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HANDS OF HOPE NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE



Pictured at the blessing of the new machine is (L-R) Ann Walker (Board member), Fr. Ammanniti, Chris Bercaw, and Rita Diaz (Ultrasound nurse).

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services is thrilled to be utilizing a brand new ultrasound

The previous machine is close to 10 years old. While still great quality, the board of directors decided to purchase a new one after being approached by Chris Bercaw. Bercaw is a Paulding County resident, and also the Knights of Columbus Respect Life Director for Ohio.

The Knights of Columbus was able to get a grant to the clinic to cover half the costs of the new machine. The previous machine has served the community well, so the decision was made to get the newest version of the same machine. Through Chris Bercaw's coordination, the previous machine will be donated to a similar clinic in

Columbus who is in need of an ultrasound machine.

The staff and board are excited that the ultrasound machine will be able to bless another community. Hands of Hope would like to give shout out to Chris Bercaw and the Knights of Columbus for this amazing gift. The machine has already been used to show the miracle of life, much to the excitement of the nurses.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP resurfaced, and a new 6' wide ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Beginning late July, the 100 block of Railroad Street will be closed for road construction. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Once completed, the underground village utilities will be updated where required, the street will be

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green High School with a grand total of 1,130 votes from the public on social me-

The Paint-the-Plow contest is a community outreach program in which high schools are given the opportunity to paint a real-life snowplow to be displayed and then used during the winter seasons. The plows are posted on Facebook where they are then voted on via likes, comments, and shares for the "People's Choice" award.

Second place was awarded to Pettisville High School with 663 votes, and Old Fort High School was awarded third

with 576 votes. This year, nine high schools across District 2's eight counties participated in contest including Wauseon High School, Fre-(Continued on Page 4)

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VANTAGE STUDENT EARNS STAGGERING AMOUNT OF INDUSTRY **CREDENTIALS**

Vantage Career Center Network Systems senior Levi Miller (Antwerp) took his already bolstering talents and IT skills to the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference and Competition in Anaheim, California, specifically competing in the C Sharp (C#) Programming category, for a place on the National podium.

Although Levi did not see the podium at the National level for the C# competition, he did bring home more than what he expected. During his five day experience, Levi (Continued on Page 3)



Vantage Career Center Network Systems Senior, Levi Miller (Antwerp) Levi graduated with a total of 19 industry credentials in the Vantage Network Systems program, which was an accumulation of over a four year degree in Information Tech-

PAYNE MURAL COMPLETE



Work was just completed on a new mural bringing more color to the streets of Payne. Recent Wayne Trace graduates Anna Wells and Laura Thornell along with rising sophomore Emma Stouffer worked to complete this piece located just southwest of the main intersection in town.

This patriotic painting, along with some repair work to the seven-year old library mural and another series of paintings on the west side of the fire station to be completed in July, gives our Raiders a great opportunity to use their talents as a way to give back to their community!

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Community Calendar **MON & WED**

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

June 13

- Narcotics Anonymous @
- Antwerp Comm. Church, 6pm • FW Comm. Band @ Foellinger Theater, 7:30pm

June 15

 The Rainbow Fish Musical @ Huber, 7pm

June 16 • Feel Good Friday @

Fountain Park, 7:30pm June 17

- Woodburn Lions Club donuts @ Chop Shop, 7-11am
- NRL22 Rifle Event @ Ant.
- Cons. Club, Sight-in, 9am • Food Distribution @ Cecil
- Comm. Church, 12-3pm

June 20

• Narcotics Anonymous @ Antwerp Comm. Church, 6pm

June 22

• Patio Concert @ The Huber, 7p

June 23

• Feel Good Friday @ Fountain Park, 7:30pm

June 25 • PC Dog Kennel fundraiser & 10th anniversary @ Animal Clinic of Paulding, 11a-1p

Concert w/Bluegrass Praise

Band @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

June 26-30 • VBS @ Cecil Comm. Church, 10am-12pm



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OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH:

Howard R. Oskey, age 84, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Gardens of Paulding.

Howard was born on May 13, 1939 in Sherwood, OH to the late Stanley and Gertrude (Decker) Oskey. On October 14, 1961 he married the love of his life, Beverly Klingler, who survives. Howard proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked for B.F. Goodrich for 32.5 years before his retirement in 1994. Howard was a member of the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587 and the Paulding United Methodist Church.

Along with his wife, Howard is survived by his daughters: (Harold) Lorraine Gottke. Paulding, OH; Diane Oskey, Paulding, OH; granddaughters: Heather Gottke, Elizabeth Zartman, Brittany (Jacob) Turner, and Chelsea (Zach) Hitchcock; nine great grandchildren.

Howard is also preceded in death by his brother, Herm Oskey and sister, Dean Kuhlman.

Memorial service will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home with military rites accorded by the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587.

Calling hours will be from 4:00 P.M. until time of services on

Memorial contributions may be made in Howard's memory to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, ŃY 10306.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman Dear Parson,

In John 3:5 Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Was He talking about water baptism?

The answer is in the context. Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again. Nicode-

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mus understood physical birth but not the second birth. The first birth is by water (embryonic fluid). Jesus explained that your first birth by water is not enough, you must go beyond that and have a second birth by the Spirit of God and be born again to get into the Kingdom of God.

Notice verse six of John 3, where He reiterates what the births are: "That which is born of the flesh (our first birth by water) is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Verse seven, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." This is not done by water

baptism, but by receiving Christ as Savior by faith. John 1:12 - "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. You, too, must be born

again! If you need help with that, feel free to call me at 260-466-9937. I can help you right over the phone. Send questions and com-

ments to: jamesbachman-@juno.com

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Vacation Bible School at Antwerp Global Methodist Church is coming soon! There will be breathtaking castles, regal kings and queens, firebreathing dragons, brave knights, and epic battles.

The theme this year is Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth.

Throughout the five-day event everyone will learn how to be a part of God's kingdom and wear the armor of God. Our Royal Majesty's kingdom is under attack, and we must prepare for battle.

Themes will help us discover that there are Two Kingdoms, the kingdom of light versus the kingdom of darkness. One is ruled by the good King, Creator God. The other

is ruled by the enemy, Satan. On day two the lesson will teach the citizens of God's good kingdom that they need to wear the armor of God daily, starting with The Belt of

Day three we will learn







John Paulding Historical Society has two booth displays in the Grange Building at the fairgrounds during the Paulding County Fair. The historical society, across the street from the fairgrounds, will be open June 12-17 during the fair.

The John Paulding Historical Society will be open daily Monday through Saturday, June 12-17, during the Paulding County Fair.

Hours will vary, so visitors are urged to look for the "Open" flag in front.

The museum is located across from the county fairgrounds in Paulding. Admission is free.

The historical society currently has two featured exhibits in addition to its extensive collection of Paulding County artifacts and objects. One exhibit is "A Vintage Wedding," featuring 53 bridal gowns dating from the 1880s

to 1980s. The other is a show of acrylic, watercolor and oil paintings by 30 local artists in the "Celebration of Arts and Artists of Paulding County."

Time is running out to view these special exhibits; both will close on June 27. Fairgoers can see two

booth displays by the historical society in the Grange Building. One contains some dresses from the wedding exhibit and the other has interesting items from the museum's collection.

Visit the historical society's Facebook page at facebook .com/jphsmuseum for updates.

how The Breastplate helps God's children to grow in right living, and The Shoes show us we can be at peace with God, which helps us

Day four we will learn of The Shield and The Helmet that protect us from the enemy's attacks, wrong thinking, discouragement, and decep-

Day five the focus will be on The Sword of the Spirit and Prayer which helps us train our brains to know, memorize, love, and obey God's Word.

Excitement and adventure await from the first minute of each day when children meet in their troupes and assemble in the Great Hall. Then they're off to rotate trough five fun

Truth Talks in the Keep, Science and Crafts in the Courtyard, Treats in the Town, Games on the Green and Missions, Music, and Memory Verses at The Manor. Assembly In The Great Hall will conclude each day.

So prepare to step back in time, embark on the journey, and partake in one royally fun time July 17 to 21 - 6:00 to 8:30 at The Antwerp Global Methodist Church on East River Street.

ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

CR 138, Paulding, OH will be having their vacation Bible school (Rocky Railway) for ages 3-12 on June 19-23, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

through. Jesus Power helps us do hard things, gives us hope, helps us be bold, helps us be good friends, lets us live for-

JUNE EVENTS AT CECIL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Food Distribution: Cecil Community Church

Food Pantry Noon to 3 PM Saturday June 17th

Concert:

Cecil Community Church hosts the Bluegrass Praise Band Sunday June 25th 6 PM Vacation Bible School:

Cecil Community Church will offer Vacation Bible School Monday June 26th thru Friday June 30th 10 AM to Noon with a Saturday July 1st Pond Event 10 AM

New Women Group:

Cecil Community Church hosts the Kingdom Warriors Next meeting July 8th 6 PM led by Patty Sparks

Father's Day Weekend:

Cecil Community Church offers Father- Son Kayak 2-3 hour river trips June 17th and 18th, Schedule 419-564-8383

HAPPENINGS AT THE PAULD-ING COUNTY SENIOR CEN-TER

6/12: Exercise - 10:00; Pain management with Amber -11:45; Bridge Club - 12:30 6/13: Senior Day at the

Paulding County Fair; Breakfast - 8:30; Bingo - 10:00; Lunch - 11:30; Entertainment to follow; No congregate meal at Center

6/14: Grocery Center -

Scripture of the Week

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"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." – Matthew 7:13-14

MATT'S MISHAPS

"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a lighthearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"

SEASON FOR EVERY

During those first few really hot days in the spring, everything comes to life in Indiana - or maybe better said, becomes active. Ants seem to be the things that activate the most in my personal experience. During the cold months of the winter and early spring, crumbs on the table are left untouched and loosely closed bags of chips are undisturbed.



And then all of a sudden, whammy!, the ants have arrived. It must be getting warmer. It happens every year, but somehow it always catches me off guard. I naively wish for relief from the cold Indiana weather, only to wish for relief from those ants that seemed to know every entry point into a home.

My worst "temperature change ant experience" was discovering them, not when beginning to eat from an opened bag of snack food, but after grazing for a while and getting to the bottom. Blahh! How many did I eat?! Well, I got my wish when

moving overseas and never have had a problem with cold weather. I live in a place that basically has two seasons, spring and summer and I have no ant problems either. However, ants seem like a dream when I discovered the dynamics related to a "two warm seasons" place - cockroaches that have a long growing season! I was surprised that even locals who had grown up with cockroaches had a cringing dread of them. These nocturnal bugs, like ants, come into super active mode after a stretch of warm days (our transition from spring to summer).

At transition time, if we venture out for a walk in the evening or an early morning jog, you can hear the scratchy crawl of these roaches on the roads and sidewalks. Smashing these Hot Wheel car size bugs is like crunching a stack of 4 or 5 Dorito chips under your foot - yuck! These super big, tough roaches even have bullet proof stomachs. I once put cubes of green rat poison blocks in my office to get rid of the big fury pests (that also grow bigger here without a winter season). However, I was attracting cockroaches and these bugs could happily eat the rat poison without any noticeable negative effect.

As the Indiana winters go on (after having endured the rain of the autumn), Indiana can be glad to have four true

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

Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

6/15: Digital Navigation Classes - 9:00 to 3:00; Euchre -Oatmeal raisin bar 9:45; Exercise - 10:00; Drum-

6/16: Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30; Bible study - 10:00; Self defense class at noon

ming - 10:30; Evening meal -

5:00 with Live Entertainment

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

6/12: Smoked sausage, Mashed potatoes, Sauerkraut, Warm peaches, Tomato juice, Dinner roll

6/13: Turkey & cheese on Rye, Vegetable soup, Coleslaw,

Isaiah 41

Cinnamon apples, Crackers,

6/14: Tuna salad plate w/ lettuce & tomato, Tropical fruit, Broccoli salad, Fruit snacks, Dinner roll, Crackers

6/15: Brd. Pork cutlet, Mashed potatoes, California blend, Grapes, Dinner roll

6/16: Chicken penne pasta, Broccoli, Berry rhubarb crisp, Grape juice, W.W. Bread

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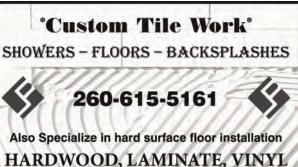


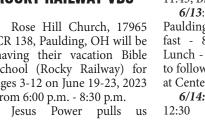
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ARM CHAIR DETECTIVE

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker Ada and the doctor

One of the stations I absolutely love to watch is Discovery's ID Channel. I could sit in my chair and play arm chair detective all day. The stories on the ID channel are all true and include such shows as: Joe Kenda, Homicide Detective; Women Who Kill; Evil Kin; Evil Twins; Betrayed and many more "who done its."

A few weeks ago I was watching Women Who Kill which was about the story of a lady, Ada LeBoeuf. The story itself took place in the 1920's in Louisiana and told of a pretty lady with children, a husband and a typical housewife of those days.

Ada always had some kind of illness (or so she said) and her doctor, Dr. Thomas Drehan, made house calls to her house quite frequently. Soon talk began around town that Ada and the doctor were involved in more than medicine. After some time, this soon became the talk of the town; James LeBouf, Ada's hubbie, heard about it and was not happy. It became such a spectacle, that it was believed that Ada and her lover wanted to get rid of (murder) Mr. Lebouf.

The doctor was also married with children, but his wife did not seem to mind, as either she was unaware or just didn't care. The story goes on to tell how Ada asked her husband to go on a late night boat ride. LeBouf thought Ada was planning a romantic evening and was anxious to make up with her that he was delighted to go, However, that was not quite the case.

As Ada and her hubbie was cruising down the river in the dark, quiet, starlit night in two separate boats, another boat came upon them from behind and two shots rang out striking Labouf and killing him. Now who-done-

Ada took off in her boat, lickety-split and made her way home. In the shooters boat was the doctor and his henchman, Mr. Beadle who had supposedly fired the shotgun. The two men then wanted to get rid of the evidence, so they took LeBoufs body and basically removed his organs and weighed his body down with cement blocks. They thought they were done and all was well.

However, they made a mistake. The body got caught in a sand dune and someone found it the next morning. They immediately knew it was Mr. LeBouf. This indeed was a huge crime in 1927 and the residents were out for answers. They wanted to know who the killer was.

As it so happened, Ada and her Doctor became suspects and arrested. They were placed in separated jail cells and both adamantly said they did not kill the man. A trial was scheduled and in those days, people traveled miles to see the trial and made sure the duo got what was coming to them. After the trial, they were found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to



Some people did not believe Ada had anything to do with it and she claimed her husband had been an abuser. Of course appeals were filed to no avail and it was on Feb. 1, 1929 that Ada LeBouf and Dr. Thomas Dreher were both hung, It was noted that Ada had her hands folded in prayer and she and the doctor both claimed they were innocent, but ready to go meet their maker. Ada LeBouf was the first Caucasian lady to hang on the gallows in

With my armchair detective mind kicking in, I thought to myself, "I wonder if there is a book about this?" I researched and found out the there was an original book written which was out of print, but that another lady, Pam Hefner, took it upon herself to rewrite and revamp the book. I contacted her by email and we chatted about her efforts in writing this

The proceeds from the first 1000 books sold went to their local historical society. Author Pam Hefner said, "This is such a vital part of our state and local history, that I felt it needed to be

She sent me a copy of the book which is called "Ada and the Doctor." Credit on the book was given to Charles M. Hargroder, the original author. It is very good reading and I am glad I got to tell

Do you ever watch the ID channel? Do you like to read "who done it's?" Are you an armchair detective? Research this story and if you like it, I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA

The Village of Convoy Historical Society would like to announce "A Celebration of America" patriotic music program will take place at the Convoy Opera House located at 111 S Main Street, Convoy, OH on Wed. June 28th at 7pm.

Whether you love the timeless devotion of Irving Berlin's "God Bless Amer-



ica". Woody Guthrie's

This Land is Your Land" and many other patriotic songs, this is an evening for trait of the United States in music including additional verses to the "Star Spangled Banner". Other classics such as "Home on the Range", "Vankee Doodle Boy"; musical tribute to all branches of the Armed Services. Creator & performer Ce-

ica" gives audiences a por-

celia "CeCe" Otto will provide a night of music being accompanied by Convoy's own Cathy Steffan. Free will donations ac-

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elected to spend an entire day in an industry credential certification lab, a portion of the conference where students can elect to try their hand in earning more industry certifications through an industry leader in professional certifications, Certiport. It is through this lab opportunity, Levi advanced his passion for the IT world. Levi, prior to his National

birth, had already earned a solid seven industry credentials through his junior year and part of his senior year, including TestOut PC Pro, IT Fundamentals, Security Pro, Intro to C++ Programing, Network Pro, ODE WebXams Advanced Level, and OSHA. However, during his time at Nationals, he spent one full day at the Certiport, adding seven more credentials to his already long list, including Software Development, Device Configuration and Management, Network Security, Python Programming, Java Programming, and CyberSe-

As if that is not impressive enough, Levi went on to complete his senior year earning six more certifications, bringing his total to 19, prior to graduation, which include TestOut Cyber Defense Pro, Server Pro Identity, Server Pro Networking, and Server Pro Install and Storage, CompTIA A+, and CompTIA Network+. In total, Levi's combined education, experience and certifications accomplished in his two years at Vantage Career Center through the Network Systems program is over a 4year Information Technology Degree in college.

When asked if he imagined accomplishing this high level of achievement, he laughed and said "No really, but close. I aimed for four certifications my junior year and four certifications my senior year, but this year kind of went crazy. I didn't realize this year was going to be a certificate buffet." Levi went on to speak of the inspirations from previous years in the Vantage Network Systems class saying, "The original examples of previous students' accomplishments at Vantage, like Gage Smith (Paulding), Vanessa Krueger (Paulding), and Chris Piske (Lincolnview) inspired me, which is when I set some goals for what I wanted to do."

One does have to ask the blaring questions, "Why Vantage" and "What Made You Choose Network Systems?" Miller states that he knew he had an aptitude for computer science, which originated from his home school, Antwerp. Miller took HTML at his home school along with computer science and python as an elective during his eighth grade and freshman years. Levi shared that he

heard about Vantage through various tours and that his older sister went through the Cosmetology program, so Vantage, specifically the Network Systems program, seemed like a great fit.

During his time at Vantage, Levi also participated in the Career Advanced Placement (early placement) program his senior year, where he built a relationship with and worked for the Paulding County Hospital IT Department in place of his lab time, earning him a wage and a grade simultaneously. Levi officially secured a full time position with Paulding Hospital upon graduation.

When asked, Miller said he enjoyed his time at Vantage, especially Physics. "I think Vantage is just great, and I have gotten several opportunities I would not have gotten otherwise. Vantage paid for all of these experiences. Mr. Regedanz (Network Systems instructor), has done a great job with teaching the program."

Mr. Larry Regedanz has been the Vantage Network Systems Instructor for over 10 years and has seen many success stories. "I give all my students all the resources they need to be successful," says Regedanz. "I recognize each student every step of the way by posting their accomplishments on their name cards on their desks and lockers for everyone to see. A lot of students see this as a competition and go way above and beyond what I ever thought any student could accomplish in just 2 years.'

Miller is just one fine example of the many Vantage students earning valuable industry certifications and developing employer relationships early in their high school careers to support their career goals, whether they are college or career bound. "We were very fortunate to have Levi choose to come to Vantage and into our Network Systems program. Levi set high standards for himself and was dedicated to achieving his goals over his two years here. We are very proud of all his accomplishments and have no doubt he will continue to do great things." says Paula Vantilburg, Business and Service Supervisor.

Vantage is proud of Levi's accomplishments, and looks forward to seeing who he inspires to achieve greater suc-

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



Phaon Franklin Craft was born in Paulding County, Ohio October 31, 1882. The son of Wallace A., born January 16, 1838 in Ohio, and Sarah D.(Doering) Craft, born March 10, 1850 in Ohio. The daughter of Joseph and Eliza J. Doering. This couple was married April 24, 1870 in Paulding. By 1880, the Craft family with children, Callia born January of 1871, Minnie E. 1873, Floyd Allen May of 1876, Edith Lenora 1877, were living in Carryall Township.

William was engaged in farming. The farm consisted of 66.55 acres along the river. In 1882, Phaon was born. By 1890, the Craft family was still engaged in farming.

A son Elbert E. was born October of 1890. The children were all in school. The oldest, Edith had married and moved out of the house. On February 3, 1901, mother Sarah passed away in Paulding. She was buried in Maumee Cemetery. On January 29, 1904, the father, Wallace, passed away in Paulding and he too was buried in Maumee Ceme-

By 1910, Minnie, Floyd, Phaon and Elbert had moved to Antwerp. They were living on Daggett Street. On June 3, 1917, Phaon joined the National Guard out of Paulding. He was listed as 5'4", single, brown eyes, brown hair, dark complexion and a carpenter by trade.

His brother Elbert also joined. They joined Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard. On September 10, 1917, Phaon was promoted to Private 1st Class. This unit was form Company B. 166th Infantry 42nd Division. Elbert promoted to Private 1st Class.

On October of 1917, while serving in the National Army, both Phaon and El-

bert were shipped overseas on the same ship. On August 20, 1918, Phaon was promoted to Corporal. Both served in the Meuse-Argonne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel de-Elbert slightly was

wounded, October 22, 1918. On October 25, 1918, Phaon was promoted to Sergeant. On April 15, 1919, Elbert was Honorably Discharged. On April 18, 1919, both Phaon and Elbert were sent to Brest, France to board the ship, "Leviathan", and set sail On April 25, 1919, the

ship landed in Hoboken, New Jersey. On May 17, 1919, Phaon was Honorably Discharged. After returning home, Phaon by 1920, was an electrician living with his sister Callie and her husband Lewis Curtis and niece, Nola and Nola's daughter Donna. By 1930 Phaon was living at 111 South Main Street, Antwerp. His sister Minnie was living with him as well as a boarder named Wayne Bernard.

Phaon was doing plaster work. On December 28, 1935, Phaon passed away and was buried in Maumee Cemetery Lot 176, Grave 3. On January 4, 1936, his sister Minnie, signed for his Military Tombstone. The stone was ordered January 29, 1936. Prepared in Proctorsville, Vermont. Shipped to Antwerp February 14,

As for Elbert, he passed away April 20, 1964 and was buried in Maumee Ceme-

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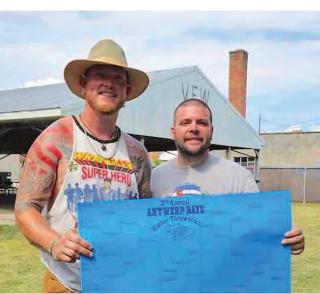


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ACDC BRINGS BACK ANTWERP DAYS



2023 Antwerp Days Hot Dog Eating Champion, Paul Kershaw. Paul ate 10 hotdogs in less than 10 minutes!



TC Washer Throwdown Tournament Champions: Jared De-Long and Brian Gaisford.

Antwerp Community Development Committee decided in early 2023 that it was time to bring back a village tradition that has set by the wayside for many years — Antwerp Days. A weekend fair for the entire area complete with a breakfast sponsored by the EMS, a parade with over 30 entries, Gem of the Year award, Turtle Races, Hot Wheels Races, Hot Dog Eating contest, Washer Tournament, live music, merchant tents, a silent auction, bouncy houses, good food and fellowship. Many organizations participated in this re-inaugural year of Antwerp Days along with ACDC including Antwerp Rotary,

MALIA WITTWER NAMED

TO DEAN'S LIST AT MIAMI

Malia Wittwer was named

to the Dean's list at Miami

University for the 2023 spring

Miami University students

who are ranked in the top

twenty percent of undergrad-

uate students within their di-

vision for the spring semester

2023 have been named to the

UNIVERSITY

Antwerp Boy and Girl Scouts, Antwerp 1st Presbyterian Church, Mt. Calvary Church, Antwerp Chamber of Commerce, as well as many private vendors selling tasty foods and hand-crafted goods. The live music from Atticus Sorrell, Zach Tyler Stephens Band, Austin Bowers, Drew Munger and Lee Warren Band was great on Friday night as well as all day on Saturday and ending the evening's festivities.

From the ACDC committee, "A big Thanks to everyone that came out in the heat, to play and all those that helped to make it another great event!" Nice one ACDC! See ya in 2024!

Dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Wittwer, from Payne, OH, is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of over 22,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs

with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 406 students who have earned academic recognition on the spring semester dean's list.

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Local students are:

Antwerp, OH: Siera Octaviano, junior; Hayden Wagner, freshman

Defiance, OH: Clayton Bowden, senior; Jared Buchholz, senior; Baeden Hancock, sophomore

Oakwood, OH: Asia Arellano, senior Paulding, OH: Gabrielle

Stallbaum, junior

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 26 majors, 26 minors and 10 pre-professional programs, awarding the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Music degrees, as well as master's degrees in Counseling, Business Administration and Athletic Training. Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest, as a "best value" for providing a high-quality education at an affordable price and as a "top performer" on the Social Mobility list. For more information visit the website at www.heidelberg.edu.

JESSICA SCHEINER NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

Jessica Scheiner of Payne has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. One of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the

needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

NHEG CELEBRATES 17 YEARS

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) recently celebrated its 17th birthday and held its annual Recognition Day, when it announced its Volunteers of the Year. Volunteers recognized on the day were as follows:

Marina Klimi, Production Manager of the Year

Frani Wyner, Photographer of the Year Padmapriya (Priya) Ked-

harnath, Accountant of the Year Javier Cortés, Online

Meeting Manager of the Year

Laura Casanova, Proofreader/Editor of the Year Nina Le, Most Certificates Earned (6), Tutor of the Year -

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Media and Marketing Assistant of the Year Chloe Gebers, HR Coordi-

nator of the Year Rachel Mathurin, Grant

Writer of the Year
Jackson Hochstetler, Car-

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Congratulations to these
volunteers, who have all done

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NHEG! To learn more check out http:// www.NewHeightsEducation.org

NORTHWEST STATE RAISES NEARLY \$64,000 FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT ITS 2023 GREEN CARPET EVENT

The Northwest State Community College Foundation recently hosted its 14th annual Green Carpet Event, "Motown," and raised nearly \$64,000. All proceeds from the event go directly to student scholarships. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2023 Making a Difference Awards, which were created by the NSCC Foundation as a way to recognize and celebrate individuals, businesses and organizations in the six-county area committed to improving their communities. This year's recipients were Kamco Industries, Care and Share, and Theodore "Ted" Ripke.

In addition to the Making a Difference Awards, the Green Carpet Event included an energetic performance by Motor City Sensations, playing some of Motown's greatest hits. Gourmet food stations, a cash bar and a silent auction rounded out the festivities, as the Auditorium and surrounding areas were decorated in the event's "Motown"

trators and students who

helped facilitate and partici-

(Continued from Page 1)

mont Ross High School, Wildwood Environmental Academy, Liberty Center High School, Oak Harbor High School, and Eastwood High School.

High School, and Eastwood High School.

Images of the plows were posted on Facebook May 26 with the voting period lasting

with the voting period lasting until June 2. "Thank you to all the high schools, art teachers, adminispate in the contest. The Paintthe-Plow program provides a unique opportunity for the community to interact with ODOT and see our tools from a different perspective," said Pat McColley, District 2 deputy director. "We look forward to growing this program to recognize the artistic talents of students across District SCIENCE CENTRAL CUTS RIBBON ON NEW EXHIBIT



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Science Central Executive Director Martin S. Fisher (first from left) leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony will help from Science Central visitors, plus Andrea Geyer, Science Central Board, and Rich Beck, Allen County Commissioners.

FORT WAYNE, IN (June 8, 2023) - Science Central unveiled a new exhibit, Build a Human Habitat on Mars, on Thursday, June 8.

This brand-new exhibit

This brand-new exhibit expands the footprint of the center's existing permanent exhibition Sun, Earth, Universe, located on Science Central's Top Level.

Build a Human Habitat on Mars is a hands-on exhibit designed to inspire, engage, and educate the next generation of explorers about the human exploration of Mars. Featuring a construction platform and building bricks, visitors will design their own imaginary habitat for successfully living and working on Mars. The exhibit includes a set of challenge cards that detail some of the difficulties people may face when establishing an outpost on Mars. These cards are intended to help guide visitors' design decisions.

Martin S. Fisher, Science Central's executive director, says Build a Human Habitat on Mars is a worthy addition to Sun, Earth, Universe.

"The Sun, Earth, Universe exhibition is already a popular space in Science Central," says Fisher. "It does a great job educating visitors about the cosmos and now Build a Human Habitat on Mars expands the scope of that education to include planetary settlement, which is such an important topic for future explorers to be considering."

Build a Human Habitat on Mars was manufactured by the Science Museum of Minnesota, in collaboration with the National Informal STEM Education Network, and funded by a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The exhibit was unveiled with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

theme.

"The Green Carpet Event and the Making a Difference Awards celebrate hard work, community support and giving," said Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Executive Foundation Director. "We work yearround to raise awareness and needed funds for student scholarships, and this event is a critical piece of those efforts. We recently celebrated awarding nearly \$800,000 in Foundation scholarships, and we're focused on how we can continue to do more for our learners. We are blessed to work in a community that is passionate about philanthropy, and making a difference in students' lives," Wilcox continued.

A special recap program of the NSCC Green Carpet Event will soon be available on the Northwest State website (https://northweststate.edu/green-carpet), and will be available on WNHO TV26, available via Spectrum cable and other select local TV providers, plus over the air via antenna.



The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office



The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

2 – CLAIMS ASSISTANCE – Provide services for veterans and other claimants for help with VA claims for any federal, state, or local benefits.

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds 2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW 3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

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

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

For Questions Call: 419-399-3630 or Visit: www.pauldingcountywmea.com

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SUMMER HUBER SHOW

Huber Opera House is pleased to announce the cast and crew for our Summer Youth Production of "Big Fish" by John August. This cast consists of youth ages 12-18 who are participating in the Summer Youth Academy at the Huber Opera House. Performances will be on Saturday, July 15 at 7 pm and Sunday, July 16 at 2:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale in June at huberoperahouse.org. The Huber is very excited to present this full musical treat this summer with this cast of talented teens from 11 schools and 5 counties. Director: Julie Hall; Producer: Chris Feichter; Staff: Sydney Fogt, Earlee Harris, Madison Kindler, Dan Balau, Huber Interns and

volunteers. Lilia Cast: Bowden (Josephine Bloom), Kaylee Buenger (Jenny Hill), Ária (Sandra Bloom), Grayson Combs (Young Will), Krandon Crites (Dr. Bennett), Luke Eicher (Will Bloom), Jacob Evans (Edward Bloom), Leah Garmater (Witch), Titus Garmater (Don Price), Kasey Hedge (Al-Lamb), Madelyn abama (Mermaid), Hedge Tate Herendeen (Zacky Price), Colton Hancock (Karl the Giant), Alex Harris (Edward Bloom), Brock McDowell (Amos Galloway), Allie Nelson (Sandra Bloom), Gabriel

Schimmoller (Red Fang), Vance (Alabama Jordys Lamb), Lyric Vance (Will's Son).

Ensemble Chorus/Dancers/Character Roles: Emmy Anderson, McKenna Bergman, Elsi Clem, Miah Cruz, Leah English, Vera Escalere, Sara Farr, Dani Frame, Katie Frame, Rachel Garmater, Raquel Graber, Katherine Green, Clara Harris, Emily Manon, Nevaeh Phillips, Averie Rupp, Anna Saunders, Melina Schroeder, Charlotte Strong, Jailyn Tunis, Coral Watkins.

BIG FISH tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest...and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-thanlife stories thrill everyone around him-most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart and humor, BIG FISH is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre—for an experience that's richer, funnier and bigger than life it-

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WAYNE TRACE HIGH SCHOOL 4th NINE WEEKS **HONOR ROLL 2022-23**

ACADEMIC LETTER HONOR ROLL: 4.0-3.8

9th: Clay Stoller, Addison Stoller, Caitlyn Mead, Whitney Boroff, Riley Manz, Natalie Richie, Torree Sinn, Lily Boyd, Estrella Martinez Sandoval, Hailey Duncan, Aubree Miller, Lucas Morehead

10th: Braden Miller, Anna Meraz, Ryan Bostelman, Kathleen Stoller, Allison Noggle, Luke Stouffer, Nicholas Sinn, Lorie Sinn, Dylan Coffman, Harper Myers, Tyler Sanderson, Madison Gurney, Ava Stoller, Isabella Knowles

11th: Laryssa Whitman, Olivia Meraz, Kyle Sutton, Melanie Dunham, KatieAnna Baumle, Emma Laukhuf, Meara Rager, Meg Thompson, Allison Schilt, Eli Stuart, Kacy Hornish, Hudson Myers, Paige Alber, Kaitlin Slade, Brenna Thomas, Emily Thrasher, Briley Coffman, Lynsey Pease, Dylan Hildebrand, Logan Bland

12th: Laura Thornell, Lane Morehead, Hannah Maenle, Rylee Miller, Sydnee Sinn, Gracie Shepherd, Laura Stoller, Kiara Bahena, Macy Doster, Martin Alejo, Tyler Davis, Elizabeth Mohr, Cole Fisher

HONOR ROLL: 4.0-3.0

7th: Madison Pease, Jenna Kipfer, Jensen Beining, Caylie Baker, Javiero Vielma, Logan Gambler, Addyson LaBounty, Brenan Miller, Brooke Tigner, Brinna Collins, Braxton Schnipke, Reece Morehead, Lilly Shepherd, Ashlyn Manz, Owen Welch, Lilly Holbrook, Nora Wenninger, Alyvia Thomas, Xylem Kashner, Connor Burriss, Aubrie Stoller, Khloe Merriman, Cayla Noggle, Savannah Sinn, Peyton Sennebogen, Brock Knowles, Luke Miller, Kenzie Ogle, Isabella Lowe, Jeremy Vejar

8th: Noah Schlatter, Ka-Maury Sullivan, Grady Helms, Amber Stoller, Cole Manz, Blake Noggle, Grayson Sutton, Ella Crosby, Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Campbell Volk, Eli Treece

HONOR ROLL: 3.8-3.0 9th: Lance Whitman, Lexi Moore, Emma Stouffer, Chloe McClure, Deklyn Schweinsberg, Myleigh Sheets, Caden Sinn, Caleb Cox, Abby Elins, Mylie Wittwer, Griffin Williamson, Jack Schoenauer, Eric Reinhart, Hunter Lyons, Caroline Winans, Raegan Mc-Garvey, Olivia Baughman, Kaden Wilcox, Micah Sinn, Delana Noggle, Alicia Bahena, Amber Stoller, Brayden Treece, Jordan Hale, Careen

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Jewell, Landon Blankenship,

Zaden Chavez

11th: Caitlyn Thomas, Kailyn Dienstberger, Cale Winans, Brenna Parker, Kyren Karhoff, Logan Miller, Nathaniel Guyton, Breven Anderson, Zachary Wobler, Brianna Draper, Kaden Clark, Kyla Hurd, Ôlivia Longstreth, Brooks Laukhuf, Royce Cooper, Caden Tumblin, Tucker Antoine, Ava Zartman, Caitlin Sanchez, Caleb Mosier, Kaden Landwehr, Rylee Johnson, Raelyn Schweinsberg

Kristin 12th: Wannemacher, Riley Daeger, Kara Stoller, Mallory Moore, Ava Dougal, Anna Wells, Madison Bash, Elise Miller, Anna Miller, Abby Moore, Morgan Riebesehl, Chloe Beining, Storm Tracy

VANTÁGE AB HONOR

* Denotes a 4.0 GPA

JUNIORS: Connor Blankenship, Kason Carlisle, Kyle Forrer, Harley Halliwill, *Mary Lands, Kassidy Lewis, Jordan Lotz, *Emma Lyons, Jasmine Mattson, *Trenton McClain, *Nathaniel Osborn, Parker Schisler, Kyla Schoenauer, Kamrun Smith, Jude Stoller, Lillianna Thompson, Maddox Treece, Graiden Troth, Luke Wenninger, Harley Youtsey

SENIORS: *Cadence Baker, *Mackenzie Blankenship, Maggie Cox, Sierra Crates, Makenna Elliott, Fleming, *Nick Alvssa Greathouse, Lexi Johnson, Matthew Kline, Ariel Landwehr, Dalton *Astrid Martinez Sandoval, Kristin Mcdonald, Samuel Moore, Isaac Munger, *Jared Pierce, Jacob Robinson, Rebecca Sentelik, Brielle Sheets, Ezra Sinn, Kyle Slade, * Blake Stoller, Gabriel Thrasher, Oliver Zamarripa

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS VISIT THE FFA PETTING ZOO

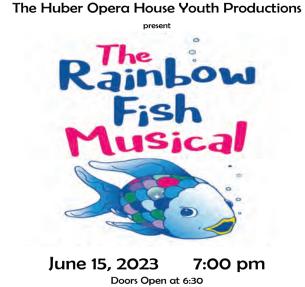
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Shown here with MaKenna Dunham and her baby piglet are preschoolers, Mylann Good, Nathan Sizemore, and Damyen

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers were recently invited to the FFA petting zoo being held at the Paulding school. Along with a couple of volunteer parents, we walked over to the school

and enjoyed all of the animals the FFA students brought to share. We had such a nice time and want to thank the FFA for putting on such a fun day for the students.



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Cecil: 127 Maramart **Charloe:** Charloe Store

<u>Continental</u>: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Walmart, Living Senior Center, Patch, Advanced Cabbage Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Hardware, Grabill Country Rite Aid

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilties Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon (Fast) Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Stop, GH Branch Library

Nursing Home, Shell Station,
Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon,
Phillips 66,
The Village of
Living Center, Village offices **Nev:** Marathon

Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemann, Chief, McDonalds, Cvo, Chip-Corner Market, Integrity Bakery, Old City Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Richard's Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Woodburn: Hardware. 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

Dairy Queen, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

office, Payne: Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, General, Lichty's Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-Barber Shop, Antwerp N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Maramart, Library **Sherwood:** Post Village Food Emporium, Bank Scott: Scott Post Office

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

Okuley's **Indiana Locations**

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Newman's Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Home, Golden Years Assisted

> **Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Sales

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub Stop, GH Branch Library

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Oakwood: Oakwood Market,
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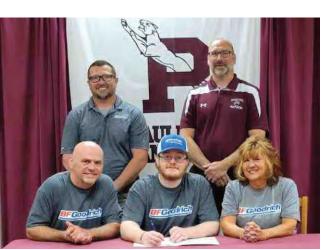
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RICKER TO ATTEND IVY TECH



Recent Paulding High graduate Braxton School Ricker has accepted a full scholarship from BF Goodrich. He will be attending Ivy Tech through the BF Goodrich Tech-scholar program. Braxton was the first

Chris Etzler, PHS Principal.

LOCAL ATHLETES WRAP UP SEASON AT STATE TRACK MEET

The high school boys track season came to a close on Friday as the Indiana High School Athletic Association held the state meet at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Woodlan senior Sam Handerson concluded his Warrior athletic career with a 20th place finish in the 100meter dash, posting a time of 11.02 seconds.

Leo and Heritage also had athletes take part in the boys state meet on Friday.

The Lions 3200-meter relay team of Luke Shappell, Jaydon Steidinger, Fernando Flores and Nolan Miller placed 16th with a time of 8:02.18.

high school student to pass the entrance test for the program. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Harry Ricker, Braxton Ricker and Kelly Ricker; (back row, 1-r) Clint Leeper from BF Goodrich and

Individually, Shappell placed 13th in the 1600 run in 4:18.58 while taking 16th in the 3200, posting a time of 9:31.12.

Heritage senior Leviticus Land recorded a 21st place finish in the shot put following a toss of 51-0.

JACKSON PLACES FOR BULLDOGS

The Indiana High School Athletic Association held the girls state track meet Saturday at Indiana University with a pair of local athletes taking

New Haven junior J'Nqe Jackson scored points for the Lady Bulldogs, finishing fifth overall in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.31 sec-

Jackson also just missed qualifying for the finals in the 100-meter hurdles as well, recording a time of 15.08 seconds to take fourth place in the second preliminary heat.

The Lady Bulldogs also had a participant in the 200meter dash as junior Ashyla Marshall made the trip to the state meet.

Marshall finished the race with a time of 26.04 seconds, recording eighth place in her preliminary heat.

RAIDERS COME UP SHORT TO KNIGHTS

Host Crestview broke a 3-3 tie with a three-run fourth inning as the Knights posted a 7-4 win over Wayne Trace in ACME Baseball action Thursday evening.

The Knights jumped in front in the first, scoring a trio of runs, before Wayne Trace answered with two runs in the second and another in the top of the fourth to even the game

After Crestview plated three more runs in the bottom of the fourth to make it 6-3, the Raiders got their final run in the top of the fifth and the Knights picked up one in the sixth to set the final margin at

Conner Davis, Kason Carlisle, Lance Maenle, Tyler Head and Breven Anderson all had a hit for Wayne Trace with Anderson, Head, Maenle and Carlisle scoring the Raider runs. Davis, Bradley Lee, Maenle and Head picked up runs batted in for Wayne

David Cereghin recorded two hits, scored once and drove in a run for Crestview with Connor Sheets scoring three times and drove in one. Levi Grace, D.J. Yinger and

Ayden Hyitt had the other Knight hits with Isaac Kline, Bryce Penix and Grace also scoring a run. Yinger and Grace both picked up two runs batted in for Crestview. Preston Kreischer picked

up the win for the Knights, striking out eight Raider hitters while surrendering five hits, four runs (one earned) and one walk. Conner Davis took the loss

for Wayne Trace with four strikeouts in five innings of work, giving up four hits, six runs (four earned) and two walks. Breven Anderson pitched the final inning for the Raiders with one hit and one unearned run allowed to go along with three strikeouts.

NSCC RECOGNIZES NURSING GRADUATES AT PINNING CEREMONY

Northwest State Community College recognized its Nursing graduates at a recent pinning ceremony in the following areas: Practical Nursing (PN) and Registered Nursing (RN). The pinning ceremony took place on Saturday, May 13th on the Archbold campus, prior to Spring Commence-

Graduates of the nursing programs are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) and enter directly into the workforce, or they may transfer their credits for additional study. During the ceremony, the College recognized four students for induction into the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. In order to qualify, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, with at least a B in all nursing classes.

Northwest State congratulates the following students for completing these healthcare programs:

Practical Nursing:

Defiance County: Emily Imber (Ney), Erin Scantlen (Mark Center), Cassandra Weisner (Defiance)

Fulton County: Monica Nofziger (Swanton), Morgan Todd (Wauseon)

Henry County: Alexis Chamberlain (Liberty Cen-

Hillsdale (MI) County: Jenny Johnson (Hillsdale)

Paulding County: Abbie English (Paulding)

Williams County: Janice Ames (Pioneer), Kaylee Fleagle (West Unity), Jayme Kunkel (Montpelier), Aryah Ruoff (Edgerton), Hailey Ward (Bryan)

Registered Nursing:

Defiance County Chastity Bostic (Sherwood), Marisa Gilmore* (Defiance), Katrina Miller (Defiance), Caitlin Moore (Defiance), Rachel Sharp (Defiance)

Fulton County: Brittany Boysel* (Archbold), Mikayla Graber (Wauseon)

Henry County: Alexis Brown (Holgate), Rachel Nickels* (Deshler), Faith Vance (Hamler)

Lucas County: Monique Chatman* (Toledo)

Paulding County: Miriam Sinn (Haviland)

Williams County: Julia Beal (Bryan), Makenzie Cadwell (Stryker), Rhonda Cook (Montpelier), Sean

Wheeler (Stryker) *Names with a * denote Al*pha Delta Nu honors recipi-

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WT Sydnee Sinn crowned Champion for the 2nd year in the



WT 4x400m Relay team break state record to be Champs!



WT 4x400m Relay team place 7th in the state!

Northwest Ohio athletes fared well at the state track and field meet in Columbus

last weekend with many local runners recording state championships for their respective



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Coldwater sophomore Izzy Zahn took first place in the 200 dash with a time of 24.39 seconds.

Wayne Trace senior Sydnee Sinn defended her state championship from her junior season as the Raider standout posted a new state meet record time of 55.00 seconds to capture the 400-meter dash.

Minster senior Taylor Roth recorded a time of 2:11.72 to just nip Sinn in the 800-meter run as the Raider senior finished in 2:15.69. Wayne Trace senior Kiara Bahena placed ninth overall with a time of 2:18.79.

The Lady Raider 1600-meter relay team of freshman Careen Winans, Bahena, freshman Caroline Winans and Sinn also broke the state meet record, eclipsing the mark of 3:55.95 set last year by Wayne Trace with a 2023 time of

Minster's quartet of junior Margaret Hemmelgarn, freshman Annie Hemmelgarn, freshman Maria Niekamp and Roth won the 3200-meter relay in 9:19.85.

Wayne Trace's 3200 relay squad of Careen Winans, freshman Abby Elkins, senior Abby Moore and Bahena placed 17th with a time of

In the high jump, Raider senior Gracie Shepherd leaped 5-0 to take 17th place.

On the boys side, Wayne Trace junior Maddox Treece came up short in his bid to qualify for the finals in the 400-meter dash after taking 11th in the preliminary round with a time of 51.36 seconds.

Ottoville senior Kellen Schlagbaum captured a state championship in the 300 hurdles after completing the race in 38.59 seconds, nipping Marion Local senior Owen Rindler (38.86) and Edgerton Carter junior (39.15).

Allen East's 800-meter relay team of senior Jacob Hershberger, sophomore Jackson Friesner, junior Isen Schafer and junior Trey Hensley captured the state title in 1:29.57.

In the 1600 relay, Wayne Trace's quartet of junior Hudson Myers, sophomore Cole Morehead, senior Lane Morehead and Treece placed seventh in 3:27.49.

Bluffton won the 3200-meter relay state championship, posting a time of 7:52.13 from the foursome of senior Sam Derstine, senior Antrim, senior Erik Nygaard and senior Landon Arm-

Tinora junior Owen Ackerman captured the high jump after leaping 6-6 and Marion Local Buschur won the pole vault with a jump of 15-10.

Columbus Grove senior Tadd Koch finished with a

toss of 175-2 to win the discus state championship and Wayne Trace junior Landen Foltz took 15th after a throw

HANDLING DRY CONDITIONS

In 2023, Ohio experienced the 6th driest May since the 1930's Dust Bowl. The combination of cool May weather and mostly dry soil conditions delayed crop germination and has reduced crop growing conditions. Crops are already struggling to grow.

Several factors are contributing to this dilemma. First, the switch from a La Nina weather pattern in the Pacific Ocean to an El Nino usually means drier weather conditions in the Midwest. When La Nina's are strong and long, you can expect a stronger El Nino pattern. El Nino's may last 1-3 years on average. Most weather experts expected drier conditions in late summer and early fall, but dry weather came earlier than expected!

Second, along solar weather patterns, sunspot activity is at a higher intensity. Solar sunspots normally peak about every 11 years with a solar sunspot peak expected in 2025. The last few solar sunspot activity cycles have been mild to average, but the sunspot intensity is much higher this time around. There is a higher probability of adverse weather especially drier conditions for the next several years if this continues. Not real good news for farmers.

When it is this dry this early in the growing season, what can a farmer do? First, try to terminate cover crops and weeds as early as possible to save moisture. Second, avoid tillage. Every tillage pass evaporates .5-1.0 acreinch of moisture from the soil. Excess tillage turns soil to dust which can be lost by wind erosion. Also, when it finally rains, the soil will turn to concrete, crusting over and reducing water infiltration. During dry periods on bare soils, it may take .75 of rain until the water surface tension on soils is reduced enough to let the water infiltrate. Soil crusting and soil compaction leads to water runs off.

Is their anything else a farmer can do? If you no-till, surface residue is beneficial for reducing soil temperatures. A thermometer on bare soil recorded 1350F when the air temperature was 900F last week and one inch down 1000F. Residue helps keep the soil cooler (820F one inch down) and reduces water evaporation.

If a farmer is doing no-till with cover crops, should they leave the residue standing or roll it down? Getting the crop residue on the soil surface is beneficial, by reducing soil temperature, and conserving moisture; plus as the residue breaks down, it releases nutrients to nearby plant roots. On rye, most of the beneficial allelopathic effects (natural herbicide) comes from decaying stems and leaves, reducing weed pressure. Crop insurance on cover

crops is becoming an issue for some farmers. The government has promoted cover crops to reduce erosion, increase soil conservation, and improve soil management. In 2022, the Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP) gave a crop insurance premium to farmers using no-till and cover crops. The rules though are quite confusing to both farmers and crop insurance agents.

East of the Mississippi River, conditions are generally more humid and most years excess water at planting is an issue. RMA & NRCS cover crop termination rules state that Ohio farmers should 'Terminate cover crops before crop emergence." However, under additional guidance it states that "1. If the cover crop is part of a no-till system, termination may be delayed up to 7 days from the zone-based termination maps." However, RMA further staters: "4. If the season is drier than normal nearing cover crop termination time, consider an earlier termination to conserve soil moisture." That makes sense but weather is so unpredictable, it very hard for anyone to make that determination with certainty.

RMA rules states in a wet year "5.If the spring season is wetter than normal at cover crop termination time, consider a later termination to use excess soil moisture, increase infiltration of additional rain, and improve soil health and seedbed condition." Since these rules are so general, who decides what is a wetter or drier year than normal??? If you are like me, I am confused.

Many crop insurance agents may ask farmers to justify their "good farming practices". Good Farming practices is an RMA term defined as "The production methods utilized to produce the insured crop and allow it to make normal progress toward maturity...which are those generally recognized by agricultural experts... depending on the practice, for the area. To avoid problems, keep good records on planting dates and termination dates, especially for grain and cover crops. Also document how deep you planted, and general weather conditions if possible. Farmers should be insured if they follow the rules, but you may have to verify your actions. Expect another crazy year! My best advice, pray for beneficial

> —James J. Hoorman Hoorman Soil Health Ser-

FIELD REPORTS FROM **OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS**

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, received word that an angler was lost at Deer Creek Wildlife Area. Officer Coffman determined the caller's location based on his proximity to trees marked with orange paint

for the annual acorn mast surveys. Officer Coffman notified Deer Creek Wildlife Area Technician Justin Coffman, who returned the angler to his vehicle with a UTV. State Wildlife Officer

Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, recently received a complaint of an individual trespassing on private property. Officer Levering determined that the suspect was hunting wild turkeys without permission during the closed season and did not have a turkey permit or hunting license. Officer Levering issued summonses for hunting without permission and hunting during the closed season. The individual paid \$305 in fines and court costs. Northwest Ohio - Wildlife

District Two On the opening day of the

2022-23 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, Wildlife Officer Supervisor Kevin Russell and State Wildlife Officer Ryan Burke, assigned to Hancock County, contacted hunters. One individual who had just finished a deer drive was found to not have a valid deer permit. He was issued a citation for hunting deer without a deer permit and paid \$175 in fines and court costs through Findlay Municipal Court. Later that afternoon, the officers contacted another group of hunters. One individual in that group had a valid deer permit but did not possess a hunting license. He was issued a citation and paid \$250 in fines and court costs through Findlay Municipal Court.

State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, and Wildlife Communications Specialist Abby Ditomassi presented a program on bald eagles to more than 200

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4th-grade students at the Huron County Fairgrounds for

the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Day. The program included information on the physical traits, reproductive cycle, nests, and biology of the bald eagle. Northeast Ohio - Wildlife

District Three In 2022, State Wildlife Offi-

cers Scott Cartwright, Craig Porter, and Nick Turner, assigned to Carroll, Jefferson, and Harrison counties, respectively, responded to complaints of hunters pursuing coyotes without permission. The officers contacted a group of hunters with dogs and found the suspects had hunted coyotes on several properties where they did not have permission to hunt. The suspects were found guilty in Carroll County Court. Each was ordered to pay \$1,770 in fines and court costs and serve 15 hours of community service. They were each sentenced to 60 days in jail and a two-year hunting license revocation, suspended on condition of no violations for two years.

In December 2022, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, responded to a Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) complaint regarding a hunter not wearing orange during the white-tailed deer gun hunting season. Officer Frank located the hunter, who was carrying a loaded rifle. The suspect fled but was later detained and found to be prohibited from possessing a firearm. The suspect was found guilty and paid more than \$600 in fines and court costs. Additionally, the suspect forfeited the firearm and received two years of probation.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife

District Four

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In April, State Wildlife Officer Tyler Fields, assigned to Scioto County, and State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, conducted fishing license compliance checks at Greenup Dam. The officers contacted two anglers who did not have valid fishing licenses. Officer Fields issued summonses to each angler for fishing without a resident license, the first summonses issued by the new

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife

State Wildlife Officers Brad Turner, Jason Keller, Isaiah Gifford, Andrew Dowdell, and Gus Kiebel, assigned to Preble, Warren, Clinton, Butler, and Adams counties, respectively, as well as Law Operations Manager Eric Lamb worked at East Fork Lake in Clermont County over the Memorial Day weekend. The officers contacted approximately 70 anglers both along the shore and on the water. Five summonses were issued for fishing without a license and two summonses were issued for harvesting fish shorter than the minimum length requirement.

State Wildlife Officer Trent Weaver, assigned to Montgomery County, attended a Touch-a-Truck event with more than 700 people in attendance. Touch-A-Trucks are free hands-on family events where kids young and old can touch, interact with, and learn about community vehicles, from fire trucks and police cruisers to construction equipment, dump trucks, school buses, and more. Officer Weaver showcased his patrol vehicle and spoke about the duties of state wildlife officers.

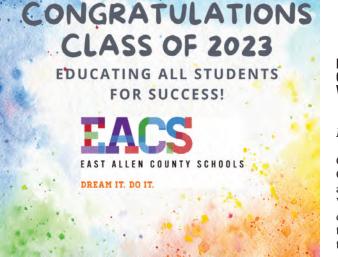


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Raceway Park. Photo Credit: Action Photos



Hunter Jack won the Late Model feature at Angola Motorsports Park. Photo Credit: The Winners Circle Photo



Logan Seavey wins night 3 of Indiana USAC Midget Week. Photo Credit: Ron Burt

By: Ron Burt The Great Lakes Traditional Sprints returned to Limaland Motorsports Park last Friday evening. Thomas Meseraull passed the leaders on lap 5 of the 25-lap feature after a caution. Ricky Lewis would do a side job on the leader and would pass Meseraull on lap 12. On lap 20, Meseraull began to reel in the Lewis by running the high side of the track in turns 3 and 4 and the bottom of turns 1 and 2. The leaders took the white flag, and faced lapped traffic to work through and Meseraull would once again use the top of the track in turns 3 and 4. Lewis would slide up the track, opening the door for Thomas Meseraull to cross over and get the win by half a car length at the finish line. Finishing 2nd was Ricky Lewis, and Lee Under-

To the east of Lima at Attica Raceway Park, Late Model driver, Rusty Schlenk had to battle several other top drivers, including five-time track champion Ryan Missler to get the victory. This was Schlenk's third win of the year at Attica, the 38th of his career to sit atop the division's all-time win list. Cap Henry found his way back to the winner circle in the 410 Winged-sprint division. He had to make some daring moves in lapped traffic and drove to his first win of the

wood was 3rd. The fastest qualifier for the GLTS was Dustin Ingle, Winners in the other divisions were Modifieds Shane O'Connor, Dirt Trucks Rolly Heyder, and the May 19th make up feature for the Thunder Stocks went to Jarrod Klay.

> coln Park, Bloomington, Lawrenceburg, and Kokomo. I will recap The Eldora Dream for Late Models next week that took place June 8th-10th. Let's see which driver came \$128,000 00 richer Un week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! www.facebook.com/ohiosportsblitz

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Planting Grass Seed

Many of you will be planting grass seed to either fill in bare spots in your yard or thicken your lawn by overseeding. Here are some tips from seed selection to the first mowing to ensure your seeding is a success!

The first step is selecting a grass seed. Make sure you insist on top quality seed so you do not plant weeds. "Bargain" grass seed mixes are often full of weed seeds, undesirable grasses, immature seeds, and even filler material to make

the package larger. Once it is

planted, you must live with the results - sometimes ugly for years. The few dollars more it costs to buy top quality grass seed is one of the best homeowner investments you can make. Investing in high quality seed now can save money in long term maintenance of your lawn. For more information about grass seed types, please contact us here at Grabill & Woodburn Hardprepare

year at Attica. Henry, Attica's 2020 track champion claimed

his fourth overall victory of

2023 having won three at Fre-

mont Speedway. The victory

moves him into serious con-

tention for the AFCS title. In

the 305-Sprints, Bryan Se-

betto fought through traffic

to grab his first win of the

year, the 14th of his career in

asphalt tracks, Plymouth Mo-

tor Speedway had their first

night of the Grand Slam, a se-

ries of 4 races this summer

for the Outlaw Late Models.

Round one was won by one of

the area's favorite drivers and

Outlaw Late Model ace, Phil

Bozell. Round two will take

featured their 4 weekly

classes with action all evening

in each. At the end of the

night your four winners were

Late Model Hunter Jack,

Modified Jordan Gatton,

Street Stock Tristan Crago

and FWD Chip Heintzelman.

USAC

Midget Week is currently un-

derway. Some of the biggest

racing stars in USAC are in

the Hoosier state, June

4th-11th. Opening night at

Tri-State Speedway was won

by Ohio's Jacob Denny, who

was the National points

leader until Wednesday in

Gas City. Monday June 5th

the series moved to Circle

City Speedway in Indy where

Buddy Koloid got the

checker. Koloid was second

the night before. Tuesday

June 6th the drivers and

crews had a day of rest before

racing 5 straight nights.

Wednesday Midget Week was

in our backyard at Gas City I-

69 Speedway. The Ohio

Sports Blitz was there. 33

USAC Midgets were on hand.

The track was fast and for the

most part smooth. 25-year-

old Logan Seavey out of Cali-

fornia charged out of

nowhere to take the lead and

had over a 2 second lead on

the field in the feature but af-

ter a caution with 4 laps re-

maining, he fought to keep it.

He ended up winning by a car

length and getting the

\$4000.00 first place prize

money. I was happy to see

and meet so many of you

from our area. A big thank

you to one of the area's top

racing promoters, Larry Boos

for your hospitality. Next

week I will do a recap of Indi-

ana Midget Week and let you

know the winners from Lin-

Indiana

Angola Motorsports Park

place Saturday, June 24th.

Saturday was busy on the

the division at Attica.

'seedbed" by working up the soil to give the seed a place to lodge and take root. Soil particles from pea to marble size are ideal. But be careful of working the soil too finely. Too fine of soil particles can lead the surface to crust-over and dry out too quickly. If you over-seeding, swathes of thin shallow furrows should be cut into the soil with a slicing machine. The seed must have good seed-to-soil contact in order Then, sow the seed evenly

using a broadcast, drop, or handheld spreader to do the job. Spreading large areas by hand is a mistake because it is almost impossible to get consistent coverage. If the coverage is uneven, the grass will sprout in patches. To cover the seed, simply go over the area lightly with the back of a leaf or garden rake. Alternatively, drag a light object, such as a doormat, over the seeded ar-

Using a starter fertilizer the same day you seed will make a world of difference in your results and help your lawn get off to a healthy start. A starter fertilizer has high phosphorus content to stimulate early root development. It is also time-released to provide nutrients to the grass plants when they need them. This makes your seedlings grow faster and develops a thicker and greener lawn. Agricultural fertilizers like 12-12-12 do not make good starter fertilizers because they release their nutrients too quickly. Once the grass seeds have germinated, there is nothing left of the agricultural fertilizers for the

young plants to use. Mulch only if necessary. Consider mulching on sloping areas, such as hillsides, or to reduce the frequency of watering. A mulch can be clean weed-free straw or peat moss. Simply scatter a light amount over the area-just enough to provide a light shading. The seedbed should be clearly visible through the mulch. Young seedlings can suffocate if the

mulch is too thick. Watering is critical to young seedlings throughout all growing stages seedbed should be kept moist. It is much better to water frequently rather than deeply. Only the top inch of soil needs to be kept moist, either by watering or rainfall. As seedlings sprout, watering becomes even more critical. Tender young plants will die if moisture is not available

When the young plants have developed into mature grasses, mowing can begin as soon as there is anything to cut with the mower set at about 1-1/2 inches high. Do not mow when the soil is overly wet because it can damage your newly planted grass. Eight weeks after the new seedlings sprout, you should follow-up with an application of Weed & Feed to

enhance growth and further

eliminate any undesirable -Jim Gerig, Jonathan Green Lawn Consultant; Grabill & Woodburn Hardware

ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of June 12, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting. **DEFIANCE COUNTY:**

U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound entrance ramp from Baltimore Street will close on Monday, June 12, for approximately four weeks for slope repair.

Visit the project webpage: TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: U.S. 24 eastbound to SR 15/SR 18, back to U.S. 24

westbound. U.S. 127 PROJECTS U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8

for approximately 365 days for a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID 102669

TRAFFIC IMPACT Detour: CR 424 to The Bend Road to SR 18, back to US 127

- Southbound truck route: SR 15 to U.S. 24, back to U.S.
- Northbound truck route: SR 249 to SR 15, back to U.S.

U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood closed Friday, June 9, for approximately five months for a storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the U.S. bridge replacement project (listed above) over the Maumee River just south of the village.

State Route 49 between Huber Road and the village of Hicksville will be restricted to one lane for drainage work. Traffic will be maintained via a temporary traffic signal.

PAULDING COUNTY:

State Route 49 between the village of Payne and the Defiance County line will have lane restrictions for berming operations.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 65 between Road I-7 and Road 7-D, just north of the village of Ottawa, closed on May 1 for approximately 45 days for a culvert replacement. Reopening is anticipated on or about Wednesday, June 15. Visit the project webpage: PID 105186

TRAFFIC IMPACT Detour: SR 109 to SR 613, back to SR 65.

State Route 115 between the corporate limit of the village of Kalida and State Route 15 will have lane restrictions for resurfacing operations.

State Route 634, on its southern leg of the intersection with Road E, will close on Tuesday, June 20, for approximately 11 days for a culvert replacement. Road E, on the western leg of its intersection with State Route 634, will also be closed.

TRAFFIC IMPACT Detour: SR 613 to SR 15,

back to SR 634. State Route 694 between

the village of Cloverdale and State Route 115 will close on Thursday, June 8, for two days for pavement repairs. Access to properties within the work

zone will be maintained.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

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to SR 115, back to SR 114. Township Road G, just east of State Route 115, will close on Monday, June 12, for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

Detour: SR 114 to U.S. 224

VAN WERT COUNTY:

State Route 637 between Elm Sugar Road and Harvey Road will be restricted to one lane for ditch cleaning.

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic **Disposition Report**

Shawn M. Spencer, Oak-

wood, OH; Junk Ordinance; Case dismissed; Costs to defendant Carl W. Ward, Paulding,

OH; B & E; Preliminary waived; Bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court Franklin E. Grimes, Cecil, OH; Driving under suspen-

sion, Guilty, Placed on standard probation, Shall secure a valid license, Report to probation today, Proof of insurance provided; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Dismissed Yousif H. Yafai, Melvin-

dale, MI; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Ronald E. Stafford, Payne,

OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Angel A. Hernandez Medina, Logansport, IN; Seat belt/

drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Sandy J. Brunelle, Pauld-

ing, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Cameron G. Starr, Cecil,

OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by the de-Christina L. DeMuth,

Oakwood, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed per agreement, ALS vacated; OVI/refusal, Dismissed; Headlights, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Gajic Nenad, Lyons, IL; Failure to yield; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jose N. Barra Quispe, Hollywood, FL; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jeremy D. Nulinix, Monclova, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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

Jerel A. Tousley, Oakwood, OH; Junk ordinance;

Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all costs Ethan T. Crosby, Payne,

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

Shelby R. Dominique, Archbold, OH; Failure to yield; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lisa M. Klingler, Oakwood, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Skyler M. Hensley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Victoria L. Faubion, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

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defendant Rachel L. Buchhop, Delta, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Chelsea R. Brown, Montpelier, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

ANTWERP POLICE



May 26, An officer located an individual in the village who had a felony warrant for his arrest. Officer arrested the individual, contacted Defiance Sheriff Department and transported the individual to the old Vagabond to meet with a Defiance deputy and transferred the prisoner.

May 27, Defiance Police requested Department Antwerp Police Department in reference to an Antwerp resident who had been at Walmart and stole several items.

May 27, Officers were called in reference to broken playground equipment at the park. An officer responded and contacted a village em-

analysis beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Case No. CI 23 008

will be offered for sale:

the deed is recorded

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Paulding County Commissioners will be hosting a public meeting

in the EOC Conference Room located at 451 McDonald Pike,

Paulding, OH 45879 on June 21, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. This meeting

is in regards to discussion on solar projects at various county

owned buildings to save on energy costs. Doors will be open at 4:30

p.m. with Midstates Energy Solutions presenting a project overview/

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE SHERWOOD BANK, Plaintiff,

JESSE D. HULL, ET AL., Defendants,

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate

624 North Dix Street, Paulding Parcel Number: 30-20S-022-00

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars

The first sale date will be on the July 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be

https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov.

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line

auction will be held on July 20, 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,

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

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 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

and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

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and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

May 27, Officers were called to Woodland Dr in reference to a 911 hangup. It was determined that it was dialed by accident.

May 28, A caller requested a welfare check on his son. His son was scared because his mother and boyfriend had been in a heated argument.

May 29, An officer was called to Frank Leinard Parkway in reference to adults exchanging child custody.

May 30, Officers were contacted in reference to people knocking at the door and ringing the door bell and running away. Officers responded and patrolled the area. May 30, A motor vehicle

accident occurred at Madison and Woodcox. Officer responded and prepared a re-May 30, A vehicle was

stopped at River St and Cleveland. The driver was cited for driving under suspension. May 30, Antwerp Police

Department performed a golf cart inspection. May 30, A complaint was

received in reference to parking at a business on River St. A vehicle was backing over the business's bushes. The owner was notified and they moved the vehicle.

June 1, A resident of Canal St. requested an officer accompany him to a residence to keep the peace. The officer assisted to keep the peace.

June 2, A resident on Buffalo St. reported several neighbors were complaining

By Order of the Paulding County

Board of County Commissioners Paulding County, Ohio

KING, KLOPFENSTEIN INTRODUCE LEGISLATION PROTECTING OHIO LAND



State Reps. Angie King (R-Celina) and Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) introduce the Ohio Property Protection Act.

Representatives Angie King (R-Celina) and Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) have introduced the Ohio Property Protection Act.

This legislation would prohibit the sale of "real" property to any individual or entity tied to a foreign adversary nation such as Iran, Cuba, North Korea, China, or Russia.

"This issue has a direct impact on all Ohioans. Our state has been left vulnerable to attacks by our enemies," said King. "This has already been tackled by a majority of the states in the Midwest, including North Dakota. Where a Chinese company was trying to purchase property next to a major air base and was halted. Meanwhile, Ohio is lagging behind with our own Wright Patterson Air Force Base being left weak to similar attempts. It is vital that we pass this legislation not only protect our national security interests, but also our food secu-"One of Ohio's greatest as-

sets is the land that we have available for economic development and for agricultural purposes. Over half of a million acres in Ohio are already owned by foreign investors and as a state, there is no way of telling friend from foe," said Klopfenstein. "For the security and prosperity of Ohioans and the nation, we must prevent adversarial countries from encroaching on our Great State."

The legislation now awaits assignment to a House committee.

of the address 210 Buffalo St. The house was deemed to be in violation of junk ordinance and tall weeds.

June 3, Officers were called to a local business for an alarm. It was determined the alarm was set off by accident.

June 3, Officers were contacted in reference to an individual engaging in disorderly conduct. The individual was located, arrested and taken to

June 3, A resident of Buffalo St. reported someone ran over his mailbox. An officer responded and prepared a

June 4, An officer assisted EMS.

June 4, A resident of Daggett St reported the theft of a solar panel. The resident later called and said he found the panel. He forgot that he had sold it.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hicksville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a setback variance on Wednesday June 28, 2023, starting at 4:00 pm, in the office of the zoning inspector located at 108 N. Main St.

The application, submitted by Nemo Food Equipment, is a request to change the front set back to 0 and the rear set back to 0, for construction

Zoning Inspector

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

of a building located at 299 Meuse Argonne Ave. Hicksville, OH.

Village of Hicksville

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

The Hicksville Township Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing for a new ordinance on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 starting at 5:30pm, in the Hicksville Township Building located at 09468 St. Rt. 2. Hicksville, OH.

The Ordinance, SECTION 900 — SMALL SOLAR FACILITIES, will be discussed, approved or denied by the committee. If approved the ordinance will be sent to the Hicksville Township Trustees for final

—Mike Bailey, Zoning Inspector Hicksville Township

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Hicksville Village Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider a zoning request on the day of Monday, June 19 2023, starting at 6:00 pm in the council chambers located at 111 S. Main St, Hicksville, OH.

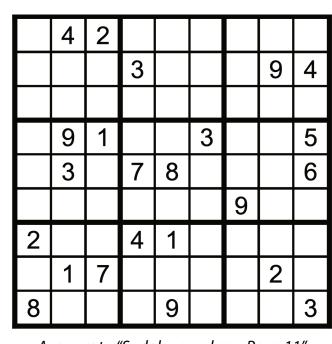
The request, submitted by the Hicksville Planning Commission, is to rezone lot 55, Edgertons First Addition, with a physical address of 313 N.

The lot is presently zoned as A-1 Agricultural Public Use. The request is to rezone to R-4, Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family.

Zoning Inspector Hicksville Township

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Sudoku Puzzle



Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON BOND FORFEITURE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Case No. CR-22-623

STATE OF OHIO

PLAINTIFF

WILLIAM LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE DEFENDANT To: KERSTEN KEITZ

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 100 University Lane, apt. 303, Batavia, OH 45103

Please take notice that a motion Ohio 45879 to forfeit bond has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may hearing attend the motion

18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

be held at the Paulding County Common Pleas Court ** located 115 Williams St..

S a i d 2023 HAY 24 PM 3: 05 hearing will will

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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,

NATIONAL PREMIER INVESTMENTS, ET AL., Defendants,

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

221 East Townline Street, Payne Parcel Number: 19-06S-023-00

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

The opening bid is Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-one and 03/100 (\$6,221.03) 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, June 29, 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

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on July 13, 2023 for the same

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

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

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 sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect

set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the of title may be corrected. Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com

James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

Sheriff Jason K Landers

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FIND FANTASTIC YELLOW PERCH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS FISHING IN NORTHWEST OHIO

Northwest Ohio's public lakes and reservoirs teem with fish such as yellow perch, largemouth bass, and more. Now is the perfect time to grab a fishing pole and try to catch them, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Ohio has 124,000 acres of inland water, 7,000 miles of streams, 2.25 million acres of Lake Erie water, and 481 miles of the Ohio River. At \$25 for a resident one-year license, fishing is a cost-effective and accessible outdoor reactional activity. Youth under the age of 16 can fish for free, and all Ohio residents can fish without purchasing a license during Free Fishing Days on June

17-18. All size and daily limits apply during these two days.

The Division of Wildlife has numerous resources available to assist anglers, including lake maps, fishing tips by species, fishing forecasts, and introductory information for new anglers. Many of these resources are available right at your fingertips with the Hunt-Fish OH mobile app. Fishing regulations and an interactive fishing map can be located from any mobile device. For more information on fishing tips and forecasts, go to wildohio.gov. Here are a few areas in northwest Ohio anglers may want to visit.

reservoir offers abundant large yellow perch, some longer than 13 inches. If fishing from a boat, start by fishing on the east side of the reservoir along the shared dike with Findlay Reservoir No. 1. You should also try the deeper areas of the east basin. Shoreline fishing in the spring and fall can be productive. Boaters will benefit from an improved concrete launch ramp with a dock at Findlay Reservoir No. 2, and shoreline anglers can enjoy a floating dock. The reservoir's entire shoreline is accessible for shoreline angling. There is a 10-horsepower motor limit on the reservoir. Boaters should be cautious of wind direction and speed before venturing out, as the reservoir is often subjected to more intense winds than surrounding areas

Largemouth bass

Clear Fork Reservoir (Richland and Ashland counties) - Clear Fork Reservoir is one of the best in the state for largemouth bass. Explore the shallow western end for bass hiding among fallen trees and stumps. In spring, cast along the eastern end near the dam for larger fish. Division of Wildlife sampling surveys consistently show good numbers of fish longer than 20 inches. The reservoir features a multilane concrete launch ramp as well as a full-service marina. This is an unlimited horsepower lake with an 8mph speed limit. Clear Fork Reservoir is also one of Ohio's

Pleasant Hill Reservoir (Richland and Ashland counties) - This reservoir offers excellent opportunities for saugeye fishing. When possible, fish the flat just outside the marina, as well as where the reservoir bends south to the dam. Saugeye fishing is also good just off the beach in 10 to 15 feet of water. Try fishing near the beach at night minnow near the bottom. An improved boat launch offers courtesy docks as well as an lake allows unlimited horsein the upper end of the reser-

Pleasant Hill Reservoir

Yellow perch

Findlay Reservoir No. 2 (Hancock County) - This due to its height.

premiere muskellunge lakes.

Saugeye

with a jig tipped with a live accessible fishing dock. This power for boats and can be busy. Anglers may have luck voir if it is crowded elsewhere.

Crappie

gets crowded.

2023 SUMMER HOURS AT THE OLD FORT

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The Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Avenue has released the hours for summer as follow-

May 31 - August 19, Tuesday - Satur-2023; day, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Admission is free. Donations are gratefully appreci-

Description: The Old Fort will be open for visitors and tours this summer! Thanks to generous donations and funding, a staff member will be on site Tuesday through Sunday. Learn the history of the forts in Fort Wayne. Tour the fort buildings and walk the grounds. Talk with a soldier about military life. Visit with a local artisan on Thursday (check our Facebook page for specific details and schedule updates). Personal tours will be available. For larger groups, please call (260) 437-2836 to schedule. Always check facebook

.com/HistoricFortWayne for any updates or schedule **Special events take

precedence over these hours and may cause the fort to close early on those Fridays. Check our upcoming events for those dates.

Please note: The bridge on Spy Run Avenue is undergoing construction and is often down to one lane. Expect traffic delays when visiting the Old Fort. Please use extreme caution when crossing Spy Run Av-

Bluegill Lake La Su An Wildlife

Area (Williams County) -The lakes and ponds on Lake La Su An Wildlife Area are managed for abundant big bluegill (longer than 8 inches). At the largest lake in the area, Lake La Su An, the east and south shorelines across from the fishing dock are the best locations to fish. Live bait, especially waxworms and redworms, entice panfish to bite. Remember that live fish (including minnows) cannot be used as bait on the wildlife area. The main lake features a concrete boat ramp with a dock, as well as an accessible fishing dock. The lake allows unlimited horsepower for boats with a no-wake restriction. Other ponds on the area have primitive boat launches suitable for small boats. Fishing is available through late summer on Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please visit wildohio.gov for a full listing of the area rules.

Channel catfish

Beaver Creek Reservoir (Sandusky County) - This upground reservoir offers shoreline fishing access for anglers of all ages. Look for channel catfish in deeper water during the day using cut baits or night crawlers. For early

morning, early evening, or nighttime fishing try the shallow southern portion of the reservoir. Anglers can expect to find good numbers of fish in the 17- to 20-inch range, with some fish up to 27 inches long. The reservoir has an improved concrete boat launch with dock and is restricted to electric motors only. Boats with larger motors can keep them tipped up and out of the water. Be aware of strong west winds which can affect launching and landing boats.

Check the Ohio Fishing Regulations for details before casting a line.

Want to stay up to date on all fishing opportunities and updates? Follow the Division of Wildlife on Facebook and Twitter for instant news stories, outdoor recreation ideas, local wildlife information, and much more. Follow the Division of Wildlife on Instagram for images of excellent fishing around the state.

The Division of Wildlife wants to help new and experienced anglers make the most of their outdoor adventures. Visit the Wild Ohio Harvest Community page at wildohio .gov for information on getting started, fishing opportunities, and delicious recipes.

HICKSVILLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE **SECTION 900 – SMALL SOLAR FACILITIES**

Solar facilities of fifty (50) megawatts or more shall be required to submit an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and are required to meet OPSB regulations. This ordinance governing small solar facilities shall confer no power on any board of the purposit in the peace of board of solar facilities. power on any board of township trustees or board of zoning appeals in respect to the location, erection, construction, reconstruction alteration, maintenance, removal, use, or enlargement of any buildings or structures of any public utility, pursuant to R.C. 519.211.

- "Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems": means a solar energy system that mounts a solar panel or panels and facilities on or panels. above the ground. 2) "Integrated Solar Energy Systems": means a solar energy system that
- is incorporated into or replaces standard building materials and does not have mounting equipment. For example, these systems may include materials that replace traditional roofing, shingle, or siding materials, awnings, canopies, skylights, or windows. 3) "Rooftop Solar Energy Systems": means a solar energy system that is mounted to a structure or building's roof on racks.
- 4) "Small Solar Facility": means a Solar Energy System and associated
- facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid and designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity greater than one-half (0.5) megawatts and less than fifty (50)
- 5) "Solar Energy": means radiant energy (direct, diffused, or reflected) received from the sun that can be collected and converted into thermal or electrical energy. 6) "Solar Energy System": means a system and associated facilities that collect Solar Energy, which may include, but is not limited to, an Integrated Solar Energy System, Rooftop Solar Energy System, or Ground Mounted Solar Energy System.
- 1) Integrated SolarEnergy Solar Systems: Subject to the restrictions contained herein any construction, erection, or siting of an Integrated Solar Energy System shall be a permitted use in the following zoning districts: All.
- 2) Rooftop Solar Energy Systems: Subject to the restrictions contained herein, any construction, erection, or siting of a Rooftop Solar Energy System shall be a permitted use in the following zoning districts All districts: All.
- Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems: Subject to the restrictions contained herein, any construction, erection, or siting of a Ground Mounted Solar Energy System shall be a permitted use in the following zoning districts: All.

 All Other Small Solar Facilities generating greater than one-half(0.5)megawatts: Subject to the restrictions contained herein, as well as any other relevant conditions as the Board of Zoning Appeals may determine, any construction, erection, or siting of Small Solar Facilities, other than Integrated, Rooftop, and Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems generating less than one-half (0.5) megawatts, shall be a conditional use in the following zoning districts: All

D) GeneralRequirements

1) Integrated or Rooftop Solar Energy Systems:

- i. Height: The maximum height of any Integrated or Rooftop Solar Energy System shall not exceed the maximum height applicable to principal structures located in the zoning district where located. An Integrated or Rooftop Solar Energy System mounted on a roof shall not vertically exceed the highest point of the roof to which it is attached.
- 2) Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems:
 - i. Height: The maximum height of any Ground Mounted Solar Energy System at any point shall not exceed six (6) feet.

No Ground Mounted Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of an existing participating residential dwelling or three hundred (300) feet of an existing non-participating residential dwelling.

- 2. No Ground Mounted Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of another property line. 3. No Ground Mounted Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a public right-of- way or shared-
- iii. Visual Buffer: A Ground Mounted Solar Energy System shall have a visual buffer of natural vegetation, plantings, and/or fencing that provides reasonable visual screening to minimize view of and noise from the Small Solar Facilities on adjacent lots and from any public right-of-way. Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems located on corner lots shall comply with the applicable requirements (including, but not limited to, those for yards,
- iv. Glare: Solar panels shall be placed or arranged in a manner so as not to reflect unreasonable glare onto adjacent buildings, properties or roadways

buffering, and screening) for lots in the zoning district where

- v. Lighting: Al lights associated with the Small Solar Facility must narrowly focus light inward toward the equipment, be downli and shielded, and prohibit any spillover onto any adiacent property
- vi. Fencing: Any fencing and/or screening installed in connection with the Small Solar Facility shall be harmonious and compatible with the surrounding properties and uses. Fencing shall be maintained in good repair and in an aesthetic manner at all times.
- 3) Lighting: Any lighting for a Small Solar Facility shall meet any ghting restrictions applicable to the zoning district where located In the event there are no applicable provisions regarding lighting, all lighting in, of, and associated with the Small Solar Facility must narrowly focus light inward toward the solar equipment, be downlit and shielded, and result in a maximum horizontal illuminance level not to exceed one foot-candle. Small Solar Facilities shall be placed or arranged in a manner so as not to reflect unreasonable glare onto adjacent buildings, properties, or roadways.
- 4) Noise: Any Small Solar Facility shall comply with the noise resolution and all applicable noise restrictions set forth within the Township, including, but not limited to, those applicable to the zoning district where located. In the event there are no applicable provisions regarding noise, no Small Solar Facility shall emit sound to an adjacent lot at a level exceeding 60 decibels.
- <u>Setbacks:</u> Any Small Solar Facility must comply with the setback requirements applicable to the zoning district where located except as otherwise specified in Section (D)(2)(ii). 6) Maintenance: Small Solar Facilities must be maintained in good
- working order at all times. The owner of the property and owner of the Small Solar Facilities shall, within thirty (30) days of permanently ceasing operation of a Small Solar Facility, provide written notice of abandonment to the Zoning Inspector. An unused Small Solar Facility, provide written notice of abandonment to the Zoning Inspector. An unused Small Solar Facility, provide written notice of abandonment to the Zoning Inspector. An unused to the Control of the C Small Solar Facility may stand no longer than three (3) months following abandonment. Al costs associated with the dismantling/ demolition of the Small Solar Facility and associated equipment shall be borne by the property owner. A Small Solar Facility is considered abandoned when it ceases transmission of electricity for thirty (30) consecutive days. Removal includes removal of all apparatuses, supports, and or other hardware associated with the

Solar Energy Systems installed returning the property to a graded, seeded and/or landscaped state similar to its condition prior to the construction/installation. 7) Building Permits: All Small Solar Facilities and parts thereof shall

existing Small Solar Facility and, in the case of Ground Mounted

- obtain all applicable required Building Permits from the State of Ohio and County or other local building jurisdiction.
- Advertising: Small Solar Facilities and the property where located shall not be used for the display of advertising. For the purposes of this section, reasonable and customary identification (name, insignia, logo, and/or similar) of the manufacturer or operator of the system that is incorporated into or manufactured on the equipment itself shall not be considered advertising. Other Restrictions: A Small Solar Facility shall comply with al
- applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. E) Criteria for Conditional Uses

- A Small Solar Facility to be located in a zoning district in which it is identified as a conditional use is subject to and shall follow the application process for a Conditional Use Permit provided under the conditional Process for a Conditional Use Permit provided under the conditional Process for a Conditional Use Permit provided under the conditional Process for a Conditional Use Permit provided under the conditional Use Permit provided u
- 2) Where identified as a conditionally permitted use, any Small Solar Facility shall comply with the following specific requirements¹: i. Road Use Maintenance Agreement: The property owner shall
 - provide for the adequate maintenance and protection of Township maintained, protected, or managed infrastructure (including, but not limited to roadways, rights-of-way, and easements) to be used in connection with the Small Solar Facility as detailed used in connection with the Shalin Solar Facility as bedaned further in a road use and maintenance agreement ("RUMA") with the Township. Any damaged public roads, culverts, and bridges shall be repaired promptly to their previous or better condition by the property owner or their designee under the guidance of the appropriate regulatory authority. ii. Safety Services: The property owner shall provide sufficient
 - evidence that the property can be adequately served by the appropriate safety services, for example, a letter from the applicable fire department verifying that emergency response personnel and vehicles can safely reach and service the property, including the area where the Small Solar Facility is located

 - 1. Any Small Solar Facility other than an Integrated or Rooftop Solar Energy System (except components located entirely underground) shall be located entirely in the rear yard.
 - 2 No Small Solar Facility shall be located on the front facade of any structure or on any façade facing a public right-of-way.
 - 3) No Small Solar Facility shall be located in front of a principal building or structure. In the case of corner lots, no Small Solar Facility shall be located between a principal building or
 - structure and a public right-of-way. iv. Height: the maximum height of any Small Solar Facility shall not exceed six (6) feet.
 - v. Buffers and Setbacks:
 - 1. Where a Small Solar Facility is located on property adjacent to or in close proximity to property zoned for residential use (as determined by the Zoning Inspector), no part of the Small Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of an existing participating residential dwelling or three hundred (300) feet of an existing non-participating residential
 - No Small Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of another property line.
 - 3. No Small Solar Facility (other than components located entirely underground) shall be located within one hundred fifty(150) feet of a public right-of-way or shared-use driveway
 - vi. Visual Buffer: A Small Solar Facility shall have a visual buffer of natural vegetation, plantings, and/or fencing designed to and that does all of the following:
 - 1. Enhances the view from any existing residential dwelling and from any public right-of-way;
 - 2. Is in harmony with the existing vegetation and viewshed in the 3. Provides reasonable visual screening to minimize view of and
 - noise from the Small Solar Facilities to adjacent lots and from any public right-of-way. vii. Glare: Solar panels shall be placed or arranged in a manner so as not to reflect unreasonable glare onto adjacent buildings properties, or roadways.
 - viii. Lighting: All lights associated with the Small Solar Facility must narrowly focus light inward toward the equipment, be downlit and shielded, and prohibit any spillover onto any adjacent
 - ix. Fencing: Any fencing and/or screening installed in connection with the Small Solar Facility shall be harmonious and compatible with the surrounding properties and uses. Fencing shall be maintained in good repair and in an aesthetic manner at all times.
 - Conditions: Any conditions or other requirements as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals in connection with the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit. xi. Review: A site review shall be completed by the Defiance County
 - xii. Bonding: A bond shall be secured and maintained with a value equal to or greater than the estimated cost of removal of all apparatuses, supports, and/or other hardware associated with Small Solar Facility and, in the case of a Ground Mounted Solar Energy System returning the property to a graded, seeded and or landscaped state similar to its condition prior to the

construction/installation. Certificate of Zoning Compliance

- A certificate of zoning compliance shall be required before any construction is commenced on a Small Solar Facility.
- Applicant shall provide the Township Zoning Inspector with the following items and/or information when applying for a certificate of zoning compliance: a) An engineering report that shows:
- i) The total size and height of the proposed Small Solar Facility. ii) Data specifying the megawatt size and generating capacity in megawatts of the particular Small Solar Facility.
- b) A site drawing showing the location of the Small Solar Facility including al equipment and components thereof in relation to (and measurements of distances from) all existing structures on the property, roads and other public rights-of-way, and neighboring property lines.

iii) Hazardous materials containment and disposal plan.

- c) Evidence of compliance with applicable setback and all other applicable zoning restrictions.
- A maintenance schedule as well as a dismantling plan that outlines how the Small Solar Facility including all equipment and components thereof will be dismantled at the end of their use and/or upon abandonment. e) Any other information or materials reasonably requested by the
- Zoning Inspector (revised 05/01/2023)

(Richland and Ashland counties) – Pleasant Hill Reservoir continues to be the best crappie producer in northwest Ohio. It contains many crappie longer than 9 inches (the minimum length is 9 inches). Popular spots for fishing are along the rocky ledge on the southern shore and small coves along the southern neck of the reservoir. Focus on trees or logs submerged in the water. The northern end becomes more popular during the summer as fish seek more cover. Pleasant Hill has an improved boat launch with recently renovated courtesy docks, as well as an accessible fishing dock near the boat launch. This lake is an unlimited horsepower lake that attracts many boating enthusiasts. Try fishing in the upper end of the reservoir when it

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WOLCOTT'S MILLS (PART 1)



Rachel Bontrager was almost 18 and considered by many the prettiest girl in Lagrange County. She enjoyed being Amish and was engaged to a handsome Amish boy Amos Hostetler. Her only problem was that they were not allowed to read novels, so she had to hide her Gene Stratton Porter books.

On the evening of July 3, 1928, Rachel talked Amos into slipping out and sleeping under the elm tree in the backyard. They were able to slip back in before anyone was up and looked forward to a wonderful 4th. In the evening they had planned to go to town and watch the fireworks in the park. As they left her mother asked them if they would do a favor and get her a spool of white thread.

After a picnic, and watching the festivities in the park, Amos said they must go as the stores would be closing. Town was crowded, and they could find no place to park. They decided Amos would wait in the buggy in the alley behind the hardware, while Rachel went to the Dry Goods store.

Something went horribly wrong at the fireworks. A cannon was accidentally knocked over and a rocket was shot horizontally over everyone's head. The rocket went through a window in the back of the hardware, and hit a stash of dynamite that had been stored for a road project.

The explosion knocked out every window for miles, and the dry goods store was in shambles. When Rachel got back she was not allowed to go in the alley. Amos was the only one killed in the incident.

In succeeding days the funeral was a blur, and a couple weeks later Rachel discovered that she was pregnant. A couple days later the Bishops showed up at their house. Rachel must marry an Amish boy to give the baby a name, which she absolutely refused to do. After much discussion, they offered her an alternative. A bachelor, Jonas Lambright had just learned he was dying of cancer. She agreed to marry him, in name only.

After a wedding she moved in with Jonas to care for him, but she stayed in a separate bedroom. She took good care of him, and helped him sell his cattle and get the farm in order. As Jonas got

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worse, she made things as

comfortable as possible for

him, even using some decora-

tions that were not allowed by

to town, and they returned he

told Rachel that he had willed

the entire farm to her. There

was also some money buried

in a milk can, which the

lawyer had directions to. A

few weeks later Jonas passed,

When Jonas wanted to go

their church.

quently. Then came a day when she became ill and was taken to the hospital. While she was in the hospital she had a miscarriage, and during recuperation made a life changing decision. She sent a nurse to buy her an entire new wardrobe, and dispose of her old clothes. She went in the hospital an Amish girl and came out English.

Part 2 to follow.

This story is based on an actual happening, at a fireworks in Walcott's Mills. The town is now called Wolcottville and is on Indiana 9, 4 MI south of LaGrange, Indiana.

—James Neuhouser

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Health has created and is sharing its Community Health Data Hub. There is a definite need for this information, and it can sometimes be challenging knowing where to obtain all the various data needed for decision making or writing grants," said Coleena Ali, Tenant Landlord Services manager, City of Toledo Division of Housing and Community Develop-

GRIEF SUPPORT

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The death of someone loved affects the survivor in many ways such as in the mind, the heart, and the spirit. It may cause feelings of forgetfulness, fatigue, and depression. As strange and different as they may be, these emotions are not the same to all who mourn. But they are all normal and healthy. Initially, there may be

shock, numbness, denial, and disbelief. These feelings are nature's way of protecting the grieving person from the full reality of the death of a loved The grieving person may

struggle with making it through each day. It may be difficult to cope and live an ordinary life again. Friends and family members may not be feeling such an intense loss and not understand your

A support group such as GriefShare gives the grieving person the opportunity to express feelings and emotions that others cannot relate to. In a support group, all members feel safe in sharing their everyday difficulties with each other.

It takes courage initially to join with others who are strangers. In GriefShare sessions this is only temporary as each member finds comfort in discovering the other participants have had similar experiences.

Each week GriefShare groups view a video on some aspect of grief. This is followed by discussion and sharing. No one is forced to participate because listening can be learning and creates mutual understanding.

GriefShare sessions are held each Saturday morning in the library of the Methodist Church in Leo on hwy. 1. The gathering begins around 10:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. Registrations are online at griefshare.org, by calling 260 627-2580, or just dropping by on Saturday morning.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/17/23

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Council Members Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Council Members Martin and Sarrazine were not present. Herb Anderson with the New Allen Alliance was also

Sudoku solution from page 9

Chief's Report: The Chief expects delivery of the new squad vehicle by the end of May, to be street ready by the end of June, pending no unforeseen issues. Superintendent's Report: The annual water quality report, or the CCR, will be

sent out in the next month or so with a sur-

vey for residents and businesses to selfevaluate lead lines. The city will be required to evaluate all lines for lead related issues as part of a state-wide requirement that will be due by October of 2024. Mayor's Report: The Mayor explained that the Allen County Commissioners will be accepting applications for local projects sourced by ARPA funds through April

24th. The city will submit an application for their upcoming sewer project at the lift sta-tion at Woodlan High School. The Mayor explained that the City of Woodburn received approval for this round of INDOT's Community Crossings program in the amount of \$550,429.50. This will include work at Harvest Lane and Roemer Drive. Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the April 3rd meeting. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to accept the minutes from the April 3rd meeting as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all present

in favor, except Councilman Watts who ab-

stains. The warrants were presented. After

discussion, Councilman Watts moved to

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Councilwoman Thompson, all present in Councilmen's Report: Based on a preentation from the Allen County Planning Commission that took place at the last meeting, Resolution 23-271 was prepared for tonight's consideration. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Resolution 23-271 (Appoint Allen County Planning Commission to Update Zoning) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the reading and adopt as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Resolution 23-271 is adopted as presented. Councilwoman Thompson mentioned that the clothing bank should be open by the

end of the week. Audience: Herb went over several items that were addressed at the last New

Allen Alliance meeting. Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Thompson all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

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

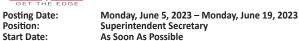
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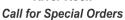
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MERCY HEALTH INTRODUCES COMMUNITY **HEALTH DATA HUB**

Recognizing that accessing comprehensive data can be challenging and costly, Mercy Health is introducing a new resource that will be available to the community at no cost.

The newly available Mercy Health Community Health Data Hub can assist public health stakeholders, community organizations, neighborhood residents, and other cross industry partners access county level health data that can then be downloaded and analyzed for use in program expansion and reporting, public health education, mission advancement, or partnership development.

The Mercy Health Community Health Data Hub aggregates millions of publicly available data points across 50 key health and social topic areas. Available publicly online via computer or phone, the Hub is designed so that anyone can navigate it easily to explore, review and compare health and health-related data that spans time and across

The Data Hub allows users

- · Access and use data to understand health conditions, health disparities, and health related social impacts in order to drive change throughout
- charts, graphics and tables.

In barriers to accessing data, Mercy Health is committed to creating an environment of better understanding the health of our communities and together, identifying needed resources for systemic change.

"I am so excited that Mercy ment. "It is quite generous of Mercy Health to share this."

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EOE, including veterans and individuals with disabilities.

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THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

With the sponsorship of the Hicksville Day in the Park, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Hicksville, OH on Wednesday, June 14th, to the Hicksville Community Park located on N. Bryan St. with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 PM. C&M Circus has been providing quality, local family entertainment for 37 years. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top, Nick News: On the Road with Circus Kids and most recently OETA's Big Top Town. This year, we're very excited to bring you our brand new 2023 performance featuring Big Cats presented by Trey Key, our Aerialist Extraordinaire Simone on the trapeze, 10th generation Loyal Bareback Horse Riders, the Perez Daredevil Duo on the Tight Rope and Wheel of Destiny, Elizabeth Ayala's incredible foot juggling and hair hang and everyone's favorite Circus

Clown Leo Acton.

Circus Day Schedule 9:30 a.m - Tent Raising &

Everyone is invited to watch the Big Top rise! You'll also get a chance to tour the grounds and get a behind-thescenes look at our show! Learn about life on the road and the care our animals re-4:00 p.m. - Midway Opens

Pony Rides, Moon Bounce, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Concession Stand and Box Office open up for some extra

5:00 & 7:30 - Circus Performance

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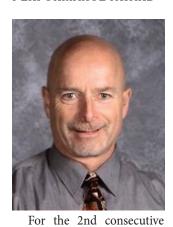
To find out more about this year's show, find us online, visit our social media, call, or e-mail!

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2023 OUTSTANDING OHIO SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE AWARD



year, Dr. Martin Miller, superintendent of Antwerp Local Schools has been selected as a Finalist for the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Outstanding Ohio Superintendent Performance Award. This award is to recognize educators as exemplary public school Superintendents. Miller plans to attend the MJH Educators Retreat July 27-28 in Cleveland Ohio.

Below are the 2023 Outstanding Ohio Superintendent Performance Awards:

2023 Outstanding Ohio Perfor-Superintendent mance Award:

Donald Jolly I, Warrensville Heights City Schools **Ohio Outstanding Super**intendent Performance Awards of Excellence:

Tom Burton, Princeton City Schools

Thomas Evans, Cuyahoga Heights Schools

Kevin Finefrock, Osnaburg Local Schools

Renee Willis, Richmond Heights City Schools

Ohio Outstanding Superintendent Performance Finalists:

Jeff Brown - Granville Exempted Village Schools Kacey Cottrill - Franklin

Local Schools Walter Davis - Woodridge

Local Schools

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Robert Hill - Springfield City Schools

Martin Miller - Antwerp **Local Schools**

Bill Ruane – St. Marys City

Rick Smith - Ohio Hi-Point Career Center Kevin Spicher - Howland

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John Stoddard – Berkshire **Local Schools**

FORT WAYNE ELK'S LODGE B.P.O.E 155 DONATES \$10,000 TO THE VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL **SHRINE AND MUSEUM**

Betty Stewart of the Fort Wayne Elk's Lodge B.P.O.E 155 announced that they are donating \$10,000 to the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum 2122 O'Day Road Fort Wayne, In 46818.

Stewart said "we want this donation to be used for the Sterling Chapel which is currently under construction adjacent to the permanent Vietnam Wall which was dedicated in May of 2021. Our hopes are that our donation will help complete this 1,200 square foot Chapel which will hold up to 60 people and can host various events."

Fort Wayne Elk's Lodge B.P.O.E 155 will be holding a Flag Day ceremony on Sunday June 11th at 1:00 pm, weather permitting, in front of the Vietnam Wall.

ANTWERP'S 2023 GEM OF THE

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Antwerp Chamber Commerce sponsors the Gem of the Year awards every summer. This summer the award recognition coincided with ACDC's revival of Antwerp Days.

Denise Coleman was named Gem of the Year after all the nominations that were collected were reviewed. Denise was humbled by the selection and so very grateful to all who took the time to nominate her or other deserving Antwerp citizens for this award.

Coleman is an Antwerp native having graduated from AHS in 1985. She is very proud of her three boys: Zac and Blair, Andy and Mackenzie and Jeffrey and McKenna. They have blessed her life even more with the addition of 2 grandbabies: Kaden and Lenni and one on the way.

After high schoolI she moved away from Antwerp for a time, but then came home to raise her family. Denise was a hairdresser for 35 years, then decided to take a position as the secretary at Antwerp Local School, and she stated "and my favorite jobs have been mom and Grammy."

Six years ago on August 1st, Denise took over the local flower shop, Petals and Vines. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with family and friends (and of course those grandbabes!). "I like to go junking, reading and vacationing at the lake," she commented.

Denise is a very generous volunteer for the village of Antwerp, being a part of Antwerp Chamber of Com-merce, Antwerp Rotary Club, and Antwerp CIC.

'Thank you to those who voted for the gem this year. We have many community members and organizations that deserve this award. It takes a village to have an amazing town like ours. I'm just glad to be a part of it. Thank you," concluded Coleman.

Denise — you are a true gem! Enjoy your reign as Antwerp's Gem of the Year.

Caption: Denise Coleman is Antwerp's Gem of the Year 2023.





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