's Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative, Vilsack announced that the department is awarding \$50 million to the following organizations to manage the School Food System Transformation Challenge Sub-Grants:

- Boise State University
- Chef Ann Foundation
- Full Plates Full Potential
- Illinois Public Health Institute

These grants will foster innovation in the school food marketplace to get a wider variety of healthy, appealing foods into the marketplace and onto kids' lunch trays. Schools and other eligible organizations can apply for the challenge sub-grants later this year and are encouraged to check the USDA's Healthy Meals Incentives website for updates.

"USDA is taking a holistic approach to supporting school meal programs, which includes strengthening the food supply chain that supports them," said Stacy Dean, deputy under secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. "We're hopeful that these grants will accelerate and expand innovation in the school food marketplace, so that schools - and ultimately our children - have better access to healthier food products."

Also, USDA opened applications for up to \$10 million in Fiscal Year 2023 Team Nutrition Grants, which support nutrition education for school-aged children. The grants will extend nutrition education efforts beyond the cafeteria, incorporating it into all parts of the school day and even enrichment activities outside of school. The resources also support another component of the Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative by helping school districts introduce additional nutritious menu options, and eventually qualify for a Recognition Award.

Secretary Vilsack also announced that the department is proposing a change that would give more schools the option to provide healthy school meals to all students at no cost. The rule would expand the number of schools eligible to opt into the Community Eligibility Provision, also known as CEP, which could result in more children receiving tasty, nutritious school meals.

"Many schools and even some entire states have successfully provided free meals to all their students," said Vilsack. "We applaud their leadership in nourishing children and hope this proposed change will make it possible for more schools and states to follow suit."

While the proposed rule does not increase federal funds for school meals, President Biden's 2024 budget requests an additional \$15 billion over 10 years to support schools participating in CEP and reach 9 million more children. Vilsack added, "Together, these actions are one of many efforts the Biden-Harris Administration and USDA are taking to ensure the federal government, states, and local schools are working together to support child health."

FNS encourages all interested parties to comment on the CEP proposed rule during the 45-day comment period that begins tomorrow.

The announcements are

part of USDA's ongoing efforts to support schools and strengthen school meals to improve children's health. They also build on commitments made in the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health:

- The expansion of CEP advances a pathway for healthier school meals to more students at no cost.

- The School Food System Transformation Challenge Grants unite the public and private sector in expanding healthier food options in the K-12 school food marketplace.

- The Team Nutrition Grants help schools expand nutrition education to students and introduce healthier food options into their meals.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean-energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

CORN STARTER FERTILIZER

Farmers use corn starter fertilizer to increase corn yields? True but the 25-36% (young growth at V6 (young corn, six true leaves) may only increase corn yield 2-3%. Weather and soil conditions after planting often have a greater influence on crop yield than starter fertilizer. However, farmers want to get their corn crop off to a great start so they have a chance at achieving those higher corn yields.

Where do farmers get a big boost from corn starter fertilizer? Generally, soils that are low in nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) respond the most to N-P-K starter. Corn after corn responds to added N. No-till fields with cover crops respond to early applied N due to a higher carbon:nitrogen (C:N) ratio in the soil. In no-till fields, 40-60# of N is suggested at planting to overcome the N deficient. Soil microbes need the N to break down cover crop roots and possibly higher crop residue. Poorly drained soils that are cold and wet also respond to starter fertilizer because the soil microbes are less active.

Where do farmers get their biggest yield increase? Both N and P generally give the biggest yield increases. In most cases, P is the most lim-

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...ing when soils are cold and wet due to slow seedling growth and slow absorption of P to the root. In healthy soils, beneficial fungi help the plant get P, but this requires a plant investment in growing a mycorrhizal network, so corn plants may seem a little stressed in the spring. The benefits often come later in the summer when P is limited. Starter P fertilizer tends to give the biggest yield increases because soil P is slow moving and P is needed by plants for early cell multiplication and energy transfer.

A close second, is the response to starter N fertilizer. Often N may be lacking in the topsoil due to N leaching in the form of nitrates. Nitrate N is very mobile. Nitrate N stimulates early corn plant growth. Later in the growing season, the ammonium form of N promotes yield more than nitrate N fertilizer. N mineralization or plant available N is often limited in cold wet soils, so corn growth increases when adequate N is supplied. Adding a gallon of sugar to N starter fertilizer per acre supplies a readily available carbon source for microbes to make proteins. For Potassium (K), corn K starter fertilizer yield response is generally low unless K is soil deficient. K fertilizer has a high salt content and may injure germinating corn seeds. N and P starter fertilizer generally generates the biggest corn yield responses.

What about other nutrients? Every soil and plant nutrient is needed in balance. Most soil nutrients are needed to create amino acids to form proteins. Sulfur (S) is the next most limiting element. Historically, atmospheric S from acid rain gave farmers 20-30# of S/acre yearly, however that has decreased to 6-10# S/acre yearly. Every 1% soil organic

matter gives about 2.5# S, so a 2% SOM generates 5# S/acre, so a farmer may count on 11-15# S/acre. A 250-bushel corn crop needs about 20# S, which may be a deficiency of 5-9#S/acre. Farmers often use ammonium thiosulfate (12% N, 26% S) in starter fertilizer at a rate of 10 parts N to 1 part S. It may be beneficial to increase the S fertilizer content slightly if S is deficient. Corn gets about 50% of its N from applied fertilizer through soil microbes, the other 50% comes from the soil microbes themselves. If S is soil deficient, soil microbes may need some extra S to make that other 50% N more plant available.

After N-P-K-S, zinc is often added to starter fertilizer. Slight zinc deficiency in corn is common. A lack of zinc may be responsible for 10-30% corn yield loss if it is not in adequate supply. Zinc is the central element in 300 plant enzymes. Adequate zinc keeps a plant healthy and reduces many corn diseases. Calcium and its carrier boron may also be beneficial. Calcium is needed in large amounts to promote root tillering, stalk strength, and early leaf growth. Boron moves calcium into the plant but can injure germinating roots, so apply in very small amounts away from germinating seeds. On sandy soils, magnesium is often lacking but it is a salt so apply it away from the seed. Iron is often lacking in cold wet soils and is responsible for the enzyme that makes chlorophyll. A little fulvic acid buffers salts in fertilizer and helps with plant absorption. Overall, a balanced micro nutrient package can promote higher crop yields when critical nutrients are lacking.

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LOCAL ATHLETES NAMED TO OHSAA GIRLS ALL-OHIO BASKETBALL TEAM

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Division III and IV girls basketball All-Ohio teams were announced Monday by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

This year two area girls basketball athletes were named to the OHSAA All-Ohio basketball teams.

Honorable Mention Division III: Gracie Shepherd, Haviland Wayne Trace, 6-0, SR, 10.4;

Honorable Mention Division IV: Aewyn McMichael, Antwerp, 5-5, JR, 14.8

LOCAL ATHLETES NAMED TO OHSAA BOYS ALL-OHIO BASKETBALL TEAM

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Division III and IV boys basketball All-Ohio teams were announced Wednesday by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

This year three area boys basketball athletes were named to the OHSAA All-Ohio basketball teams

Second Team Division III: Brooks Laukhuf, Haviland Wayne Trace, 6-3, jr., 22.3

Honorable Mention Division III: Ethan Foltz, Paulding, 6-4, JR, 11.3

Third Team Division IV: Landon Brewer, Antwerp, 6-4, JR, 21.0

PREVENTING DOG BITES

(NAPSI)—More than 5,400 postal employees were attacked by dogs in the United States in 2021. From nips and bites to vicious attacks, aggressive dog behavior poses a serious threat to postal employees and just about everyone else.

To help people understand the enormity of this serious issue, the U.S. Postal

Service provides information on the do's and don'ts of responsible dog ownership as part of its annual National Dog Bite Awareness Week public service campaign.

The campaign runs Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11 but any time is a good time to consider dog bite prevention. This year's theme is "The USPS Delivers for America—Deliver for Us by Restraining Your Dog." You can help spread the news of the campaign by using the hashtag #dogbiteawareness.

"Every year, thousands of postal employees are attacked by dogs as they deliver America's mail. And while it's a dog's natural instinct to protect their family and home, we ask all customers to act responsibly by taking safety precautions with their dogs while the mail is being delivered," said USPS Employee Safety and Health Awareness Manager Leeann Theriault. "When a carrier comes to the residence, keep the dog inside the house and away from the door—or behind a fence on a leash—to avoid an attack."

Being a Responsible Pet Owner

Dog owners with friendly dogs often expect a friendly reaction from other dogs. However, even friendly dogs will bite, depending on the circumstance. Dogs are primarily territorial in nature and protective of their owners and their owners' property. Defending its territory sometimes means attacking—and possibly biting—the letter carrier. Dog owners are responsible for controlling their dogs. The best way to keep everyone safe from dog bites is to recognize and promote responsible pet ownership.

Most people know the approximate time their letter

carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any dog-carrier interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind their children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat.

Informed Delivery is a useful tool for dog owners. It's a free service that provides a digital preview of the mail and packages scheduled to be delivered so you can take precautions and secure your dog when parcels are delivered to the door. You can sign up at informedelivery.usps.com.

"The Postal Service takes the safety of our employees as seriously as we take our commitment to delivering America's mail," said USPS Occupational Safety and Health Senior Director Linda DeCarlo. "Please deliver for us by being responsible pet owners and make sure your dogs are secured when our carrier comes to your mailbox."

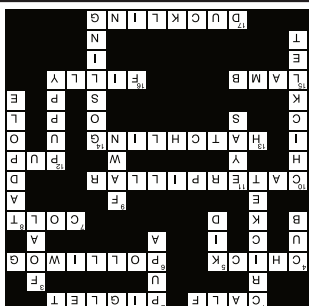
The Victims

Many attacks reported by letter carriers came from dogs whose owners regularly stated, "My dog won't bite." Dog bites are preventable. One bite is one too many.

Be Attentive
Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Not startle a dog.
- Keep their eyes on the dog.



Crossword solution from page 9

• Never assume a dog won't bite.

• Make some noise or rattle a fence to alert the dog if entering a yard.

• Never attempt to pet or feed a dog.

• Place their foot against an outward swinging door.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something between them and the dog—such as their mail satchel—and use dog repellent, if necessary.

Even though postal officials ask customers to control their dogs, unfortunately dog bites still happen, which may result in injuries to carriers and costly medical expenses for dog owners.

Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be halted—not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Office. Service will not be restored until the dog is properly restrained.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Learn More
For further facts, visit www.usps.com, www.facts.usps.com and National Dog Bite Awareness Week—What We Do—About.usps.com.

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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: GREG BOSTLEMAN OF NASG



Hear it here! Tune in as host Tim Cosey interviews North American Stamping Group (NASG) Operations Manager Greg Bostleman. Greg will discuss how NASG is a Tier II seat frame supplier and some of the great customers they serve including Tesla! Yes, right here in Paulding County NASG man-

ufactures and supplies armrests for Tesla! NASG stays on the leading edge of the automotive industry through innovative processes and technologies. Greg will also share how growing up in NW Ohio has its advantages and opportunities.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOCAL VIETNAM VETS ON NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

March 25, 2023 – The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum paid tribute to all local Vietnam Veterans whose names are forever inscribed on the Vietnam Wall located at 2122 O'Day Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

The tribute started at 11:00 a.m. on March 25th. National Vietnam Veterans Day is actually on March 29th but the Veterans Memorial Shrine and Museum paid their respects on Saturday March 25th so more Vietnam Veterans and families could attend.

The program included an

Honor Guard from Marine Corp League #1435. Thomas Schmitt read the soldiers prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was performed by Lisa McDavid. Commander Greg Bedford introduced the guest speaker, former Chief Warrant Officer Jeff Goshert. Jeff is a local veteran who flew helicopters in Vietnam. Following Mr. Goshert's remarks, a total of twelve (12) Vietnam Veterans from the area, read the names of all Allen County soldiers and veterans from surrounding counties who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms in Vietnam.

Teresa Collins, a retired Air Force nurse read the names of all eight (8) women nurses whose names appear on the wall, in honor of National Women's Month.

Wreaths from various organizations was placed at the wall. Eric Johnson, Vice Commander, delivered closing remarks followed by the playing of taps by Thomas Schmitt.

HALL HONORED RECENTLY AT PAYNE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Pictured from left to right is Captain Kyle Wobler, Assistant-Chief Gary Gasser, accepting his award Lieutenant John Hall, presenting award Payne Fire Chief Jesse Hefner, Captain Ben Thomas, and Lieutenant Joe Schmidt

Payne Volunteer Fire Department recently honored Lt. John Hall for 50 years of serving the Payne Fire Department.

John is planning to continue on serving the depart-

ment, but was surprised by his fellow firemen, EMTs, friends, and family when he was presented with a commemorative ax as well as a certificate of recognition from the Ohio State Fire Marshal.

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