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Northwest State Community College and Purdue University Fort Wayne are excited to announce a new partnership that will benefit current and future students of both schools. Starting July 1, 2023, graduates from Northwest State may transfer up to 66 college credits toward a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at Purdue Fort Wayne. Articulation agreements such as this help students by simplifying the transfer process from a community college to the 4year university of their choice.

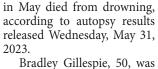
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CONVICTED KILLER WHO **ESCAPED FROM OHIO** PRISON DIED OF DROWNING. **AUTOPSY SHOWS**

By: Stephen Smith

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Ohio. Since 2010, he has

served as the CEO of Finan-

cial Partners. He also holds

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sentative for the Northeast In-

diana Credit Union Chapter,

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FINANCIAL PARTNERS FCU **APPOINT SHUEY AS SENIOR LEADER**



Dave Shuey, president/ CEO for Financial Partners Federal Credit Union (\$55.4 million, Woodburn, IN), was appointed to the Corporate One supervisory committee for a three-year term that began on April 28. As a member of the supervisory committee, Shuey will help ensure that the board of directors and management meet financial reporting objectives, and establish practices and procedures sufficient to Dave Shuey safeguard members' assets. Shuey began his career in 1995 as a teller at a community bank in his hometown of Springfield,

Shuey worked as a business development manager for United Federal Credit Union from 2006 to 2010 and holds a master's degree from the Ohio State University. **PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY**

COUNCIL MEETS

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council (BAC) held their quarterly meeting this week at the state-of-theart Mercer Landmark Agronomy Complex on Highway 613 east of Latty, OH.

The BAC meeting was held in conjunction with the 2023 Paulding County Teacher Bootcamp. This year 12 educators took the time to be participants in the four-day camp. They will make presentations in the future to receive CEU credit from the State of Ohio through Ashland University. The educators joined 26 Paulding County business leaders, government and manufacturing representatives, along with school and college reps to participate in the 2nd quarter BAC agenda.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey spearheaded the event. The meeting started with introductions and then an explanation to all in atten-

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June 20

- Destination Business Workshop @ Paulding 1st Pres Church, 9-11am
- 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

June 28

 WBESC board meeting @ ESC room, Paulding, 5:30pm

June 30

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

July 2 • IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant.

Cons. Club, 1pm

July 3 Celebration of America @

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• Patio Concert @ The Huber, 7p

July 7 • Feel Good Friday @

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OBITUARIES



Mary Ellen Walk, 78, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Park View Nursing Center, Edgerton, Ohio.

Mary Ellen was born in Paulding on January 5, 1945, a daughter of the late Helen (Sullivan) & Paul Daeger.

Mary Ellen grew up on her family's farm with her parents and three brothers. From a young age, her creativity led her to enjoy collecting buttons and using them for different art projects. On July 11, 1964, she married Jerry Walk, who preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 2019. With Jerry she started a family that she loved greatly, and she enjoyed the time she got to share with them.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Robin (Jay) Chamberlain & Eric (LeaAnn) Walk, both of Antwerp; brothers, Mike (Marilyn) of Sun City Center, FL & Randy (Pam) Paulding; of grandchildren, Zack Walk, Loni Copsey, Shaile, Jayla, & Luke Chamberlain; grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mary Ellen was also preceded in death by her brother, Dick Daeger & grandson, Bo Chamberlain.

She will be laid to rest privately at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Paulding.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.

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dance about what the BAC is and how it can be beneficial by matching local school officials with businesses. It was further explained that with BAC meetings now being required and graded by the State of Ohio, the agenda will now be comprised by a BAC steering committee. Members of the

committee were identified. The hot topic of the day was workforce development. The businesses toured this week, by the educators, were loud and clear about the need for workforce help that can be social with other team members, have good attendance, can think for themselves/ troubleshoot, and pay attention to detail. Many options were discussed and shared at this meeting. Great input was shared from the educators and Vantage Career Center representative Miriam Owens, as well as suggestions from busi-

ness leaders. One new option on the table may be the YouScience as-

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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

sessment tool. YouScience

was purchased by Vantage Ca-

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 1,200 square foot Chapel which will hold up to 60 people and can host various events."

reer Center for all 13 attending high schools to use. The intent is that all schools will use the assessment to help students understand what their best matching four or five sectors business are, even if they aren't aware of them today. This may help them understand what businesses they should be discussing their best futures with at the local county career day event, regional business fairs, or when businesses visit their school. On the flip side, businesses are encouraged to sign up their business so if their aptitude sector is identified by the program, the student would see

"Paulding County is no different than counties around us in workforce needs," stated Copsey as he continued, "We feel our best opportunity to fill these needs is from within. Students who know the area and are going to stay here close to home. In order for us to connect with them we are going to need to think outside the box. We need to find alternative ways of making sure students are aware of the incredible opportunities we have right here in their back yard. This is why it is imperative to make sure as many educators know about the opportunities. If they are aware of, and personally know the history and background of these businesses, they can help identify matches between these assessments and our lo-

the actual logo of those related

businesses. This could make a

better business pairing for the

cal businesses as early in the student career as possible. The employment may not take place until after a college career, but at least students know before they go off to college and decide not to come

All three county high schools updated the BAC on projects taking place at their school that will be beneficial to student activities, along with student and staff health.

Upcoming dates were identified including: the Paulding County Fair June 10-18; Youth 18 and under Entrepreneurial opportunity at the Flat Rock Creek Festival on Saturday, September 16 from 10a-1p; the next BAC meeting on September 21 (location TBA); and the PCED Annual Business and Industry Recognition Banquet November14 Grants Catering Antwerp.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman Dear Parson,

Help! I have an ADHD junior high boy who is wild, on or off his medication. He is disrespectful, argumentative, and always making excuses for his irresponsibility.

- Take him off all sugar, which only aggravates the sit-
- Inform him there has been a change of the guard and he is no longer in charge. Ephesians 6:1-2 - "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and Mother; (which is the first commandment with
- Don't raise your voice or argue. Tell him specifically, softly, and firmly what you want him to do, then walk away out of his presence (Proverbs 17:14; Philippians 2:14; Proverbs 15:1).
- Inform him specifically what the written rules and consequences are.
- Have him memorize Scripture on pride, selfishness and laziness and teach him how to quote them to demonic forces when he is under attack. James 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
 - Lovingly introduce him

to God's board of education applied to the seat of learning when needed. (Proverbs 13:24, 19:18) Proverbs 22:15 -"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far • Reward him and praise

the fire out of him whenever he does something responsi-In a short period of time, if

you will stay consistent you should see that boy change into one you can admire.

Send questions and comjamesbachments man@juno.com

LIFEWISE ACADEMY COMING TO ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS

LifeWise Academy in Antwerp, Ohio will be offering classes this fall to Antwerp Local School students in 6th grade. Students will travel from the Antwerp Local School to LifeWise Classroom at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church, where they will meet to receive Bible-based character education.

"Thanks to our supportive community, we will be able to offer LifeWise classes to Antwerp students in 6th grade," said Traci Koenig, LifeWise Academy Antwerp Program Director. "We look forward to seeing how this program will impact the lives of our students and the unity of Antwerp as a wnoie. We've already seen our community come together to make this possible, and we're confident that such collaboration will continue as the program grows."

LifeWise lessons will be part of the school's study hall time and will be held on Tuesdays. Students can enroll at www.lifewise.org/ antwerpoh

Koenig continued, "I also want to thank everyone who has partnered with LifeWise Academy Antwerp. We would not be able to provide this program to students in our community without your generous support."

The program helps to strengthen students' character development and mental health and benefits educaScripture of the Week

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"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;"

– Psalm 103:13

MATT'S MISHAPS



a guy that prefers camping when possible.



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PLOD ALONG THROUGH MISHAPS

Overseas I have slept in dingy hotels where you sleep with your head under the covers to avoid mosquito bites. At other hotels I've slept on the covers to get fewer bed bug bites. And still at other hotels, I have been afraid to put my feet down on the floor until the lights are turned on to avoid stepping on something crawling by.

However, the fanciest hotel I have stayed in was located along a river in one of Europe's capitals and it was paid for on someone else's tab. A very wealthy Asian tech company founder from California had decided that he wanted to encourage overseas workers, where working conditions cause a high attrition rate among them. He covered all the costs to lodge a hundred or so of us in a five-star hotel. He provided meals, encouraging speakers, childcare, etc. for a week.

During the week, the tech zillionaire would eat with the different couples and families at mealtimes to get to know all of us. He finally made it around to my family on the last day of the conference for a meal together. His first question was, "Where are you from?" I told him, "Indiana," and he started laughing and then explained. He said, "I came to this event thinking I would be with people from the East and West coasts. I assumed people from the coasts were far more culturally sophisticated and would be able to adapt and function better serving overseas. However, this week, all I have met are people from Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, etc. - people from middle America." He had come to the realization that middle Americans were better suited for overseas challenges and mishaps as they were

more resilient. I realized from that event that it is important to learn to plod along through mishaps that are thrown at me and that I have created for myself. I also learned it's nicer to lodge where the bugs live outside the hotel and not in the room with you.

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

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tors' efforts to build strong students in their classrooms. Students learn the Bible chronologically as part of the curriculum. Each lesson relates a Bible passage to a relevant character trait that the students are encouraged to practice in their families and communities.

LifeWise Academy comes administrators alongside and teachers as a supportive ally in the fight for better development, character mental health and academic achievement.

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LifeWise Academy is based in Hilliard, Ohio and is a released time religious instruction program that provides Bible-based character education to public school students. With parental permission, students are released from school during the day to attend classes that are off school property one hour per week.

For additional information about LifeWise Academy, visit lifewiseacademy.

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1950'S VERSION OF AN E-

Penny For Your Thoughts By: Nancy Whitaker

I have no idea who put this together, but it is wonder-

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,

Before the days of Dylan, or the dawn of Camelot.

There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and

For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born, where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.

We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince, Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him

We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee' And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Only girls wore earrings

then, and 3 was one too many, And only boys wore flattop cuts, except for Jean McK-

And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see

A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,

And when they made a movie, they never made it

We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three, or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me.

Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp, And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a

We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,

And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd

At least not Bobby Darin,

or Marilyn Monroe. For youth was still eternal,

and life was yet to be, And Elvis was forever in

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We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead, and Airplanes weren't named Jefferson, and Zeppelins were not Led

And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees, Madonna was Mary in the Land That Made Me,

We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in



And babies might be bottle-fed, but they were not grown in jars.

And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free, and dorms were never co-Ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.

We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag, And microchips were

what was left at the bottom of And hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea, and rocket ships were fic-

tion in the Land That Made

Me, Me. T-Birds came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks, and bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.

And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the

And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me.

We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues, we had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions in the Land That Made Me, Me.

There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,

And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill

And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three,

And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made

But all things have a season, or so we've heard them

And now instead of May-

belline we swear by Retin-A. They send us invitations to join AARP,

We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me.

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger

And wonder why they're using smaller print in maga-

And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be, Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.

PAULDING VFW BECOMES SILVER LEVEL DONOR



Holly Beach Splash Pad had the privilege of presenting the splash pad project to the Paulding VFW. The committee is honored to have the support of the local heroes. The committee is honored to have Paulding VFW as a Silver level donor, and most importantly appreciating their service.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

6/19: Closed for June-**6/20:** Euchre – 9:45 a.m.:

Penny Pitch with the Meadows of Kalida – 12:30 p.m. 6/21: Gardens of Paulding

BINGO – 10:00 a.m.; Painting with Kari - 12:30 p.m.; Grocery Shopping – 1:30 p.m. **6/22:** Euchre – 9:45 a.m.;

Exercise - 10:00 a.m.: Drumming - 10:30 a.m.

6/23: Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.; Antwerp Manor BINGO

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU 6/19 - 6/23

6/19: Closed – Juneteenth

6/20: Baked pork chops Sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts, Applesauce, W.W. Bread, Cookie

6/21: Chicken & noodles, Mashed potatoes, Orange juice, Mixed vegetables, Bis-

6/22: Cubed steak/gravy, Baked potato, Green bean casserole, Mandarin oranges, Dinner roll, Rice Krispy Treat

6/23: Baked fish, Cheesy potatoes, Broccoli, Peach cobbler, W.W. Bread

OHIO RECOGNIZES WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio June 15 was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder and Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy are reminding Ohioans to help seniors by being aware of the signs of elder abuse and how to report it.

"Seniors too often find themselves becoming targets of physical and mental abuse and exploitation," said Damschroder. "I encourage all Ohioans to understand their role in ensuring our seniors continue to live with dignity.

Nearly 3 million Ohioans are over the age of 60. National studies show as many as 1 in 10 seniors is a victim of elder abuse. Last year, adult protective services agencies received 36,000 reports of potential elder abuse in Ohio. Elder abuse can include physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, as well as self-neglect, neglect by others, abandonment, or financial exploitation.

Signs of elder abuse can include a lack of basic amenities; cluttered, filthy living environment; unexplained injuries; unexplained changes in behavior; and/or unpaid bills, new credit cards, increased cash withdraws, or a new friend who is demanding money.

The unfortunate reality is that elder abuse is far more commonplace than many think," said McElroy. "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a powerful reminder for us to educate ourselves and others, to promote awareness and empathy, and to foster a society where older adults are protected and respected. Doing so could prevent a lot of heartache and pain, and perhaps even save a life."

To help Ohioans understand what elder abuse is, where it happens, and how to recognize it, ODJFS is continuing its Age Safely, Ohio campaign. The campaign includes social media, targeted email, and direct mail, as well as TV, radio, and print media to reach older adults, their families, and those required by their jobs to report suspected cases of abuse.

Anyone can report elder abuse by calling 1-855-(1-855-644-OHIO-APS 6277) or visiting https://aps. jfs.ohio.gov. Callers do not need to provide proof and can choose to remain anonymous.

To report suspected abuse in a nursing home or assisted living facility, contact the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman - which is housed at ODA - by calling 1-800-282-1206 or visiting ombudsman.ohio.gov.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted issued a proclamation in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day for 2023.

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The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



Bruder Brown was born

January 15, 1896 in Paulding, Ohio. The son of William, born November of 1842 in Paulding and Catherine Brown, born May of 1851 in Ohio. This couple was married May 19, 1867 in Paulding, Ohio, and were the parents of William C. Brown born April 24, 1884, Wesley Alvin born January 4, 1886, John W. born February 12, 1889 and Bruder January 15, 1896. By 1900, the Brown fam-

ily was living in the Paulding area on a farm. By 1910, the Brown family was living at 808 West Jackson Street in Paulding. William was working odd jobs, Bruder was in school. In 1913, Bruder's father, William passed away. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

On February 24, 1914, Bruder joined Company B., 2nd Ohio National Guard out of Paulding. He was Honorably Discharged, April 10, 1917. Bruder met a gal named Verdia T. Good, born December 27, 1897. The daughter of Alfred Jerome and Eura Ellina Good. Bruder and Verdia were married March 2, 1918. Bruder joined the National Army May 25, 1918. He was listed as 5'8" tall, blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion. Bruder served with 15th Company, 4th Battalion, 159th Depot Brigade, for training, until June 18, 1918. Then Bruder was shipped overseas August 6, 1918 on the ship, "Huron".

The ship left the port of Newport News, Virginia. Bruder served with Company F., 153rd Infantry, he served until September 27,

1918. Then he was assigned to serve with Company G., 51st Infantry, 6th Division until the end of the war. Bruder was promoted to Private 1st class, June 9, 1919. He served in the Muese-Argonne Defensive Sector. Honorably Discharged June 20, 1919. After returning home from the war in Europe, Bruder and Verdie, as she was called, moved to 808 West Perry Street in Paulding. He was working as a la-

A son, Richard Dean Brown, was born December 24, 1921 in Paulding. By 1930, Bruder, Verdie and Richard were living at 845 West Harrison Street in Paulding. Bruder was working odd jobs and Richard was in school. In 1933, Bruder's mom, Catherine passed away. She was buried with William in Live Oak Cemetery.

By 1940, Bruder, Verdie and Richard were living at 717 West Harrison Street in Paulding and Richard was working at the Sugar Beet Factory as a laborer. On February 16, 1942, Bruder and Richard registered for the World War Two draft.

Richard was listed as 5'9" tall, 140 pounds, light brown complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. On June 27, 1944, while living in Addison, Woodstock Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, Bruder passed away at 3:20 P.M. He suffered from acute heart infibulation. R.W. Crowell funeral home brought Bruder back home to Paulding.

Bruder was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township outside of Paulding. Verdia took care of ordering Bruder's military tombstone. She applied January 5, 1944, stone was ordered February 9, 1945. Verdie remarried to a fella named John Howell who died in 1971. She passed away January 9, 1987. She was buried with Bruder.

Verdie's two brothers, Everett Roy and Emmett Good served in France in World War 1. Emmett was killed and is buried in France. As for Richard, he moved to Colorado where he passed away, April 27, 2003 at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMISSIONS DOWNTOWN MURAL



A project is born when an idea is examined by a group of people - it is discussed, dissected, deliberated - if the idea brought forth needs to become reality. This process can sometimes take minutes, days, weeks, months or even years depending on the complexity of the idea. Antwerp Chamber found itself with ideas in which to bring beautification to Antwerp's downtown district. With the business growth and renovations that have taken place in the past 5 years on South Main St., the Chamber felt strongly that they wanted to contribute to all the hard work and

dedication that Antwerp Chamber businesses were doing for the Village of Antwerp. The group broke down into a smaller committee of a few Chamber board members and business owners who began to meet regular for this planning process. This started at its infant stage in early 2022 with informal discussion about towns' use of business buildings to procure works of art in Murals for residents and guests of the towns. Photos from social media were shared of other towns' murals and the idea was mulled over for the summer as the Cham-

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in the academic areas of business, leadership and supervision, information systems, or information technology. PFW offers on-campus, online, and hybrid classes designed to accommodate all student sched-

Jason Rickenberg, Dean of Business & Public Services for Northwest State, noted "This articulation agreement is an extension of our partnership with Purdue Fort Wayne. Graduates of Northwest State Community College can now transfer credits from both the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Applied Business programs to a very prestigious Midwestern university".

"We at Northwest State are continuously working to increase educational access for all our student populations. Agreements such as this allow current and future students the opportunity to take classes locally, and at a much-reduced price, then seamlessly continue their career path to a 4-year institution," said Dr. Todd Hernandez, president of Northwest State Community College.

"With the planning of Northwest State's Van Wert campus, and most certainly the proximity to Fort Wayne, partnerships help strengthen educational opportunities for our students in Paulding and Van Wert counties. As our Van Wert campus comes to fruition in 2024, we will continue to expand access to students in northwest Ohio," said Dr. Jon Tomlinson, Dean of Northwest State's Van Wert

Campus. While the Van Wert campus at 520 E. Sycamore St. (former Kennedy Manufacturing building) is slated to open in fall of 2024, NSCC is continuing to offer on-site courses in Van Wert at Ohio-Health Van Wert Hospital and its full suite of online program offerings via the main campus. The next round of classes will begin on August 23, 2023. The full course offering schedule for fall semester can be found by visiting Northwest-State.edu/VanWert. Questions can be directed to Dr. Jon Tomlinson by emailing jtomlinson@northweststate.edu, or visiting NSCC's storefront location at 122 N. Washington

ted LADS & LASSIES AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

ber planned and executed Day in the Park in August 2022. At the Chamber's inaugural event – Munch & Meet in September 2022 (this coincided with the regular Chamber monthly meeting), one of the Antwerp Chamber board members made a formal motion to explore commissioning a Mural for a downtown business wall. Then the real research began.

Fundraising for the Mural began with the fall of 2022's Wine Bus Tour, followed by an email campaign to Antwerp Chamber businesses. With pledges from local organizations, as well as the *No Compromise: History of the Reservoir War* Dinner Theater that was held in April 2023 (and that Wine Bus Tour in 2022), Chamber had raised approximately \$8,500 for a mural.

During these fundraising

months, the Mural commit-

tee was researching artists with an established portfolio of mural art of this magnitude. The committee inquired from other villages and towns who have undertaken this type of project to review their procedures for choosing an artist. A compiled list of area artists who specialize in Mural art was assembled, calls were made and emails were sent to see who would be available, interested and willing to discuss this project further with the Chamber committee. Narrowing that list down, the committee chose Tim Parsley for the Mural Wall project. Parsley is the Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing Chair in the Department of Art, School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the past Parsley was a Project Manager and lead Mural Artists at ArtWorks in Cincinnati, as well as Drawing Directer at Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center in Cincinnati. Chamber Mural committee interviewed and met with Parsley, giving him the history of Antwerp including items that makes Antwerp unique to be included in the Mural design. His dates of availability and his past experience bolstered the committee's confidence that they have made the right choice in choosing Parsley for this project. At the request of Parsley, the committee began putting together design ideas they had collected from village residents, Chamber board members and businesses, and local historians who expressed interest in seeing a mural on a downtown building.

The committee pounded the pavement of downtown Antwerp to determine which buildings would be good choices for the mural. The committee carefully examined the which building would work best for this first Mural for the village of Antwerp; With that, they approached Ray Friend of Friend's Flooring about putting a Mural on his south facing exterior wall. Ray gave his blessing and go ahead with this project and the building was photographed and sent to Parsley for his review and initial consideration. He made recommendations to improvements that will be necessary on the wall prior to him beginning his application. Morrow Painting has agreed to complete the prep work needed to the

Shown here with their leprechaun craft are in back: Nathan Sizemore, Wyatt Wilhelm, Viktor Bland, Everett Wilhelm, Eli Hernandez and Sam Vance. In front are: Noah Sears, Damyen Bland, Mylann Good, Garrett Wilhelm, Mauriella Bland, Holland Witkouski and Johanna Federighi.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers and daycare kiddos recently spent St. Patrick's day together mak-

building to ensure that the

artwork will last for many

years. The prep work should

be starting at any time. The

Antwerp Chamber Mural

committee will be signing

the contract with Tim Pars-

ley for his Mural commission

soon and he is scheduled to

begin painting before the end

Antwerp Chamber of Com-

merce activities by following

their Facebook page and go-

ing to their website, www.

Keep up to date with

of the summer 2023.

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MUD DAY

CELEBRATE FRED'S

25th ANNIVERSARY AT

Celebrate the 25th an-

Buesching Mastodon's un-

earthing at Science Central's

Mud Day on Tuesday, June 27.

American mastodon - subse-

quently dubbed "Fred" - were

discovered by Dan Buesching

on his family's farm in rural

Fort Wayne. The discovery

captivated the Summit City

and made national headlines.

mastodon, researchers be-

lieve, and his body subse-

quently sunk into a muddy

bog - which ended up pre-

serving over 80 percent of his

bones. Castings were made of

those bones and a replica of

Fred has been on permanent

display at Science Central

run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00

p.m., visitors will have the op-

portunity to uncover and in-

vestigate fossils, just like a pa-

animals walk in mud; and

dive into groundwater, learn-

will include Buesching's Peat

Moss & Mulch, which is the

event's presenting sponsor;

the Indiana Department of

Natural Resources; Giving

Gardens of Indiana; and Allen

County Partnership for Water

cluded with general admis-

sion to Science Central.

Mud Day activities are in-

Special guests at Mud Day

ing about its importance.

learn

At Mud Day, which will

since 2007.

leontologist;

Quality.

Fred died fighting a rival

In 1998, the remains of an

niversary of Fred

ing crafts, singing songs, playing games, and making their own shamrock snacks.

For more information

about our summer program or fall registration, call 419-399-KIDS (5437).

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ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of June 19, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

Due to the Juneteenth Holiday, ODOT crews will not be working on Monday, June 19. Contracted construction projects may continue as usual.

DEFIANCE COUNTY: U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound entrance ramp from Baltimore Street closed on June 12 for approximately four weeks for slope repair.

Visit the project webpage: 13046

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: U.S. 24 east-bound 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 U.S. 127.

- Southbound truck route: SR 15 to U.S. 24, back to U.S. 127.
- Northbound truck route: SR 249 to SR 15, back to U.S. 127.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 65 between Road I-7 and Road 7-D, just

north of the village of Ottawa, is open following a closure for a culvert replacement.

State Route 65 at the rail-

road crossing between South Street and Main Cross Street in the village of West Leipsic will close on Monday, July 17, for approximately five days for railroad repair. 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 694 is open following a closure for pavement repairs.

Township Road G, just east of State Route 115, closed on Monday, June 12, for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

County Road H, just west of State Route 109, will close on Monday, June 26, for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

VAN WERT COUNTY:

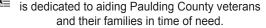
State Route 81 between State Route 116 and State Route 118 will have lane restrictions for berming operations.

State Route 66 between the Putnam County line and the Allen County line will have lane restrictions for berming operations.

Know Before You Go!

For more detailed traffic information, and to get personalized traffic alerts for your commute, download the OHGO app or visit OHGO.com.

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office



There are two basic services the agency provides:

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office

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

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

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

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



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA CLOSE TO COLLAPSE

I will be 87 in June and I have never seen America in a more dangerous position in my lifetime than we are in today. We have been involved in many wars against other nations but we came out on top because we had God with us.

The thing that is different today, is evil is Americans against Americans. Does this bring to mind our Civil War when we killed over 600,000

of our own people? How many might die before God and sanity return to us?

So you don't think that could happen in this day and age. There are only two forces on this earth. These are good and evil or better said, God and Satan. You must decide which one you want to follow because you can't bounce back and forth between them.

If you choose not to follow and believe in God, you stand a very good chance of your soul spending eternity, your future after your present earthly body dies, in Hell with

Now pay close attention. If you tend to be a procrastinator take heed, because you never know when that day will arrive and in an instant it will be too late. It happens often. What makes you any dif-

Now pay extra close attention to these facts. The ACLU came out with their Humanist Manifesto in the 1930's that described how to conquer a nation like America. It is my belief that they took that to heart and are attempting to destroy us. Sure, they support something good now and then to keep your support while most of their support goes to evil.

Now look at today's Democrat Party. They have quite a number of high ranking, loud, anti-God, anti-free representatives who would love to turn us into a "down-in-thedumps" socialist nation. This would then turn us to communism, just like Russia, China, North Korea and oth-

If we don't take steps to stop these low life traitors now, one of our soon to be tomorrows will be too late. It will happen and many of you

The Bible says that in the "end times" bad will be called good and good will be called bad. Well, according to Democrat representatives in Congress, God and Christians are an evil that needs to be eliminated. Why else do you think that every few years starting with 1947, then 1954 and soon have they made a move that removes God, destroys family and morality plus send graduating students into the world dumber than previous generations. They've been programmed by Satan followers that don't know what they are doing.

will be asking...how?

Research this fact. Every move to cancel Christianity, lower morality, eliminate family, wreck our economy, attack police, reduce our military and welcome any evil in our back door has come from anti-God, liberal Democrats. I see their goal as wanting to reign as Putin does. To me, they spell total disaster for America unless we stop them

> -Richard Mastin Hicksville, OH

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY **COACH WINS PRESTIGIOUS** STATE AWARD

Recently, during the EACS Teach It. Do It. Summer of Learning Conference for K-12 educators, Mrs. Jennifer Sholl, technology coach at EACS won the prestigious Candice Dodson award! Mrs. Sholl has worked for EACS for 21 years. She has been a middle school math and science teacher, a 4th grade teacher, and for the last 8 years, the Technology Coach.

The Candice Dodson award was created after the tragic death of Ms. Dobson in 2020. The Office of Digital Learning started the Candice Dodson award in 2022 to honor her memory and support those of the same spirit. Ms. Dobson served as the Di-

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rector of the Office of eLearning at IDOE from 2011 to 2019. The work that she did during that time and the twenty years previous as an Indiana educator paved the way for the state of Indiana to embrace innovation. Candice influenced educational policy and laid the foundation for connected learning in Indiana. This award is given to

someone who is a change agent, a thought leader. Someone who isn't okay with the status quo: someone who is always driven towards improvement and innovation for positive change. A person who receives the Candice Dodson award is someone who knows that there is enough room in the world for all of us to suc-

Mr. Keith Madsen, director of technology said, "Mrs. Sholl is very deserving of this prestigious award because she is a change agent. Mrs. Sholl is a problem solver. If technology issues arise, Jen is always ready to assess the situation and quickly find a solution. Jen's efforts always take her beyond her building assignment. She is highly respected by building staff as someone who is always ready and willing to help students and staff alike."

RAIDERS SHUT DOWN LANCERS

Wayne Trace limited Lincolnview to three hits and the Raiders blanked the Lancers 5-0 in ACME baseball action at Lincolnview High School Monday night.

Cooper Wenzlick had a single and a double with two runs batted in to lead the Wayne Trace offense with Tucker Antoine and Tyler Head adding a single and a run scored.

Tyson Gerber recorded a single and a run batted in for the red, white and blue while Tanner Laukhuf scored once and drove in one run. Carter Clemens and Brady Miller scored a run each for the Raiders and Kyle Forrer posted a single.

Reide Jackson, Carter Stevens and Grant Zielke all had singles for the Lancers.

Wayne Trace scored once in the first and picked up another run in the fourth for a 2-0 advantage. The red, white and blue added another run in the sixth to make it 3-0 before plating the final two runs in the seventh.

Antoine got the win for the red, white and blue, scattering

two hits and a walk with a dozen strikeouts in six innings of work. Forrer tossed the sev-

enth, allowing one hit.

Overholt suffered the loss for Lincolnview, throwing five innings giving up four hits, two runs (both earned) and one walk with six strikeouts. Nick Evans threw the sixth, allowing one hit and an unearned run, while Myles Moody pitched the seventh giving up one hit, two runs (one earned) and two walks with one strikeout.

BLUFFTON WINS ACAC TITLE

Bluffton shot a 326 to nip second place Heritage for the ACAC boys golf tournament championship at Celina Lynx Golf Course recently.

The Patriots finished second with a 333 while South Adams took third at 351 with Adams Central and Jay County both shooting a 356. Southern Wells finished with a 377 and Woodlan recorded a 393.

Eli Niemeyer shot a 78 to lead the Patriots while Jake Dalman added an 84 and Sam Oberley posted an 85. Luke Saylor chipped in an 86 with Austin Buuck carding a 96 for Heritage.

Dylan Carvey Woodlan with a 92 followed by Mason Moore (97), Braden Smith (101), Carter Fleek (103) and Connor Roth (104).

TRIO OF WARRIORS GRAB **FIRST TEAM HONORS**

The ACAC released its allleague softball honors with a trio of Woodlan players grabbing first team awards.

Pitcher Abby Horn, infielder Austin Gaff and outfielder Alyssa Harvey were named to the first team along with the Heritage threesome of pitcher Danica Fuller, catcher Grace Guenther and outfielder

Abrivah James.

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Other players recognized for first team awards were Adams Central infielder Melina Peralez and Jay County infielder Riah Champ along with the South Adams trio of Macy Pries, Bekah Patterson and Peyton Pries.

Woodlan infielder Avah Smith and outfielder Jade Lichty each took second team honors.

The rest of the second team included the Jay County quartet of Mallory Winner, Jaelynn Lykins, Renna Schwieterman Janae Jacobs as well the trio of Addie Baker, Brianna Cook and Sydney Jauregui from Adams Central. Southern Wells' Jadyn Yencer and Bluffton's Lily King also picked up second team honors.

BATTLE OF PANTHERS TO OPEN JV ACME TOURNEY

Paulding will take part in the nine-team Region 1 Junior Acme Baseball Tournament hosted by Fairview and Archbold along with teams from the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams.

In a battle of the Panthers, Paulding will take on Delta on June 19 at 3:30 p.m. at Fairview High School with the winner advancing to play Defiance at 3:30 p.m. on June 20 at Fairview.

The loser of the Paulding-Delta game is scheduled for a June 20 contest at Archbold at 5:00 p.m. against the loser of the opening round game featuring Napoleon and Fairview. Those two teams play at 6:00 p.m. on June 19 at Fairview.

Also in first round action, Tinora tangles with Ayersville at Archbold in a 5:00 p.m. battle on June 19 with Bryan playing Archbold in the second game hosted by the Blue Streaks that evening.

The junior varsity ACME tourney is scheduled to conclude either June 23 or June 24 at Fairview.



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Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Dollar General, Lichty's Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-Barber Shop, Antwerp Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-Barber Shop, Antwerp N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Library, Manor,

4 Seasons, Dollar General

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

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

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Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon
Main Stop Marathon (East)

Kaiser
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan
Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan
Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Nursing Home, Shell Station,
Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon,
Phillips 66, The Village of Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices Ney: Marathon

Library, Landing Strip

Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Crumback
Corner Market, Integrity
Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine,
Napa True Value, Maramart,
Dollar General, Dairy Queen,
Rite Aid, Ace Hardware,
Value, Faterson Chevrolet, Crumback
Crumback
Chevrolet, Paterson Chevrolet

Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

office, Payne: Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Genesis Pizza, Maramart, Library **Sherwood:** Post Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, Sherwood Bank

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

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

Sales

Grover Hill: N&N Quick
Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailers, Hickory Creek
Nursing Home Shell Station

Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Feed & Grain

Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Chiprary, Landing Strip

Rite Aid, Ace Hardware,
Gorrell Bros., Albert
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PAULDING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR 2023 JUDGING RESULTS



2023 Paulding County Jr. Fair Judging Results:

CLOTHING PROJECT:

Sew Fun - Brianna Mc-Sundresses and Jumpers -

Elliana Burtnett 1st Place Beginner Clothing Brianna McClure

Clothing for Your Career -Kahlea Shook

1st Place Advanced Clothing – Kahlea Shook Bernadyne Rogers Memo-

rial Award - Maggie Webb Outstanding Clothing

Award - Kahlea Shook State Fair Qualifiers - Brianna McClure, Elliana Burt-

nett, Kahlea Shook

HORSE SHOWMAN-<u>SHIP SHOW:</u>

1st Place Junior Western Showmanship Franklin

2nd Place Junior Western Showmanship Katelynn

3rd Place Junior Western Showmanship

Roughton 4th Place Junior Western Showmanship Gracelyn

5th Place Junior Western Showmanship - Luciana Mar-

1st Place Senior Western Showmanship – Katelyn Beck-

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2nd Place Senior Western Showmanship Raeley Franklin

3rd Place Senior Western Showmanship – Ally Jo Merri-

4th Place Senior Western Showmanship - Kyla Hurd 5th Place Senior Western

Showmanship – Emma Elkins 1st Place Pony Showmanship – Ally Jo Merriman

2nd Place Pony Showmanship - Luciana Martinez 3rd Place Pony Showman-

ship – Emily McCrory 4th Place Pony Showman-

ship - Paige Smith 5th Place Pony Showmanship - Olivia McCrory

1st Place Draft Horse & Pony Showmanship - Olivia McCrory

2nd Place Draft Horse & Pony Showmanship - Paige

1st Place Junior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Reese Franklin

1st Place Senior Hunter *Horse Showmanship* – Katelyn

2nd Place Senior Hunter Horse Showmanship - Raeley Franklin 3rd Place Senior Hunter

Horse Showmanship - Emily **McCrory**

1st Place Junior Ranch

Showmanship Reese Franklin

2nd Place Junior Ranch Showmanship Katelynn Hurd 3rd Place Junior Ranch

Showmanship - Luciana Mar-4th Place Junior Ranch Showmanship Gabrielle

Gurney 1st Place Senior Ranch Showmanship Raeley Franklin

2nd Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Katelyn Beck-

3rd Place Senior Ranch Showmanship – Emma Elkins 4th Place Senior Ranch

Showmanship - Kyla Hurd 5th Place Senior Ranch Showmanship - Emily Mc-

Grand Champion Horse Showmanship - Katelyn Beck-

GOAT SHOW:

Beginner Showmanship Brielle Schlatter

Showmanship Junior Ianae Parrett

Senior Showmanship Tyler Schlatter

Champion of Champion Showmanship - Jocelynn Par-

Alpine Junior Dairy Kid -Jacob Brown

Alpine Senior Dairy Kid -

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Alpine Doe 1-2 Years in Milk - Anna Meraz

Alpine Doe 3-4 Years in *Milk* – Olivia Meraz Grand Champion Alpine -

Olivia Meraz Reserve Champion Alpine -Anna Meraz

Nigerian Dwarf Junior

Dairy Kid - Morgan Snyder Nigerian Dwarf Senior Dairy Kid - Anna Clemens

Nigerian Dwarf Dry Yearling – Kathryn Brown Nigerian Dwarf Doe 1-2

Years in Milk - Morgan Snyder Nigerian Dwarf Dairy *Wether Kid* – Anna Clemens Grand Champion Nigerian

Dwarf - Morgan Snyder Reserve Champion Nigerian *Dwarf* – Kathryn Brown

Saanen Dry Yearling Kendall Kohart Grand Champion Saanen -

Kendall Kohart

Reserve Champion Saanen Karlee Kohart Grand Champion Dairy

Goat - Olivia Meraz Reserve Champion Dairy Goat – Anna Meraz

Grand Champion Pygmy Goat - Luciana Martinez Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat – Makenna Ādams

Grand Champion Pet Goat Anna Clemens Reserve Champion Pet Goat

Karlee Kohart Market Doe Class 1 -Myleigh Sheets

Market Wether Class 1 Janae Parrett

Market Wether Class 2 - Jalyn Klopfenstein Market Wether Class 3 - Jo-

celynn Parrett . Market Wether Class 4 –

Jocelynn Parrett Dairy Market Goat Class 1

Makenna Adams Dairy Market Goat Class 2

Luciana Martinez Dairy Market Goat Class 3

Olivia Meraz Rate of Gain Market Goat -

Jalyn Klopfenstein Grand Champion Market Goat – Jocelynn Parrett

Reserve Champion Market Goat – Tyler Schlatter

Breeding Boer Doe 3-6 Months – Jocelynn Parrett

Breeding Boer Doe 6-9 *Months* – Janae Parrett Grand Champion Boer Doe

Doe – Jocelynn Parrett 4-H FOOD & NUTRI-

Reserve Champion Boer

- Janae Parrett

TION PROJECT: Let's Start Cooking - Lienna

Stoller Snack Attack! - Zoey Manz 1st Place Beginner Food and

Nutrition Project - Lienna Stoller 2nd Place Beginner Food and Nutrition Project - Zoey

Star Spangled Foods

Alexandria Manz Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals - Ashlyn Manz

and Nutrition Project Alexandria Manz 2nd Place Intermediate

1st Place Intermediate Food

Food and Nutrition Project -Ashlyn Manz Cooking on My Own -

Claire Miller Global Gourmet - Emma

Stouffer 1st Place Advanced Food and Nutrition Project - Claire

John & Bernadyne Rogers Nutrition Award - Wyatt Wil-

State Fair Qualifiers - Lienna Stoller, Zoey Manz, Alexandria Manz, Ashlyn Manz, Claire Miller, Emma Stouffer **DOG SHOW:**

Showmanship Junior A: 1st Place – Brianna McClure Showmanship Junior B: 1st

Place – Drew McClure; 2nd Place – Gracelyn Miller; 3rd Place - Chloe Trausch Showmanship Intermediate

A: 1st Place O'Shaughnessey Showmanship Intermediate

B: 1st Place – Ĉaleb McClure; 2nd Place - Elizabeth Graham; 3rd Place - Campbell

Showmanship B: 1st Place -Aniyah Sajuan

High Point Showmanship: Drew McClure

Obedience Beginner Novice A: 1st Place – Brianna Mc-Clure; 2nd Place – Isabelle O'Shaughnessey

Obedience Beginner Novice B: 1st Place - Chloe Trausch; 2nd Place – Faith Jacobs

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Obedience Pre-Novice: 1st Place - Gracelyn Miller; 2nd Place - Elizabeth Graham; 3rd Place - Aniyah Sajuan; 4th Place - Campbell Volk Obedience Novice B: 1st

Place – Caleb McClure Obedience Novice A: 1st Place - Drew McClure

High Point Obedience -Caleb McClure Rally Novice: 1st Place - Is-

abelle O'Shaughnessey; 2nd

Place - Brianna McClure Rally Novice B: 1st Place -Caleb McClure; 2nd Place – Elizabeth Graham; 3rd Place – Gracelyn Miller; 4th Place -Drew McClure; 5th Place -Aniyah Sajuan; 6th Place -

Rally Intermediate A: 1st Place – Campbell Volk

Faith Jacobs; 7th Place - Chloe

Trausch

Agility Standard Class On-Lead Level: 1st Place - Chloe Agility Standard Class Level

2nd Place - Chloe Trausch; 3rd Place – Gracelyn Miller Agility Jumper Class On-Lead Level 1: 1st Place -Gracelyn Miller; 2nd Place -

1: 1st Place - Campbell Volk;

Chloe Trausch; 3rd Place -Campbell Volk **POULTRY SHOW:** Beginner Showmanship -Balan Miller

Junior Showmanship - Damon Rosswurm

Senior Showmanship - Seth

Champion of Champion Showmanship - Seth Ross-

Grand Champion Market Chicken Meat Pen (3) – Austin Reserve Champion Market

Chicken Meat Pen (3) - Baylor Kilgore Grand Champion Market Turkey Meat Pen (2) - Witt

Reserve Champion Market Turkey Meat Pen (2) - Adalyn Miller

Grand Champion Market

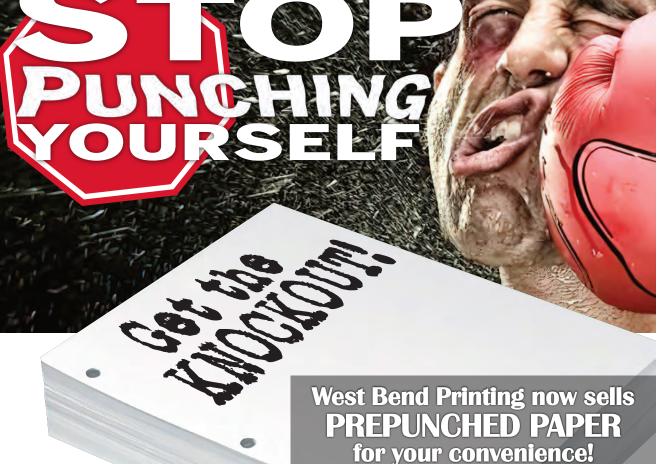


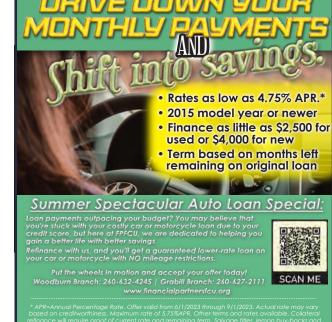
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Cock - Zachary Wobler

SWINE SHOW: Beginner Showmanship

Lily Zijlstra Junior Showmanship Michael Griffiths

Senior Showmanship Mara Phlipot

Champion of Champion Showmanship – Kachelle Maag 1st Place Market Hog Class Briggs Stoller 2nd Place Market Hog Class

 Zaine McMichael 1st Place Market Hog Class Tucker Stoller

2nd Place Market Hog Class Adelynne Slattman 1st Place Market Hog Class

 Sophia Antoine 2nd Place Market Hog Class – Makinzee Williamson 1st Place Market Hog Class

– Mara Phlipot 2nd Place Market Hog Class

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 Lilly Halsey 1st Place Market Hog Class – Trenton Bail

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- Michael Griffiths 2nd Place Market Hog Class

- Delaney Johanns 1st Place Market Hog Class 0 - Michael Griffiths

2nd Place Market Hog Class 0 – Ross Lee Grand Champion Market

Hog – Michael Griffiths Reserve Champion Market Hog – Hannah Griffiths

MARKET RABBIT SHOW:

1st Place Single Fryer Class

 Maddox Treece 2nd Place Single Fryer Class Baylor Kilgore

1st Place Singler Fryer Class Sam Reinhard

2nd Place Single Fryer Class Logan Gerschutz

1st Place Single Fryer Class Kinley Sunday

2nd Place Single Fryer Class Harley Troyer

1st Place Single Fryer Class

 Nicole Gerschutz 2nd Place Single Fryer Class Riley Stork

1st Place Single Fryer Class

 Chloe Boyd 2nd Place Single Fryer Class

6 – Riley Rue

5 – Olivia Schlatter 1st Place Single Fryer Class

2nd Place Single Fryer Class Morgan Riebesehl 6 - Caydence Rue 2nd Place Roaster Class 2 -

1st Place Single Fryer Class

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Grand Champion Single

Reserve Champion Single

1st Place Meat Pen Class 1 -

2nd Place Meat Pen Class 1

1st Place Meat Pen Class 2 –

2nd Place Meat Pen Class 2

1st Place Meat Pen Class 3 -

2nd Place Meat Pen Class 3

Grand Champion Meat Pen

Reserve Champion Meat

1st Place Roaster Class 1 -

2nd Place Roaster Class 1 -

1st Place Roaster Class 2 -

Gracelynn Klopfenstein

8 – Allison Schilt

9 – Ava Dougal

10 - Renee McCabe

10 – Kayana Lipps

12 - Balan Miller

13 - Jason Manz

12 - Delana Noggle

13 - Delana Noggle

Fryer – Allison Schilt

Fryer – Renee McCabe

KatieAnna Baumle

Carter Baumle

- Riley Rue

Harley Troyer

Morgan Snyder

KatieAnna Baumle

Pen – Carter Baumle

Camdyn Manz

Brooke Miller

11 - Boston McGarvey

11 – Ryleigh McGarvey

8 - Raegan McGarvey

Raegan McGarvey

1st Place Single Fryer Class Connor Manz 7 – Wyatt Leatherman 1st Place Roaster Class 3 -2nd Place Single Fryer Class KatieAnna Baumle 7 – Samantha Mccray

2nd Place Roaster Class 3 -Morgan Riebesehl 1st Place Roaster Class 4 -

Ronan Phlipot 2nd Place Roaster Class 4 -Addalynne Halter 1st Place Roaster Class 5 -

Piper Pease 2nd Place Roaster Class 5 -

Molly Halter 1st Place Roaster Class 6 -

Allison Schilt 2nd Place Roaster Class 6 -

Delana Noggle Grand Champion Roaster -

Allison Schilt Reserve Champion Roaster

- Delana Noggle **SHEEP SHOW:**

Beginner Showmanship Johnny Lipps Junior Showmanship - Da-

mon Rosswurm Senior Showmanship - Av-

ery Cooper Champion of Champion Showmanship – Avery Cooper

Breeding Sheep: Commercial/Crossbred/Junior Ewe -Avery Cooper 1st Place Market Lamb Class 1 – Damon Rosswurm

2nd Place Market Lamb Class 1 – Johnny Lipps

1st Place Market Lamb Class 2 – Dylan Perez 2nd Place Market Lamb

Class 2 – Johnny Lipps 1st Place Market Lamb Class 3 – Jacob Wobler

2nd Place Market Lamb Class 3 – Jacob Wobler

Grand Champion Market Lamb – Dylan Perez Reserve Champion Market

Lamb - Johnny Lipps Look for more results in next week's paper!

OUICK START SENDS RAIDERS OVER PANTHERS

Wayne Trace opened the game with a three-run first inning as the Raiders held off host Paulding for a 7-4 ACME baseball victory last After the Raider top of

the first, Paulding scored once in the bottom of the first before both teams plated one run in the third to put the Wayne Trace lead at 4-2. The red, white and blue then added one run in the

fourth and two more in the fifth to extend the margin to 7-2 before the Panthers wrapped up the scoring with two runs in the sixth. Wayne Trace, which totaled nine hits overall, was led by Breven Anderson with three hits, two runs scored

and three runs batted in

while Tucker Antoine added

two hits and three runs scored. Bradley Lee also chipped in two hits and a run batted in for the Raiders. Tyler Head and Cooper Wenzlick each picked up a hit for Wayne Trace while Head and Jack Schoenauer each scored a run. Carter

Clemens and Kyle Forrer

drove in one run each for the

Raiders. Ian Hutchinson had a pair of hits for Paulding with Patrick Paholak, Greyson Harder and Blake Rhonehouse all had one hit. Casey Agler, Rhonehouse, Harder and Kobe Foor scored once run apiece for the Panthers and Hutchinson, Hunter Couts and Paholak drove in one run apiece.

Kyle Forrer tossed four frames for the Raiders to get the win, limiting the Panthers to three hits and two runs (one earned) while striking out eight.

Brady Miller pitched one inning in relief, striking out one and walking one, with Carter Clemens also throwing one inning giving up one hit, two runs and two walks with three strikeouts. Breven Anderson picked up the save, pitching the seventh surrendering one hit. Blake Rhonehouse took

the loss for Paulding, throwing 3-2/3 innings allowing seven hits, five earned runs and two walks while fanning two. Ian Hutchinson tossed 1-1/3 frames, giving up one hit, two unearned runs and a walk with two strikeouts while Patrick Paholak threw the final two frames, surrendering one hit and striking out two.

PANTHERS HOLD OFF **BULLDOGS FOR WIN**

In a battle between a pair of Green Meadows Conference squad, host Paulding outscored visiting Edgerton 7-4 for an ACME baseball victory last week.

The Panthers opened the scoring with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first before the visiting Bulldogs cut the deficit in half to pull within Paulding then responded

with four runs in the bottom of the third for a 6-1 lead but Edgerton answered with three in the fourth to trim the deficit to 6-4. The maroon and white then completed the scoring

with a single run in the fourth to set the final margin Gavin Coil topped the

Panther offense with a pair

of hits while Blake Rhonehouse, Ian Hutchinson, Greyson Harder, Kobe Foor and Patrick Paholak finished with one hit each. Rhonehouse also scored

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twice for Paulding with Hunter Couts, Hutchinson, Harder, Manz and Paholak also scoring one run apiece. Hutchinson picked up two runs batted in for the

maroon and white while Harder, Foor and Coil drove in one run apiece.

Foor picked up the victory for Paulding, throwing five innings allowing eight hits, four runs and four walks while striking out eight.

APACHES DOUBLED **UP PANTHERS**

A three-run fourth inning proved to be the difference as Fairview defeated Paulding 6-3 in ACME baseball action Monday evening.

After both teams scored once in the second, the three-run Apache fourth put the black and gold in control and on top 4-1. Paulding picked up a pair of runs in the fifth to get within 4-3 but the Apaches put the game away with a pair of one-run innings to wrap up the 6-3

Ian Hutchinson, Greyson Harder, Grady Barton, Gerschutz and Colten Hunt all had hits for the maroon and

Barton took the loss on the mound for the Panthers, throwing 4-2/3 innings allowing five hits, four runs (three earned) and three walks while striking out

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THE LEFT TURN



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USAC Indiana Midget Week, Race action at Lincoln Park Speedway. Photo Credit: KFMediaphotos7



Caption: Tony Dager wins the Late Model Feature at Angola Motorsports Park. Photo Credit: The Winners Circle Photo

By: Ron Burt

The 2023 USAC Indiana Midget Week didn't disappoint racing fans that attended in person or watched on live stream. Mother nature played nice and 6 of the 7 scheduled events were run. California's Logan Seavey was crowned this year's champion. I was happy I was able to catch up with him after his win at Gas City I-69 Speedway. That win gave him momentum for the last three races. Seavey had one feature win during the week but the most top 5 finishes.

Ohio's Jacob Denny won opening night at Tri-State California's Speedway.

Buddy Kofoid took the victory the second night at Circle City in Indy. The drivers and crews had the 3rd night off to rest and work on the cars before the series moved north to Gas City I-69 Speedway where Seavey found victory lane. The series then moved south to Putnamville and Lincoln Park Speedway. Buddy Kofoid picked up his second win. Gavin Miller had a great run at Bloomington to take the checker. Ryan Timms was competitive all week and final won the last night at Lawrenceburg Speedway.

Friday night, Attica Raceway Park hosted the opening

night of the 41st Ohio Sprint Speedweek, with the Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions. Angola, Indiana's Zeb Wise used the cushion on the last lap to pass Tyler Courtney to win the \$6,000 Bert and Brigitte Emick Classic. The UMP Dirt Late Models had a thrilling feature. Justin Chance led the first five laps before Rusty Schlenk took over the lead using the high side of the track. Five-time track champion Ryan Missler steadily worked his way to the front from his 5th starting spot and after a fantastic side-by-side battle with Schlenk over several laps, took the lead on lap 23 and drove to his second victory of the season. It is Missler's 20th career late model win at Sprint Week moved to

Fremont on Saturday. Pennsylvania's Danny Dietrich passed race leader Cap Henry on the last corner of the last lap to claim the victory and \$10,000. Bryan Sebetto won the 305 Sprint Feature. Next week I will cover the remaining races of the Ohio Sprint Week.

Jonathan Davenport won Eldora's \$129,000. Late Model Dream, followed by 2nd Chris Madden and 3rd Bobby Pierce. In case you didn't hear after the final count the winner of the 50/50 took home (before taxes) \$109,906.00.

Oakshade Raceway, thank you for the warm welcome I received from the track staff, drivers, and crews. I had a great time. Two weeks in a row Adrian, Michigan driver, Carter Murday won the UMP Dirt Late Model feature. Josh Robertson made it back-to-back feature wins after picking up his second consecutive UMP Sportsman feature victory. Wauseon's William "Bubba" Cundick won the Dominator Stock feature and in the Sport Compacts Eric Carr took the checker.

At Angola Motorsports Park your features winners last Saturday, Late Model Tony Dager, Modified Johnathan Gatton, Street Stock Tristan Crago and FWD Derek Simon

It's with great sadness I mention the passing of racing promoter Jake Gibson, the long-time owner-promoter of the famed Indianapolis Speedrome for figure 8 racing. Before the start of the evening, Jake took one final lap around his track with many drivers following in their race cars. It was a nice tribute to a man that has done so much for the sport.

We have 3 very busy weeks of racing currently going on. For daily updates on 17 tri-state tracks, dirt, and asphalt, I invite you to follow the Ohio Sports Blitz on Facebook. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron

NSCC ANNOUNCES 2023 DISTINGUISHED **ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Five individuals have been selected to receive the Northwest State Community Distinguished Alumni Award for 2023. Those individuals were officially recognized during a special luncheon ceremony prior to Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the Archbold Cam-

pus. Plaques with their likeness will also be added to the prestigious Alumni wall of award recipients, located outside the Voinovich Auditoric wing. "The torium in the College's E Distinguished

Alumni Award recognizes excellence beyond Northwest State - education, professional achievement, service to the community and more," said Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Executive Director of Development and the NSCC Foundation. "We are proud to recognize these four graduates with this prestigious award, and we congratulate them for their achievements, and for being tremendous representatives of Northwest State Community College," Wilcox continued. ABOUT THE RECIPI-

ENTS



Drewes <u>James</u> Napoleon is a 1983 graduate of Northwest State, with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering, and an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He continued his education at Defiance College to earn his Bachelor's Degree of Business Management, and then earned his Master's Degree of Educational Administration and Leadership in Adult and Higher Education through the University of South Dakota. Jim is the Vice President of Workforce Development at Northwest State.



Tara Garza of Hicksville is a 2002 graduate who earned her Associates of Applied Science Degree in Registered Nursing. From there, she went to Indiana Wesleyan University to earn her Bachelor's of Science Degree Nursing in 2011 as a cum laude graduate. Then she continued on to Graceland University to earn her Masters of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner in 2014. Tara is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Community Memorial Hospital Hicksville, Ohio.



Grimes of <u>Elizabeth</u> Bryan is a 1997 graduate

who earned her Associate of Applied Science Degree in Registered Nursing. She then went on to earn a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing from Bowling Green State University in 2001, and a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from Grand Canyon University in 2021. Elizabeth is the Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer at Community Health and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.



Orlando (Allan) Santiago of Sylvania is a 2005 graduate who earned his Associates of Applied Business Degree in Business Management. He then went on to accomplish a Bachelor's Degree in Arts, Entertainment, and Media Management from Columbia College Chicago in 2007, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from University of Toledo in 2022. Orlando is an Operations Data Reporting Analyst III at CareSource.



Christina Switzer of Defiance is a 2010 graduate who earned her Associates of Applied Business Degree in Business Management. She furthered her education and received her Ohio Real Estate License through Hondros College, as well as her Indiana Real Estate License through the RECP (Real Estate Certification Program). Chris has been employed as a Broker/Sales Associate with the Sam Switzer Realty in Ohio since 2001 and Coldwell Banker in Indiana since 2014. She has also been the Owner/General Manager of American Custom Builders since 2004.

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Distinguished The Alumni Award represents the most prestigious award presented by the Alumni Association of Northwest State. This award was established in 1998 to honor graduates of Northwest State Community College who have achieved recognized prominence in their chosen career and have made significant contributions to their profession, community and the lives of others. Recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award represent the ideal of a committed, industrious, and caring individual to whom Northwest State Community College may look as an example. Additional information on the Distinguished **NSCC** Alumni Award, including a

Phone: 419-258-2000 • Email: info@westbendnews.net list of previous recipients, is available online at NorthwestState.edu/distinguished-alumni-award.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (7) persons on Thursday, June 8, 2023 Daniel Lee Froelich

(12/12/1968), Cecil, OH; Rape (3 counts), F1 Wilson Ward Cal

(4/8/1995), Paulding, OH; Receiving Stolen Property, F5; Identity Fraud, F5; Receiving Stolen Property, M1 Alex Miguel Calvillo

(7/8/2000), Fort Wayne, IN; Possession of Marijuana, F3; Trafficking in Marijuana, F3 Alan Dean Miller (10/11/1958), Grover Hill,

of Drugs, F5 Nicholas J. Sholl (10/6/1985), Antwerp, OH; Strangulation, F5; Assault, M1; Disorderly Conduct, M4

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Kline

OH; Aggravated Possessions

(12/20/1998), Haviland, OH; Failure to Provide Notice of Change of Address, F4 Tousley Jerel A.

Dylan

(1/30/1976), Oakwood, OH; Felonious Assault (2 counts); Assault (2 counts), F5

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic **Disposition Report**

Eduardo Lopez, Hamilton, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; If defendant found to be driving, the vehi-

cle can be impounded

Milton D. Brooks, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

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 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; Distracted driving, Guilty, Defendant took course

Caleb D. Tracy, Paulding, OH; Criminal damage, Guilty, 90 days jail (suspended), Defendant to pay all costs (fines suspended), Placed on standard probation, addition to rules, Pay restitution of \$1295 through the clerk's office, No contact with victim; Unauthorized use of property, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Place on standard probation, addition to rules; Criminal damage, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs (fine suspended), Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, addition to rules, No contact with victim or property, Remain medication compliant, 90 days jail (suspended); Domestic violence, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, Standard probation, Addition to rules, Remain medication compliant Casey L. Landers, Mel-

rose, OH; Attempted theft, Count A dismissed; Petty theft, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain gen-



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Sherry J. Smith, Antwerp, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Complete 20 hours community service; Pay restitution in the amount of \$30.00 to the clerk's office, 90 days jail (suspended)

Patrice R. Kinnie, Paulding, OH; Theft; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Placed on standard probation; Make restitution in the amount of \$103.93, payable through the clerk's office; Placed on standard probation; Maintain general good behav-Raed M. Jallad, Anderson,

IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant *Irene R. Perez*, Paulding, OH; No operator's license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Left of center, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defen-

Corbin M. Delgado, Grover Hill, OH; Assured clear distance; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Joshua Hammond, Celina,

dant to pay all fines and costs

OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Victoria L. Girardot, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant Mildred L. Holmes, Payne, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by

defendant Jordyn E. Haddrill, Manchester, MO; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Darlene K. Matteson, Payne, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Matthew S. Sullivan, Eros, LA; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Harold E. Fenter, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed, without prejudice; Costs waived

Justin J. Jackson, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs today, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Payne will hold a Public hearing on Thursday June 29, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss a Conditional Use Permit to establish a home business parcel 19-06S-009-00.

put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Driving under non FRA suspension, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided Andrew P. Swanson, Kent,

OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 180 days jail (162 suspended) 18 days jail with 12 days credit; No contact with victim; Maintain general good

Luis Saucedo, Indianapolis, IN; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Cessna R. Coleman, Indi-

anapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Uriel B. Cruz, Ney, OH; Driving under non FRA sus-

pension; Guilty; Defendant to

pay all fines and costs Manuel J. Aguero Alba, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Lindsey A. McIntyre, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by

Juan Ciprian, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs Vivian L. Cereghin, Defi-

ance, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant Donald E. Everman III. Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive;

Guilty; Case was waived by defendant David R. Highwarden, Paulding, OH; Following close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW AND SUMMER CHARITY PULL IN HICKSVILLE

The Defiance County Fairgrounds in Hicksville, Ohio will be the place to be Saturday, June 24th.

Starting with garden tractor pulls in the morning from 9:00am to 2pm, a Craft & Vendor Show, sponsored by the Junior Fairboard, will be held in and around the multipurpose, county and merbuildings 9:00am-3pm, a cruise-in from 10:00am-5:00pm near merchants building, petting zoo in the show arena from 9:00am-3pm, and the main event at 5:00pm is our Summer Charity Truck Pull.

Proceeds from the truck pull will be benefiting Helping Hands and Conquer Childhood Cancer Now. There will also be 50/50 drawing, silent auctions in the evening and a variety of food vendors all day long. Infield event admission is \$5 for the entire day while the craft show and cruise in are free to attend.

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Case No. CR-22-623

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PAULDING COUNTY LAND BANK APPLAUDS ESTEE **MILLER OF MVPO**

The Paulding County Land Reutilization Committee (aka Land Bank) recently met for their monthly meeting this week in the Paulding County Commissioners office. Topping the meeting dis-

cussion was congratulating Planner Estee Miller, with Maumee Valley Planning Organization. Estee has been selected by the Ohio Landbank Association as a new board member for the association. Her representation will include Paulding County, along with Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams counties. It was noted that this is quite an honor and Estee is very deserving. The group knows that through past help and experience she will represent all these northwest Ohio counties well. In business discussion the

committee was updated by Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copsey on open brownfield projects remaining from the 2023 state allocated funds. This included noting the continued progress of the Paulding Theatre property, as well as Grizzley and Stokely property remediation in Paulding; Park Station building removal and parking lot upgrade, along with gas tank removal at Marlin Sunoco in Antwerp; and demolition of the Depot building, next to the fire station, in Grover Hill. Discussion around the table also included the Land Bank owned property in Grover Hill and at the intersection of US127 and

County Road 424. On the residential projects, Miller provided the committee updates on all 27 Paulding County projects. The list of properties that still need remediation is getting smaller each month. Twelve of the projects are fully complete, 10 projects are awaiting final check off and approval, while five projects are still open and need further work completed. Miller continues to work with contractors as they finish up by the June 30 deadline.

Paulding County Treasurer Lou Ann Wannemacher shared the latest updates from the Ohio Department of Development office in regard to further funding for both 2024 & 2025 residential and brownfield remediation programs. Final details about the program will not be completed until the Ohio State Budget is approved July 1. Conversation was then shared as to if another round of funding is allocated, how lessons learned in this first round might be implemented to both expedite the application process and also help better inform property owners and contractors.

The committee closed out the meeting with good discussion about properties that already been brought forward to review for next round funding, and discussed some potential commercial and residential properties that should possibly be considered. The Land Bank Committee will again meet in July.

NHEG CELEBRATES 17 YEARS

The New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) recelebrated 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 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 - Live Lessons

Sarika Gauba, Content Builder of the Year Huang, Rhone-Ann Reading Ambassador of the

Julia Landy, Graphic Designer of the Year and New

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tional Institution in Lima along with another man who authorities said escaped alongside him. Authorities determined the two escaped by concealing themselves in a trash container.

The other man, James Lee, 47, was caught the next day in Henderson, Kentucky, after a police pursuit of a stolen car the men were in ended in a crash and a foot chase, but Gillespie avoided capture. His body was spotted Sunday in the Ohio River, not far from the area where he was last seen. Henderson is a city across the river from Indiana and about 350 miles southwest of Lima.

A boater on the river spotted the body and alerted police around 1:30 p.m. local time Sunday, May 28, 2023. Investigators believe the body had been in the water for "four to five days," Henderson Police Chief Sean McKinney said Sunday.

The Henderson County coroner's office released the preliminary autopsy results Wednesday, May 31 and said toxicology results won't be available for several weeks.

Gillespie was imprisoned since 2016 and was convicted of a double homicide. Lee was serving a sentence imposed in 2021 for burglary and safecracking.

A major and three corrections officers at the prison have been placed on paid administrative leave, and similar action may be taken against others as the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's internal investigation continues, officials have said. A criminal investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol is also ongoing.

The number of annual escapes from federal prisons is not "readily available," a Bureau of Prisons spokesperson told CBS News. Statistics on federal and state prisons are difficult to come by, as each system has its own definition of an escape and records the data accordingly.

Cara Tabachnick and Alex Sundby contributed report-

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1. Popular sport for many fathers 4. Many fathers have a fitness 6. Popular sport to watch or play

with dad 8. Outdoor activity enjoyed by many dads and families 11. Šhared interest between dads

and children 14. Scented gift often given to fathers

15. Common item carried by

many fathers 17. Ďaily routine many fathers 19. Simple gift to show

appreciation 20. Accessory worn on dressy occasions

with Father's Day solution on page 11

21. Beverage often associated

often controlled by dads.

9. Common Father's Day gift 10. Handy items often given to 12. Accessory worn outdoors by

2. Outdoor activity often enjoyed

3. Favorite treats often enjoyed by

4. Many dads enjoy cooking

5. Some dads enjoy cruising on

7. Tool for changing TV channels,

13. Many dads have a favorite make and model 15. Timepiece often given as a

16. Many fathers enjoy the latest gadgets 18. Outdoor activity often

enjoyed by dads and families

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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153 THE SHERWOOD BANK, Plaintiff,

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Case No. Cl 23 008

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

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

Said premises appraised at Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the July 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the 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, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

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

Sheriff Jason K. Landers Paulding County, Ohio www.pauldingohsheriff.com

James K. Weaner, Attorney for Plaintiff

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AWARDS BANQUET HELD FOR VWCT



The cast of Ghost the Musical which won for Production of the Year.



Adam Ries who received the Merit in Musical Performance Award for his role in Ghost the Musical and Shiela Chilcote-Collins who received the Outstanding in Acting Award for her role in Lion in Winter

Van Wert Civic Theatre recently hosted their awards banquet for the 2022-2023 season, drawing a crowd of over 50 attendees. The event was expertly emceed by Jerry Zimmerman and featured the presentation of more than 40 awards. Board election results were announced with Chad Kraner, Terry Plas, and Dale

Terry being elected for threeyear terms. Among the notable honors, Ghost the Musical was crowned as the Production of the Year. Griffen Waltmire received the distinguished President's Award, while Ann Nussbaum was bestowed with the prestigious Trustee's Award for her outstanding efforts in organizing

the costume building this year. Annie, Jr. emerged as of the People's Choice Award for highest audience attendance; and Amanda Block was honored with the Gypsy Robe Award, recognizing her exceptional contribution as a chorus member in a musical. The Company Choice

awards, chosen by the directors or cast of each show, were granted to various individuals for their special efforts in specific productions. Mary Ann Falk was recognized for Rated P for Parenthood, Travis Nihiser and Emily Gehle for Exit Laughing, Michaela Hoffman for Lion in Winter, and Amy Boley for Ghost the Musical.

Notably, Sheila Chilcote-Collins received the Outstanding Acting award for her performance in Lion in Winter, while Falk's performance in Ghost the Musical earned her the Outstanding Musical Performance accolade. Travis Nihiser received Outstanding in Stage Bravery for his revealing performance in Exit Laughing. For a complete list of all the awards, please visit vwct.org and click on News.

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238-9689 and leave a message or visit https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=vwct to secure your seats.

IRS DESIGNATES OneOhio RECOVERY FOUNDATION AS 501(C)(3)

The Internal Revenue Service has granted the OneOhio Recovery Foundation tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3)charitable organization. The designation applies retroactively, with an effective date of December 3, 2021. "We were confident this

designation would be granted, and we're pleased the Foundation may continue to operate as a nonprofit entity as agreed to in the OneOhio MOU," said OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board Chair Larry Kidd. "The board of directors understands the Foundation supports a broader public mission, and we will continue to operate as arguably the most transparent nonprofit organization in the state of Ohio."

About the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation created under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost, and other state and local leaders, with the mission advancing Ohio's addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts now and into the fu-

The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board from across Ohio and is funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Funds support local efforts to prevent and combat addiction and are also invested to support those efforts for the long term. Visit OneOhioFoundation.com for more informa-

KLOPFENSTEIN ANNOUNCES CHARTER MEMBERSHIP OF OHIO **LEGISLATIVE PRAYER CAUCUS**

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) today announced that he is a charter member of the newly formed Ohio Legislative Prayer Caucus (OLPC) of the 135th General Assembly. The OLPC is co-chaired by Click in the House and State Senator Michele Reynolds (R-Canal Winchester) in the

This bicameral caucus advocates for religious freedom and Judeo-Christian values that have been embedded in American culture since its foundation. The OLPC is an affiliate of the American Prayer Caucus Network (ACPN), under the direction of Congressman Randy Forbes.

"Faith and prayer are the cornerstones of our culture and have been enshrined in both the federal and state constitutions," Klopfenstein said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to carry on these values in Ohio's 135th General Assembly. I also know how important these values are to my constituents."

Before the caucus was official, several members raised their voices in support of the East Knox School

Board which had been un-

fairly targeted for the widespread and longstanding practice of many governmental entities - opening in prayer.

"Misinformation coupled with intimidation toward faiths and religious liberty is advancing at an ever-increasing frequency," Click said. "Through prayer and strategic action, we can make an impact and stand up for these values in Ohio."

"Legislative prayer caucuses like this one exists in Congress and almost 40 other states," Reynolds said. "Our goal is to provide legislators with proven policies and a wide support network as we navigate obstacles and opportunities both widespread and unique to Ohio." The Ohio Legislative

Prayer Caucus plans to champion and track bills that touch on religious freedom and Judeo-Christian values in the Buckeye State. The caucus is open to all members who share in its mission. The OLPC has officially

endorsed S.B. 49, Senator Reynolds' Religious Expression Days (R.E.D.) bill, during its first meeting. Reynolds' R.E.D. bill would require Ohio K-12 public school districts to allow students up to three excused absences per academic year during observed religious holidays or religious activities. The Ohio Senate unanimously approved the bill on April 26 and awaits a hearing in the House Primary and Secondary Education Com-While other members are

expected to join the OLPC, charter members, include Gary Click (R-Vickery), State Representatives Adam Bird (R-New Richmond), Thaddeus Claggett (R-Licking County), Bill Dean (R-Xenia), Jennifer Gross (R-West Chester), Marilyn John (R-Richland County), Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville), Angie King (R-Celina), Roy Klopfenstein (R- Haviland), Beth Lear (R-Galena), Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield), Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky), Melanie Miller (R-Richfield), Bob Peterson (R-Washington Court House), Phil Plummer (R-Dayton), Jena Powell (R-Arcanum), Reggie Stoltzfus (R-Paris Twp.), Bernard Willis (R-Springfield), and State Senators Michele, Reynold (R-Canal Winchester), Terry Johnson (R-Mc-Dermott) and Mark Romanchuk (R-Ontario).

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Aeration and Rolling

Soil density and general lawn appearance can be improved by aerating and rolling your lawn. Aeration consists of perforating the soil (and any thatch above it) with small holes that open up the soil, thatch and grass. This allows water, air, and fertilizer to get closer to the

roots of the grass, which enables the roots to grow deeper, producing a vigorous and vibrant lawn. In tests, grass roots have been shown to proliferate around the holes. Aerating will also improve soil compaction and reduce the likelihood of thatch becoming an issue. To aerate a lawn, use a

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specialized tool to poke holes or remove cores from the soil. Run the aerator over the lawn several times to make enough holes. It is best to go over the lawn in different patterns. Make sure the soil is moist during aeration, so the aerating device can penetrate it fully. You may have to water the lawn first if there hasn't been much rain to ensure the soil is damp. Some signs that your lawn

may need to be aerated are poor drainage, a failure for the lawn to turn green after fertilizing, and a presence of many worn areas. Intensively maintained lawns (those that receive regular fertilizer feedings) should be aerated about once a year. Lawns receiving moderate maintenance (not much fertilizer) only need aerated every two years or so. In this area, aeration can be done in the spring and fall of the year.

An aerated lawn will recover faster if fertilized and watered adequately. Apply fertilizer as soon as possible, and water whenever rainfall fails to supply about one inch of moisture per week. If the lawn is thin, overseeding with a high quality grass seed is recommended.

An alternative to lawn aeration would be to use products that encourage soil microbes. These are easy to spread with your fertilizer spreader, and can be used any time of the year. They contain a special formula of soil-reviving ingredients that encourage soil microbes to break down nutrients, while also loosening hard packed soil for greater air, water, root, and nutrient penetra-

If you find your lawn to be overly lumpy, consider using a lawn roller. This is only necessary if the soil is uneven. If your lawn is very uneven, you can roll the lawn first thing in the spring or after a rainfall when the soil is still moist. The next best time to do this is in the fall. The key is to use a light roller. Heavy rolling on wet, heavy clay soils can cause harmful soil compaction. When soil becomes overly compacted, the grass roots have a much harder time growing deeper to help the grass thrive. It is not recommended to roll a new seedbed, since the new seedlings will take root easier in loose soil. Simply use a garden rake to level the soil in newly seeded areas.

(The Scotts Company has provided most of this information.)

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WALCOTT'S MILLS (PART 2)



The sheriff took Rachel home from the hospital, and they stopped at her parents on the way. The four Bishops were there and she was not allowed to enter the house. She had the sheriff take her to Walcott's Mills where she secured an apartment. Her first business was to visit the library and secure Jean Stratton Porter books. Her greatest joy was being able to put up Christmas decorations and a tree, which had been forbidden by her faith.

She met a girl her age who helped her enroll in WMHS. Through the help of her friend she was able to graduate in 2 years. Then it was off to Purdue.

Something had happened while she was still living at home. One day while she was walking to her aunt's house, a car speeding by ran her off the road. She had to take the ditch. The boy hit the brakes, backed up and apologized profusely. He was a student at Purdue, and lived at Rome City. He was driving a yellow convertible with the name Stutz on the front. His name was Lance Martel.

Now that she was going to Purdue would she perhaps see the boy with the yellow Stutz Bearcat. Unknown to her, he had been hunting for her, and had even gone to her home. The small gas station, near Rachel's house had seen her, but had no idea where she was. They had even passed on opposite sides of the street.

Rachel took a room in the dorm and thoroughly enjoyed her time at Purdue. Being older she became close friends of the dean of women. She began giving talks on the Amish faith, and wrote her cousin

asking her to make her an Amish outfit. It felt good dressing in her familiar clothes once more.

One afternoon returning from a tea party at the dean's house, it was getting late. She was in a melancholy mood and found a bench on the Oval, beside the grave of John Purdue. Hearing the sound of the crickets, she began to relax, and watched as a yellow Stutz convertible came down the street and stopped right in front of her.

As she watched, her shadow became three-dimensional, left her and entered The Secret Garden. And the boy's shadow left him and also entered The Secret Garden. As she watched the two shadows began to dance, slowly at first as if doing a waltz. Then faster and more passionate, until the passion reached a heated peak and the shadows fell to the exhausted, blended into one. She had become an alumnus of those who have seen the garden of three-dimensional shadows.

Rachel attended class in the summer, only taking off holidays to visit her apartment at Walcott's Mills. One day in her sophomore year returning from class she saw the Stutz convertible parked on the street. It was definitely the same car she had seen at home. On a whim she left a note on the windshield. If you wish to see the little Amish girl she is in 310 Duncan Hall.

20 minutes later she received a knock on her door. They looked at each other a few seconds, then melted into each other's arms. After that day Lance and Rachel were together every spare moment. They studied together at

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night, picnicked on the R Wabash, and spent holidays a with his folks in Rome City, for and visited Rachel's apartment.

Rachel went to school every summer and was able to graduate the same time as Lance. He had presented her with a gift. Being an architectural student, as a project he had drawn up plans for a mansion with specifications that they had talked about, that each wanted. Her desire was a special reading room and library. They purchased a lot on Oliver Lake and contracted to have it built.

But now Rachel had one last request. She wanted to teach one year at WMHS, but married women were not allowed to teach. Would Lance wait one more year. The next year at the Methodist Church, there was a wedding such as Wolcott's Mills had never seen before. After the reception, the newlyweds drove the Stutz the three miles to Oliver lake, and their new dream home.

Here they spent a remaining days, watching the ducks on Oliver lake, and Rachel spending time in her library.

Rachel never saw her folks again, although she lived just a few miles from them. She became good friends with her little sister, and was able to keep up with her family through her.

PS: I read about The Secret Garden, years ago and wondered if it actually existed. I even knew several Purdue grads and they weren't much help. Then Mrs. Google came along, shows where it is, and even has pictures of it.

—James Neuhouser

EXPECT TO SEE MORE TICKS THIS SEASON

Backyard lovers, campers, outdoors enthusiasts, and pet owners beware. If you thought last year's tick season was bad, just wait. This year has the potential to be even worse.

Ticks—and the diseases they carry—are on the rise in Ohio and will likely continue to increase. There has been a steady increase in tick-vectored disease numbers in Ohio each year, and officials don't expect to see a reverse of the trend, said Tim McDermott, an educator with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"While you can encounter a tick during any season, spring marks the beginning of heavy tick season, and this year, the tick population statewide is expected to continue to rise," he said.

McDermott said there are multiple factors contributing to the increase in tick-vectored disease, including global climate change, tick range expansion, and increasing numbers of wildlife living in close proximity to people.

"Ticks are extraordinarily adaptable and can travel on host animals," he said. "Ticks expand when their habitat range expands due to global climate change. They take advantage of what they can take advantage of to move to new

spaces. So now, every year going forward has the potential to be bad, and you should go into each tick season thinking about how you can keep you and your family tick-safe."

For example, 20 years ago,

the American dog tick was the only tick in Ohio that was of medical importance to humans, companion animals, and livestock, McDermott said. Now, there are five ticks in Ohio that are of concern: the American dog tick; the blacklegged tick (also known as the deer tick); the Lone Star tick; and most recently, both the Asian longhorned tick and the Gulf Coast tick, both of which were first confirmed in Ohio in 2020. "In fact, we are also up to

seven counties in Ohio with Asian longhorned tick as of right now, including Franklin County," he said. "We will be closely monitoring to see if we add any new Ohio counties with Asian longhorned ticks in 2023.

With the rising tick population comes the risk of contracting tickborne illnesses such as anaplasmosis, babesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Lyme disease. And in some cases, in some people, Lone Star ticks can cause an allergy to red meat after the person is bitten by the tick.

"In Ohio, ticks are most active from April through September, although they can be active any time of the year," he said. We have had positive cases of Lyme disease diagnosed in every month of the year in Ohio.

"It's not just walking out in the woods when you can encounter ticks. Some can do fine in a pasture, hayfield, or even your backyard lawn," he said. "I have already had two ticks on me while working in my demonstration garden at Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory."

McDermott said that while the risk of encountering ticks in Ohio is high, and the number of ticks that are carrying diseases is high, there are things people can do to keep themselves safe. One way to control ticks is through proper management of their habitat.

"Keep your yard mowed, and do not allow brush or leaf litter to accumulate," he said. "Remove brush, tall weeds, and grass in order to eliminate the habitat of rodents and other small mammals, which serve as hosts for ticks as well as serve as prime tick habitat."

To prevent tick bites when in areas where ticks might be active, McDermott recommends that you do the following:

 Wear light-colored clothes, including a longsleeved shirt tucked into your pants and long pants tucked into your socks or boots.

Apply a tick repellent ac-

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cording to label instructions.

• Wear footwear and cloth-

- ing that have been treated correctly with permethrin. These can be purchased through many outfitters and clothing companies.

 Do frequent tick checks
- of your body while outside, and do a thorough inspection at shower time.

 Protect your pets with an
- anti-tick product recommended by a veterinarian.Keep dogs on a leash, and avoid allowing them into

weedy areas.

If you find a tick attached, do the following:

- Do not crush or puncture
- Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible using pointy tweezers or a tick removal tool. Pull straight up and out with steady, even pressure.
 Thoroughly wash the bite
- tweezers or removal tool with warm soap and water.
 • Place the tick in a container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. Record the day

site, your hands, and the

the tick was likely to have attached.

• Take the specimen with you to a healthcare professional if you develop flu-like

symptoms, a rash, or anything

that is unusual for you.

"If you think you might have been exposed to a tick bite, contact your physician right away to get a diagnosis," McDermott said. "It's very important to receive the appropriate treatment as soon as

possible."

More information on ticks can be found at Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases, and Asian Longhorned Ticks in Ohio, both of which are Ohioline fact sheets. Ohioline is OSU Extension's free, online information resource and can be found at ohioline.osu.edu. More information related to tick safety can also be found at u.osu.edu/bite/ticks.

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HOLLY KOBEE MEMORIAL TURTLE TROT TO FUND



It is with much excitement that we are happy to announce that the Holly Beach fundraising efforts over the last 2 years have set the splash pad project up for success!!

The Kobee family will continue the annual Turtle Trot in memory of the late Holly Kobee.

Moving forward, the funds raised will go toward local projects that are geared towards enriching the lives of our youth within our commu-

This year's recipient is Scott McMichael who is raisoutdoor basketball court.

We are only days away from this great community event!!

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safe recreational activities.

This year's after prom events featured bowling, bingo, scrabble, scattergories, trivia, and many other fun activities. Any youth that participated in the games during the night got entered into drawings to win a variety of prizes including but not limited to: a mini fridge, a tv, a laptop, a bowling package, a jewelry basket, a picnic package, and many others.

The Optimist Club of Van Wert would like to thank the following area businesses for their generous donations to the event this year: Arby's, Burger King, Dairy Queen,

the Elks Lodge, First Bank of Berne, First Federal of Van Wert, Laudick's Jewelery, Mc-Donald's, Pizza Hut, Straley Realty, Taco Bell, Thatcher Insurance, Tisha Fast: State Farm Insurance, United Way, Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, and Wendy's. The Optimist Club of Van

Wert is a volunteer organization whose mission is to better the lives of the youth in our community through activities and outreach events. To learn more, visit www.optimistvw. com or the Optimist Club of



FOUNDATION Van Wert on Facebook.

PCHF ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING DATE SET!

Join the Paulding County Hospital Foundation (PCHF) for their annual charity golf outing on July 12th at the Auglaize Golf Club! The PCHF is a 501c3 nonprofit with a mission of supporting the Paulding County Hospital (PCH) in their mission to promote high quality healthcare close to home.

All funds raised by the PCHF stay right here in Paulding County! This year, funds from the golf outing will go towards the scholarship fund and the 2023 matching campaign to support the Cardio/Pulmonary Department at the PCH.

Ĵoin us on July 12th as a team, sponsor or volunteer

PCBW GUEST: PATRIOT RAIL COMPANY

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Hear it here! This week on PCBW we will learn from James Kornas, Vice President of Commercial Development, Mergers & Acquisitions for the Patriot Rail Company.

The Patriot Rail recently purchased the Napoleon, Defiance and Western short rail line that goes from Woodburn, IN through Paulding County all the way to Campbells Soup facility in Napoleon, OH. Listen in how the new ownership will proalong the track including growth and expansion projects in Paulding County. Thanks to OhioMean-

sJobs, you can tune in Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available in podcast form through Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong

to help promote our mission of advancing the healthcare services we have in our community.

For more information, check out our Facebook page "Paulding County Hospital Foundation" or email Estee

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for Van Wert, Crestview, and Lincolnview High School Students at Olympic Lanes in Van Wert. The Van Wert After Prom took place on April 22nd from 11:00 p.m. - 2:00

successful After Prom events

The Crestview After Prom was the following Saturday, April 29th, from 11:00 p.m. -1:30 a.m. Finally, the Lincolnview After Prom took place

May 6th from 11:00 p.m. -

1:00 a.m. The purpose of the After Prom event at each school is to provide local high school students with a safe place to go after prom to play games and engage in other

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