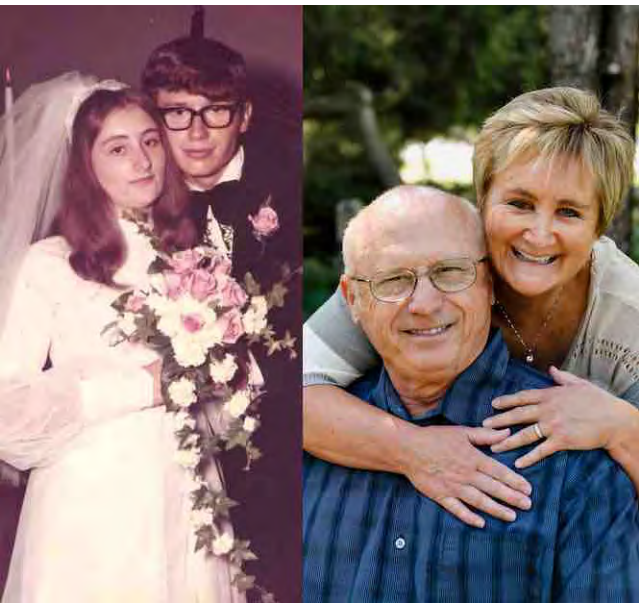


MR. & MRS. BOYLAN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. William Boylan of Antwerp will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Friday. Bill and Tylene were married June 30th, 1973 at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church in Butler by Rev. Jeff G. Snyder. The Boylan's are celebrated with love and admiration on

this milestone occasion by their sons: Douglas (Andrea) of Fort Wayne, Gregg of Antwerp, and Steven (Rhonda) of Auburn, grandchildren and family. Bill is the son of the late Lavon & Ruth Ann Boylan and Tylene is the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Louis Mabis.

PAULDING COUNTY TEACHER BOOT CAMP SUCCESS!



PC Teacher Bootcamp at Roberts Manufacturing.

The second annual Paulding County "Teacher Boot Camp" event completed here recently. This year twelve Paulding County educators participated in the program. The week culminated with required presentations by educators, to their peers. Educators were to share a lesson plan of how the information they learned touring and hearing from county businesses, will benefit their future teaching and classroom

discussion with local students. This collaboration project with Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC), Ashland University and the Paulding County Economic Development office is promoted by the State of Ohio as a program to help bridge the gap between what educators are sharing with students about workforce and college opportunities, and what graduates may experience once they get out into the

business world. In providing this opportunity to the educators, it may help them better prepare students by being able to comprehend how bookwork and exercises in the classroom will pertain to the student's real-life experiences after high school. Tim Cosey, Paulding County Economic Development Director shared, "For the 2nd consecutive year this program has blown the ceiling

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OHIO ADJUTANT GENERAL RECEIVES BALDRIGE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, has received the 2023 Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award from the Baldrige Foundation, which recognizes an individual whose behaviors are a role model for others. "The Hertz Leadership Award recognizes role-model leaders that challenge, encourage, and empower others to achieve performance excel-

lence," said Al Faber, president and CEO of the Baldrige Foundation. "Maj. Gen. Harris is a role-model leader, deeply committed to the Baldrige framework and embodies the Baldrige leadership properties." The Baldrige Foundation provides tools, education, and awareness for improving performance in businesses, schools, and government. "I am honored to receive this award from the Baldrige Foundation," Harris said.

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OSU EXTENSION WATER QUALITY TEAM TO HOST REGIONAL FIELD DAY

By: Rachel Cochran, CCA, OSU Extension Water Quality Associate, Paulding, Defiance, and Van Wert County

New Bavaria, Ohio: Join the Ohio State University Extension Water Quality Team for a field day sponsored by The Nature Conservancy on Thursday, July 20th, 2023. The event is being held in collaboration with Michigan State University Extension, USDA-ARS, and Cargill. This field day, held near New Bavaria, Ohio, will feature four breakout sessions and a keynote speaker focusing on design, implementation, and results from projects looking at different conservation practices. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided at Oedy Farms, A256 Co Hwy 19, New Bavaria, OH. Registration be-

gins at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the event. The keynote speaker for this event will be Kevin King, USDA-ARS Research Lead and Agricultural Engineer, who will discuss water management and research results from in-field practice monitoring. Four breakout sessions will start the morning, focusing on cropping system practices such as cover crops, soil conditions and management, ditch design and funding opportunities for two-stage ditches, and considerations and benefits of utilizing Phos-

phorus filters. Michigan State University will be providing education through demonstration of a rainfall simulator. The target audience for this event are farmers, landowners, and industry professionals who wish to learn more about the ins and outs of conservation practices. Session speakers include Chad Penn, Soil Scientist with USDA-ARS National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory, Justin McBride, Conservation Engineer with the Ohio Department of Agriculture,

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- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- June 26-30**
- VBS @ Cecil Comm. Church, 10am-12pm
- June 28**
- WBESC board meeting @ ESC room, Paulding, 5:30pm
- July 2**
- IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant. Cons. Club, 1pm
- July 3**
- Celebration of America @ Antwerp Park, 6pm
- July 6**
- Patio Concert @ The Huber, 7p
- July 7**
- St. Louis Besancon Annual Rummage Sale, New Haven, 8:30a-6p (7/8, 8:30a-12p)
- July 9**
- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm
 - Who was Herb Monroe? Presentation @ Herb Monroe Park, Paulding, 3pm
- July 11**
- Destination Business Workshop @ Paulding 1st Pres Church, 9-11am
 - Pontoon Rides on the Auglaize @ Five Span Park, 11a, 1p, 6p
- July 12**
- PCHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 9am
- July 14**
- Feel Good Friday @ Fountain Park, 7:30pm
 - John Paulding Summer Blast, Paulding, 4:30-10p
- EMMY 102.7
PAULDING COUNTY'S OWN
- Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES



PAULDING, OH: **Jammie Roberta Gandy**, 47, of Paulding, passed away Sunday, June 18, 2023 at Paulding County Hospital. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio 45880.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Dear Parson,
I am fearful about God's coming judgment on America for our wickedness, but I don't know what I can do as just one insignificant person.

There is no insignificant person in the eyes of God. He loves each individual and gave His life to prove it.

Judgment has already been pronounced. Hebrews 10:30 – "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people." However, there are some things we can do. The most familiar passage is II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

As an individual I can also, through God, grow in righteousness and perhaps delay the coming judgment. Manasseh was the most wicked king of Judah. He brought in false worship, satanic practices, immorality, shedding of innocent blood, worshipping of heavenly hosts and promotion of homosexuality. God pronounced national judgment and destruction by the Babylonians. He held it off, however, until after the righteous King Josiah died (II Chronicles 34:24-33).

Yes, your personal growth in righteousness may also help delay the certain coming judgment on the United States of America. Remember, Noah was but one man and his walk with God preserved the chance of his billions of offspring to have life.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

COMPASS OF THE CHURCH DOES NOT CHANGE

The compass of the church is the Bible, which gives direction for all areas of life and spiritual health. The

HAPPENINGS AT ANTWERP MANOR



Seated is Annette Beck after a long afternoon of digging in the dirt!

Welcome to Antwerp Manor Assisted Living. We are welcoming new residents to our community at 204 Archer Drive. May and June have been busy months. We have traveled to Paulding twice for Senior Day events as well as our local VFW. Both places we were served delicious lunches. So far this summer we have been entertained by magicians, played a lot of bingo, and come home as winners! Our next outing

will be a trip to Walmart.

We celebrated Mother's Day with several flavors of ice cream and celebrated Father's Day with doughnuts from Meeks Pastry Shop. Yum!

Several residents helped plant flowers at our front entrance and gazebo area. If you have any questions about our community please do not hesitate to contact us at 419-258-1500. We are here to assist and welcome you.

church is to be a light on a hill by giving God's perspective on current issues. The Bible teaches us that God created two genders, male and female, which are displayed at birth.

His plan is that the marriage of a man and a woman for life will produce godly offspring and bring glory to His name.

Our country, in endeavoring to redefine gender and marriage, has lost its compass; and when we adults lose our compass, children, who rely on us for direction, are all the more vulnerable.

We, as parents, know enough not to allow our children to make major life decisions. We don't ask our child to drive us to and from work each day before driving themselves to elementary school in the family SUV. We wouldn't consider giving responsibility to our six-year-old to do grocery shopping or handle the parents' financial portfolio. Is it because we don't love them? Of course not!

We know that their mental and emotional abilities are simply not developed enough. Many children would decide not to learn basic math because it is hard or not to take their medicine because it tastes bad. God has given them parents to guide, protect, and instruct them.

God has also placed parents in this role in the subject of gender and sexuality. Children are not mature enough for deep sexual or gender topics until adolescence or beyond. They are not capable of making sound decisions in these areas, decisions which can hinder future happiness throughout life.

I encourage parents who desire to raise their children

according to God's design, not to expose them to the ungodly material of Pride Month. Some of this content is sexually suggestive enough that it would be considered harmful to children in any other context, even by secular authorities. Because twisted words have made good parenting and godliness look like hate, it can be tempting to give in to pressure. But the effect of these events is a desensitization of children to choices and lifestyles contrary to God's design.

The Bible says to train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it. It is the job of parents to train them in the right way and not to expose them to mature themes prematurely. Parents must have a strong compass from the only One who knows true north. God has created all of us and knows what is best and what brings the most happiness. My call to parents is to have courage and not to feel guilty for protecting your children and training them in what is pure and right and biblical. Do not give in to pressures of the community to participate in things that are not helping them to achieve all God plans for them.

As we guide our children in God's plan for sexuality and gender, we can also guide them in love and appreciation for each person; for all are created in God's image. Our goal is to love others as God loved us all, laying down His life for us, even while we were yet sinners.

—Faith Family Fellowship
 Don Litchfield, Pastor
 Oakwood

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"The real value of the Baldrige framework is that it allows us to 'see' ourselves and better understand how well we are addressing our strategic responsibilities. It is an invaluable tool for leaders who need to elevate the performance of their organizations, regardless of size or complexity."

The adjutant general is a

member of the governor's cabinet and is responsible for the command of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, and State Defense Force, which comprises the Ohio Military Reserve, Ohio Naval Militia, and Ohio Cyber Reserve. Harris, a resident of Pickerington, Ohio, has served as adjutant general since January 2019.

Scripture of the Week

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

— Isaiah 40:31

MATT'S MISHAPS



No, this is not a turn style gate to go on a roller coaster or to ride a train. Put your coins in to be able to get to the bathroom.



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

—Matt

Free stuff is worth a lot

When we have visiting American teams come to help us overseas, we give them a welcome pack of free little items. Phone numbers to call if lost, postcards to mail to family, a re-usable grocery bag and a little pack of Kleenex to keep on hand that can work as toilet paper. You can tell a lot about a society by what they give you for free. I know it has a cost for someone, but it can reflect an attitude of abundance, giving and connecting with one another.

As we have traveled through many countries for work, it isn't assumed that you could use the bathrooms for free at gas stations or public rest stops. Sometimes there is a guard at the entrance that you must pay, at others a turn style gate where you drop your coins in to use the bathroom. In some countries that provide "free" restrooms, they don't provide toilet paper,

hand soap, etc., you are expected to provide your own.

It made me remember a day that I was running errands around my small Hoosier town to buy some needed items and grabbed a free sample of candy on my way out of the shop. I then went to the hardware store to buy some doll rod and picked up their free calendar for the new year. I know these free items cost the businesses something, but it demonstrates the goodwill and relationship many businesses desire to have with their customers and friends.

Though I know it can be driven by marketing and sales strategy, I think providing "free" items in the public and private sector, gives a lot more to a society than we could imagine. When you get to the point when you no longer expect to find toilet paper in bathrooms, it says a lot about the direction and attitude of your community.

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

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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

By: Nancy Whitaker

It seems like I can't get a break. I thought that after the winter thaw my allergies and respiratory illnesses would disappear. Well Spring, arrived then I was struck by the flu bug. (Cough cough sensitivity sniff).

I noticed last Thursday my throat was sore, and by the next morning I woke up and my voice was so hoarse I sounded like a man!!

I was very fortunate that my doctor called in an antibiotic for me. By Saturday, I was feeling worse with my head and nose plugged and a very sore throat.

So I took it to my friends on Social Media to ask for remedies for a cold and felt very happy at the responses I received.

One poster said to take a hot shower and go to bed and stay there. Another cure was to drink green tea with lemon and honey. One commenter told me to grease bottom of my feet with Vicks salve and put socks on.

Another poster said honey, whiskey and lemon (hot toddy). Then I was told to try salt water or vinegar. A lady also told me to suck on chloriseptic drops. They are to stop a sore throat in 2 days.

The funniest advice I got was to "stop kissing." (but that is how I got it in the first place).

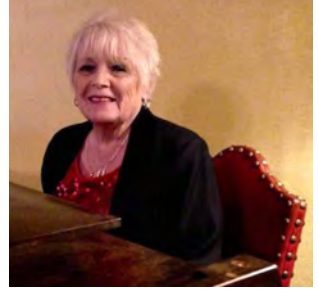
Thinking back to the early settlers, I thought, "if I was a

pioneer and was this sick, I would probably die."

I did some research on Spices and how they had been used to cure many ailments. The pioneers and Indians made teas out of sassafras and dandelions.

A lot of southern women had herb gardens which they used for cooking and medicinal reasons.

Many herbs were bound together and dried inside their



homes for use in the winter.

Imagine the rich blend of fragrances in a colonial kitchen, the spicy scent of dried herbs mingled with wood smoke from the hearth, the stew simmering in a big iron kettle and savory meat roasting over the flames. Delightful. But is it delightful enough to get rid of the flu and cold germs?

Today I am feeling somewhat better and am thankful we have the modern medicines we have access to.

I also tried some of the advice given to me via Social Media. So if one thing didn't work, maybe the next one would.

However, I just can't do the "No kissing one." After all we may as well pass this flu bug around again.

Have you ever tried any herbs or spices for medicinal purposes? Do you know how to make a hot toddy? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your Thoughts.

forces that the care provided at Mercy Health – Defiance Hospital is among the top in the nation, and I thank our clinical providers and support staff for their commitment to excellence," said Sonya Selhorst, president, Mercy Health – Defiance Hospital. "I am proud of this team and look forward to continued recognition of the amazing care delivered to the Defiance and surrounding communities."

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For more information or to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit <https://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/>.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- 6/26 - Exercise - 10:00; Bridge Club - 12:30; Steering Committee Meeting at Noon
- 6/27 - Euchre - 9:45; Penny Pitch with the Meadows of Kalida - 12:30
- 6/28: Grocery shopping - 12:30; Bingo with Buckeye Hearing - Noon; Retirement Party for Marsha/Meet Kari - 1 to 3
- 6/29: Euchre - 9:45; Exercise - 10:00; Drumming - 10:30
- 6/30: Movie Day Away! Leave Center at 12:15

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU 6/26-6/30

- 6/26: Cheeseburger w/onion; Baked beans; Spanish green beans; Blushing pears; Raisins
- 6/27: Baked ham; Hash-brown bake; Winter blend; Tropical fruit; Dinner roll
- 6/28: Roasted chicken; Redskin potatoes; Creamed peas; Oranges & pineapple; Fruit & grain bar; Dinner roll
- 6/29: Beef stew; Betty salad; Banana; Chocolate pudding; Biscuit
- 6/30: Beef lasagna; Brussel sprouts; Cinnamon apple-sauce; Orange juice; Garlic blend

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Brent Nichol, Agriculture Conservation Practitioner with The Nature Conservancy, Kushal KC, Ph.D. Student in Agricultural Engineering, The Ohio State University, and Christina Curell, Statewide Cover Crops and Soil Health Educator, and Sarah Fronczak, Environmental Management Extension Educator, both with Michigan State University Extension.

There is no charge to attend this event, but registration is strongly preferred.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING AUGUST 8TH SPECIAL ELECTION

All people who are not registered and wish to vote in the upcoming Special Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, must register by Monday, July 10, 2023. You may register on-line at [olvr.ohiosos.gov](https://www.ohio.boe.gov/paulding); the Paulding County Office web-site (<https://www.ohio.boe.gov/paulding>); or at one of the following offices:

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- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., July 17, 2023 through July 21, 2023
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., July 24, 2023 through July 28, 2023
- 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 31, 2023
- 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., August 1, 2023
- 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., August 2, 2023 through August 4, 2023
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., August 5, 2023
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., August 6, 2023

Have you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? If so, you should change your address and/or name online at olvr.ohiosos.gov or by completing a voter registration form at the above listed designated agencies. Monday, July 10, 2023 is the deadline. Persons not certain of their registration validity may check on the office website: <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/Paulding> or call the office at 419-399-8230.

Should you wish to register at the Paulding County Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Paulding; hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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For additional information on the OSU Extension Water Quality Team, visit waterqualityextension.osu.edu, or email waterqualityassociates@osu.edu. Individuals can also speak with Rachel Cochran, Water Quality Extension Associate, at the OSU Extension Office at 503 Fairground Drive, Paulding, or call 567-344-5016.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Earl Conrad Coder was born in Charloe, Ohio August 12, 1893. The son of Charles C. born July 20, 1871 in Ohio, And Emma Elizabeth (Gary) Coder born March 17, 1873 in Ohio. This couple was married January 21, 1893 in Paulding. With children Earl, born in 1893, Katie 1894, Fay 1897 and Blanche 1899, they lived in Brown Township.

Charles was engaged in farming, Earl was in school. Three sons were born Orval was born 1902, Martin 1906 and Walter 1909. By 1910, the Coder family was still farming in Brown Township and Earl, sixteen, was still in school.

On June 5, 1917, while living in Charloe, in the West Brown Township precinct, Earl registers for the draft. Tall and slender build, light blue eyes, dark brown hair, single, working at Electric Autolight Company in Toledo.

On April 28, 1918, Earl joins the National army out of Paulding. Earl was assigned to the 158th Depot Brigade. He served until May 3, 1918. Then after training, he was assigned to Company F. 329th Infantry 83rd Division. Earl was shipped out from Hobo-

ken, New Jersey, June 12, 1918 on the ship "Anchisis". He served with this unit until August 13, 1918. Then he was assigned to be a Wagoner October 4, 1918.

He served in St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne defensive sectors. He was Honorably Discharged September 24, 1919. After coming home, Earl met a gal named, Olive Pearl Deveraux, born March 31, 1900 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On January 21, 1921, in Paulding, a daughter Marie Catherine was born.

By 1924, this family was living in Toledo at 732 Vinton Street. Earl was working as a laborer. Earl's health was starting to fail, so they moved to Defiance in 1926. On February 13, 1927, Earl's father Charles passed away, he was buried in Sherman Cemetery, outside Charloe. By 1930, the Coder family was still living in Defiance at 1002 Jefferson Avenue. Earl was working in a factory as a laborer.

On January 30, 1932 in Defiance, Earl passed away and was buried in Riverside Cemetery. In 1934, Olive remarried a fella named Roy Myers Scheurman. Olive passed away in Defiance, February 4, 1966. She was buried in Riverside Cemetery. Roy passed away in 1970, he too, was buried in Riverside Cemetery, but with his first wife, Louella, who died in 1932.

Earl's daughter, Marie Catherine, married a fella named James D. Imber in 1943. He served in the army in World War Two. He passed away in 1999. Marie passed away in 2009. They are buried side by side in the Military section of the Riverside Cemetery. They never had children.

...Until Next Time!

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The State Issue 1, Proposed Constitutional Amendment, that will be on the August 8, 2023 Special Election is listed on the front page of the office website (<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/Paulding>) listed under Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots in the following link: "46 day Notice – Candidates and Issues List". Should you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections Office at 419-399-8230.

In Loving Memory
of
Kay Y. Bromagem

In the passing of Kay Y. Bromagem, we want to thank Parkview Nsy Ctr./Edgerton, Ohio, Dr. Michael Kooister for Kay's care these past 7 years. Plus ProMedica Hospice. Barry DeLong – Rev. M. Schneider and the Global Methodist Church and Shawn & Matt Dooley for their compassion and care as we said our goodbyes. Thank you also to AHS Class of '63, Antwerp Community Band and all who visited, sent flowers, memorial contributions, cards & texts.

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Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers had a ducky day at preschool recently making crafts, reading stories and making their own ducky snack! Shown here with their duck masks are in back: Ellie Kowalski, Brynleigh Adams, and Mylann

Good. In front are: Van Snyder, Mateo Ash, Lakelynn Sauber, Baxlyn Schwensburg, and Johanna Federighi. Registration for next fall and summer care is now open! Call 419-399-KIDS to get your child registered!

OHIO STATE LIMA RECOGNIZES SPRING SEMESTER 2023 DEAN'S LIST RECIPIENTS

The Ohio State University at Lima announces its spring semester 2023 dean's list, which includes students who have achieved top grades for their work from 21 Ohio counties.

Criteria for the dean's list varies by college. It is usually based on the GPA for that specific term and the number of credit hours taken. Many colleges require a minimum of 12 graded credit hours with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Students are listed by county and city.

Students may choose not

to have their names released under the provisions of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Their names have been excluded from the list.

FULL TIME

Defiance County

Defiance: Kiera Bohn

Putnam County

Cloverdale: Katie Batt

Columbus Grove: Emma

Brown, Eric Burroughs, Koryn Halker, Jenna Harde- man, Matthew Johnson, Makenzie King, Dylan Mas- son, Garrett Nemire, Sa- vanah Ridenour

Continental: Jarret Keck

Fort Jennings: Raylee

Clay, Stephanie Kahle

Kalida: Claudia Hopkins

Leipsic: Lyndie Hazelton,

Luke Peck, Joey Schnipke,

Trent Schroeder

Ottawa: Lucas Brickner, Kelsey Erford, Carson Fuka, Cael Hoehn, Emilee Horstman, Averi Krouse, Dylan Leopold, Evelyn Phillips, Samuel Recker, Regan Russell, Noah Schnipke, Kathryn Siebeneck, Ethan Weis, Carter Welch, Katelyn Yoder

Ottoville: Brooke Kortokrax

Pandora: Reid Liechty
Van Wert County

Convoy: Carmen Hoer- sten

Delphos: Clarissa Bolen- baugh, Nathan Johnson, Trent Lindeman

Van Wert: Jesse Gunsett,

Alexis Hawkins

PART TIME

Paulding County

Paulding: Raelyn

Schweinsberg

Putnam County

Columbus Grove: Korey

Closson, Ellie Keehn, Jaelyn

Mangas

Kalida: Kendal Bockrath

NSCC RECOGNIZES NURSING GRADUATES AT PINNING CEREMONY

Northwest State Commu- nity College recognized its Nursing graduates at a recent pinning ceremony in the fol- lowing areas: Practical Nurs- ing (PN) and Registered Nursing (RN). The pinning ceremony took place on Sat- urday, May 13th on the Arch- bold campus, prior to Spring Commencement.

Graduates of the nursing programs are eligible to take the National Council Licen- sure Exam (NCLEX) and enter directly into the workforce, or they may transfer their credits for additional study. During the ceremony, the

College recognized four stu- dents for induction into the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. In order to qualify, students must main- tain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, with at least a B in all nursing classes.

Northwest State congrat- ulates the following students for completing these health- care programs:

Practical Nursing:

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

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

Henry County: Alexis Chamberlain (Liberty Center) Hillsdale (MI) County: Jenny Johnson (Hillsdale)

Paulding County: Abbie English (Paulding)

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

Registered Nursing:

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

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

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

Lucas County: Monique Chatman* (Toledo)

Paulding County: Miriam Sinn (Haviland)

Williams County: Julia Beal (Bryan), Makenzie Cad- well (Stryker), Rhonda Cook (Montpelier), Sean Wheeler (Stryker)

*Names with a * denote Al- pha Delta Nu honors recipi- ent*

2023 FAIRVIEW FFA BANQUET

By: Elizabeth Bok

On April 15th, the Fairview FFA held its annual Recogni- tion Banquet. During the ban- quet, members' accomplish- ments through the year are recognized, a farewell is said to the senior members who have done so much to help the chapter, and new officers are installed. The banquet was held in the Fairview Element- ary cafeteria, with the dinner starting at 6 pm. All of the at- tendants enjoyed a meal pro- vided by Hill's Family Catering while watching a slideshow of memories from the past year. After the dinner concluded, the ceremony began.

Participation Awards

Participation awards are given to the members who have participated in CDE con- tests throughout the year. There are many different con- tests that members can choose from to compete in. The CDE contest is how members get to showcase the skills that they have learned in FFA.

District Awards

Many members of the chapter did exceptionally well in their CDE contest this year and were recognized at the district level. Those members were: District Public Speak- ing- Miguel Garcia, Emma Zeedyk, Calvin Woodring, Summer Hiler, District Job In- terview- Carrie Zeedyk, Miguel Garcia, Robby Ben- nett, Calvin Woodring, Ruby Elston, and Cheyanne Zeedyk, General Livestock Team-

Third Place, Dairy Foods- Asia Brubaker and Althea Spangler, Dairy Cattle Team- Second Place (Emma Zeedyk won the dairy cattle contest).

Member Thank You

The chapter likes to recog- nize all of the members that help behind the scenes. A lot of time and effort goes into what the chapter does. There are many great members that dedicate themselves to helping the chapter be the best it can be. Those members are: Eliza- beth Bok, Carson Fadley, Kor- tney Grinnell, Logan Hardy, Summer Hiler, Carter Hill, AyDan Judd, Kayla Mavis, Dellehae Saxton, Brendan Saylor, Cheyanne Zeedyk, Timothy Ankney, Chase Don- ley, Amya Hill, Althea Spang- ler, Owen Spieser, Robert Bennett, Brody Retcher, Car- rie Zeedyk, Miguel Garcia, Dalton Haver, Breaven Williams, Brady Zeedyk, Emma Zeedyk, Makeegan Bailey, Asia Brubaker, Ruby Elston, James Smith, Rachel Haver, Landric VanderMade, Calvin Woodring, William Zeedyk.

Proficiency Awards

Every student is required to have a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) project. When a member has an excep- tional project with adequate records, then the member is rewarded with a Proficiency Award. Students with out- standing projects are: Agricul- ture Communications- Eliza- beth Bok; Agriculture Education- Carrie Zeedyk; Agricultural Mechanics De- sign and Fabrication- Owen Speiser; Agricultural Re- search- Animal Systems- Eliza- beth Bok; Agricultural Re- search - Integrated Systems- AyDan Judd and Carter Hill; Agriscience Research- Plant Systems- Kayla Mavis; Agri- cultural Sales- Placement- Emma Zeedyk; Beef Produc- tion- Entrepreneurship- Eliza- beth Bok; Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship- Renee Bok ; Dairy Production- Place- ment- Miguel Garcia; Diversi- fied Agricultural Production- Brady Zeedyk; Diversified Crop Production - En- trepreneurship- Carrie Zeedyk; Diversified Crop Pro- duction- Placement- Brady Zeedyk; Diversified Livestock Production- Emma Zeedyk; Equine Science- Aubryn Viers; Fiber and Oil Crop Pro- duction- Carrie Zeedyk ; For- age Production- Dalton Haver; Forest Management - Miguel Garcia; Goat Produc- tion- Miguel Garcia; Grain Production - Brady Zeedyk; Poultry Production- Calvin Woodring; Sheep Production- Emma Zeedyk; Small Animal

Production and Care- Makee- gan Bailey; Speciality Animal Production- Amya Hill.

Community Support Awards

The FFA chapter has a great community around them that helps the chapter be as suc- cessful as it is. It is important to thank everyone who sup- ports the chapter. The com- munity support awards went to: Tiffany Betz, Redline Equipment, Meyers Bros Trucking, Russell and Susan Zeedyk, Innovative Ag, Agtec LLC, Dawn Micheal, Kenn Feld Group, Buckeye Vet, Sal- lon 127, NAPA, Teresa John- son, Mercer Landmark, Rheal Z Feeds, Fairview Rungal Farmers, Tina VanderMade, Headquarters Barbershop, Jeff Peter, Big C Lumber, Jewell Grain, Tractor Supply Com- pany, Louis and Char Shining, Town and Country, Bill's Locker Room, Gavin Micheal, Nocking Point Out- fitters, Roger and Lois Zeedyk, Scott and Jenny Mavis, Hillan- dale Farms, United Oil Com- pany, United Edge Real Estate, Tyler and Luaren Rosebrock, Nate Wonderly, Chuck Won- derly, Wanye Retcher, and Mike and Miche Zeedyk.

Blue and Gold Awards

Blue and Gold Awards go to the members who put in the extra time and effort into the chapter to make it successful. This award went to: Summer Hiler, Althea Spangler, Amya Hill, Cheyanne Zeedyk, Emma Zeedyk, Brady Zeedyk, and Carrie Zeedyk.

Academic Awards

The members are not al- lowed to participate in con- tests and certain events with- out passing grades. The chapter recognizes all of the members who have had all As and Bs this school year. These members are: Addalyn Beard- sley, Allison Beardsley, Ma- keegan Bailey, Elizabeth Bok, Asia Brubaker, Ruby Elston, Miguel Garcia, Kortney Grin- nell, Dalton Haver, Summer Hiler, Amya Hill, Kayla Mavis, Kailtyn McCord, Riley Schindler, Althea Spangler, Owen Speiser, Breaven Williams, Calvin Woodring, Brady Zeedyk, and Carrie Zeedyk.

State and American De- grees

Only the top 2% of FFA members in the state of Ohio receive their State Degree, which will be awarded at the State Convention in May. Members must earn 2,500 dol- lars through their Supervised Agriculture Experience, as well as have outstanding lead- ership and participation in the FFA chapter. From the Fairview FFA Chapter, the re-

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

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

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

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ipients of this degree are Emma Zeedyk, Brady Zeedyk, Dalton Haver, and Miguel Garcia. The American Degree is the highest in the FFA program and is given to less than 1% of all National FFA members. This degree requires, graduating high school, continuing their Supervised Agriculture Experience, and earning an excess of 10,000 dollars through their projects. The American Degree will be awarded to Kaitlyn Zeedyk, Blake Zeedyk, Evan Saylor, and Dakota Shaffer this coming fall at the National FFA Convention.

AET Awards/Record Keeping

AET is the computerized record-keeping system that members use to log their activity with their SAE projects. For the calendar year of 2022, our members logged 10,303 hours of SAE experience or FFA activities outside of class time and made an economic impact of over \$182,000 through their SAE projects. AET awards students with exceptional record books by giving them a blue or gold badge. The blue badge recipients are: Makeegan Bailey, Robby Bennett, Elizabeth Bok, Asia Brubaker, Ruby Elston, Miguel Garcia, Kortney Grinnell, Dalton Haver, Summer Hiler, Aydan Judd, Kayla Mavis, Brody Retcher, Breaven Williams, Carrie Zeedyk, Brody Zeedyk, Chyanne Zeedyk, Emma Zeedyk, Brett Zeedyk, and William Zeedyk. The next level after a blue badge is a gold badge. Brady Zeedyk, Carrie Zeedyk, and Emma Zeedyk received gold badges for their AET record books.

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award is given to someone who shows great leadership and will be a

great leader in our organization. This award went to Amya Hill.

Most Improved in FFA

Very active in the chapter and others take time to settle in. Every year the chapter recognizes a member that has greatly improved in the chapter and become more involved. This year that award went to Breaven Williams.

Best Shop Skills

Although some may find working in the shop frightening, others excel and do well. The shop is a place to learn and improve by doing. The award for Best Shop Skills went to Summer Hiler.

Dekalb Ag Accomplishment Award

Bayer Crop Science is a large supporter of the FFA Organization. Every year one person from each chapter can be nominated for the Dekalb Ag Accomplishment Award. This member exemplifies scholarship, commitment, and work ethic

Spirit of the FFA Award

The Spirit of the FFA Award goes to someone who exemplifies everything that FFA promotes and is about. This person shows up with dignity, a good attitude, and is willing to serve the agriculture industry. This award went to Emma Zeedyk.

Star Awards

The Star Greenhand Award went to Kalvin Woodring.

The Star Agriscience Award went to Elizabeth Bok.

The Star Chapter Farmer award went to Kayla Mavis.

The Star Ag Placement Award went to Brody Retcher.

Senior Recognition

The chapter wanted to take time to recognize all of the senior Fairview FFA members. Each senior got a gift from the

chapter, along with a funny gift to represent each of their personalities. The graduation senior this year are Carrie Zeedyk, Brody Retcher, McKeeagan Bailey, and Robbie Bennett.

Retiring Address

Carrie Zeedyk gave her Retiring Address since she had officially ended her term as the chapter president. Honorary Degrees

The Honorary Degree is given every year to a community member or business that has greatly impacted and helped the chapter. This year the Honorary Degree was awarded to Red-Line Equipment and the Kenn-Feld Group.

Officer Thank You's

Every year the chapter likes to take a moment to recognize the parents of the officer team and all they do to help their kids succeed.

New Officer Introductions

The new officer team was officially inducted into their positions for the 2023-2024 year. This year there are four officers returning to the same positions. Emma Zeedyk will remain as the vice president, Kayla Mavis will continue as the secretary, Elizabeth Bok will keep the reporter position, and Summer Hiler stayed the Historian. The officers inducted into new positions were Miguel Garcia as president, Dalton Haver as treasurer, Brady Zeedyk as sentinel, and Kalvin Woodring as the student advisor.

Conclusion

Overall, this years FFA banquet was a great success. It was a great time beginning able to recognize and congratulate all of the exemplary members in the chapter.

FOOD SAFETY IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT TO A SUCCESSFUL COOKOUT



Whether you're a grill master or a first-time barbecue cook, food safety should always be part of your routine to ensure a healthy and happy Fourth of July.

“Recent USDA consumer behavior studies have shown that individuals don't always properly wash their hands or use a food thermometer,” said USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Emilio Esteban. “Show your family and friends that you're a true grill master by cooking food to a safe temperature and washing your hands after handling raw meat and poultry.”

Ensure your food is safe to eat this Fourth of July by following these food safety steps:

Clean: Scrub the grill clean before use. Clean utensils and plates before they touch food. No access to a faucet? Carry bottled water, soap and paper towels. Wash your hands before and after handling raw meat and poultry. Follow proper handwashing steps to stop bacteria from spreading from your hands to your meal. Make sure to wet hands, lather with soap, scrub for 20 sec-

onds, rinse and dry.

Separate: Avoid cross contamination. Separate raw meat and vegetables by using different cutting boards. Place raw meat or poultry on one plate and cooked meat and poultry on another. Don't use the same utensils to place raw meat and poultry on the grill and take cooked food off.

Cook: Use food thermometers to ensure your grilled food is ready. Insert the thermometer through the side of the patty until the probe reaches the center. Color is never a reliable indicator of doneness. Cook food to a safe minimum internal temperature by using a food thermometer:

- Cook whole cuts of meat to 145 F with a three-minute rest time.
- Cook fish to 145 F.
- Cook ground meats to 160 F.
- Cook poultry (ground or whole) to 165 F.

Although frozen products may appear to be pre-cooked or browned, treat them as raw food and cook thoroughly. Products labeled as “Cook

and Serve,” “Ready to Cook” and “Oven Ready” must be cooked.

Chill: Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 F and 140 F — aka the Danger Zone. Perishable food should be consumed or refrigerated within two hours (one hour if outdoor temperatures are 90 F and above).

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), email MPHHotline@usda.gov or chat live at ask.usda.gov from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Access news releases and other information at USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) website at www.fsis.usda.gov/newsroom. Follow FSIS on Twitter at twitter.com/usdafoodsafety or in Spanish at: twitter.com/usdafoodsafes.

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

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart
Charloe: Charloe Store
Chantrel: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices
Ney: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

Pavne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Pizza Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain
Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding and Putnam Counties for the week of June 26 next week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

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: 113046

TRAFFIC IMPACT

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

U.S. 127 PROJECTS

U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8 for approximately 365 days for

a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID 102669

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: CR 424 to The Bend Road to SR 18, back to 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.

U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood closed June 9 for approximately five months for a storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local

traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the bridge replacement project over the Maumee River just south of the village (see map).

PAULDING COUNTY:

Paulding County does not have any planned work expected to significantly impact traffic.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 65 at the railroad 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

Township Road G, just east of State Route 115, is open following a closure 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.

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PC Teacher Bootcamp visits Paulding County Hospital.



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PC Teacher Bootcamp visits Paragon Tempered Glass.

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off of what we believed would be gained by this event. Paulding County businesses were able to share their deep, rich history with educators. "These weren't canned statements read from a script. These were true, sincere testaments about their business, shared from the heart. It is simply amazing to watch the educators gain knowledge about local products and opportunities that provide the state, region, nation, and international markets from right here in Paulding County. It makes you proud every time you hear these historic stories,

but it really hits home when you hear the educator presentations and know these twelve participants learned more about the county this week and gained the knowledge of what we have available right here every day. The businesses learn from the educators as well."

The educators received CEU credit through Ashland University for their participation, provided attendance and other established guidelines were met. This includes a final presentation of a lesson plan that will incorporate the knowledge learned into future classroom curriculum. The hope for all is that students

might be better matched in the future with local employers which is a win-win for the county.

Business leaders that presented to the group this year included: Commissioner Mark Holtsberry, OSU Extension Educator Sarah Noggle; Brad Harsha with First Financial Bank; Megan Sierra with PC Workshop; United Way Director Lora Lyons; PC Foundation Director Lisa McClure; Sheriff Jason Landers; Tiffany Rockhold with Paulding/Defiance County OMJ office; Lisa Becher with the State of Ohio Small Business Development office; Eric Davis with Wessler Engineering; and Jon

Tomlinson, Dean of the Van Wert Northwest State Community College campus.

Industry partners that participated this year included: all three county school systems; Paragon Tempered Glass; PC Hospital; North American Stamping Group; R&B Fabrication; Cooper Farms; Vantage Career Center; and Mercer Landmark. Mercer also allowed the quarterly county Business Advisory Council meeting to be held on site.

One of this year's participants was Staci Miller, Agricultural Educator with Paulding Exempted Village School. She summarized the event, "The teacher bootcamp program is a phenomenal program for our county. This camp gives teachers the opportunity to connect and collaborate with each other, and business leaders, to help provide our students with the tools to be successful employees and stay within our county! It was truly eye opening to see all the amazing businesses within our small county and how we are truly making an impact around the world!"

MILLER PICKS UP WIN FOR WT OVER KNIGHTS

Brady Miller scattered three hits and two walks over four innings of work to pitch the Wayne Trace Raiders to a 5-2 win over visiting Crestview in ACME baseball action Thursday evening.

Miller struck out six Crestview hitters and allowed just one earned run in recording the victory. Kyle Forrer recorded the save for Wayne Trace, giving up one hit while fanning six Knight hitters in three innings.

The Knights opened the game with a two-run top of the first inning but the Raiders quickly answered with a pair of runs in the home half of the frame.

Wayne Trace then took the lead for good with two runs in the bottom of the second and added the game's final run in the home half of the third.

Cooper Wenzlick posted a single and a double for the Raiders with Kyle Forrer recording two singles. Tyson Gerber, Bradley Lee, Kason Carlisle, Nathaniel Osborne and Jack Schoenauer all picked up one single for the Raiders.

Gerber, Wenzlick, Forrer, Carlisle and Micah Sinn all scored runs for Wayne Trace with Schoenauer driving in two runs. Wenzlick and Forrer also had runs batted in for the Raiders.

Hunter Jones finished with two singles for Crestview while Ross Gerardot and Rex Gerardot both had a single. Jones and Isaac Kline scored the Knight runs and Jones posted a run batted in.

WARRIORS QUARTET GETS ACAC HONORS

Four Woodlan baseball players received all-ACAC honors as the league released its 2023 all-conference teams recently.

Infielder Dawson Lichty picked up first team all-ACAC recognition for the Warriors while outfielder Jake Snyder, pitcher Gavin Sheehan and catcher Drew Fleek each received second team honors.

Also garnering first team all-ACAC awards were Adams Central infielder Trevor Currie, Bluffton infielder Braxton

Betancourt, Jay County infielder Sam Myers, Heritage outfielder Dalton White, Bluffton outfielder Drew Pflosser, Adams Central outfielder Jack Hamilton, Heritage pitcher Noah Redmon, South Adams pitcher Owen Wanner, Adams Central catcher Keeghan Bluhm and South Adams' Kyle Minger.

Heritage put three players on the ACAC second team in infielder Andrew Mirelez, outfielder Caleb Abbott and pitcher Morgan Andrews. The rest of all-league second team included Southern Wells infielder Kedrik Sonningsen, Bluffton infielder Andrew Onuegbu, South Adams infielder Matt Steiner, Jay County outfielder Jackson Edwards and Adams Central's Ryan Tester.

ROSSWURM, HEAD LEAD WT OVER PILOTS

Brody Rosswurm and Tyler Head each posted three hits and Breven Anderson added two hits to lead the Wayne Trace Raiders to a 6-2 win over Ayersville in ACME baseball action last week.

Kyle Forrer, Bradley Lee, Kason Carlisle, Nathaniel Osborn and Conner Davis all had one hit as well for the red, white and blue.

Rosswurm and Lee both scored twice for Wayne Trace with Forrer and Head scoring the remaining two runs. Davis drove in two runs while Anderson, Forrer, Carlisle and Osborn picked up one run batted in each as well.

Carter Clemens pitched five innings scattering three hits and two walks while striking out four. Davis tossed 3-1/3 innings allowing three hits, two runs and six walks with two strikeouts and Head pitched 2/3 of an inning with one strikeout.

PANTHERS ROLL OVER STRYKER

Host Paulding used a six-run second to pull away from visiting Stryker for a 12-1 decision in ACME softball action last week.

The maroon and white scored once in the first before plating six runs in the second to push the margin to 7-0. Paulding added two runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth in cruising to the victory.

Tia Mendez had three hits, scored twice and drove in two runs for the maroon and white while Raleigh Sanders, Taylor and Schwab both recorded a pair of hits.

Maci Kauser, Riley Stork, Marley Parrett, Breier and Kiara Adams all had one hit for Paulding.

Schwab and Kauser both scored twice and drove in two runs as well for the local Panthers. Sanders, Parrett, Olivia Franklin, Breier, Taylor and Adams touched home plate once apiece for Paulding. Taylor, Franklin, Parrett and Stork all picked up a run batted in.

Mendez recorded the vic-

tory on the mound for Paulding, tossing six innings with 13 strikeouts while giving up one hit and three walks. Stork pitched the final frame, allowing one hit, one run and three walks with one strikeout.

GERBER, ANTOINE, WENZLICK LEAD WT OVER ACES

Tyson Gerber, Tucker Antoine and Cooper Wenzlick all drove in two runs to lead the Wayne Trace ACME baseball team to a 9-3 win over Hicksville Thursday night in Defiance County.

The Aces struck first, scoring in the bottom of the first, before the Raiders answered with one run in the top of the second.

Wayne Trace added two runs each in the seventh and eighth to extend the lead to 5-1 before Hicksville plated one run in the bottom of the eighth to cut the deficit to 5-2. The Raiders expanded the margin with four runs in the top of the ninth in widening the gap to 9-2. The Aces then closed out the contest by scoring once in the bottom of the ninth.

Breven Anderson had two doubles and a single for Wayne Trace with Cooper Wenzlick hitting a home run. Tucker Antoine, Tyson Gerber, Bradley Lee and Nathaniel Osborn all singled for the Raiders. Wenzlick scored twice for the Raiders while Anderson, Tyler Head, Kyle Forrer, Carter Clemens, Gerber, Lee and Osborn touched home plate once each. Brady Miller also had a run batted in for Wayne Trace.

For Hicksville, Owen Stuckey recorded two singles with Austin Sanders and Bronson Graber each picking up a double. Parker Bassett, Tatum Sheets, Braedon Dix and Brant Langham recorded a single apiece. Sanders, Langham and Lincoln Yoder scored the Hicksville runs with Stuckey, Bassett and Sanders picking up a run batted in each.

Conner Davis struck out three in six innings of work to get the win for Wayne Trace. Aiden Pollock suffered the loss for the Aces, tossing six frames with three strikeouts.

OHSAA OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR TO BE HONORED

Fourteen individuals will be enshrined in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame and 20 individuals will be honored as the Official of the Year in their respective sport Saturday during the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame induction banquet in Columbus at the Hilton Polaris.

The 14 Hall of Fame inductees are being honored for outstanding officiating careers and significant contributions to interscholastic officiating in Ohio. More information on the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame is



1992 Chevrolet Kodiak

Carryall Township Trustees will be accepting sealed bids for our 1992 Chevrolet Kodiak, medium duty truck.

Truck is being sold as is and where is. Truck does run and drive but is in poor condition. Truck is located at the township barn and can be viewed by appointment with a trustee.

Sealed bids must be presented in a sealed envelope and include bidders' name, address, date and bid amount. Bids must be submitted to the trustees before our July 11th meeting before 7pm. The trustees will open the bids at the July 11th meeting and contact the winner.

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BROTHERLY LOVE BASH FOR BRAEDEN HORMANN



There will be a Brotherly Love Bash in honor of Braeden Hormann and his family on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of Bob and Cori Garza — 2730 Bucks Rd., Hicksville.

What is this Brotherly Love Bash? The Garza family started the Brotherly Love Bash in 2006 as a tribute to their brother Brian “Chico” Garza, who passed away of leukemia in 1991. This party is to share the brotherly love with the friends and family of our friends and family.

More recently the BLB

hosts a fundraiser to help raise funds for a local guy or gal who is fighting their own medical adversity. All money collected with this fundraiser goes directly to the recipient.

This year the BLC will donate to Braeden Hormann. Braeden was diagnosed with Stage 4 Brain Astrocytoma in April. He will undergo a second craniotomy in June to take out a mass. He will have chemo and radiation once he is able.

Braeden lives in Antwerp with his wife Rylee and daughter Beckyn and Remington.

posted at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/HOF>

The officials of the year are selected through a process that includes OHSAA staff, OHSAA Directors of Officiating Development and local officiating associations.

“We are proud to have an Officials Hall of Fame where the best in Ohio are recognized for their outstanding careers and their dedication to officiating,” said Beau Rugg, OHSAA Director of Officiating and Sports Management and himself a member of the Hall of Fame. “Officiating is a service, and these 14 highly respected individuals have earned induction into the Hall of Fame through their commitment to that service.”

2023 OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Induction Class (name, city and sports officiated)

Rick Bayless, Delaware (BK)

Dave Campbell, Cincinnati (BK, FB, CC, TF)

Phil Colflesh, Dublin (FB)

Charles “Ron” Golemon, Van Wert (BK, BB)

Andrew Holloman, Orwell (BB, SB, BK)

Carl Jordan Sr., Pepper Pike (BK)

Bill Mason, Granville (BK, LX)

Donald Mason, Zanesville (WR)

Cheryl Opperman, Wellington (SB)

Michael Porpora, Wadsworth (SO)

Michael Rauch, Beverly (BK)

Katie Roesch, Galion (VB, TF, BK)

Kevin Schwarzel, Athens (BK)

John Whitson, Newark (BK, FB, BB)

2022-23 OHSAA Officials of the Year

Baseball - Christopher Prokes, Vandalia

Boys Basketball - Chase Hiles, Wheelersburg

Girls Basketball - Erin Kenney-Levin, Cincinnati

Boys Cross Country - Carl Fisher, Delaware

Girls Cross Country - Timothy Stith, Brewster

Field Hockey - Darcel Arrington, University Heights

Football - Carl Davidson, North Canton

Gymnastics - Kathleen McIntire, Wadsworth

Ice Hockey - Justin Phillips, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Boys Lacrosse - Nick Adamski, Toledo

Girls Lacrosse - Matthew Farthing, Perrysburg

Boys Soccer - Michael Althoff, Worthington

Girls Soccer - Mark Klemann, Lima

Softball - Gary Russell, Duncan Falls

Boys Swimming & Diving - Robert Meredith Jr., Cincinnati

Girls Swimming & Diving - John “Jack” Gardner, Massillon

Boys Track & Field - Karen Sapp, New Waterford

Girls Track & Field - Emily Hickerson, McConnelville

Volleyball - Sterling Kaimimoku, Huber Heights

Wrestling - Tom Martin, Dublin

WILDCATS GET WIN OVER WT IN PUTNAM COUNTY

Host Kalida rallied from a two-run deficit with a three-run fifth inning to post a 6-5 win over Wayne Trace in ACME baseball action Wednesday night in Putnam County.

Jack Stechschulte threw 2-1/3 innings of hitless and scoreless relief to lift the Wildcats to the win, striking out four and walking two. Logan Kerner started for Kalida and tossed 4-2/3 frames, giving up six hits, five unearned runs and two walks with one strikeout.

The Putnam County squad put three runs in the bottom of the first to go on top 3-0 before Wayne Trace scored five times in the top of the fifth to seize a 5-3 advantage. However, Kalida responded with three runs of its own in the home half of the frame to record the victory.

Ethan Wehri doubled, scored twice and drove in two runs to pace the Kalida offense with Jacob Siebeneck and Jack Stechschulte each recording a double. Braylon Smith singled and scored twice for the Wildcats and Nathan Kahle picked up a pair of singles.

Taking the loss for Wayne Trace was Tucker Antoine, who struck out two while allowing one walk, two hits and three unearned runs in three innings on the mound. Breven Anderson pitched two frames giving up four hits, three earned runs and one walk while fanning one. Kyle Forrer finished the day on the mound, striking out two and walking one in one inning of work.

Winans had a pair of singles for the red, white and blue with Anderson doubling and driving in three runs.

Forrer also posted a double while Jack Schoenauer and Nathaniel Osborn each picked up a single. Antoine, Osborn, Micah Sinn, Schoenauer and Miller all scored for the Raiders.

INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTEES

2023 INDUCTEES:

*Johnny Bright, player Central HS | Drake U | CFL

*Dale Doerffler, coach North Side HS

*Dean Doerffler, coach Northrop & Concordia HS

*Vaughan Dunbar, player Snider HS | Indiana U | NFL

*Trai Essex, player Harding HS | Northwestern U | NFL

*Jason Fabini, player Bishop Dwenger HS | Cincinnati U | NFL

*Bernard Pollard, player South Side HS | Purdue U | NFL

*Anthony Spencer, player Bishop Luers HS | Purdue U | NFL

The Induction Ceremony will be held at Goeglein’s on Monday, July 17, 2023,

at 6:00 PM. The IFCA will introduce the nine inductees for the Region 3 Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Coach Casey Kolkman, cell 260-557-7270 or Paul Sade (HOF committee chair) at 260-609-5607.

KLOPFENSTEIN VOTES IN FAVOR OF KEY LEGISLATION ON HOUSE FLOOR

State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) voted in favor of two important pieces of legislation on the

VAN WERT COUNCIL ON AGING RECOGNIZES NANCY SINK



Pictured from left to right are Kevin Matthews, COA Director; Nancy Sink, and Greg Amstutz, current Board Vice President and Incoming Board President for the 2023-2024 term.

The Council on Aging recently recognized Nancy Sink for her service over the last several years as the President of the Council on Aging Board. The Council on Aging is a 501c3 Charitable organization and United

Way agency that has been serving Van Wert County senior citizens since 1975. For more information about the COA visit our website at coavw.org or contact the COA at 419-238-5011.

House floor, the Parents’ Bill of Rights and the Ohio Saving Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

The Parents’ Bill of Rights, House Bill 8, is priority legislation that will protect the ability and authority of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of their minor child.

“Parents should have the option to review and determine if sensitive topics taught in the classroom are appropriate for their child,” said Klopfenstein. “It is important that we continue to keep parents informed about their child’s education.”

The SAFE Act, House Bill 68, prevents the use of pu-

berty-blocking drugs and the performance of gender-reassignment surgeries on minors and includes the Save Women’s Sports Act.

“This measure puts safeguards in place to protect minors from making life-changing decisions without parental consent and mental health support,” said Klopfenstein.

The bill will allow Medicaid to cover mental health services for a minor’s gender-related treatment and requires parental consent before a minor receives counseling on the topic.

Both pieces of legislation now head to the Ohio Senate for further consideration.



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THE LEFT TURN



Rusty Schlenk wins 5 career Barney Oldfield Race. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns



Mike "Hollywood" McVetta wins Lorain Super Crown Nationals. Photo Credit: Jim Davidson



Kody Swanson wins at Toledo. Photo Credit: 500 Sprint Car Tour

By: Ron Burt

We are right in the thick of the racing calendar in the Tri-state. Many tracks have already hosted high dollar races for different classes. Several traveling series are making their way across the Midwest. Racetracks are getting ready locally to hold Mid-season championships. Some will offer large cash pay-outs, and some will also give double points. Make sure you follow and check my Facebook page, Ohio Sports Blitz for all 17 racetracks I cover dirt and pavement.

June 9th Attica Raceway Park kicked off the 2023 Ohio Sprint Week with the Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions. Zeb Wise from Angola took home the \$6000, payday. The following night the series moved to Fremont Speedway and the victory and \$10,000. I went to Gettysburg PA driver Danny Dietrich. June 11th the series went to Wayne

County Speedway in Orrville Ohio and was rained out, so the cars returned the following night and current series point leader Tyler Courtney, from Indianapolis took the checker and \$10,000. June 13th the series was scheduled for Sharon Speedway on the OH/PA state line, but mother nature won, with the 2nd rain-out of the week. June 15th the series resumed at Atomic Speedway in Chillicothe with a 2nd Pennsylvanian getting a win. Tim Shaffer took home the \$6000, first place prize money. Thirty-four drivers showed up at the historic Eldora Speedway on June 16th. Five heat races were run. They had a large enough car count to have a C and B features to transfer to the A-main. When the dust cleared and the fireworks lit up the sky, Sam Hafertepe Jr. of Sunnyvale Texas was in the winner's circle getting \$12,000. for his win. Ohio

Sprint Week wrapped up in Portsmouth at Raceway Park. Brent Marks was the third Pennsylvania driver to win and picked up the largest check, \$22, 554. This was Brent Marks second consecutive Dean Knittel Memorial title; Tyler Courtney was crowned Ohio Speedweek champion for the top finishes during the week. Tyer Courtney is currently the Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions points leader with a 166-point lead over Chris Windom and 178-points over Zeb Wise.

Congrats to Rusty Schlenk for winning his 5th career Barney Oldfield Race at Oakshade Raceway. It wasn't easy as he had to battle Carter Murday who won the last two weeks at Oakshade. Dusty Moore placed 2nd and Murday was 3rd. The Sportsman feature was won by Josh Robertson. This is his 3rd feature win in three weeks at Oakshade. Adam Lantz got his second win of the year in the Dominator Stock Class and Cory Gumm pulled away from the field to win his 3rd Compact A-main of the season.

Getting feature wins at Angola Motorsports Park, Late Model Hollywood Tommy Cook, Modified Steve Minich, Street Stock Jeremy Hamilton and FWD Chip Heintzelman.

The three-day Lorain IS-MA/MSS Supermodified Nationals had three winners. When the smoke cleared the pavement, with the best top finishes and points, the 2023 Super Crown Nationals Champion was won by Mike "Hollywood" McVetta.

On Father's Day, Kody Swanson set the fast time and won the 40-lap feature for the 500 Sprint Car Tour (asphalt) at Toledo Motor Speedway. At the finish Swanson enjoyed a 1.839-second lead over 2nd place Tyler Roahrig and Bobby Santos III finished 3rd.

Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS & WELLNESS CENTERS TO JOIN PARKVIEW HEALTH

Effective Oct. 1, Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers (CHWC) will be joining Parkview Health.

Both organizations have approved a definitive agreement that will make CHWC an affiliate of Parkview Health and help secure access to local, high-quality care for northwest Ohio residents. As an affiliate, CHWC will share in Parkview's resources and efficiencies, creating a more sustainable future for CHWC and the rural communities it serves.

"Through the affiliation, Parkview will offer a full spectrum of high-quality care in northwest Ohio, complementing existing services and expanding our commitment to the health

and well-being of our region," said Rick Henvey, CEO, Parkview Health. "Focused on strategic growth, our integrated network already includes six rural hospitals in Indiana, where we have improved access to care. We are proud to welcome CHWC to Parkview and continue its legacy as a local healthcare provider."

CHWC leaders sought out a partnership with Parkview in order to maintain and enhance local healthcare services. In March, the two organizations signed a letter of intent to enter a strategic partnership and have spent the past few months completing the due diligence process to finalize the definitive agreement.

"Access to healthcare, especially in rural areas, is critical not only for our patients, but for the well-being of our communities," said Chad Tinkel, president and CEO, CHWC. "Acknowledging the challenges facing smaller health systems today, our leadership sought a trusted partner that shares our values and commitment to maintaining local, high-quality care. Affiliating with Parkview allows us to continue serving northwest Ohio with exceptional care delivered by exceptional people."

Based in Bryan, Ohio, CHWC has two hospitals in Williams County and an outpatient center in Fulton County. When the affiliation is finalized Oct. 1, the facilities will be renamed Parkview Bryan Hospital, Parkview Montpelier Hospital and Parkview Archbold.

The two organizations have already been collaborating to care for northwest Ohio patients for more than a decade. Several Parkview Physicians Group - Ohio clinics are located near or on CHWC's campuses, and Parkview provides technological support for CHWC's electronic health record system, including the MyChart patient portal.

"The CHWC Board of Directors is pleased to continue caring for our community while growing our relationship with Parkview Health," said Chris Kannel, chair, CHWC Board of Directors. "Working together over the years, we know that Parkview's culture and values align with our own. Though our facility names will change, our commitment to serving our patients and communities will remain the same."

While details of the integration have not been finalized, both organizations are working together to create a smooth transition for CHWC's co-workers and providers.

Additionally, leaders will be connecting with area employers and elected officials to discuss the affiliation and Parkview's expanded role as a community partner. Greg

SCIENCE CENTRAL REFRESHES POPULAR ARCH EXHIBIT



Martin S. Fisher (third from left), Science Central's executive director, leads a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center's new Catenary Arch exhibit. With Fisher are (from left) Nicole Marcisz, Science Central Board; Sharon Tucker, Fort Wayne City Council; Aaron Gregory, Science Central; and Connor Fleck and David Plumb, Science Central committee members.

FORT WAYNE, IN (June 22, 2023) - Science Central unveiled a new version of an existing exhibit, Catenary Arch, on Thursday, June 22.

Catenary Arch consists of 20 large, numbered blocks. When carefully stacked in adjacent towers, the blocks meet in the middle to form a catenary arch, which is among the strongest architectural forms. Such arches are so strong because they redistribute the vertical force of gravity into compression forces that press along the arch's curve, which keeps the blocks in place.

Science Central's new Catenary Arch blocks replace

a previous set, which had reached its end of life.

Martin S. Fisher, Science Central's executive director, says Catenary Arch has long been one of the center's most popular exhibits.

"Every day we're open, families and groups come through and attempt to complete the Catenary Arch challenge," says Fisher. "It's such a fun team-building test. And when completed, it showcases one of the most unique structural forms."

Catenary Arch is located on Science Central's Top Level. The center unveiled the exhibit with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Johnson, DO, MMM, regional market president, Parkview Health, said he and Tasha Eicher, northeast Indiana/Ohio market president, Parkview Health, will continue to build on the relationships that Tinkel and others have formed in Ohio to best meet the needs of the community.

TOLEDO POST INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH IN ASHTUBULA COUNTY

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred

today at 4:33A.M. on County Road N near County Road 2 in Amboy Township.

The preliminary investigation shows a 2002 GMC Enclave, operated by Mitchell Gillen, 17, Delta Ohio, was driving westbound on County Road N when the vehicle went off the south side of the roadway, struck a tree and caught on fire. Mitchell Gillen was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Metamora Fire and EMS and Richfield Township Fire.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

On June 3 the Sheriff's office contacted the Antwerp Police of a white truck swerving on Route 49 heading towards the village of Antwerp. An officer was parked to observe the suspected vehicle. The vehicle was not found coming through Antwerp.

On June 4 a woman called the Antwerp Police Department about a semi-truck hitting a sign at the S-curve on Canal St. Officers arrived and were unable to locate the semi. The sign was found damaged on the sidewalk. Officers contacted the Village Administrator to have the sign fixed the next morning.

On June 6 the Paulding County dispatch contacted the Antwerp police about a 2 vehicle accident that took place in front of Dollar General. One person claimed a foot injury, but refused EMS assistance. The police contacted Gideon's Towing to have the vehicles removed, and a citation was issued.

On June 8 the police were dispatched to Shaffer Road about a verbal domestic argument. Officers arrived and spoke to both parties involved to resolve the issue.

On June 9 a call came over the radio for the Fire Department of a resident on Madison St stating they smelled gas in their home. Officers stood by until the Fire Department arrived.

On June 10 a man called the Antwerp Police stating he was at Sunoco gas station on Erie St. He claimed he struck a guard rail on Route 111. The officer contacted the Paulding Sheriff and waited until the deputy arrived to take over the case.

On June 11 there was a call concerning loud music in the neighborhood of Schaffer Road. The police arrived and told the person to lower the volume or turn off the music.

On June 12 Antwerp police responded to a call and went to a home on Main St. serving a warrant to arrest the individual and transported them to the Paulding County Jail.

On June 12 county dispatch notified the police to

contact the Williams County Sheriff's office concerning a telecommunications harassment issue from an Antwerp resident living on East Canal St. An officer found the offender and warned them not to contact the person in Williams County.

On June 13 a call was received from an employee at Dollar General about the smell of leaking gas. The officer arrived and evacuated the store while the fire and EMS examined two workers. All appeared to be fine.

On June 14 a vehicle from Northwood, Ohio was locked and the owner called the police to unlock the vehicle. The police arrived and vehicle was unlocked.

On June 15 the police was contacted by the owner of the Sunoco station about a bad check. The officer spoke to the person of the check and gave them a deadline to resolve the matter with the gas station.

On June 15 Antwerp Officers heard a call come through that was for EMS of an unconscious and unresponsive person. The police and EMS arrived and the person was transported to Paulding County Hospital.

On June 16 a woman called the police and stated a small blue car had been parked at the library and also the Veteran's Memorial Park for long periods of time. Nothing was seen suspicious other than the vehicle itself.

On June 17 a man from Washington St. called the police asking if anyone had turned in a lost wallet. The officer informed the resident that it had not been received. The fellow called back and said he found the wallet at his home.

On June 17 in the evening a call was received about a bonfire at a residence outside the village. It was recommended to call the Sheriff's Office.

On June 18 the police received a call that a vehicle driver side tire flew off as it was exiting US 24. The Paulding County Sheriff's office was contacted to complete the investigation. The passengers were okay.

On June 18 an officer on patrol observed a suspicious vehicle at the Library. The officer informed the persons that loitering was not allowed and it was for patron parking.

On June 19 a female called the Antwerp Police Department and stated her daughter was missing at the ball fields and needed assistance tracking her down. The girl was found at home with the assis-

tance of the Sheriff's office.

On June 19 the Antwerp Police Department received a phone call of a domestic dispute on Buffalo St. The police arrived and upon investigation took a suspect into custody, ending the altercation. The investigation is ongoing.

On June 20 the Antwerp police responded to a resident's call for a golf cart inspection. The police reviewed and approved the new vehicle at the police station.

On June 20 the Antwerp Police assisted the Paulding County Sheriff's Office with a man who reported hearing voices and may have been suicidal. The Antwerp EMS took the person to Promedica in Defiance for further evaluation and help.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Jessamyn O. Harris, Romulus, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sawyer J. Grimes, Oakwood, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James A. Whiteman, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Scott A. Kolb, Oakwood, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; Operator license suspended from 2/5/23 - 2/5/24; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP or install IID in lieu of 3 days jail; ALS vacated; Placed on standard probation; Evaluation at Westwood; Secure valid operator's license; 40 hours community service; Risk assessment; No alcohol; Online course; Random alcohol screens

Justin L. Morgan, Woodburn, IN; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Michael P. Dicker, Greenwood, IN; Child restraint; Case dismissed with prejudice; Costs to defendant

Jerel A. Tousley, Cloverdale, OH; Assault; Bound over to Common Pleas Court

Dylan R. Kline, Haviland, OH; Failure to register address; Bound over to Common Pleas Court

Thomas Lopez, Westfield, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

WHY GRIEFSHARE?

Who attends GriefShare meetings? Just about anyone mourning the loss of someone important in that person's life. Usually, it is someone who has lost a wife or husband. The loss of a child, a parent, a sibling, or a critical friend can also bring a person seeking comfort and understanding.

Experiencing the loss of a loved one is a life-changing experience. GriefShare sessions offer friendship and hope in a non-threatening environment. Participants are surrounded by others who may be further along in their grief recovery. Some others may still be in the initial phases of shock and disbelief.

By attending the weekly meetings, they find it to be a warm, caring environment. Some in the group probably share the same frustrations and emotions, while others are beginning to see this as an "oasis" on their grief journey.

Some former members have described GriefShare as

"A safety net when my world was falling apart." Another person said, "I thought it might be depressing, but honestly it felt good to know I am not alone." Others reported, "GriefShare has given me hope." And "It was a turning point in my life."

Locally, GriefShare meetings are held each Saturday morning from ten until noon in the library of the Leo Methodist Church on Highway 1. New members are welcome to attend at any time. More information is available at www.griefshare.org. Questions answered at 260 627-2580.

CORN NUTRIENT UPTAKE

Due to colder night time temperatures and a lack of moisture, most crops are running about 2-3 weeks behind their normal growth pattern. Early planted corn appears to be growing better due to deeper roots. Many soybean fields are still trying to germinate yet. As most farmers know, a little more rain could really help improve crop growth.

Soils provide 13 of the 16 nutrients needed to produce grain. In addition, soil must release these nutrients quickly enough to meet daily high nutrient demands of the corn plant during the V6 to R1 growth stages. V6 refers to vegetative growth when the corn has 6 true leaves. R1 refers to the start of corn tasseling and pollination when corn is putting on grain.

For corn, nutrient uptake is the greatest from about V6 to R1. During this time period, the corn is growing new plant tissue for roots, leaves, and stalks. The plant is determining corn yield by starting to grow a corn ear and it is creating pollen in the corn tassel to pollinate and fertilize the ear. The corn is also storing additional nutrients in the stalk and leaves to supply nutrients to finish out the ear after pollination during grain fill. So adequate nutrients are needed during this rapid vegetative growth to get high yields.

For many nutrients, as much as two-thirds to as much as 80% of the nutrients are accumulated during this rapid growth stage. Potassium (K) and nitrogen (N) for protein have high rates of nutrient uptake during this time period along with magnesium (Mg, chlorophyll), iron (Fe, photosynthesis), and boron (B, calcium uptake).

Several nutrients are accumulated at slower rates and are needed and accumulate faster later in the growing season. About 50% of phosphorus (P) is accumulated after R1. Manganese (Mn), sulfur (S), zinc (Zn), and copper (Cu) are all needed in higher amounts during grain fill. Soil nutrients are absorbed by the corn plant depending upon how bioavailable they are to the plant. Good soil health is needed to increase microbial release of these nutrients. Since microbes live in water films around soil particles and plant roots, a lack of water reduces a place for the microbes to live. Also, plants need water for transpiration to move nutrients into the plant. A lack of water thus limits nutrient availability.

For nitrogen (N), the corn plant only needs about 25# N at V6 but by V12 it needs to accumulate 100#N. Early on the corn plant is small and

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

does not need much N. Most N is used to make protein for leaves, roots, and stalks when the plant is growing quite quickly. From about V10-V14, a corn plant needs to accumulate about 7.8# N per acre per day which is the highest rate of N uptake for the corn. By R1, the start of pollination, corn accumulates about 150# N. From V10 to V12, ear formation on corn is complete, the maximum number of kernels of corn has been set. After R1, the corn can still accumulate 50# to 150# N but the corn N uptake is slowing down. Most nutrients are now going into the ear to grow the corn kernels, to grow the cob, and to support pollination. Some nutrients are still needed to support the vegetation (leaves, and stalks). The corn plant still needs to capture sunlight for energy. Excess nutrients are being stored in the vegetative portion of the plant from R1 to R3.

After R3, most N goes into grain fill and some accumulated N starts to move from the vegetative tissue into the grain. During the reproductive phases R3 to R6, the plant is extracting less nutrients on a daily basis because there is much less new root growth. With less soil nutrient extraction, the plant starts using up its nutrient reserves by taking it from the leaves and stalks to supply N for the grain fill during the final phases of ear growth and development.

Since water is necessary for nutrient uptake (transpiration) and for microbial nutrient release, soil water storage is critical. Soils with higher soil organic matter (SOM) generally have healthier crops. Each 1% soil organic can hold 0.5 to 0.8 inches of water. Soils with good soil structure

and less soil compaction allow plant roots to reach water stored deeper in the soil. In general, about 40% of most water and nutrients are obtained by the corn plant within the top 6 inches of the soil. Another 30% comes from 6-12 inches soil layer, 20% from 12-18 inches down, and 10% from 18 inches or deeper. Keep your soils healthy to improve crop growth and yield.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

LEWIS JOINS HALLERCOLVIN



HallerColvin PC is pleased to announce that P. Shawn Lewis has joined the law firm. Shawn has over 30 years of experience in private practice and in-house as General Counsel for a multi-billion-dollar manufacturer. He will practice in the areas of business and corporate law; mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; real estate transactions; labor and employment law; and estate planning, administration and trusts. Shawn is licensed to practice in Indiana and Michigan.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF HEARING ON BOND FORFEITURE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO
Case No. CR-22-623
STATE OF OHIO
VS.
WILLIAM LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE
PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANT
To: KERSTEN KEITZ
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 100 University Lane, apt. 303, Batavia, OH 45103

scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
Said hearing will be held at the Paulding County Common Pleas Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879
Respectfully submitted:
Joseph E. Burkart (00391061)
Paulding County, Ohio
Prosecuting Attorney
420 S. Walnut Street
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Please take notice that a motion to forfeit bond has been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the motion hearing

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

- 1st Weekend- Paulding, Fair Grounds
- 2nd Weekend- Grover Hill, VFW
- 3rd Weekend- Payne, (Paved lot east of Homier's)
- 4th Weekend- Antwerp, (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

- 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)
- Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)
- Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)
- Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

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

McCOLLEY HONORS OTTAWA-GLANDORF



Ottawa-Glandorf Coach Matt Burwell, Averie Fox, Olivia Fenbert, Alexa Fortman, and Sen. Rob McColley



Alexa Fortman with OH State Senator Rob McColley.

State Senator Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) honored four state champion track stars from Ottawa-Glandorf High School today with a senate resolution recognizing their accomplishments.

Alexa Fortman repeated as state champ in the girls Division II 400 and 800 races. She then won the 4x400 with teammates Olivia Fenbert, Corinne Closson, and Averie Fox.

"It is an honor to recognize those young ladies for their accomplishments," said McColley. "The discipline, dedication, and perseverance they demonstrated will take them far in the rest of their academic careers, and in life."

A senior, Alexa finished her high school career with five state championships – four as an individual, one in a relay. As a team, Ottawa-Glandorf finished fourth in

the Division II championship meet.##

Senator McColley represents the 1st Ohio Senate District, which includes Defiance, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Fulton, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams Counties, as well as part of Logan County. Learn more at www.OhioSenate.gov/McColley.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

University of Findlay graduates were recognized for earning degrees for the academic year 2022 - 2023 and were invited to walk in the University's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 6. Graduates earned doctorate's, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees.

Local students include:

Fletcher Cook, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Environment, Health, Safety, and

Sustainability. Cook graduated from the University with the academic designation of magna cum laude.

Ethan Linder, of Paulding, received the following: Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Jaret Miller, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Primary Education. Miller graduated from the University with the academic designation of summa cum laude.

Joseph Reineck, of Paulding, received the following: Bachelor of Science in Environment, Health, Safety, and Sustainability.

Brady Stabler, of Payne, received the following: Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Shayna Temple, of Payne, received the following: Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

LAROSE CONTINUES TO PRIORITIZE SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS AS OHIO NEW BUSINESS CREATION GROWS

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced 16,409 new business filings in May 2023, up 12 percent from May of last year. Although still below prior record-setting years, Ohio business filings remain ahead of the previous year's pace by more than three percent, reflecting 83,055 total businesses filed so far in 2023.

"Our goal is to make Ohio a destination for entrepreneurs," said Secretary LaRose. "While the Biden administration continues to make life harder for small businesses with massive tax hikes and skyrocketing inflation, we're doing everything we can to break down obstacles to growth here in Ohio."

According to the NFIB, small business optimism has tracked for the past 17 months at its lowest level in nearly 50 years, and inflation remains the single largest problem facing small businesses. (Source) Despite these obstacles, Secretary LaRose has worked to strengthen Ohio's business climate in the following ways:

- Through streamlining certifications for minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses and modernizing the process for limited liability companies (LLCs) to incorporate in Ohio, Secretary LaRose continues to work to simplify the process for

starting a business in the Buckeye State.

- A new business in Ohio can be filed in Ohio for \$99 – less than our neighboring states – and the application can typically be processed in twenty-four hours.

- Secretary LaRose has also expanded the Ohio Business Resource Connection, a compilation of private and public resources available to assist businesses.

- Secretary LaRose has hosted dozens of roundtables throughout the state with community, legislative and business leaders to spread the word about the resources available for entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their businesses.

- Secretary LaRose is currently working with the legislature to pass legislation to protect Ohio businesses from business identity theft and other business-related fraud.

Quick Facts:

- 16,409 new businesses were created in May 2023, a 1,813 filing increase from May 2022.

- 83,055 new businesses were created so far in 2023, a 2,575 filing increase from the same point in 2022.

- 2019, 2020, and 2021 were all record-setting years in Ohio for new business creation. In 2021, Ohio surpassed the annual filing record with 197,010 new business filings.

- Ohio entrepreneurs can visit OhioSoS.gov/Business-Resources to discover the helpful opportunities available to them that can help them start and grow their business.

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13 TEARS



hanging with three girls that proved to be devil worshippers. Her parents were shocked one day, when her mother inadvertently, looking for something, came across elaborate plans to kill their parents. They went immediately to the police, and her mother quit her job so that she could keep an eye on her daughter.

They took her out of her school, so that she would not have contact with these girls, and put her in Columbine. They also moved close to Columbine. Rachel was only allowed to go to school and home. They asked the church youth director, to find some Christian girls that would befriend her, and the only place she could go was to the Wednesday night youth service.

Through this contact she became a Christian, and completely changed her life. She now was determined to live for Jesus, and tell others about Him. She was friends with Dylan and Eric and had spoken to them just days before she was killed.

Dylan and Eric had shown a video as a class project. The video was about killing Christians. Rachel had talked to them and told them that she did not approve of the video.

Dillon's parents didn't realize anything was wrong. His mother worked for the school district, consulting with incorrigible students. The day of the shooting, Dylan left the house and told his mother, "See ya."

Rachel was the first person killed. She was sitting in the schoolyard, when they came across her. They asked her if she was a Christian and she said, "You know I am!" They shot her on the spot. What the media and FBI forgot to tell you was they were targeting Christians.

Cassie Russell, had the same experience. She had been a Satan worshiper, and devoted to Charles Manson music. Now she was an outspoken Christian. Eight of the 12 students killed had declared Jesus openly.

Dylan's parents had to flee their home that night, and move in with a family living in the mountains. His mother has written several books seeking answers, but there are few answers coming, except what is really obvious. The problem is a spiritual problem.

Rachel had parked her car in the parking lot, and it was never entered again. Their cars were left on the old tennis court as a shrine and are there to this day. Students still leave flowers and have not forgotten.

Rachel kept an extensive journal including pictures and stories. She seemed to have a premonition that she was going to be a martyr. The

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morning she died she had drawn a picture she entitled, "13 Tears." It was a picture of an eye out of which flowed 13 tears that dropped on a rose. Out of the rose fell 13 drops of blood.

There were 12 students and one teacher killed that day. The evil seems overwhelming. Mankind is capable of so much evil, and of so much good. As a Christian we believe the good will overcome evil, but it seems a terrible price. These boys could have been helped.

Psalms 103:3 Who redeems your life from the pits, and the crowns you with love and compassion.

James Neuhouser
Editor's Note: *As this is a very tragic story of bravery and sacrifice to God and Christianity, the validity of this specific story is still uncertain. There were several accounts of students proclaiming belief in God as Harris and Klebold terrorized a building full of children and educators. Several students were said to have stood up to the shooters and became martyrs — Rachel Scott, Cassie Bernall and Schnurr — were specifically named by students after the massacre.*

PAULDING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR 2023 JUDGING RESULTS CONT'D

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW
Beginner Showmanship - Anneliese Zijlstra
1st Place Jr. Dairy Breeding Sr. Yearling Heifer - Anneliese Zijlstra

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Junior Showmanship - Braelyn Putnam
Senior Showmanship - Caleb McClure

Champion of Champion Showmanship - Caleb McClure

1st Place Junior Dairy Steer - Jordan Hale

1st Place Dairy Market Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman

2nd Place Dairy Market Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman

Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman

Reserve Champion Dairy Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman

Rate of Gain Dairy Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 1 - Sophie Donaldson

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 1 - Hopeful Rose

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 2 - Alex Doster

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 2 - Caleb McClure

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 3 - Matthew Bail

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 3 - Allison Donaldson

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 4 - Makenna Manz

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 4 - Brianna McClure

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 5 - Harley Collins

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 5 - Amos Sinn

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 6 - Laura Thornell

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 6 - Caleb McClure

1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 7 - Laura Thornell

2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 7 - Tori Schlatter

Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder - Harley Collins

Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder - Makenna Manz

BEEF SHOW

Beginner Showmanship - Jocelynn Parrett

Junior Showmanship - Cheyenne Brimmer

Senior Showmanship - Brooke Molitor

Champion of Champion Showmanship - Hannah Molitor

1st Place Beef Breeding Jr. Heifer Calf - Hopeful Rose

1st Place Beef Breeding Jr. Yearling Calf - Jocelynn Parrett

1st Place Beef Breeding Beef Cow 2 yrs. & Under - Sarah Antoine

Grand Champion Beef Breeding - Jocelynn Parrett

Reserve Champion Beef Breeding - Alivia Mosier

1st Place Beef Market Steer Class 1 - Brandon Krabill

2nd Place Beef Market Steer Class 1 - Brooke Molitor

1st Place Beef Market Steer Class 2 - Hannah Molitor

2nd Place Beef Market Steer Class 2 - Kadence Thomas

1st Place Beef Market Steer Class 3 - Jocelynn Parrett

2nd Place Beef Market Steer Class 3 - Rachele Maag

Grand Champion Beef Market Steer - Brandon Krabill

Reserve Champion Beef Market Steer - Brooke Molitor

Rate of Gain Beef Market Steer - Rachele Maag

1st Place Beef Feeder Class 1 - Janae Parrett

2nd Place Beef Feeder Class 1 - Mason Schlatter

1st Place Beef Feeder Class 2 - Cheyenne Brimmer

2nd Place Beef Feeder Class 2 - Caleb Mosier

Grand Champion Beef Feeder - Janae Parrett

Reserve Champion Beef Feeder - Mason Schlatter

HORSE PLEASURE AND PERFORMANCE SHOW

Pleasure Class - English

1st Place Equitation Horse/Pony (9-18) - Raeley Franklin

1st Place Junior Hunter Under Saddle - Gabrielle Gurney

1st Place Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Katelyn Beckman

1st Place Junior Hunter Hack - Gabrielle Gurney

1st Place Senior Hunter Hack - Mara Philipot

Pleasure Class - Western

1st Place Pony Horsemanship (9-18, 58" & Under) -

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Crossword solution from page 9

Royce Cooper

1st Place Junior Horsemanship - Katelynn Hurd

1st Place Senior Horsemanship - Mara Philipot

1st Place Pony Pleasure (9-18, 58" & Under) - Emily McCrory

1st Place Junior Horse Pleasure - Katelynn Hurd

1st Place Senior Horse Pleasure - Raeley Franklin

1st Place Novice Walk/Trot (9-18) - Kendyl Hurd

1st Place Snaffle Bit Pleasure (9-18) - Emma Elkins

1st Place Junior Ranch Pleasure -

1st Place Senior Ranch Pleasure - Gabrielle Gurney

1st Place Senior Two-Year-Old Production 1st Place Junior Ranch Horsemanship

1st Place Senior Ranch Horsemanship - Katelynn Beckman

Champion of Champion Pleasure Raeley Franklin

Performance Class

1st Place Junior Trail - Delaney Johanns

1st Place Senior Trail - Katelynn Beckman

1st Place Inhand Trail - Kyla Hurd

1st Place Junior Western Riding - Gracelyn Elkins

1st Place Senior Western Riding - Emily McCrory

1st Place Junior Reining - Gracelyn Elkins

1st Place Senior Reining - Ally Jo Merriman

1st Place Versatility - Katelynn Beckman

1st Place Junior Ranch Riding - Gracelyn Elkins

1st Place Senior Ranch Riding - Katelynn Beckman

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ROCK ON THE RIVER TO SET A NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION IN ANTWERP



Monday July 3rd a celebration of America will take place at the boat launch in Antwerp Veterans Memorial Park at 6:00 p.m. This idea was sparked by local resident, Dan Bowers, owner of Advanced Chassis. This new inaugural event has been dubbed "Rock on the River". It is reminiscent of past celebrations experienced by Bowers. "When I was in college in Toledo every Friday they had the "Party in the Park". We would work over during the week so we could leave early to get down there to see big name bands (at the time) for free on the water at Promenade Park. One thing I was always jealous of was the people that were out in boats on the river watching," Bowers stated in his Facebook post when he pitched this idea to the social media world. And when his group was putting in the canoe launch, they created an area so bands could be watched while relaxing on the water.

If you enjoy canoeing,

people plan to canoe starting at Pond-A-River golf course and ending at the park river stage area before the concert begins at 6:00. This could take several hours, so plan accordingly. After the concert, if funds are available, a fireworks display will take place to conclude the evening.

This celebration is being put together by volunteer hours and manpower and will be FREE for all who choose to attend, but if you would like to contribute to what everyone is hoping will become an annual event, they are welcoming any kind of donation or fundraisers by organizations, group, individuals, etc.

Help Antwerp celebrate the birth of the United States of America, by attending Rock on the River at Antwerp Veterans Memorial Park on July 3rd!

VAN WERT FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK EXPANDS TO FORT WAYNE

Van Wert Federal Savings Bank, a long-standing financial institution headquartered in Van Wert, Ohio, has announced its expansion into the Fort Wayne market.

Under the leadership of President and CEO Mike Cahill and his executive team, Van Wert Federal Savings Bank will expand its product offerings and services to strengthen its relationships with customers and increase its presence in the Fort Wayne community.

Cahill said now is the right time for the bank to expand into the market because there's a strategic opportunity to support small

and medium-sized businesses. He noted the bank's decision-makers live and work in the community they serve, and the bank is not managed by a board or committee of people outside the area.

"We've been serving customers in Van Wert since 1889. That service and excellence will not change. What will change is our capacity to support the Fort Wayne market and focus on business banking," Cahill said. "We've invested in the team, tools and solutions to provide unmatched knowledge and expertise to our Fort Wayne customers."

Cahill said the bank's board of directors understands what business owners are facing daily because they are business owners themselves. While there's an emphasis on providing excellent products and services, what makes Van Wert stand apart is the knowledgeable advice and counsel from experienced financial professionals, he added.

"Northeast Indiana and the surrounding counties in Ohio deserve a bank focused only on them, and that is us. We want small and medium size businesses to know that the entire bank—from me to the tellers—is invested in providing the resources and expertise to help them grow," he said.

Van Wert Federal Savings Bank is increasing the convenience of modernizing its operations, adding commercial banking products and services to its long-time array of consumer banking products, and expanding its reach.

"We're thrilled to expand

MILLER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Dr. Martin Miller (Superintendent, Antwerp Local Schools) as the guest speaker at the June 22, 2023, club meeting. Dr. Miller came at the invitation of Shannon Ruschel (Director, Paul-

ding County Waste Management Education & Awareness). Dr. Miller spoke to the Kiwanians about his family ties to Paulding County, his path to and in education and how Antwerp Local Schools in implementing project-based learning.

our product lines, offering an extensive range of business solutions to cater to the evolving needs of commercial clients. The expanded product offerings will include specialized commercial lending options and comprehensive treasury management. We aim to empower businesses with tailored financial solutions and expert guidance, facilitating growth and success," Cahill said.

The process to expand to Fort Wayne began earlier this year when Cahill joined the bank, said Van Wert Federal Savings Bank's board chairman Gary Clay.

"Mike brings a wealth of

banking experience and knowledge to Van Wert Federal. This recent growth allows our bank to offer more services and expand how we support our current and new customers. This is a new and exciting chapter for us," Clay said.

For more information, please visit Van Wert Federal Savings Bank's website.

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