

DINOROAR TO BE HELD AT PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH



The Paulding County Carnegie Children's Room is excited to announce the upcoming "DinoRoar" Event, to be held at the Main branch location in Paulding on Wednesday, July 19 starting at 12:00. The DinoRoar event

comes from Cleveland, Ohio. There will be a walking T-Rex, fossils and some surprises. Be sure to stop by you won't want to miss this event.

For further information call the library at 419-399-2032.

PETE SCHLEGEL IN CONCERT AT PIN-A-RAMA



Pete Schlegel is coming to Antwerp on July 13th. He's

planning to perform at Pin-A-Rama: Bowling, Diner & Pizza on Daggett St. with his new show - Longnecks & Short Stories. He will have a special guest with him: Tina Mae as well as accompaniment by Them Oh Boys. Come out for a good show - Real Country and Proud. For more information, contact Pin-A-Rama at 419-506-9556.

100th YEAR FOR THE STEVENSON'S

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Pictured here are the graduates: (front row, l-r) Shumaker, Perez, Laver; (back row, l-r) Rufe-nacht, Vivic, Young, Jackson

Seven graduates from the Northwest State Community College Law Enforcement Academy were honored during a special ceremony. The class successfully completed both the state certification exam and the physical fitness requirements of the program. All seven graduates have also

passed the 200-question Ohio Peace Officer Training Association (OPOTA) Certification examination, which is a requirement to become a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio.

The following graduates were recognized:

Defiance County: Alex

Fulton County: Thalia Perez (Archbold), Evan Rufe-nacht (Archbold), Aaron Young (Archbold)

Henry County: Chase Laver (Napoleon)

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Lavina Stevenson from 1885 will hold their 100th anniversary on July 16, 2023 at the John Paulding Historical Society Museum in Paulding. This reunion has been documented each year since 1923. Potluck dinner will begin at 1:00 p.m. Pictures followed by homemade ice cream and cake at 2:00 p.m.

PAULDING FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADERS HOSTS CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

A Car Wash Fundraiser is set for Saturday, July 15th

from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Paulding Chief parking lot. While you wait for your car to be beautified, there will be food available to help pass the time. Snatch some bratwursts, burgers, chips, cookies and drinks to help support the Paulding football team and cheerleaders.

VETERANS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE & MUSEUM TO HOST BOOK GIVE-A-WAY

"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" will honor all Viet-

nam era Veterans on Saturday July 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Veterans Na-

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- July 10**
- PC Retired Teachers Luncheon @ Cooper Comm. Rm., Oakwood, 11:30am
- 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 13**
- Pete Schlegel in concert @ Pin-A-Rama, Antwerp, 8pm
- July 14**
- John Paulding Summer Blast, Paulding, 4:30-10p
- July 15**
- NRL22 Rifle Event @ Ant. Cons. Club, Sight-in, 9am
 - Ice Cream Social @ Twin Oaks fellowship hall, 4-7pm
 - Bad Boys Toys Car Show, Antwerp, 3-7pm
 - Ice Cream Social @ Bethel UMC, 5-7pm
 - PHS Car Wash Fundraiser @ Chief in Paulding, 1-3pm
- July 16**
- Stevenson's 100th Reunion @ JPHS, 1pm
- July 15-16**
- Big Fish summer show @ The Huber, 7p; 2:30p
- July 17-21**
- Antwerp GMC VBS, 6-8:30p
- July 18**
- Hands of Hope Open House & Fun Day, 6-9pm

OBITUARIES

Funeral Home of Payne, 5761 SR 500, Payne Ohio 45880.

Viewing is also July 3, 2023 from 9-9:30 AM at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, July 3, 2023 at 10 AM at Divine Mercy Catholic Church 203 W Townline St, Payne, Ohio.

She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp.

Memorials may be made to The James, Ohio State University Foundation for Cancer Research.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.



ANTWERP, OH:
Cynthia Lou Herber (McGuire) 64, Antwerp, OH, found her everlasting peace on June 30, 2023, surrounded by her husband and children. Cindy battled stage 4 cancer for 5 years and was determined not to let it take control of her life and that was the battle she won.

She was born September 13, 1958 to her late parents, John (Jack) and Marge McGuire from Lima, OH.

On March 27, 1982, she married Kenneth (Spud) Herber and they started a beautiful life and love story together based around their faith and guidance from God. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Cindy loved going on vacations, sewing, cross stitching, but most of all, loved being around her family. Cindy was a proud and loving mother to her three children, Charles McGuire, Susan (Nick) Bonifas, and Jenny (Dave) Poor, and her fur babies Champ and Zoey. Cindy's greatest joy, however, was when she became a grandma to all of her amazing grandkids, Braedon McGuire, Jordan, Sayge, and Laine Bonifas, Lyndin Poor and the newest addition who made her a great grandma, Greyson Bonifas. She will be greatly missed by the family and friends she cherished deeply including her 4 brothers, Rick, Bill, Dave, and Randy and 2 sisters, Linda and Marie (Sam) and numerous in laws.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Alyce Pfennig, brother in law, Gary Pfennig, sister in law, Lou Ann McGuire, and brother in law John Manuel.

Viewing is Sunday, July 2, 2023 from 2-5 PM at Dooley

HICKSVILLE, OH:
Gwen Janeice Perry passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, at the age of 85, surrounded by her family.

Gwen was the fourth of five children, born to the late Walter and Wilda Scranton in Milford Township, Ohio on January 22, 1938. Gwen graduated from Farmer High School in 1956 as a valedictorian. She enjoyed playing the drums in the school band and being in 4-H, where she met her husband.

She married Eddie on July 21, 1957, at Evangelical United Brethren Church (now Trinity United Methodist Church) in Hicksville. She worked at Farnsworth Electronic in Fort Wayne, Ind. before she became a full-time mom.

Gwen was active in the church community. She contributed to a variety of church missions and activities, volunteering for vacation bible school, teaching Sunday school, singing in the church choir and meeting with Circle of Friends. She was a 4-H group leader and a softball coach for her children. She belonged to the neighborhood club, the All Together Club, for many years. Gwen enjoyed spending time with her family, attending children's and grandchildren's events and helping on the farm.

Gwen will be missed by her

husband Eddie Perry; siblings Millard (Sue) Scranton of Hicksville, Anna (Earl) Crall of Hicksville, Carl Scranton of Amelia, Ohio; children, Jan (Angel) Perry of Hicksville, Jay (Melanie) Perry of Payne, Tenly (Charles) Trautman of Mebane, N.C. and Tammy (Roger) Buenger of Bryan; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Muriel Andrews; brother-in-law, James Andrews; and her sister-in-law, Artis Scranton.

Viewing for Gwen will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 706 North Main Street, Hicksville, Ohio 43526. Funeral services begin on Friday, July 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Hicksville with viewing one hour before the service.

Gwen will be laid to rest at Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville following the funeral service.

Memorials can be made to Trinity United Methodist Church of Hicksville, Ohio.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at "http://www.oberlinturnbull.com" www.oberlinturnbull.com.



HANENKRATH'S PASSING FELT THROUGHOUT COMMUNITY

Matt Hanenkrath, of Ayersville, OH, took his last ride on Monday July 3, 2023. The numerous hats of his life were hung for a final time. Matt was known to many as fire chief, 911 Dispatch Director, school board president, and coach. He was also a dedicated and loving husband and father. Many community members all remember Matt as a leader and a helper wherever he was needed.

Hanenkrath began his career in law enforcement as a dispatcher in both Defiance and Lucas Counties, and eventually became the Director for the 911 Communications Center in Defiance. He was Fire Chief for South Richland Volunteer Fire Department and Assistant Chief at Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department. He spent time outside of work as the president of the Ayersville school board, and coaching softball and football at Ayersville High School.

He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his wife, Ashley and his children: Haleigh, Brynn and Bentley; and remembered always for his service to his community of Defiance County. A procession through Defiance was held in Hanenkrath's memory on July 3rd beginning at Defiance Elementary School and commencing at Ayersville Cemetery.

To honor Hanenkrath's life and service, Governor Mike DeWine ordered all flags of the United States and State of Ohio to be flown at half-staff on all public buildings in Defiance County, the Ohio Statehouse, the Vern Riffe Center and the Rhodes State Office from June 29 through July 3, 2023.



VBS - AN ADVENTURE!

The preparations for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Antwerp Global Methodist Church are under way and workers are getting Fired Up for this year's adventure. Lessons, crafts, and decorations are being prepared. The building is being transformed into a castle atmosphere.

VBS is a week of adventure and excitement for children Pre-K through 5th grade to learn about God. For 2023 the adventure will take place July 17-21 in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:30. The week will be followed by a Celebration of Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 23 at the church located at 202 E. River Street and them a picnic in Veteran's Memorial park for the entire family.

This year's theme is Keepers of the Kingdom. Lessons will focus on putting on Godly Spiritual Armor to help us stand strong in today's Battle for Truth.

Pre-Registration is encouraged but not necessary and can be done by visiting the church website at www.antwerpmethodistchurch.org. Click on "Ministries", then VBS.

The staff and workers ask for your prayers that God will direct them and abundantly bless them and the children.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
Is it possible for a Christian to evoke an actual blessing on another person?

Not only is it possible, it is commanded. Note these blessings: Isaiah to Esau (Genesis 27:4), Melchizedek to Abram (Genesis 14:19), family to Rebekah (Genesis 24:60), Joseph to sons (Genesis 48:9, 15-20), Jacob to Joseph's sons (Genesis 49:28), Moses and Aaron to the twelve tribes (Leviticus 9:22-23), Joshua to Caleb (Joshua 14:13), Simeon to Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:26), Jesus to Apostles (Luke 24:51), and many others. Almost every greeting in Paul's letters contained a blessing bestowed on the readers.

Blessings all come from God (James 1:17), but God wants His children to be conduits through which He can verbally and physically bless others. God has given us authority, privilege and responsibility to bestow His blessings on others.

In Matthew 5:44 and Romans 12:14 He commands us to bless even our enemies and those who persecute us. That is what Christ, Stephen and Paul did (Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; I Corinthians 4:12).

It was the normal, expected thing to bless those you met. When the children of Israel were in captivity they stopped doing it as had been their practice (Psalms 129:8). Even children were to bless their mothers (Proverbs 30:11).

When I tell folks, "The Lord bless you," I want Him

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Scripture of the Week

"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."

— Pslam 18:30

MATT'S MISHAPS



"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

Reluctantly going into EMT mode we and our kids have really enjoyed having visits from Americans over the years. They help keep us up-to-date with the newest changes that are happening back home. We live overseas in a place that is quite different than most people's home State-side, which is good and bad. Good, because they get to enjoy unique ways the Lord has made places around the globe. The extreme differences are also bad, as it requires me to reluctantly go into the "EMT mode" sometimes. I do have advanced first aid certifications, and if you get in our vehicle you can consider it a "civilian ambulance" as you will find a large first aid kit, vomit bags, wet wipes, walkie-talkies and a back bench seat that lies flat. However, I'd prefer not to be put into service.

The extreme differences are bad, because all the unique things are a big distraction for many. I remember a couple walking around with me, and the wife was looking up at all the attractions as she was pointing out things to her husband.



Our local authorities overseas become exasperated with tourists getting into dangerous trouble on hiking trails and in the open sea. Heavy fines and payments for public rescue services are now levied on foreigners who get themselves into trouble.

band. She didn't see a set of a dozen steep, sharp volcanic rock steps in front of her. She said, "Look dear it is ... aaaaah!" and she never finished her sentence as she rolled down the steps. No problem, we drug her to my van and patched her up enough to get her to the emergency room. She enjoyed the rest of her trip using crutches for a sprained ankle.

The extreme differences are bad, because all the unique opportunities make some people get a "superman complex" where they think they are capable of doing things they couldn't do Stateside (or have never even tried). We bring sports teams over from America. A long-distance runner once entered into the steeplechase (without training) - the event where you cross over fixed, wooden barriers with one barrier having a drop into a water pit. Maybe you have seen it in the Olympics? Well, this gal cleared the wooden barrier fine, but landed poorly in the water pit, fell, and had others collide with her. Yes, I took her on a road trip to the emergency room, and she enjoyed the rest of her trip on crutches.

The extreme differences are also bad, because all the unique things get people into a "Disneyworld mentality" where everything seems like it must be safe. We do tell people, "Don't walk on manhole covers, they may not be stable here." "Don't lean on rusty railings here at overlooks, it might not hold you." We once had a couple guys go down to the coast and assume it was safe to try to body surf, even with a warning flag flying. They told me they had gotten really battered in the waves and a few days later, smelly, green ooze was coming from their ears. Yes, I took them on a road trip to the hospital as they had gotten water contaminated with bacteria slammed into their ears. They looked a bit comical with large patches of gauze taped to their ears.

The normal, humdrum, mundane, and unexciting things of our home-town life are sure preferred by a person reluctant to go into "EMT mode."

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

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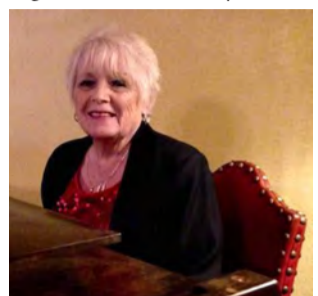


WHAT'S ON AND WHAT WAS ON TV?

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Are you a TV watcher? Remember when we only had three channels to watch. But we thought that was great. Then remember at first we all had black and white TVs with small screens? There were shows like "Gunsmoke", "Have Gun will Travel", "I Love Lucy", "I've Got a Secret" and oh, don't forget Groucho Marx and the secret word.

could rope about anything you wanted. Then there was a five year old little girl who knew how to pray. And pray she did. She told the audience to bow their heads and close their eyes. She then prayed that Steve Harvey would stop saying bad words, the sick to get healed and for almost everyone in the audience. The thing was this little girl was dead serious in her praying and here at my house



I bowed my head and closed my eyes.

Another little boy was the youngest knife thrower in the world. He had quite a variety of knives and proceeded to throw them all around his little sister. What a showman and he never missed a target.

One little boy from China could do any kind of math in his head. All you had to do was tell him the numbers and he could add, subtract, square root, multiply and you had to wonder, "How does he do that?" Speak of talent!

One little gal had a duck that followed her all over. The big white duck would be always right back of her wherever she went on stage.

One especially entertaining act was a group of brothers who all sang and played bluegrass music. They were known as "Salty Dogs". They must have been from blue grass country. because they could play banjo, fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Plus, they had just the right amount of "twang" in their voices.

One little girl could do bird sounds, while another little girl could sing. These kids were all multi talented and made a bright spot in TV watching on a long winter evening. It is good to know and see all these kids who did and do have special talents.

Well, while I do miss some of those old shows, these shows will tickle your funny bone and make you right proud of our young generation.

Have you ever watched Americas Funniest Videos or did you ever watch Little Big Shots? We all have some type of God given talent. Let me know what yours is and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

MIDWEST ELECTRIC IS ROUNDING UP & MAKING IMPACT



Representing the VWAPAF are Eva Yarger, Board Secretary, and Tafi Stober, Executive Director.

The Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund awarded the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation (VWAPAF) presenting Van Wert Live events with a \$500 grant. These funds are specifically used to provide accessibility to the arts for low to moderate-income families through the VWLive Community Impact Program.

Just how is funding made possible through Midwest Electric? Each month, participating member's electric bills are rounded up to the next highest dollar and the extra pennies are deposited into the Midwest Electric Community Connection Fund. Quarterly, the Community Connection Fund Board of Trustees re-

views grant applications and awards funds to charitable groups and worthy individuals throughout west central Ohio. Since October 1998, the Fund has donated more than \$50,000 annually to worthy causes in local communities, including food pantries, library projects, senior citizen groups, fire departments, and more.

"We applaud Midwest Electric and its gracious customers for rounding up and making good things happen in the region. To witness the joy that flows from the impact of these grant dollars awakens the purpose behind our entertainment vision," shared Tafi Stober, VWAPAF Executive Director.

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tional Memorial Shrine and Museum 2122 O'Day Road in Fort Wayne.

A Free gift of gratitude will be presented to Indiana residents who served in the military during the Vietnam War era 1955-1975 regardless of duty station. The full color coffee table book called "A Time to Honor" features stories and pictures of Hoosiers who served during the war. "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" (WHVV.Org) in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs are sponsors of the event.

If you served during the Vietnam War era and want to receive a Free book just bring your DD214 form, American Legion, VFW or DAV Mem-

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and expect Him to do so. Often folks respond with "Thank you." Whether they thank me or not, I know I've done what is right and what pleases the Lord.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN VBS: HAY DAY

Have you herd? Get ready for acres of fun! So get moooooovin to make plans to attend VBS at St John Lutheran, 812 East High Street, Hicksville.

Our theme this year is Hay Day. VBS will be from July 17 - 20. Farm fun begins at 5:40 pm with a lite meal then VBS will start at 6 pm. The cows will come home at 8 pm. At Hay Day VBS, kids grow in friendship with Jesus.

The VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning expe-

riences kids see, hear and touch. Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and multi-sensory Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids should wear play clothes and safe shoes.

The VBS will be open to 3 year olds to 5 th grade. Questions can be directed to 419-542-6269. Come and let the good times roll!

LATTY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/11/23

All council members were present. The meeting started with Nick Mansfield taking the oath of office to be a member of the Village Council. Barb Sinn is now the clerk. She replaced JoAnne Taylor who has resigned, her last day was the Council Meeting on Tuesday.

In addition to Payne, Latty has had electric aggregation in place since 2018. The current aggregation is a fixed rate of \$0.0438 and it ends in May of this year. Energy Harbor will remain the supplier, but the price is now \$0.0648. The contract will begin in May and go last until December 2025.

The Easter Egg hunt was deemed a success at the Latty Park. An estimated 40-50 kids attended despite the inclement weather. Dwight Stoller did a short devotion to start. Over 2,000 eggs were hidden throughout the park with 6 eggs containing tickets for Easter basket prizes. The Council

is thankful for all those who came out and participated. The council is planning on repeating this event next year. If you would like to make a donation to this activity, please contact a council member.

The council agreed to have a catch basin installed on North Alexander Street on the west side of the road to help with surface drainage issues on that side of town.

The council renewed its contract with Buckeye Exterminating to continue with mosquito fogging within the village. The cost is \$205 per treatment and the fogging dates will be as follows: May 30, June 19, July 10, July 31, August 21, and September 11.

The village entered into an agreement with Dangler Excavating to have them jet and vac storm lines throughout the village. The last time this was done was in June 2020.

The Pauling County Engineer's Office continued with sign maintenance in the village. They replaced traffic signs and added signs within the village this past month.

HARLAN CHURCH OF CHRIST VBS: BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH

Harlan Church of Christ will be hosting a Vacation Bible School, July 16-20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This VBS is for all children Pre-K through 4th grade with special events for 5th and 6th graders as well. You can pre-register your children by find the event page on Facebook. Harlan Church of Christ is located at 17108 SR 37, Harlan, IN.

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

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry
Stop the Press

Research can be a neat thing, well, only if it gets you the information without digging too deep and if you get the results that you want without question.

Well, anyone who knows me, knows I cannot get that lucky all the time. Then what happens, I discover some-



thing and I don't know when to leave it alone. Case in point, after writing about Andrew C. Jackson, part 1 and 2, I thought something was not right, so, I got on my belly and crawled on my callused elbows, and went back down that rabbit hole to find another path. And guess what I found? Another Andrew C. Jackson!

Now, Andrew Cass Jackson of the 10th Indiana Infantry, is buried in Hedges Cemetery. I researched the folks that are buried around him to verify that he is who he is. He was born in 1843 and he died June 29, 1932. The person who signed the death verification was J. Jackson, which turned out to be a nephew. Now this should clear up things a bit right? No! His military grave registration card, which is on file in the Records Office at the Court House, lists the birth and

death dates of the other Andrew C. Jackson! Now this is no fault of the Records Office, as this information comes from the state.

Now, where oh where is the other Andrew C. Jackson? Well, I went to the library to check out any obituaries on Andrew C. Jackson, I found two! Andrew Cass Jackson and Andrew Carle Jackson. Now this was the fella that I had originally did the articles on. Andrew Carle Jackson was born October 14, 1842 and died July 12, 1923. The person who signed the death verification was also J. Jackson. Now he was Jesse B. Jackson, the son of Andrew Carle Jackson. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

So I checked my 1940 Veterans Graves Map and he is not listed! Oh crap, but his ex-wife, Lucy, who died two months prior, May 9, 1923, is also buried in Live Oak as well as her parents. But she and her parents are not listed in the cemetery inscriptions book. Well, I see a field trip in the future, if it ever stops raining! As far as the third Andrew C. Jackson, never mind, he is still in Kansas, he never moved. O.K. that was not nice or funny. But, I sure kept my contact at the Veterans Administration busy. He did tell me that he has never seen anything like this before.

The Records Office was very intrigued, the Health Department was very surprised, and the library was amazed. Well, I am glad that I can entertain so many people! As I crawl out of another rabbit hole, dusty with the truth, choking on the dust of a mystery solved, I hope you the reader, can filter out the dust and debris of the research I uncovered. Oh no, I just thought, I have got to figure out where Andrew Carle Jackson is truly buried so I can get him his Military Stone!

...Until Next Time!

This measure is to promote continued safety within our village. They will be out again in July to continue to update traffic signs.

The council discussed the maintenance of the Latty buildings. Afterwards, council made a motion to have C.C. Seamless in making repairs/painting of the Morton Storage Building. This includes installing new 6 inch seamless gutters. The total cost was estimated at \$5,357.

The council made a motion to have Kauser's Trucking spread the grounded up street piles at the Sewer Plant. The estimate from Kauser's was between \$700 to \$1000 to complete this project.

It will be spread from the east front of the sewer plant off of Broadway Street.

The council discussed ways to create more of a social media presence online. The council decided to go with WIX to design a website for the Latty Village. Once the website is up and running, access of council meeting will be available online.

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2023 SENIOR SAINTS CONCERT SCHEDULE



The Senior Saints are starting their 2023 concert season with 74 singers and instrumentalists, age 58 to 91, from 29 area churches. The Saints will be presenting 14 concerts from August through September. Seven of the concerts are open to the public. Their program this year is "The Music of Our Hearts."

Songs about music include "Put Another Nickle In, The Sound of Music, His Eye is on the Sparrow, and In My Heart There Rings a Melody. The Saints will sing several packages of songs from their childhood, their teen years, and their time of dating. They will honor our country with a package of patriotic songs and will end with songs that express our faith in Jesus Christ. The audience is en-

couraged to sing along. Between packages individual saints share stories about the different seasons of their lives.

The Saints' goal is to be entertaining and bring smiles but also to bring a message of hope found in Jesus Christ. Their program each year is written and directed by Marsha Wright. They are sponsored by Grabill Missionary Church.

The Music of Our Hearts

August 12, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; Headwaters Church, 2000 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, IN

August 13, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Calvary Baptist Church, 7810 St. Joe Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46835

August 17, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.; St Johns Christian Church, 700 S. Defiance, Archbold, OH

August 27, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Woodburn Missionary, 5108 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn, IN

September 14, Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; First Assembly of God, 1400 W. Washington Center Rd Fort Wayne DOOR 5

September 17, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Leo Apostolic Church, 11714 Grabill Road, Leo, IN

September 21, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Huber Opera House, 157 E High Street, Hicksville, OH

September 24, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State Street, Grabill, IN

October 16, Monday, 1:00 p.m.; Emmanuel Community Church, 1222 W US 24 Fort Wayne, DOOR 2 Sanctuary

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger, assigned to Franklin County, received a call from the Ohio State Fairgrounds staff about an owl trapped in one of the buildings. Officer Kiger arrived and found a barred owl inside a building, but the ceiling was too high to safely capture it. Officer Kiger asked for assistance from wildlife communications specialist Sarah Schott and fisheries biologist Tim Parker. They arrived with nets at the same time fairgrounds staff arrived with a lift. After a few attempts, Officer Kiger captured the owl using the lift and a net. The owl was safely released at the ODNR Natural Resources Park at the state fairgrounds.

State Wildlife Officers Nick Oliver and Adam Smith, assigned to Champion and Logan counties, respectively, received a Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) report that an angler was tak-

ing more than the daily limit of six saugeye on the Great Miami River. The officers investigated the complaint and learned that an angler had taken nine saugeye from the river that day. The angler was issued a summons for taking more than the daily limit of six saugeye, resulting in a six-month fishing license revocation and a total of \$350 in fines. Reports of wildlife violations can be submitted anonymously via the TIP hotline at 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437).

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2022-23 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, received information that an individual had harvested more than one antlered deer. Following an investigation, Officer Porinchok determined the suspect had harvested more than the legal limit of one buck. The suspect was issued several citations and venison, antlers, and a crossbow were seized as evidence. The suspect was found guilty in Lima Munic-

ipal Court and was ordered to pay more than \$1,000 in fines and court costs. The venison was donated to a local food pantry and the hunting equipment was forfeited to the State of Ohio. The suspect's hunting privileges were suspended for three years.

The end of the school year is an exciting time for teachers and students. This year almost 100 students from Putnam County's Glandorf and Pandora-Gilboa elementary schools had a field day at their local wetland to learn about natural resources. State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, and Outdoor Skills Specialist Jaron Beck informed the students about frog gigging. The students were given information on how to legally harvest frogs and had the opportunity to gig simulated "pool noodle frogs" with frog grabbers. Everyone had fun and the weather for the event was beautiful.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State wildlife officers frequently encounter individuals who fail to report for their court arraignments, resulting in bench warrants. In April, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, attempted to locate several individuals with warrants. Officer Frank contacted one individual who appeared in court the following day. Instead of paying the \$120 bond forfei-

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Several students from the graduating class received additional recognition:

Top Gun Award: Alex Jackson

Top Driver Award: Jacob Vicic

Top Test Score Award: Jacob Vicic

Deputy Allen D. Ohlrich Outstanding Cadet Award: Evan Rufenacht

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ture, the individual was ordered to pay \$286 for failing to pay or appear.

In April, State Wildlife Officers Marty Cisine and Mark Williams, assigned to Trumbull and Ashtabula counties, respectively, checked sportfishing compliance at Mosquito Lake State Park. At the spillway, Officer Williams contacted an individual who had an expired fishing license. Officer Williams issued the angler a summons for fishing without a valid license. The individual pleaded guilty in Trumbull County Central Court. He was fined \$50 and paid additional court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In early June, State Wildlife Officers Tyler Fields, assigned to Scioto County, and Bob Nelson, assigned to Ross County, patrolled the Ohio River. Officer Fields received a call from workers at Greenup Lock and Dam about an injured peregrine falcon which was rescued from the river. The falcon was soaked and unable to fly. The officers transferred the falcon to a cage and evaluated its injuries. The falcon had a slightly broken beak and a minor wing injury. Officer Fields contacted RAPTOR Inc. of Clermont County and transferred the falcon to the rehabber for further care.

In early March, State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, received a litter complaint from Powelson Wildlife Area. Officer Berry responded and found several bags of household trash. Officer Berry located a suspect, who pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Court and was sentenced to complete 200 hours of community service and pay court costs.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

In April, State Wildlife Officer Matt Roberts, assigned to Highland County, received a report that an individual had illegally harvested a white-tailed deer. Officer Roberts responded and found a deer at the suspect's residence that had been taken with a rifle. Officer Roberts determined the suspect had committed the violation and issued the individual a citation for taking a deer in the closed season. The subject was found guilty and forfeited the deer and the rifle.

State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, recently attended the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office Family Outdoor Day. Officer Schemmel helped 65 participants experience archery, trap shooting, rifle shooting, and fishing. The event was free and had many youth attendees.

community College Law Enforcement Academy is an eight-month program that is offered annually. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A new class is forming now and is scheduled to begin in August. For more information on the academy, contact the NSCC admissions team at 419.267.1320 or visit NorthwestState.edu online.

LAMBERT DAYS IS SET IN OHIO CITY



This year's Lambert Days will be held, as always, on the "Third Full Weekend" in July. The dates this year will be July 21-23 at the Ohio City Firemans Park and Community Building. The grounds are located on OH-118 on the northside of the Village. If you are interested in being a vendor please contact, Scott Bigham (419) 953-9511 or visit lambertdays.com

The weekend will "unofficially" start on Thursday (July 20th) with a community garage sale. These sales will continue all weekend. There will be sales throughout the Village, Liberty Township, and vendors at the park. A map of the sales will be available at each sale and at the Ohio City Express. If you are interested in participating in the community garage sale and to be added to our map, please contact Laura Morgan at (419) 771-9463 or visit lambertdays.com.

Friday (July 21) at 4:00 begins with a steak dinner at the Community Building (carry-out available). At 5:00 there will be a flag raising by American Legion Harvey Lewis Post #346. A generous donation from David & Kelly Williams has made it possible for the inflatable/fun zone to be free to the public. The fun zone will be open at 5:00. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. At 7:00 there will be a Texas Hold 'em tournament inside the Community Building, for more information please contact Jeff Agler at (419) 513-0585. The band, "Major Snafu", will start under the tent at 7:30. Fireworks will begin at approximately 10:15. In case of rain, The fireworks will be moved to Saturday. Follow lambertdays.com for any updates.

Saturday (July 22) starts with co-ed volleyball and co-ed softball at 9:00. If you are interested in volleyball contact Tim Mathews at (419) 203-2946. Your contact for softball is Ron Rigenbach

(419) 769-9991. Our car show this year is organized by the Black Mark Mafia (BMM) and registration will start at 9:00, with the car show starting at 11:00. We have also brought back the "Burn Out Contest", also organized by BMM and its registration is at 2:00, with the contest at 4:00. For more information please contact BMM-Rick Lamb at (419) 203-7246. Cornhole registration starts at 11:00 with the tournament starting at 12:00. If you are interested in cornhole contact Vince Morgan at (419) 771-3275. The inflatables/fun zone and other kids games will start at 12:00. At 4:00 the Community Building will be serving a hog roast dinner (take-out available), along with music provided by Jeff Unterbrink under the tent. Bingo starts inside the building at 5:00. The band, "Shifferly Road" will start under the tent at 7:30. Sunday (July 23) will continue with softball at 9:00. We will be serving our chicken dinner, provided by Black Angus Catering, at 11:00 inside the building (take-out available). The band "Triad" will be performing inside for your listening pleasure. The inflatables/fun zone and other kids games will start at 12:00. Our 2023 Lambert Days Parade will have its lineup starting at 1:45 and the parade will begin at 3:00. The 2023 Grand Marshals are the owners of Ohio City Express, Kully and Tony Sangha.

There will be an array of food items available at the Community Building all weekend. There will also be 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for the dozens of baskets and items. This year we decided to try a new community participation project by allowing individuals and families to paint the Village's fire hydrants. More than 80% of the hydrants have been spoken for to paint. Please enjoy driving around the Village to admire the artwork. The winner of the "Paint a Fire Hydrant" contest will be decided by voters at a booth that will be located inside the Community Building.

If you have any question, please phone our general contacts: Jason (567) 259-9460, Brenda (419) 965-2000, or Scott (419) 953-9511 or you can follow us on Facebook or visit our website: lambertdays.com

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

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



WHAT DO LOW INTEREST RATES MEAN FOR RETIREMENT?

When interest rates are low, you may have questions about how this affects your financial strategy. Low interest rates often make investors worry about lagging returns. Investors might consider adding income annuities to their retirement portfolio.

How to compare income-generating solutions when interest rates are low. When looking at ways to achieve financial security in retirement, individuals need to compare a range of available income-generating options. At any interest rate level, creating retirement income from bonds or CDs may produce less income relative to income annuities since one's lifespan is never known.

With income annuities, that longevity risk is off-loaded to an insurance company, so higher levels of safe retirement income can be generated. Even when rates are lower, solutions like income annuities are more attractive on a relative basis. Investors need not time the market when buying income annuities. Not only are income annuities less sensitive to interest rates, their payouts are not tied to the market. Some mutual companies like New York Life Insurance

Company also offer income annuities with the opportunity for more income via non-guaranteed dividends.

It should be noted that income annuities have limited withdrawal features and investors should read the policies carefully for details. Bonds and CDs are more liquid (with CDs having shorter term). At maturity of the CD or bond, the purchaser recovers the full principal back. Keep in mind, too, that these products have differing insurance protections.

Even when interest rates fluctuate, income annuities make good sense.

Income annuities are less sensitive to interest rates than other fixed income instruments like bonds or CDs because part of an income annuity payout is in the form of "mortality credits." These mortality credits do not fluctuate with interest rates and are only available via the mortality pool of an annuity. Simply put, in low interest rate environments generating income from bonds or CDs is very expensive, especially when you need to plan for the chance of living to an advanced age. There is wide academic support for the finding that income annuities have an advantage to bonds or CDs in generating retirement income because they provide mortality credits that results in an income stream that one cannot outlive.

What you need to know about mortality credits.

An income annuity is a way to create a "pension-like" income for life. Because annuity premiums are based off mortality tables that estimate life expectancy at every age, premiums paid by those who die earlier than expected con-

tribute to the overall pool. This can provide a higher yield to survivors than individuals could achieve through individual investments. Mortality credits are a hedge against longevity risk, often creating an income stream that would be difficult to match in the broader financial markets.

In short, fluctuations in monetary policy will not have a great impact on income annuities. Income annuity payouts are not particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates or other economic debt instruments such as 10-year treasury notes. Income annuities provide a base of guaranteed income that might allow the purchaser to take more risk with the rest of the portfolio, knowing that a portion is guaranteed. Pre-retirees and retirees seeking solutions to address the range of financial risks in retirement, such as longevity, inflation, or sequence of return risks, can create a stable, guaranteed income for life through income annuities.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SATAN IN CHARGE

I believe Satan has enormous control of Democrat representatives in Washington, including our president and a few Republicans. Satan has frequently tried to weasel into our government but it took Clinton to set the stage. But, it was Obama-Biden who opened the door to disgrace and failure.

We then had a breather as President Trump worked very diligently to oust Satan. Trump gave us our best economy since President Reagan. President Trump gave our world something that no liberal Democrat will ever achieve. I believe the majority of the world's knowing people felt we had the safest world in modern times. President Trump is a very strong man who believes in God. The evils of our world knew this were afraid to come against him.

Today, President Biden is the exact opposite. He is the very weakest and worst president in America's history. I really believe that neither Biden nor Harris has the

mental capacity or fortitude for the positions they hold. Why do you think Biden's nickname was "Do nothing Biden?"

Like a puppet, it appears Biden has someone pulling strings for him. They are deathly afraid the blind liberals who voted him into office will discover how unequipped and sick he is. They try not to let him speak freely because it's frequently wrong or doesn't make sense. Example: In a recent speech instead of saying "God bless America" he said, "God save the queen." Not very stable.

I see Biden as totally incompetent and Harris comes across as a complete flop. She shouldn't ever be in our government. I think she is there only because she is a woman of color. America deserves so much more than Biden-Harris and their keepers exhibit.

America's downfall from the world's leader with a great economy into the sick state we're in today started the moment Biden sat down at his new desk for the first time, he basically shut down our oil industry. His executive order shut down new drilling and the oil pipeline from Canada. This sick move forced us to buy oil from an enemy terrorist nation at over twice the cost.

In another executive order Biden said all new cars must be electric by 2035. In another order he forbid the installation of gas stoves in new homes after a specified date. Biden's latest promise is to make appliances more expensive and less efficient in the future.

As stated in my last letter, today's Democrat leaders hate God and Christians plus any statement of truth about them. They are doing to America what a bloodsucker does to any living thing. They want to suck the life out of you and most of you are too blind to realize what they are doing.

It's the same thing that destroyed Russia in the 1800's. They changed to Marxism which automatically turns to communism. It's equivalent to stepping into quicksand. The only difference you will find is that what remains of your life will be complete misery as compared to a quick death in quicksand. Just remember, socialism is

the start of communism and you won't be able to stop it.

I just received a letter Lt. Col. Allen B. West describing another sneaky Democrat attack against Christians. They removed "so help me God" from the sacred oath before Congress. These evil people want all mention of God removed from America's life.

In addition, they are forcing our military to undergo CRT training which is anti-God and anti-common sense. I see these atheist, Satan Democrats are after military with no Christians. This will make it easier to do away with our Christians like they have in Russia and China.

Review Democrat history starting in 1947. If you do this, I believe you will realize how Satan now controls the Democrat party. If you are a Christian, you just can not support what Democrats stand for today. Your party has been stolen from you.

I believe that if Democrats should win the 2024 election, America may never have another free election. What ever sits at the head of your party will be just as Putin in in Russia.

There is only one way to survive today's Democrat hell and that is to turn to God. If you don't I'll probably see you as a coward and don't wish to go to Heaven. Here is praying you awaken before our 2024 election.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

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- Cecil:** 127 Maramart
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Centinental:** 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
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- Ney:** Marathon
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- Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
- Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
- Scott:** Scott Post Office
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- Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
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TRADING POST ON THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER AT THE OLD FORT



The Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Avenue will be presenting Trading Post on the Northwest Frontier on Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm & Sunday, July 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Admission: Freewill donation.

The East coast was in open revolt in the late 1770s. But what was happening on the frontier? Take a trip to a trading post in what was called the "Northwest Territory" at the time. Witness what it was like to live in a post garrisoned by troops of the Continental army. Interact with civilians and merchants as they trade

FORRER STEALS WIN FOR WT

Kyle Forrer stole home in the bottom of the seventh for the game-winning run to lift the Wayne Trace Raider ACME baseball team to a 6-5 victory over Ayersville in district tournament action at Fairview High School Wednesday evening.

The Raiders, who trailed 5-2 entering the bottom of the sixth, rallied with two runs in the home half of the sixth before scoring twice more in the bottom of the seventh to post the win.

Ayersville took a 3-0 lead in the visitors portion of the deficit to 3-2 with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame. The Pilots then added two more runs in the top of the fifth in expanding the margin to 5-2.

Carter Michel and Chris Steingass each had two hits for the Pilots with Ryne Maag, Lucas Fishpaw, Trenton Florence and Owen Lloyd picked up one hit apiece. Ben Amoroso, Fishpaw, Michel,

their wares, while the garrison keeps a close eye out for the British. Demonstrations will include military and civilian life, period cooking, artisans, and weapons.

Visit the website: oldfortwayne.org, [facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne), or call (260)437-2836 for schedule updates and information.

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

Kaden Booher and Lloyd all scored runs for Ayersville while Michel added two runs batted in. Maag, Gavin Palladino and Steingass drove in one run each for the Pilots.

Fishpaw took the loss for Ayersville, giving up two hits, two earned runs and two walks in the bottom of the seventh. Amoroso tossed the first six frames allowing ten hits, four earned runs and a walk with six strikeouts.

Forrer also picked up the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, fanning two in one inning of relief on the mound. Tucker Antoine started the contest, striking out seven while giving up three hits, three unearned runs and four walks in four innings. Carter Clemens pitched the remaining two frames, allowing five hits and two earned runs with three strikeouts.

Breven Anderson paced Wayne Trace with three singles and a pair of runs scored while Antoine and Forrer both singled twice and scored one run. Brady Miller finished with a single and a triple while scoring once as well.

Tanner Laukhuf drove in two runs and doubled for the red, white and blue with Clemens and Tyson Gerber both recording a single. Micah Sinn scored the remaining Wayne Trace run while Clemens and Forrer each posted a run batted in.

RAIDERS MOVE TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Wayne Trace scored three times in the top of the eleventh inning to post an 11-8 victory over Edgerton in ACME district baseball action at Fairview High School Thursday night.

Tied at 8-8, the red, white and blue took control of the contest with a three-run 11th inning to seize the 11-8 advantage. Wayne Trace then shut down the Bulldogs in the home half of the frame to seal the 11-8 decision.

After each team scored once in the first inning, Wayne Trace scored three times in the top of the third for a 4-1 advantage before Edgerton plated one run in the bottom of the third to pull within 4-2.

The Raiders scored twice in the top of the fourth before the Bulldogs answered with three in the bottom of the frame to trim the Wayne Trace margin to 6-5.

Each squad scored twice in the fifth before Edgerton added a single run in the home half of the sixth to knot the game at 8-8.

Kyle Forrer picked up the win on the mound for the Raiders, pitching 2-1/3 innings giving up one hit and one walk with two strikeouts. Breven Anderson tossed 4-1/3 innings for the Raiders, allowing a dozen hits, seven runs (three earned) and one walk with one strikeout.

Cooper Wenzlick threw the remaining 4-1/3 frames, surrendering three hits, one earned run and two walks while striking out nine.

Elijah Martin took the loss for Edgerton, pitching three innings with two strikeouts while giving up three hits and three runs (one earned).

Tucker Antoine totaled three singles and three runs while Breven Anderson added two singles, a double, two runs scored and two runs batted in. Cooper Wenzlick chipped in two singles, a double, two runs batted and a run

scored with Brady Miller posting two singles and two runs batted in.

Tyson Gerber and Carter Clemens finished with a single each for Wayne Trace with Kyle Forrer, Gerber and Jack Schoenauer scoring one run each. Clemens scored twice and drove in one run and Micah Sinn picked up a run batted in.

Braden Leppelmeier singled twice, doubled, drove in two runs and scored once with Cory Herman recording three singles and three runs scored. Scottie Krontz, Kellen Sanchez, Caden Leppelmeier and Elijah Martin all singled twice for the Bulldogs while Jackson Flower and Noah Weaver had one single each.

Maddox Baker drove in two runs while Caden Leppelmeier, Martin, Sanchez and Flower all touched home plate for the Bulldogs. Caden Leppelmeier, Martin and Krontz each drove in one run for the Williams County squad.

XSPORTS X13.5

RAIDER GOLFERS TAKE PART IN LIMA TOURNEYS

Several Wayne Trace golfers are taking part in tournaments around the Lima area this summer as part of the Lima Junior Golf Association.

Included in the group are a pair of 2023 graduates in Evan Crosby and Tyler Davis along with juniors Kyle Sutton and Connor Davis, sophomore Konnor Wannemacher and the freshman duo of Brody Rosswurm and Ella Crosby.

The group has recorded several top ten finishes in their respective divisions, highlighted by first place finishes by Sutton and Ella Crosby.

Sutton won the June 6 tournament at Tamarac Golf Course with a 74, winning a playoff over Ross Dietz of Botkins, in the boys 16-18-year-old division. Ella Crosby won the girls 14-15-year-old division on June 20 at the Celina Lynx Golf Course, recording a nine-hole score of 57.

Sutton recorded a second-place finish with a 76 at The Oaks Golf Club and took second at Colonial Golfers Club after recording a 78. The Raider linkster tied for third at Moose Landing Country Club with a 75 and placed ninth with an 81 at Hickory Sticks Golf Course. Sutton also was seventh with a 76 at Pike Run Golf Course.

Evan Crosby tied for eighth at Tamarac with a score of 79 and placed sixth at Celina Lynx Golf Club with an 84.

Rosswurm placed second in the 14-15-year-old boys division with an 81 at Tamarac Golf Course and finished sixth at The Oaks Golf Club and Colonial Golfers Club after recording rounds of 84 and 91, respectively. The freshman-to-be placed fourth at Pike Run Golf Course with an 84.

Tyler Davis was sixth as well at Colonial Golfers Club, shooting an 83, and placed eighth at Moose Landing Country Club with an 80.

Wannemacher placed fifth at Sycamore Springs Golf Course with a 97 and tied for tenth at Celina Lynx Golf Club with a 99.

At Tamarac, Ella Crosby placed second with a 56 before recording a 65 for sixth place at Moose Landing Country Club. She carded a 64

CONTRACT EXTENDED FOR MASTODON WBB HEAD COACH MARIA MARCHESANO



Purdue University Fort Wayne and women's basketball head coach Maria Marchesano have agreed to a contract extension, Director of Athletics Kelley Hartley Hutton announced on Thursday.

Marchesano, who led Purdue Fort Wayne to the 2023 Horizon League semifinals in Indianapolis, now has her contract extended through the 2027-28 season.

"We couldn't be more excited to have Coach Marchesano leading our women's basketball program," Hartley Hutton said. "Though Maria has tremendous support from our growing Mastodon women's basketball fan base, this is about setting our student-athletes up for success. It has been a pleasure to observe our team grow and transform its style of play and culture in just two seasons. She has already assembled a first-class staff and healthy team culture focused on learning, competing, and winning."

The Fort Wayne native took over the program in 2021, and the Mastodons have gone from one to 14 wins in two seasons. The Mastodons also picked up nine wins in the Horizon League in 2022-23, their most league wins since 2010-11. In Marchesano's two seasons at the helm, Purdue Fort Wayne has won more league games than the previous seven seasons combined.

PROMEDICA WILL OFFER THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST

July 14, 2023 - ProMedica Live Summer Concert Series: Back to the 90s - The ProMedica Live Summer Concert Series Presented by Cutwater Spirits will feature the Back to the 90s Tour with

"Being back home and a part of the Mastodon family over the past two years has been a huge blessing," Marchesano said. "I am so grateful for the belief and trust that this administration has demonstrated to me through this process and I couldn't be more excited for the future of this program. I especially want to thank Director of Athletics Kelley Hartley Hutton, Vice Chancellor Glen Nakata, and Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer for working diligently to get this done, but more importantly for their continuous support of our entire program."

In her two years with the Mastodons, she has coached three All-League players. Shayla Sellers was an All-League Third Team pick in 2021-22 and made the All-Defensive Team in 2022-23. Amellia Bromenschenkel was a Third Team selection in 2022-23, and Ryin Ott was a Horizon League All-Freshman Team honoree in 2021-22 despite playing just 20 games.

In addition to her teams' on-court accomplishments, the Mastodons have also been successful in the classroom. The women's team had the highest GPA in the Purdue Fort Wayne athletic department in 2022-23 with a 3.59 team GPA. The Mastodons also had four student-athletes earn College Sports Communicators Academic All-District awards in 2023: Ryin Ott, Riley Ott, Audra Emmerson, and Bromenschenkel.

Marchesano, an Elmhurst High School and Butler University alumna, returned to the Summit City after spending four years at Mount St. Mary's, where she was named the Northeast Conference Coach of the Year in 2021. She led the Mount to the NCAA Tournament in 2021 after winning the NEC Tournament.

The 2023-24 edition of the Mastodons will kick off the season in November.

C+C Music Factory featuring Freedom Williams, DJ Kool, Treach of Naughty by Nature and Young MC. Gates at Promenade Park (400 Water St., Toledo, OH 43604) open at 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.ProMedicaLive.com.

July 18, 2023 - Women's Cancer Support Group - The Women's Cancer Support Group is a gathering of women who have a cancer diagnosis. It is a safe harbor to come to give or receive support. The group provides edu-

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services 10 year Anniversary Fun Day & Open House PLUS dedication of the Safe Haven Baby Box at the Paulding County Hospital

Schedule Of Activities:

1-7 PM Free swimming at the Paulding Municipal Pool

6 PM Baby Box Dedication at PCH- Patient Visitor Entrance

6:30-9 PM- Open House at Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services.

Tour our facility, get some freebies, visit the Grounded Coffee & Crumbs truck (proceeds going to Hands of Hope),

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Tuesday July 18

“GRAB YOUR NEIGHBOR & EXPLORE YOUR DOWNTOWN” TO HOST PATRIOTIC KIDDIE PARADE!



Participants of the Patriotic Kiddie Parade in 2021!

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce sponsored event “Grab Your Neighbor & Explore Your Downtown” will host its annual Patriotic Kiddie Parade & Candy Bar Bingo on July 25th in Antwerp. Grab those bikes, trikes, strollers or wagons and decorate them with some patriotic accessories. Bring them to the line up location on Archer Drive (police station) at 6:15 p.m. The parade will begin at 6:30

p.m. The route will travel south on Main Street and end at the Antwerp Exchange Bank parking lot. Then park those bikes, trikes strollers and wagons at the VFW pavilion and stick around for some games of Candy Bar Bingo (candy bars donated by Gen Fed Credit Union). Make plans today for July 25th! Follow The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates on this event.

education, encouragement and sharing in an informal social environment. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital’s main campus, 4th Floor Conference Room A - 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

July 21, 2023 - ProMedica Live Summer Concert Series: Chris Janson - The ProMedica Live Summer Concert Series Presented by Cutwater Spirits will feature country artist Chris Janson. Gates at Promenade Park (400 Water St., Toledo, OH 43604) open at 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.ProMedicaLive.com.

July 22, 2023 - ProMedica Live Family Movie Night: DC League of Super-Pets - ProMedica Live Family Movie Nights Presented by ProMedica Federal Credit Union will be showing DC League of Super-Pets at Promenade Park (400 Water St., Toledo, OH 43604). Pre-event features will include movie concessions, activities from Imagination Station, music in the park and special attractions. Family events begin at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 8:00 p.m. This event is free to the public. For more information, visit www.ProMedicaLive.com.

July 27, 2023 - ProMedica Foundation’s Brews and Bros - Join the ProMedica Foundation for an evening of networking and philanthropy at

Union will be showing Puss in Boots: The Last Wish at Promenade Park (400 Water St. Toledo, OH 43604). Pre-event features will include movie concessions, activities from Imagination Station, music in the park and special attractions. Family events begin at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 8:00 p.m. This event is free to the public. For more information, visit www.ProMedicaLive.com.

August 15, 2023 - Women’s Cancer Support Group - The Women’s Cancer Support Group is a gathering of women who have a cancer diagnosis. It is a safe harbor to come to give or receive support. The group provides education, encouragement and sharing in an informal social environment. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital’s main campus, 4th Floor Conference Room A - 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

August 24, 2023 - ProMedica Stroke Support Group - The ProMedica Stroke Support Group is hosting an Introduction to Tai Chi event to promote an active lifestyle which helps with stroke recovery and reduces the risk of recurrent stroke. The event will take place at the ProMedica Flower Hospital Conference Center (5200 Harroun Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560). The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Registration is not required to attend.

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR HOMEGROWN BIOFUELS AS PART OF INVESTING IN AMERICA AGENDA

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA plans to invest up to \$500 million from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act to increase the availability of domestic biofuels and give Americans additional cleaner fuel options at the pump. “President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act is a historic investment that will expand clean energy, lower costs for Americans, and build an economy that benefits working families and small businesses,” Vilsack said. “By expanding the availability of homegrown biofuels, we are strengthening our energy independence, creating new market opportunities and revenue streams for American producers, and bringing good-paying jobs and other economic benefits to rural and farm communities.”

In December 2022, USDA made available \$50 million in Inflation Reduction Act funding to expand the use and availability of higher-blend biofuels through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). Secretary Vilsack today announced the first awardees of 59 infrastructure projects that will receive a total of \$25 million. To learn more, you may view the list of Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program awardees.

In addition, USDA announced today that in July the Department will begin accepting applications for \$450 million in grants through HBIIP. These grants will continue to support the infrastructure needed to lower out-of-pocket costs for transportation fueling and distribution facilities to install and

KLOPFENSTEIN DISCUSSES ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY WITH PJM INTERCONNECT & PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE & SENATE MEMBERS



State Rep. Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) met with members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and PJM Interconnect to discuss energy policies and partnerships.

Klopfenstein met with members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate to talk about future energy partnerships, the importance of grid reliability, and future energy policy changes.

“I appreciate members of the Pennsylvania Legislature taking the time to discuss en-

ergy policies that will help consumers in both of our states,” said Klopfenstein. “Working together to create good energy policy will strengthen our grid reliability and future energy endeavors.”

Klopfenstein also met with PJM Interconnect CEO Manu Asthana to discuss a letter sent to the company expressing concerns about the effect Illinois’ Climate and Equitable Job Act (CEJA) will have on Ohio consumers. The Illinois CEJA mandates the closure of fossil fuel-fired electrical gen-

eration unit facilities. To offset the closures, PJM has identified upgrades to the transmission system, located mostly in Ohio, and will cost an estimated \$2 billion.

“The changes in Illinois remind us that we need to make sure Ohioans will not be affected financially from energy policies put forth in other states,” said Klopfenstein. “PJM needs to find solutions to make sure our energy supply isn’t strained.”

PJM has yet to give a response to the letter.

upgrade biofuel-related infrastructure such as pumps, dispensers and storage tanks.

Among the awards Secretary Vilsack announced today:

- In Iowa, Kimmes Enterprises LLC will use a \$510,500 grant to replace four E15 dispensers and four ethanol storage tanks at three fueling stations located in Carroll, Rockwell City and Baxter. This project is expected to increase annual sales of ethanol by approximately 635,000 gallons.

- In Minnesota, Farmers Cooperative Oil Company will use a \$623,500 grant to replace nine E85 dispensers, two B20 dispensers, two ethanol storage tanks and two biodiesel storage tanks at a fueling station in Barnesville. The project is expected to increase annual sales of biofuels by nearly 122,000 gallons.

- In New York, Carmel Terminals Inc. will use a \$1 million grant to install four 50,000-gallon B10 bioheat storage tanks, a 25,000-gallon B10 on-road biodiesel storage tank and a B100 biodiesel storage tank at a fuel distribution facility in Carmel. The funds also will be used to install piping, circulation lines, a heating system for biodiesel flow control, electronics and other equipment. This project is expected to increase annual sales of biodiesel by more than 16 million gallons.

Additional awards will be

announced in the coming weeks.

In addition to today’s announcements, EPA recently finalized the highest-ever biofuel production targets in our history, with growth in cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and non-cellulosic advanced categories. This is a win for energy independence and for our rural economy, delivering stability and growth in this market for years to come.

Background: Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program

HBIIP seeks to increase the availability of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel derived from U.S. agricultural products by sharing the costs to build and retrofit biofuel-related infrastructure.

Grants cover up to 75% or \$5 million of total project costs to help facilities convert to higher-blend fuels. The fuels must be greater than 10% for ethanol and greater than

5% for biodiesel.

The \$450 million in new funds will be available quarterly starting July 1. Each quarter, \$90 million will be available to support a variety of fueling operations:

- Approximately \$67.5 million will be made available to transportation fueling facilities, including fueling stations; convenience stores; larger retail stores that also sell fuel; and transportation, freight, rail and marine fleet facilities.

- Approximately \$18 million will be available to fuel distribution facilities, including terminal operations, depots and midstream operations.

- Up to \$4.5 million will be made available to home heating oil distribution facilities.

There will be five application windows for HBIIP between July 1, 2023, and Sept. 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted.

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THE LEFT TURN



Brady Bacon gets USAC win No 50. Photo Credit: KFMedia-photo7



Ryan Markam 22nd Feature Win at Attica Raceway Park. Action Photos Ohio



Ricky Lewis Gets a big payday at Waynesfield Raceway Park. Jim DenHamer Photo

By: Ron Burt

I have some breaking news; Zach Wigal will be running some test laps in a Chad Boat Industries National Midget. This will take place Friday night at Ohio Valley Speedway, during intermission and at the conclusion of the racing program. He started at the age of seven racing mini wedges at several tracks throughout Mid-Ohio Valley. Then he raced quarter midgets for four years. Zach raced nationally with the USAC National Quarter Midget Series and collected 188 wins. Last spring, Zach connected with Chad Boat, USAC National Midget Owner and former driver, and began racing micro sprints. Zach races under the direction of Mike Bliss, a NASCAR competitor and 2002 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion. In December, Zach participated in the Tulsa Shootout and finished 11th out of over 1,600

entries. Keep this young driver on your radar!

Mother nature played games over the 4th of July weekend. All Friday and Monday night events went on schedule, but Saturday and Sunday had some tracks canceled because of rain. At Attica Raceway Park, Zeth "Howdy" Sabo showed off his racing talent Friday night to get his first feature win at Attica in his 410 Sprint. He took the lead on lap 2 and had several challenges from rookie Bryce Lucius during the remaining 28 laps. The win, put the icing on the cake for a great week. On Wednesday at Sharon Speedway, he drove from 13th to third-place finish in Rich Farmer's sprint car. Rounding out the top 5 at Attica was 2nd Bryce Lucius, 3rd TJ Michael, 4th Tyler Gunn and 5th Cap Henry. Ryan Markham picked up his first late model win of the year at Attica with a last corner pass on the last lap to pass Kyle

Moore. Devin Shiels was 3rd. It was Markham's 22nd of his career victory at the track. The 305 Sprint feature was won by Kasey Jedrzejek. He stormed from his fifth starting spot into the lead when the green flag waved to start the race. His car was dialed in, and no one could catch him. It's the second win of the year for Jedrzejek at Attica and the third of his career at the track. Dustin Stroup was 2nd and JR-Jimmy McGrath Jr. placed 3rd. Remember Attica Raceway Park will be back in action Tuesday, July 11 for the 35th Annual Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic presented by Racing Optics featuring the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series. There are less than 150 reserved seats still available as of July 4th. Contact the track for seats.

Monday July 3rd Waynesfield Raceway Park hosted the Jack Hewitt Classic open wheel show. In the Great Lakes Traditional (Non-wing) Sprints, Ricky Lewis won the 14th Annual Jack Hewitt Feature Race and took home \$4000. The Great Lakes Super Sprint victory went to Mike Keegan. This was his 2nd feature win of the season and earned him 2K. Luke Hall raced to his second USAC Midwest Thunder Speed2 Midget feature victory in his last three starts.

Brady Bacon is in the club! Monday night he won the 40-lap 9th Annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular at Lincoln Park Speedway, earned himself \$10,000, and he became the third driver ever to reach 50 career USAC AMSOIL INC, National Sprint Car feature victories. He joins two other sprint car greats, Tom Bigelow, who reached 50 wins at Winchester Speedway in 1980 and finished his career with 52. Dave Darland is still racing, was the most recent to hit 50 at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track in 2014. Darland currently has 62 feature wins. Bacon's performance during the ninth annual Bill Gardner Sprintacular was his best and most dominant of the season on the USAC Sprint trail. From beginning to end, Bacon was never challenged, leading all 40-laps.

Until next week, keep your wheels on the track. Ron Out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

ODOT HIGHTWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10TH

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

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound entrance ramp from Baltimore Street is open following a closure for slope repair.

Visit the project webpage: 113046

U.S. 24 eastbound, just past the Maumee River will have shoulder closures for slope repairs.

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 on 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.

PAULDING COUNTY:

State Route 637 between State Route 613 and State Route 111 will be restricted to one lane for chip seal operations.

State Route 66 the village of Oakwood and the Defiance County line will be restricted to one lane for chip seal operations.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 65 railroad work is in Leipsic (not West Leipsic).

County Road H culvert work is east of SR 109 (not west).

State Route 65 at the railroad crossing between South Street and Main Cross Street in the village of Leipsic will close on Monday, July 17, for approximately five days for railroad repair.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

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

State Route 109 will close on Monday, July 24, for approximately two weeks to replace two culverts. The culverts are each expected to take one week; since the same detour will be in effect for both locations and the detour signs will remain in place over the weekend.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

July 24-28, just south of the intersection with County Road H.

July 31-Aug 4, approximately .15 miles south side of the intersection with County Road H.

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

County Road H, just east of State Route 109, will close on July 17 for approximately five days for a culvert replacement.

VAN WERT COUNTY:

U.S. 224 PROJECTS

U.S. 224 between Hoaglin Center Road and State Route 637/Stemen Road will close on July 24 for approximately 75 days to replace three culverts. One culvert will be replaced at a time, working west to east. The first two culverts are between Hoaglin Center Road and Slane Road; the third culvert is between Slane Road and State Route 637/Stemen Road.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: SR 637 to SR 114, to SR 127, back to U.S. 224.

Various routes will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs. Crews will work at the following locations in the order listed below.

• U.S. 224 between the Lincoln Highway and U.S. 30 on the west side of Van Wert

• State Route 637 between U.S. 224 and the Paulding County line

• State Route 49 between U.S. 224 and the Mercer County line

• U.S. 30 eastbound near Stripe Rd. overpass approximately one mile east of U.S. 127

• State Route 81 between State Route 116 and the Allen County line

Know Before You Go!

HOT SUMMER TEMPS INCREASE RISK OF HEAT ILLNESS



Farmers, producers, and anyone who works outdoors should beware: When the weather is warmer, you're at a higher risk for heat illness, which can come on suddenly with many people unaware they're in danger.

Even experienced workers are vulnerable to heat-related illness, said Dee Jepsen, state leader, Ohio State University Extension Agricultural Safety and Health Program. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

One reason is that, often, some are unwilling to admit that heat affects them. Or they don't recognize the symptoms. In fact, almost half of heat-related deaths occur on a worker's first day on the job. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, over 70% of heat-related deaths occur during a worker's first week.

"There seems to be a stigma associated with being affected by heat illness," Jepsen said. "Some of the typical responses from some as to why they're unwilling to acknowledge the risk of heat illness include, 'I don't need a break,' 'I need to prove I can work hard,' or 'I don't usually need to drink a lot of water.'"

Signs of heat illness can include headache; nausea; weakness; dizziness; heavy sweating or hot, dry skin; elevated body temperature; thirst; and decreased urine output. Signs of a potential

medical emergency include abnormal thinking or behavior, slurred speech, seizures, or loss of consciousness.

Steps to prevent heat illness include drinking water every 20 minutes; taking breaks in shady or cool locations; wearing a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, loosefitting breathable clothes; and monitoring oneself and others for signs of heat illness.

"Some tips to help lessen the potential for heat illness in agricultural workers include increasing general ventilation in barns and outdoor structures or installing cooling fans and misters under tents during outdoor field work and vegetable crop activities," Jepsen said. "Other strategies include reducing manual labor, increasing the use of mechanized systems, and taking frequent breaks during peak heat hours."

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On June 20, a resident contacted Antwerp Police Department in reference to needing assistance. An officer responded to assist and the individual was transported to Defiance Hospital.

officer located the children and encouraged them not to be on the railroad tracks. On June 23, a 911 call was reported coming from a business on S. Erie. An officer went to the location and it was determined that it was dialed by accident.

On June 29, a resident brought her 9 yr old child to the police station and ask that officers speak with him in reference to improper things he had been doing

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The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

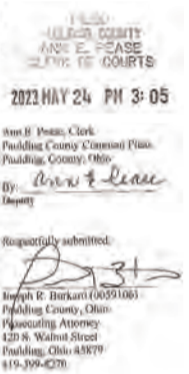
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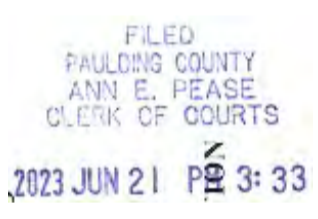
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO Case No. CR-22-623 STATE OF OHIO PLAINTIFF VS. WILLIAM LEONEL AGURCIA PONCE DEFENDANT

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



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff, vs. HEZEKIAH WINN, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS, Case No. CI-23-090 Judge Tiffany Righter-Beckman



estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 6 Page 305; Volume 5, Page 6; Volume 5, Page 10 of the Paulding County Records. The real property in question is as follows: Auditor's Parcel #32-075-001-03 Property Address: 165 Rear Rd.

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Hezekiah Winn, Wyatt Underwood and/or John Bibb to pay delinquent real

On July 3, an individual was engaging in disorderly conduct on W. River St. A report was forwarded to the prosecutor.

On July 3, police were called in reference to an altercation at a local business. It was determined that nothing physical had occurred it was simply an argument. A report was prepared

On July 3, a funeral service was provided

On July 4, police was contacted in reference to and individual who had locked himself out of his home. The officer assisted with getting him inside.

On July 4. a resident of Washington St requested assistance with catching her dog. The officer responded and assisted with catching the dog.

On July 4, a resident contacted police in reference to help evict his girlfriend from the resident. The officer explained it was a civil matter and information was given to the individual about going through the eviction process.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report Aaron R. Vance, Defiance, OH; Zoning violation; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 30 days jail; Maintain general good behavior Nicholas J. Sholl, Antwerp,

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING 4/3/23

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

Superintendent's Report: The annual water quality report, or the CCR, will be sent out in the next month or so with a survey for residents and businesses to self-evaluate lead lines.

Mayor's Report: The mayor began the meeting with the State of the City Address. He also extends thoughts and prayers to families of local communities impacted by the recent storms in the area.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the March 20th meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the March 20th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Councilwoman Thompson gave an update on the Woodburn Clothing Bank and that the expected opening date at the former Subway location near the Dollar General will now be Tuesday, April 18th.

Audience: A resident had submitted a request to have the sewer portion of his utility bill adjusted as he had an issue where his emergency sump pump had run a substantial amount of water through it when his primary sump pump had failed without his knowledge.

amendments that are being recommended to the city in order to modify the city's zoning ordinance to more closely reflect recent changes to both the city of Fort Wayne and Allen County zoning ordinances. After discussion, there were no challenges or proposed amendments to the proposals. A resolution will be prepared for approval at the following meeting to allow the Allen County Planning Commission to continue this work on the city's behalf.

Public Hearing

THE AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP Trustees will hold a public hearing on the Zoning Resolution MONDAY, JULY 31ST @ 7:00PM AT THE AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. 21050 ST. RTE. 637 DEFIANCE

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Paulding County Treasurer • Lou Ann Wannemacher Phone: 419-399-8280 Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE; DIRECTING THE DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville provides fire protection services and emergency medical services for the Village of Hicksville; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville believes it may be necessary to levy a tax in excess of the 10 mill limitation benefit of the Village of Hicksville and the Village of Hicksville desires such levy to provide for maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (j) and Section 5705.191; and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Hicksville desires to submit to the electors of the Village of Hicksville the request to increase the millage of the Village of Hicksville for fire protection services and other services incidental to such services; and

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

SECTION 1: That it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employer's contribution or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding 5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifty cents (\$0.50) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024. A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.

SECTION 2: This Council finds and determines that the Defiance County Auditor shall certify to the Village of Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio, the current tax valuation of the subdivision (the Village of Hicksville) and the amount of the revenue that would be produced by a

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCE 2023-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio has reviewed the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and feels that it is necessary to amend certain fund account totals to reflect the actual amounts to be appropriated,

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

Table with 4 columns: Original/Amended Budget Amt., Proposed Budget Amt., Amount of Change. Row 1: 1000-310-420-0005 Operating Expenses-Day in the Park \$8,330.60 \$11,330.60 \$3,000.00. Total Amended Appropriations: \$3,000.00

SECTION 2: This ordinance is declared to be an emergency and therefore take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

DATED: 06/19/23 RONALD JONES, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER

RONALD JONES, MAYOR ATTEST: CHERYL SMITH, FISCAL OFFICER passed 06/19/2023

LAUDICK SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Kimberly Laudick (President/CEO, YWCA of Van Wert County) as the guest speaker at the June 29, 2023, club meeting. Kimberly came at the invitation of Kristen Schilt (Office Manager, Paulding County Economic

Development). Kimberly shared with Kiwanis how YWCA makes an impact through programs that focus on lifting voices, providing safe spaces, maximizing opportunities, and advocating for system change. For more information visit www.ywca-vanwert.org

WILDFIRE SMOKE IMPACTS

The Canadian Wildfires are playing havoc on humans, livestock, and agriculture. At least 3,000 Canadian wildfires have burnt over 20 million acres with over 500 wildfires still active. The fire season in Canada runs from May to October and this is the worst fire season (Level 5) since 1989. Dry weather, drought, plus poor forestry management has led to a lot of fuel for these wildfires, resulting in smoke and air pollution for the Midwest and Northeastern USA.

The hazy atmosphere is due to excess smoke and fine particulates in the atmosphere and can cause lung and breathing issues. Fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) in smoke inhaled in the lungs can lead to many health problems. Wildfire smoke symptoms include coughing, stinging eyes or eye irritation, fatigue (tiredness), headaches, rapid heartbeat, scratchy throat, short breath, runny nose, and wheezing. People with asthma and heart disease are at the most risk of having adverse reactions to the smoke and fine particulates.

Humans are not the only creatures at risk. Pets, livestock and wildlife can also suffer from smoke inhalation. Animals need to breath good clean air, just like humans so when the air is full of toxins, it impacts their health. Animals and humans under air pollution stress will experience breathing issues, have more inflammation, and have

reduced immune functions. Expect slower weight gains in livestock or even a loss of weight if the impact is severe.

Plants also suffer from poor air quality. Under smoky conditions, the plants may reduce their rate of photosynthesis by up to 50%. The stomata on the underside of leaves will shut down, so the plant can not take in carbon dioxide for plant growth. The hazy conditions also reduce sunlight needed to make photosynthesis work. Crops are already at least 2-3 weeks behind in their development, so continued wildfire smoke this summer may reduce and restrict plant growth, leading to possible reduced crop yields.

Corn is the most susceptible to reduced yields due to weaker stalks, stalk pathogens, and insect damage to weak plants. Corn is affected by three major factors: reduced light intensity, increased sunlight diffusion from the haze, and increased atmospheric ozone levels. Wildfire smoke has the biggest impact on reduced solar radiation. Just like too much cloud cover, less solar radiation leads to less photosynthesis, less sugars, and less proteins and enzymes produced for biological growth. Corn is a C4 plant which are affected the most with C3 plants like soybeans and wheat less affected. C4 refers to the biological process of producing four carbon sugars versus three carbon sugars in C3 plants.

Smoke can also diffuse or

scatter sunlight, making it less intense. Some taller or denser plants with a higher leaf canopy may benefit from sunlight that is diffused sunlight while shorter less dense leaf canopy plants may suffer. While results can vary for different plants, overall, if the smoke gets too intense, less sunlight equals less photosynthesis.

The third factor is increased ozone production which naturally occurs in the upper atmosphere. Ozone in the upper atmosphere protects humans and plants from ultraviolet radiation. However, in the lower atmosphere it is harmful to both humans and plants because it is highly reactive. Ozone is a strong oxidant and can damage plant tissue. When high ozone levels occur, it is thought that dicot plants like soybeans may be more affected than monocot plants like corn, although both are susceptible to yield loss from ozone pollution (Heagle, 1989; McGrath et al., 2015).

Smoke and fine particulate air pollution can also impact engine performance. To burn fuel cleanly and efficiently, engines need clean oxygen, not fine particulates (soot) or smoke which has more carbon dioxide and other noxious gasses (nitrogen oxide). Smoke tends to reduce engine performance and clog up air filters on tractors, trucks, and other vehicles. Vehicles may experience some strange sounds and have reduced performance and reduced engine power. Sensors may malfunction and check engine lights problems may become more frequent.

Smoke and air pollution also has an impact on solar collectors. Many farms are using solar collectors to generate electricity for livestock or farm buildings. The Canadian wildfire smoke reduced solar collection at least 20-25% in June 2023 compared to the previous year due to the increased haze.

Smoke can also impact the weather. One slightly positive factor is that smoke particulates create denser clouds and increases water droplets by a factor 5X. However, some of these water droplets may be smaller and may not come to earth. Smoke can also impact the wind direction and change weather patterns. Let's hope for less smoke, better weather, and better growing conditions.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

percent, helping to facilitate an investment in clean energy. Russell County Public Library Director Lindsey Westerfield says, "RCPL is committed to fostering sustainability within our community. With the help of the EBSCO Solar grant, we will be the first civic agency in Russell County to implement a solar energy system, creating an education point for students, government and business leaders and community members."

Purdue University Fort Wayne, which submitted for the "Helmke Solar Sustainable Future Project", has recently implemented several sustainability projects, including a native plant garden, solar charging stations and a solar pilot project. Purdue University Fort Wayne Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology and CIO Mitch Davidson says, "Currently only 16 percent of electricity in Indiana is generated by wind and solar. Indiana is the second largest consumer of coal in the United States. Given that burning coal is a significant contributor to climate change, we would like to emphasize the importance of migrating to alternative energy sources such as solar and wind. With the assistance of this grant, we can demonstrate the positive impact of solar energy in Indiana and educate our students and community about the importance of doing so. This project will reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 25 tons annually, which is a very positive step forward, and it will power all the technology and lighting in Helmke Library as well as a portion of electricity consumed by other building services."

The Maplewood Memorial Library Foundation is raising funds to help build a new library for the town, which will implement sustainable and healthy building practices to address community needs and requests. "Receiving the EBSCO Solar grant will help offset energy costs of what we are calling the 'Library of the Future'. The Maplewood Library has been the heart of the community for more than 100 years and with this grant, we are looking to update our space into one that is sustainable, inspiring and accessible."

For more information on EBSCO Solar, visit www.ebsco.com/solar.

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EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICES ANNOUNCES 2023 EBSCO SOLAR GRANT WINNERS

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) will be awarding \$300,000 in grants to three libraries looking to further their sustainability goals. Russell County Public Library (RCPL), Kentucky; Purdue University Fort Wayne Helmke Library, Indiana; and Maplewood Memorial Library Foundation, New Jersey, will each receive an EBSCO Solar Grant to pay for the installation of a solar array. The grants offset the cost of installing solar panels and allow the libraries to reduce their electricity expenditures.

RCPL will be working to install solar panels to offset the library's electrical demand by a minimum of 40

RELIEVE THE MAGIC OF FREDDIE MERCURY WITH THE KINGS OF QUEEN



Van Wert Live events announce The Kings of Queen, presented by Gary Taylor, are coming to The Niswonger on Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Kings Of Queen is the reigning Queen tribute band in the country, if not the world that gives everyone the opportunity to relive the magic of Freddie Mercury and Queen. Given that the lead has been dubbed as the reincarnated Freddie Mercury, frontman Emo Alaeddin honors him with a performance fit for the legendary artist. Supporting Sponsors bringing the show are Advanced Insurance Group and Fuerst Family Chiropractic.

Sounding like Queen is not enough for this band. Frontman Emo Alaeddin has a striking resemblance to Freddie Mercury. In addition, Alaeddin's vocal tone and range makes the live shows just like the real thing. Equally important to his vocals and looks are the costumes, which Alaeddin is known to change up to four times in one performance. After all, when it comes to stepping into the shoes of the greatest rockstar ever to walk the earth, authenticity is of the utmost importance. The Kings of Queen have sold out venues and festivals time and time again since their formation in 2021. Their playlist their greatest hits in-

cluding Killer Queen, I Want To Break Free, The Show Must Go On, Under Pressure, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Who Wants To Live Forever, Somebody To Love, Don't Stop Me Now, Fat Bottomed Girls, Bohemian Rhapsody, and more.

In just their first year, The Kings of Queen have performed at the most reputable venues throughout the United States. Despite the diverse range of vocals on Queen records, The Kings of Queen possesses the ability to bring the 4-part harmonies live to the stage. This makes the live performance a vintage showcase of the recorded treasures. Based in Orange County, CA, The Kings of Queen perform all of their vocal and instrumental parts live without any overdubs or vocal tracks.

For information visit vanwertlive.com or the Box Office Mon-Fri from 10A to 3P / 419-238-6722.

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

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The garden that was patterned after the classic written in 1911. The garden that I had wondered about for decades, no one seemed to know where it was. Until recently when I thought to ask the lady that knows all and has no secrets, Mrs Google. She talks about it and even has pictures of it.

But did you know that Grabill has a Secret Garden. If I told you it wouldn't be a secret. It is behind The Candy Store, (H. Souder and Sons

and organizations. For more information, visit the EBSCO website at: www.ebsco.com.

OHIO STATE CREATES DROUGHT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR FARMERS, GROWERS

From brittle, brown lawns and cracked soils to dry garden beds and crops, the signs are clear statewide: Ohio is officially in a drought.

The recent stretch of warmer temperatures combined with scant rainfall in recent weeks has resulted in moderate drought conditions over 62% of the state, with nearly 98% of Ohio considered abnormally dry, according to the June 8 update from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

“Moderate drought” is the initial level of drought, while “abnormally dry” means an area is moving in the direction of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

And while it isn't time to panic, these are rapidly changing conditions that need to be monitored, said Aaron Wilson, Ohio State University Extension's field specialist in agriculture weather and climate and the State Climatologist of Ohio. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

“Our lawns are feeling it, our gardens are feeling it and now we've got a couple of

General Store.) If you come on a sunny day and sit on the bench in the alley, by the parking lot, your shadow might leave you, become three-dimensional, and dance in the garden.

If you come to Grabill, be sure to visit, “The Grabill Prairie,” built by your tax money. The prairie grass is 4 ft high, and if you come in July you will see beds of beautiful wild Prairie Coneflowers, and wild Black Eyed Susans. One of the few true prairies in Indiana, I will try to include some pictures of the prairie in full bloom at a later date. The Prairie has a sidewalk loop, slightly less than a mile. If it's warm, catch a soda at the candy store, or Common Grounds. If you visit The Secret Garden, tell Beth and for \$2 she'll sell you a candy bar. (Price subject to change depending on who is president.)

Visit the splash pad at Riverside Gardens if it's a warm day, also the 2nd Street Botanical Garden, The Slaughter Road Million Dollar Garden, and The Highway 1 Fairy Garden. Both just a short distance north of Leo. If you get lost just ask Beth or Sasha at the candy store.

—James Neuhouser

communities that have issued water-reduction requests,” Wilson said. “There have also been agriculture impacts, including diminished soil moisture, deteriorating grazing conditions, and newly emerged crops that are starting to feel the stress as well.

“We should be seeing an inch of rain per week to hit normal rainfall amounts, so if we're not hitting an inch per week, we're not making up any rainfall deficits. And once we get into June, July and August, it's really difficult to make up the moisture deficits.”

Amid growing concern among farmers and producers statewide about what drought can mean for their crops and livestock, CFAES has created a 25-member Drought Rapid Response team that convenes weekly to monitor conditions to provide farmers, producers, gardeners, turfgrass managers and others information on how to manage through a drought, said Sam Custer, OSU Extension interim assistant director.

The team has created an Early Drought Response webpage to provide resources for Ohio's farmers, Custer said. The page provides the best science-based recommendations to protect livestock, crops, and farm operations from weather impacts, commodity price changes and extreme events.

Custer said the rapid response team was created because of early signs of drought last week and because OSU

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Extension was hearing from educators and specialists statewide about concerns farmers and producers were expressing about growing drought conditions.

“We're here to serve Ohio by providing the best researched-based information they need to make informed decisions as they deal with drought considerations,” he said. “We're also coordinating and collaborating with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as well as providing state and federal elected officials up-to-date information on what we're finding and recommending.”

The drought webpage, at go.osu.edu/ohiodrought, also provides links to numerous CFAES resources and newsletters, including information specific to agronomic crops, dairy, farm management, fruit, livestock, poultry, veg-

etables, wine grapes and turf-grass.

The information is especially timely and significant, considering that the rapidly expanding drought conditions are most similar to the 2012 drought, Wilson said, noting that last fall was the driest fall since 1966 in a few areas of the state.

However, he said, “every drought is different, so we shouldn't jump to automatically thinking 2012 outcomes will be realized this year.”

“Generally, in the last 30 days we should have seen about 4 inches of rainfall, with 8 inches over 60 days and 12 inches over 90 days,” Wilson said. “But we're falling short on all of that, especially in pockets of northwest and northeast Ohio, where over the past 30 days they've picked up barely a quarter of an inch of rainfall.”

“And it's not just pockets of the state, but the entire state is turning dry all at once, with 3- to 4-inch deficiencies over the last month. Big areas of Ohio are now getting down to 10% of normal rainfall or even 5%. These very big deficits over a very short period bring about these rapid drying conditions, especially as the sun angle gets higher and temperatures are getting warmer and we start to lose a lot of moisture from the surface.”

As it stands now, Ohio farmers have gotten 95% of corn and 94% of soybeans planted, according to the June 5 Crop Progress Report from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's Ohio Field Office. Of those crops, 80% of corn and 74% of soybeans crops have emerged.

“Concerns about ongoing excessive dryness loomed last week as farmers in northern counties reported signs of drought stress in corn. Some farmers in western counties described soil crusting as posing challenges to crop emergence,” according to the report. For up-to-date drought resources visit: go.osu.edu/ohiodrought.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/15/23

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

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The superintendent gave an update on current projects throughout the city. The city is still waiting for the solar panels at the high school lift station to be logged appropriately with AEP in order to provide a credit to the city's account going forward.

Mayor's Report: The mayor reminded council about a situation regarding Dollar General and whether or not they have the ability to facilitate outdoor seasonal sales. At the time it was considered, this was accepted as an exception from zoning stipulations but when the city changed the zoning in recent years, it did not carry over variances previously considered. The mayor was looking for input from council on how to proceed. After discussion, it was determined that when the zoning changed, so did the stipulations agreed upon at that time. The mayor has confirmed that Allen County Highway will be applying chip and seal on Becker Road going south from Main Street through Slusher. This should be completed by the end of the summer.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the May 1st meeting. After discussion, Councilman Martin moved to accept the minutes from

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Sudoku solution from page 9

the May 1st meeting as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Bench quotes were presented from Kirby Built for either 4 benches at \$4,069.71 or 6 benches at \$5,492.00. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to proceed with the 6 benches as priced, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The clerk-treasurer presented 1st quarter financials for the board's consideration. This included fund balances, bank account balances, and the expenditure and revenue guidelines.

Councilmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters. A resident is requesting an adjustment to the sewer portion of her utility bill due to an outside spigot that was running. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. A resident asked about the planters on Main Street and what will be grown there. The mayor will continue to coordinate with JP Landscaping and make sure that flowers can be grown there by volunteers as well. The Mother's Day event at the plaza was a success and thanks to all of the volunteers. A resident came to the meeting to discuss the sidewalk near his home that needs repaired on Core Street. He was asking how the city wishes to proceed on this matter. The superintendent will inspect this area tomorrow to assess the situation. He also asked about dogs in the community and what can be done if issues arise. It was determined that if dogs are walked in the community, that they are expected to be picked up after and also that if confrontation with them occurs, it is recommended to get the event logged by police to show continued behaviors with the animal in question.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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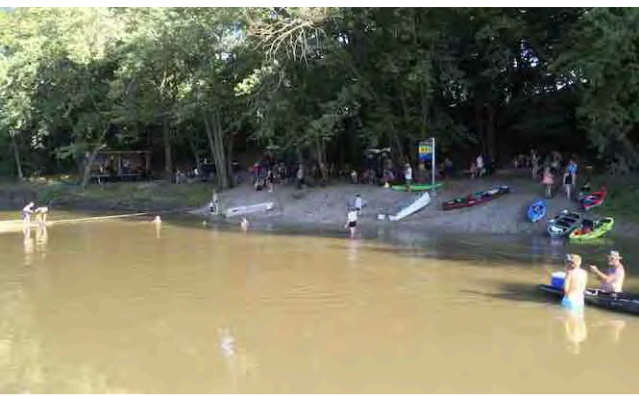
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ROCK ON THE RIVER EVENT HITS THE MARK



The bank of the Maumee River at the boat launch at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park was alive with guests gathered for Rock on the River on July 3, 2023.



"Stan's Stage" was rockin' with tunes from Russ and the Rapid Fire and the Lee Warren Band for Rock on the River on July 3rd.

Rock on the River took place at Riverside Veterans Memorial Park in Antwerp on July 3rd, 2023 to celebrate Independence Day. It was an event dreamed up by Antwerp resident Dan Bowers and some "Antwerp Underground" boys and girls. The riverbank was teeming with children playing, camp chairs and lounging canoes and kayaks. Food was cooking up in the Park for party goers, and music was playing at the riverbanks using the rental stage provided by Paulding

County Economic Development. The stage was dubbed "Stan's Stage" with a banner to honor the memory of Stanley Jordan, local legend around Antwerp. Russ and the Rapid Fire launched the evening with their tunes followed by Lee Warren Band and the evening commenced with a fireworks display that everyone in attendance enjoyed.

The group is anticipating to make this an annual event and build it up year by year. This kind of grassroots effort is what small town America is

all about. Great job Dan and your Antwerp Underground boys. See ya!

ANNUAL KIDS PADDLE FREE DAY AT AUGLAIZE CANOE & KAYAK

Auglaize Canoe & Kayak will be hosting its Annual Kids Paddle Free Day on July 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Families are welcome to come out and enjoy the river or the new Putt-Putt mini golf course, grab some snacks to help enjoy the day. There will also be someone on hand to make balloon animals and the barrel train will be giving rides around the grounds.

For more information or to register your family for this event, please call 419-594-3456. Auglaize Canoe & Kayak is located at 24687 Road 207, Oakwood.

ANTWERP CHAMBER WANTS YOUR CUTIE!

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce sponsored Cutie Pie Contest will take place at Day in the Park, August 12th. Do you have a cutie pie in your house? Is your phone loaded with pictures of your cutie pie? Do you take every opportunity to show off pictures of your cutie pie? Enter your cutie TODAY! Entries will be displayed in the window at Petals & Vines on North Main Street prior to Day in the Park so get those entries in now! This contest will feature newborns through 4 years old. Admirers of the cutie pies will have the chance to "vote" for their favorite at the park on the day of the event. The cutie pie with the most monetary donations at the end of the day will be the

winner. So, bring your change jar or your big bills to make sure your cutie wins. Prize for the Cutie winner will be tickets to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Proceeds from this event fund the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce scholarship for a Vantage Antwerp graduate. 2023 winner was Lance McKeever.

To enter your cutie, submit a 5x7 photo (no frame) and a decorated donations container (please do not put photograph on container). Antwerp Chamber provides frame for the photo. Bring them to Petals & Vines. Put the child's name and phone number on the BACK of the photo. Entry fee is \$5.00 payable at the time of dropping off photo and donation container. They will be on display at Petals & Vines until Day in the Park on August 12th. Any questions message the Antwerp Chamber Facebook page or send an email, antwerpchamber@gmail.com

LITTLE SPROUTS EARLY LEARNING CENTER SPEAK AT KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Amber Gochenour (Director, Little Sprouts Early Learning Center) and Tammy Steingass (Curriculum Coordinator, Little Sprouts Early Learning Center) as the guest speakers at the July 6, 2023, club meeting. Amber and Tammy came at the invitation of

Traci Koenig (Program Director, LifeWise Academy Paulding County).

Amber and Tammy spoke to the Kiwanis about how Little Sprouts Early Learning Center has grown over the last two years and the changes for this coming year. For more information visit www.little-sproutselc.org

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