

KADESCH DONATES TO PAULDING EXEMPTED CHARACTER ACADEMY



Kadesch Farms owners Ron and Vicki Kadesch are donating \$5,000 for the new Paulding Exempted Character Academy building. They said,

"God has blessed us and our family over the years, so what better way to share our blessings than with the youth of Paulding. We would like to

challenge other businesses to donate also. Donate to the youth today for a better Paulding in the future."

SHOOTING REPORTED IN HICKSVILLE

On July 13, 2023, at approximately 9:22 pm, the Defiance County Communications Center received a call reporting a shooting in the Village of Hicksville near Elm and E. Cornelia Streets. The shots were fired from inside a vehicle toward an individual that was standing in the area.

The vehicle is described as possibly being a 2010 or newer Toyota Tundra pickup truck, gray or silver in color, 4 door cab, with the lettering "TRD" on the bed

of the truck. The driver of the truck is described as white male, beard with mustache, wearing black hat, black shirt and had at least one or two dogs in the truck.



Officers responded and were told the shooting took place approximately 8:30 pm. and the vehicle was last seen heading east on Cornelia Street from Elm Street. Hicksville Police Department believes this is an isolated incident and there is no

threat to the public currently. No injuries were reported. Anyone with information or may have cameras in this area is asked to call the Hicksville Police Department at 419-542-6661. Hicksville Fire and EMS assisted Hicksville Police Department with lighting at the scene.

PC SHERIFF LANDERS: NANCY EAGLESON EXHUMATION RESULTS



Paulding, OH - On Monday, October 24, 2022, the remains of Nancy Eagle-son were disinterred as part of a continued cold case investigation. Nancy was fourteen years old when she

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CONGRESSMAN MAX MILLER ENDORSES CRAIG RIEDEL FOR U.S. CONGRESS



Congressman Max Miller of Ohio's 7th Congressional District has endorsed Craig Riedel, the former three-term State Representative and Republican front-runner for Congress in Ohio's 9th Congressional District.

"I proudly endorse Craig Riedel as the candidate who can defeat Marcy Kaptur in the Ohio 9th Congressional District next fall. Craig's commitment to the America First movement and our conservative values is what we need in Washington. Craig will work hard for the people of Northwest Ohio. Craig has my full endorsement for this election," stated Congressman Max Miller.

Craig Riedel is honored

to receive this endorsement. "It is very encouraging to see how many people are getting behind our campaign to beat Marcy Kaptur. I am honored to receive Congressman Max Miller's endorsement. I look forward to joining the fight in Washington with men like Max Miller and Jim Jordan," stated Craig Riedel. Craig is confident that he will win this primary and be the Republican nominee to go up against Marcy Kaptur next fall. He has also received endorsements from Congressman Jim Jordan and other state officials. Craig continues to gain the momentum needed to win.

For more information about Craig Riedel and his campaign, visit craigriedelforcongress.com.

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July 16-20

- Harlan Church of Christ VBS, 6-8p

July 17-21

- Antwerp GMC VBS, 6-8:30p

July 17-20

- St. John Lutheran Church VBS, 5:40-8pm

July 18

- Hands of Hope Open House & Fun Day, 6-9pm

July 20

- Patio concert @ The Huber, 7p

July 21

- PACC Annual Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am
- Feel Good Friday @ Fountain Park, 7:30pm

July 22

- PPEC Membership Appreciation Day @ PC fairgrounds, 9a-1p

July 24

- St. Paul Ev. Luth. Church VBS 9-11:30am

July 25

- Patriotic Kiddie Parade, downtown Antwerp, 6:30 p
- Kids Paddle Free Day @ Auglaize Canoe & Kayak

July 27

- PC Twp Assoc Fish & Chicken Meal @ OSU Ext bldg, 5-7pm
- Auditions for Addams Family @ Huber, 6-8p



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Parkview has been certified as a certified Most Loved Workplace® because of its commitment to a positive workplace culture. Beyond providing high-quality jobs serving the health needs of the community, Parkview is focused on investing in co-workers' professional development, physical and emotional wellness, and work-life balance to create a well-supported workforce dedicated to providing excellent care for every person, every day.



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Parkview regularly solicits feedback from its co-workers about their job satisfaction, loyalty and engagement. This year, Parkview launched its first-ever company-wide culture survey to continue gathering insight and better support co-workers with the tools needed to succeed in their daily activities, growth and development. More than 90% of co-workers agreed they were proud to work for



Parkview. "Parkview aims to provide the best care to patients, so it's only natural that we aim to provide the highest level of care to our more than 15,000 co-workers carrying out that mission every day," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health. "Being named a Most Loved Workplace® is validation that those efforts have been successful in creating a culture that makes us not only the region's largest employer, but also a best employer."

Most Loved Workplaces® certifies companies where employees are the happiest and most satisfied at work. Parkview became certified as a Most Loved Workplace® based on its scores on the Love of Workplace Index™ which surveyed employees on various elements around employee satisfaction and sentiment, including the level of respect, collaboration, support and sense of belonging they feel inside the company.

"I started Most Loved Workplaces® out of inspiration from my community of people who consciously place love for their employees at the center of their business model," said Louis Carter, founder and CEO of BPI and a social/organizational psychologist, thought leader, entrepreneur and author. Carter's book, "In Great Company: How to Spark Peak Performance by Creating an Emotionally Connected Workplace," identifies the specific areas needed to become a highly respected, reputable organization where people love to work with each other - a Most Loved Workplace®.

"Parkview Health is definitely in great company with other certified Most Loved

Workplaces®. I commend them for not only creating a positive workplace culture, but also for seeking this certification to see how their efforts are making an impact," Carter said.

To learn more about BPI, visit bestpracticeinstitute.org. To view the company certification page for Parkview, visit mostlovedworkplace.com/companies/parkview-health/.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
Dear Parson,
What is the strongest biblical argument against abortion?

God speaks plainly about NOT SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD (Deuteronomy 19:10; Jeremiah 22:3). He goes beyond that and pronounces an additional curse on those who would seek financial gain by doing so. Abortion is one of the largest industries in America today.

God even abhorred his own people for shedding innocent blood (Psalm 106:38 - "And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood" and verse 40 - "Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.") and sent Judah into captivity in Babylon (today's Iraq, II Kings 24:3-4). He is judging us now, but will bring even more judgment in the future.

We seldom use the word "sin" anymore, but that is how God sees abortion. Even Judas said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4). In verse five he hung himself. It is rather disconcerting that even Judas had more grief over his part in shedding innocent blood than arrogant America.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

CROP NUTRIENT STATUS

A mixed bag is occurring this year. Some farmers have cold, dry soil while others are getting too much rain. Variable weather conditions mean there are a variety of nutrient problems. The most common complaint seems to be slow growing soybeans. Soybeans planted into heavy cereal rye combined with cold nights is resulting in slower soybean growth, especially if it is dry (slow nutrient release). As summer progresses, temperatures should warm up the soybeans should catch up. Rye residue conserves moisture and keeps the soil in a more ideal range for optimal plant and microbial growth later in the season when temperature get hotter, high 80's and 90's.

There are several nutrient issues farmers can scout for this year. On corn and soybeans, Boron (B) and Calcium (Ca) deficiency symptoms are noticeable. On corn, look for parallel lines or just slight zipper effects on the outside of the leaf to identify B deficiency. Boron is needed to get calcium into the plant. After nitrogen and potassium, Ca is the most needed plant nutrient. Calcium is a major regulator, activating

over 146 key enzymes in a plant. On soybeans, it is harder to see. Look for slight leaf imperfections around the outside edge. For B, soluble forms of B can easily and cheaply be tank mixed with herbicides and fungicides.

On Calcium (Ca), look for imperfections on the interior of the leaf, between the outer leaf edge and the midrib. Again, a zipper effect or parallel lines. Ca deficiency is easier to spot on corn than soybeans. Soybeans sometimes appear to be crinkled or have lots of veins. On both corn and soybeans, healthy plants should have dark green broad leaves that are smooth with few veins. Scouting corn leaves, nutrient deficiencies start showing up when the plant leaves are not flat and they start to become wavy. Corn and sorghum deficiency symptoms are more obvious than soybeans. Calcium can either be applied as lime, gypsum, or as a soluble foliar spray. The cheapest way is with lime or gypsum before or after planting.

A key element that is becoming more deficient is Sulfur (S). Sulfur (S) deficiency and nitrogen deficiency are intertwined. Sulfur deficiency is often associated with yellow streaking corn leaves. Adequate S is needed to make amino acids and proteins. If the nitrate and ammonium levels in a plant get too high, that is due to incomplete conversion to protein. When this happens, expect more insect damage. Insects attack plants that are not as healthy and have excess nitrogen in the leaves. Insects can not digest full proteins, so they will not feed on healthy plants. If you have both Ca and S deficiencies, gypsum contains both elements and it will not change your soil pH. Try to get the white or pink gypsum if possible. Black and gray gypsum has heavy metals in it and is not as effective.

Since glyphosate (Roundup) is used so extensively, most plants are deficient in Manganese (Mn). Glyphosate ties up Mn. Manganese sulfate with some fulvic acid is commonly now foliar sprayed on soybeans. Manganese deficiency symptoms are easy to spot. Soybeans leaves will have dark green veins with yellow between the leaves. Sometimes the leaves can turn brown and black if the problem is severe.

On sandy soils, yellow soybean leaves are a common due to magnesium (Mg) deficiencies. For optimal growth and photosynthesis, plants need magnesium (Mg). Magnesium is often lacking on sandy soils. Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate) plus fulvic acid can be applied to make the plant leaves greener. An element not often discussed is iron (Fe). Iron is needed to active the chlorophyll enzyme. Iron comes in many different chemical valences but the Fe2+ valence is the only one the plant can use. When soil conditions are cold and or cold and wet, the right valence of iron is often lacking. Applying iron oxide (rust) with a fulvic acid as foliar spray can solve this problem. Tomato plants turn a healthy dark green color within hours after this treatment.

In corn, for zinc (Zn) deficiency symptoms look for lily white midribs. Zinc activates 300 enzymes and Zn deficiency could be responsible

Scripture of the Week

"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."
— John 15:10

MATT'S MISHAPS

"Serving overseas as an East Allen County Hoosier has been intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last twenty years overseas!"

—Matt



Enjoy the breeze with the windows closed

There is nothing like a nice cruise through the countryside with your windows down on your vehicle to best pick up the smells and sounds, and to feel the breeze. We also like to have house windows open to hear the horses and trains better in the evening.

However, keeping your windows closed and feeling the breeze of the vehicle's fan can be a safer option in some places overseas. One night we had lodged in a bad hotel in a seedy part of a major capital city, but it was so inexpensive. We loaded ourselves and our belongings in the vehicle. It was one hot day, so we had our windows rolled down. There was traffic, so we were moving at a crawling pace. Suddenly out of the corner of my eye, I saw a scrawny, skinny guy dive into the side window where my wife was sitting, and he grabbed a bag and took off running.

Now I have told workers that we supervise overseas to never take risks in trying to confront a robber - that good advice was forgotten in that moment. I put the car in park and took off running after him. As I ran, I wondered,

"Which of our many bags had he actually stolen?" I saw him ahead walking briskly, not running, as he had thought that he was not being pursued.

With my mind racing I grabbed him from behind, spun him around, and grabbed the bag back. I yelled some loud unintelligible gibberish at him, with the hopes that he'd not consider pulling a knife or weapon out on a person that he thought was a crazed lunatic. He looked at me with a wide-eyed startled gaze and then scurried off.

I paused for a moment and looked down at the bag that I was holding. It was a pastel colored, Vera Bradley, quilted, flowery bag with my wife's cross-stitch materials. I walked back to our car embarrassed to being carrying that overly feminine bag. Our car



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was holding up a line of traffic behind it. I first thought, "Why did that guy steal that flowery bag out of all the belongings he could have grabbed?" I then thought, "I just risked my life over cross-stitch floss and needles!"

Enjoy the breeze with your windows down, but only in the safe places.

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

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

for 10-30% yield reductions. For copper (Cu), look for excess brace roots. Copper is needed to make lignin, so Cu deficiency plants are more likely to lodge or have stalk rot. Three final nutrients needed to optimize nitrogen use efficiency: molybdenum (Mo) is needed for optimal nitrogen protein synthesis,

cobalt (Co) is needed for soybeans nodulation, and nickel (Ni) is used to activate the urease enzyme. Healthy plants with adequate plant nutrition have fewer diseases and less insect damage.

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WHEN WE WERE YOUNG

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

It is always fun to look back and think of the times when we were young and carefree.

I think we mostly recall some of the games we played, books we read, popular songs, dances and our school years.

I believe each generation refers to the years behind them as The Good Old Days.

I know I think like that and I believe I know why. I was young then and the world seemed better. I could run, jump, play, hop and skip. I was able to jump rope, play tag, ride a bike, play hide and seek without even thinking about it.

What ever happened to my own "Good Old Days?" Where have all the years gone and why did they pass so quickly?

When I think of grade school, I look back at some of the things we did, kids in my class, riding the school bus, recess, and the classes we had. (Note this was many years ago).

I remember having those little desks and they were all hooked together in a long row.

A boy could grab a girls pigtail and dunk it in an ink well while a girl could put a note on the back of the person in front of her which said "kick me."

A boy could throw a spitball and a girl knew how to pass notes to each other without getting caught.

We also knew how to sneak gum in our mouth without the teacher knowing.

We also had some good cafeteria food such as Johnnie Marzetti, hot dogs and beans, macaroni and cheese, but we never knew about pizza then. (Wow did we miss out)

Every week the menu was posted and we only had one choice on the menu. If you did not like it, you were always free to pack your lunch. I think the price of a school

lunch was around 25 cents. We used yellow tablet paper and yellow pencils with an eraser. We all got a new box of colors at the beginning of the school year. We only got the box of 8 basic colors. I so wanted a box of 16 so I could have pink, magenta or periwinkle. Recess was spent playing ball, Red Rover, jacks or jump rope.

One year, I was in the fourth grade, and we were studying Geography. (Remember how to spell that long word?) It was George Evans Old Grandmother Rode A Pig Home Yesterday). We were studying



about Africa and their customs. Since that country used different kinds of tools, we were told to go home and make some kind of a corn masher.

My cousin, Joe, who was married, came to visit us occasionally. I told him about my assignment and so he went to the fields and cut a fat green cornstalk. It was about a foot long and was healthy looking in width.

Joe took a pocket knife, hollowed out the center of the corn stalk and made me the vessel in which to grind the corn.

His next step was making a plunger to fit inside the tube. It was beautiful and I was just so proud to take it to school.

So many things go on in our lives today and I am very happy to have lived to see modern technology.

I have seen everything from yellow tablets to computers, crank phones to cell phones, wood burners to microwaves, jacks and Red Rover to video games. Wow!

We've come a long ways baby.

What do you recall when you think about the Good Old Days? Should we go back and think of those times when we were young? Tell me and I'll Give You a Penny for Your Thoughts.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND BOARD HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization charged with distributing nearly \$1 billion for addiction prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, held its July Board meeting at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce offices in Columbus. The Board of Directors approved key actions and received important updates on the grant making and audit processes, all of which move the organization forward in its mission to help end the opioid epidemic in Ohio.

"With the settlement funds now coming in, we are preparing to enter the heart of our mission - working with the 19 regions and Ohio's prevention, treatment and recovery community to distribute settlement funds and save lives," said Board Chair Larry Kidd. "I'm proud of the work we have accomplished thus far, and our Board is focused on designing the processes and infrastructure by which organizations will submit grant requests. There's more work to do and many details to be ironed out, but our all-volunteer Board is deeply committed to transparently and responsibly carrying out the Foundation's mission."

Grant Process Update
Over the past several months, the Grant Oversight Committee has moved the Foundation closer to inviting organizations across the state to submit grant applications to help in the fight against drug abuse and addiction. Grant awards will be allocated by the Foundation from funds received through multiple opioid settlements.

During the Board meeting, Dr. Greta Mayer, Region 14 Board appointee and vice chair of the Grant Oversight Committee, provided an update on the committee's work. While many details are not yet finalized, Dr. Mayer outlined the key principles that the committee has developed to guide the process. Mayer stressed that, first and foremost, the Foundation is committed to developing a grant process built on accountability and compliance, demonstrating a commitment to transparency, inclusiveness, and responsiveness. Additionally, the Foundation will rely on experts and those impacted by addiction to help determine region and statewide grant funding priorities.

The Grant Oversight Committee met immediately following the full board meeting to continue its work. All committee meetings, including those held virtually, are announced in advance, and meeting minutes are available online.

Executive Director Candidates Forwarded to Governor

The Foundation Board took steps toward appointing a permanent executive director to lead the organization. Per the OneOhio MOU, the governor makes the final selection of the executive director after receiving recommendations from the Board. Following an extensive national search conducted with input from executive search firm Kittleman & Associates,

the Board approved the names of three candidates to be forwarded to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine for consideration.

The three candidates recommended by the Board are:

- Lynnette Cook, current Executive Director of ARNOVA

- Lisa Mertz, current President & CEO of Addiction Services Council
- Alisha Nelson, current Director of Humana Healthy Horizons Ohio

Settlement Payment Update

On June 16, the Foundation received the third Johnson & Johnson settlement payment, which totaled more than \$10.5 million. Pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding, the Board has 90 days from receipt of the settlement payment to allocate funds for future use. Chairman Kidd indicated that the Board should be prepared to discuss and approve those allocations at the August meeting.

Audit Process Update

As an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board members and staff are responsible for ensuring Foundation funds are used appropriately and in alignment with the organization's mission. Clearly established in the Foundation's Fiscal Policy is the requirement to engage in an annual independent audit, with findings reported to the Board. Jeanette Wierzbecki, Region 11 Board member and chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, announced that the first-year audit process is underway and read an update from the Foundation's independent auditor, SEO CPA Group, LTD.

Other Actions
During the July meeting, Board members also:

- Received a welcome and update from Chair Kidd, which included honoring an Ohio family impacted by the opioid epidemic.

- Welcomed Representative Rachel Baker (D-Anderson Township) as the House Minority Leader's new appointee to the Board of Directors, replacing Rep. Richard Brown. In addition to representing Ohio's 27th House District, Rep. Baker is a nurse researcher providing leadership and strategic planning related to a healthcare system's nursing evidence-based practice and research activities. She holds a Ph.D. and bachelor's degree in nursing, as well as a master's degree in social work.

- Approved a month-to-month contract with the Callender Law Group, LLC, to provide Board Secretary services.

- Received reports from Foundation staff and consultants regarding the organization's finances, the Expert Panel application review process, grant software development, and communications.

The Board's next public meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at offices of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, 34 S. 3rd Street, Columbus.

Members of the public and media may access video of all board meetings and related board documents at OneOhioFoundation.com/Meetings.

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

John Chester Dangler was the son of John Hiram, born May 1853 in Ohio and Phoebe Florence (McGill)



Dangler born February 1863 in Ohio. This couple was married in 1888. John was born January 25, 1896 in Antwerp, Ohio.

By 1900, the Dangler couple had three children. Mary Ellen born August 29, 1889, Henry Edward December 29, 1892 and John Chester. The family lived in Carryall Township on a farm. On August 24, 1900, a daughter, Missouri Elizabeth, was born into the Dangler family. On September 21, 1905, Phoebe passed away. By 1910, John Chester was living with his aunt and uncle, George W. and Lydia C. Helsel in Carryall Township.

Lydia was a sister to John Hiram Dangler. John's brother, Edward or Henry, was working as a hired hand for John T. and Ada A. Hudson in Carryall Township on Hicksville Road.

Mary Ellen, 20 years old, married a fella named Harry Leaman and was living in Carryall Township as a farmer. Missouri Elizabeth went to live with uncle and aunt, George and Missouri Troyer. Mrs. Troyer is a sister to John Hiram Dangler.

On June 5, 1917, at the age of 21, John Chester Dangler, with his short 5'3", grey eyes, dark brown hair fair complexion, registered for the draft at the West Carryall Precinct His brother Henry

Edward registered, but was not chosen. On July 22, 1918, John joined the National Army out of Paulding. John was assigned to Company K, 335th Infantry. On September 3, 1918, John boarded the ship "Karmala" out of New York and set sail for France. Sometime after arrival, John was assigned to Company I, 28th Infantry. He will serve in the Meuse-Argonne sector.

John was assigned to the St. Aikman Casual Company from Ohio. I believe this unit is to recover military equipment and horse harness left on the battlefield to be reused. John was shipped out February 8, 1919 at Brest, France on the ship, St. Louis. He arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey, February 21, 1919. John was Honorably Discharged March 6, 1919.

By 1920, John was living with his brother Edward and sister-in-law Helen and John was working the land with his brother. John met and married Minnie Mildred Franks on February 11, 1922. John and Minnie were farming on their own land and a daughter, Virginia Florence was born April 20, 1923, another daughter, Muriel Lucile February 2, 1925, she went on to become a nurse serving in World War Two in the Navy.

Another daughter, Thelma Jeanette was born May 1, 1927. A son, Clifford Max born January 19, 1930. Clifford went on and served in the Korean War at the rank of a Corporal. In 1930, an outbreak of spinal meningitis epidemic had folks in a panic, John Chester Dangler caught this and was hospitalized March 4, 1930, at the Ft. Wayne Methodist Hospital. On March 7, 1930 at 1:30 A.M., John Chester Dangler passed away. He was brought back by the Schilb Funeral Home. He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, Lot 115, Grave 5. His wife, Minnie, passed away September 24, 1934. She was buried beside John. The children were sent to live with various aunts and uncles in different parts of Ohio.

LIFE'S NEW BEGINNINGS AA GROUP ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

Life's New Beginning AA group will be hosting a their annual Picnic in the Park on July 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Antwerp Riverside Veterans Memorial Park. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. with

the speaker, Jill H. At 1:00 p.m.

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Donnerstag JULY 27 7:00pm
Interdenominational Church Service

Freitag JULY 28 gates open at 4:30 • food line opens at 5:00
5:30pm-7:00pm • 8:30pm-10:00pm Alex Meixner
7:00pm-8:30pm • 10:00pm-11:30pm Fred Ziwich

Samstag JULY 29 gates open at 4:30 • food line opens at 5:00
2:30pm-4:00pm • 5:30pm-7:00pm Fred Ziwich
4:00pm-5:30pm • 8:30pm-10:00pm Mollie B & Squeezebox with Ted Lange
7:00pm-8:30pm • 10:00pm-11:30pm Garrett Tatano Band

Sonntag JULY 30 gates open at 10:00 • food line opens at 11:30
free admission 10:00am-10:30am • 10:30am church service with Mollie B after 10:30am gates charge \$5 • adults who bring a child get in free
12:00pm-1:30pm • 3:00pm-4:30pm Mollie B & Squeezebox with Ted Lange
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A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER AT THE NISWONGER UNVEILED



Van Wert Live, along with Presenting Sponsors Revival Design Collective and Jim and Mary Pope, proudly lift the curtain on the anticipated Van Wert Live Line-Up for the 2023 Niswonger Christmas Season. A December To Remember delivers the wonder of Christmas from The Niswonger stage and brings holiday memory-making home to your family. Four diverse selections reveal the magic of live entertainment and are sure to pack hearts and minds with moments to treasure. The December to Remember package of shows includes a tapestry of artistry from Ice skating to Broadway, harmony, and comedy. Supporting sponsors making December To Remember at The Niswonger possible are Jeffery-Mohr Family Dentistry and Slusher's Jewelry.

It all begins with the Christmas Celebration On Ice on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. This on-stage ice skating spectacular turns the stage into a skating rink and brings Christmas magic to The Niswonger. "Christmas Celebration on Ice" will stir things up with high-flying tricks, mesmerizing special effects, classic Christmas stories told with a modern twist, and all your favorite Christmas carols mixed with brand-new songs that are sure to become new family favorites.

From ice-skating to friends visiting from the North Pole, Rudolph comes to The Niswonger for Christmas on Sat. Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer The Musical is based on the longest-running and highest-rated holiday television special ever and, with over 600 performances across the country since 2014, has established itself as a new family holiday tradition! Featured favorite characters include Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius, and Rudolph, as they come to life. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer is a holiday tradition that speaks to the misfit in all of us.

Hold on to your Santa hats, Home Free brings their Home Free For The Holidays Tour to Van Wert for a night of Nashville-dipped Holiday hits on Sat. Dec. 16 at 8:00 p.m. These all-vocal Country entertainers have made their mark on the music scene. Home Free will deliver a perfect evening mixed with upbeat, Country-tinged Holiday hits, Country and Western standards, incredible harmony, and quick-witted humor.

"And out of the basement shall come a Church Base-

ment program of good tidings, great humor, and joy!" The Church Basement Ladies are serving laughter up once again for the final time on Sun. Dec. 17 at 2:00 p.m. This all-new holiday comedy, Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas is a hilarious installment that takes us back to 1959 and the day of the Sunday School Christmas Program. In the midst of holiday preparations and sprinklings of love in the air, the ladies in their witty, down-to-earth style are creating their own memories from Christmases past and present. Content to do things the way they have always been done yet pondering new ideas, the reality of everyday life hits home as they plan the Sunday School Christmas Program. As the children rehearse in the sanctuary, several of the ladies of the kitchen are finishing up the treat bags filled with apples, peanuts, and ribbon candy while the others put the final touches on the nativity pieces. As they mend old bathrobe costumes, and discuss the politics of who's going to play the various roles, little do the ladies know what surprises are in store for them. Known for their hilarious antics and subtle charm, they are once again called upon to step in and save the day!

The December To Remember shows have something for everyone and are packaged together at a 25% savings to add more cheer to holiday gifting. Each show is also available for individual sales. Tickets are available now to Van Wert Live Members and release to the public on Friday, July 28. VWLive Memberships begin as low as \$100 and provide 365 days of early buying opportunities and a 10% discount for Van Wert Live events. Memberships and tickets can be purchased at vanwertlive.com or through 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.

ODOT HIGHWAY UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam, and Van Wert Counties for the week of July 17, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

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:

U.S. 24 PROJECTS

U.S. 24 westbound at the Road 105/Main Street overpass just south of the village of Cecil will have shoulder closures for slide repairs.

State Route 66 between State Route 613 and the Defiance County line will be restricted to one lane for chip seal operations.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

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, 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 Monday, 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 Monday, 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.

State Route 81 between State Route 118 and the Allen County line will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

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WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/1/23

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, Thompson, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: The mayor asked for council's consideration on the old American Legion property. He suggests that it be leveled with stone and a path with benches be placed as the city determines what happens to the property at a later date. Council seemed to find this agreeable. The mayor gave an update on the landscaping on Main Street. The mayor asked council to consider a situation involving the Dollar

VW CIVIC THEATER HOSTS "DISASTER" AUDITIONS



Auditions for the opening show of Van Wert Civic Theatre's 23-24 season, Disaster! The Musical will be held on July 24 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the theater. Be prepared to act, dance and sing during your audition.

Directed by Jerry Zimmerman, Disaster! The Musical pays homage to the 70's, an era of bell bottoms, platform shoes, boogie dancing and....disaster movies. The play takes place on a floating casino where a diverse group

of characters gather for a grand opening celebration. The night takes an unexpected turn when multiple disasters strike including earthquakes, tidal waves and more. As chaos ensues, the characters must navigate hilarious and perilous situations while discovering surprising connections and unexpected romances.

Disaster will be performed on September 21-24, 28-30 and October 1.

General and their desire to have sidewalk sales out in front of their building. The mayor is under the impression that the nearby homes had asked for special consideration when the Dollar General was initially built, and that the store was not permitted to have sidewalk sales at that location. He does not have access to this in writing and he would like to have this information if possible, should it exist. After discussion, it was determined that this documentation would need to be discovered and reviewed, unless it is documented on the property deed, in order for this request to be denied, assuming that the action is otherwise permitted by zoning allowances.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the April 17th meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the April 17th meeting as corrected, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor except Councilman Martin who abstains. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. Resolution 23-272 was prepared for tonight's consideration. After discussion, Councilwoman Thompson moved to read Resolution 23-272 (Updates to New Allen Alliance SIP) by title only, second by Councilman Gerig, all in favor. Councilwoman Thompson moved to accept the reading and adopt as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor. Resolution 23-272 is adopted as presented. The Clerk-Treasurer presented an email with quotes from Baker Tilly regarding the potential of a water and/or sewer cost of service study as well as a comprehensive financial plan. The consensus was to wait for now and this can be considered at a future time.

Councilman's Report: Councilman Martin inquired about vehicles parked on the street in-

definitely. After discussion, it was determined that as long as the plates are up to date and the vehicle is drivable, there is no issue. Councilwoman Thompson mentioned that the Woodburn Clothing Bank will officially be opened tomorrow. Councilman Watts presented a letter on behalf of the Woodburn Community Association that asked if the City would pay \$4,400 towards the fireworks display at this year's Summerfest on June 17th. The mayor suggested that in future years the Woodburn Community Association try approaching local businesses for sponsorship to this end, but that this year it would be reasonable for the city to contribute. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to proceed with the request, second by Councilwoman Thompson, all in favor. He also had a discussion with a local business owner who had asked for city permission to seal an alley at the same time he was sealing his parking lot. After discussion, it was determined that this would be acceptable. Councilman Watts also mentioned that there is a trampoline in poor condition on Woodburn Road that he would like to see the Code Enforcement Officer investigate as time allows.

Audience: A resident discussed an unusually large utility bill that came as a result of a leak. This leak may have gone into multiple billing cycles. After discussion, Councilman Watts moved to adjust the sewer portion of the utility bill to reflect the average usage amount for all affected months, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all in favor.

Councilwoman Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

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

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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am asking for voters to support Issue 1 on the August 8th ballot and vote yes to safeguard our State Constitution. You need to take a closer look at the groups supporting a no vote and their reasons for a No vote. The Democrat Party wants you to vote no and keep the ability to amend our State Constitution at 50% plus 1 vote and only getting petitions from 44 counties out of 88. Yet theirs Constitution and By-Laws call for a 60% vote

from members to change their Constitution. The ACLU also wants you to vote no, yet their By-Laws require a two thirds of voting members to change their constitution. Then we have the OEA (Ohio Education Association) which also has a two thirds of voting members to change their constitution. The same for the ACLU, The League of Women Voters and the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police. They all require a two thirds vote, which is 66%, to change their own constitution. Why is it alright to safeguard their constitutions, but not good enough for our State Constitution. Could it be that they know these changes they want to make will not be passed as law through the legislative process. Our State Constitution is not the place to make laws, that is for our elected official at the State House. I am sick of the double standard. If it is good for Thee, it is good enough for me.

Vote Yes to safeguard our Constitution.

—Laurie Lucas,
Defiance, OH

WAYNE TRACE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSES NEW HIRES & BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Wayne Trace Local School Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room

The following members were present: Mr. Patrick Baumle, Mrs. Melanie Forrer, Mr. Jeremy Moore, Mrs. Rhonda Stabler, Mr. Richard Swary

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Superintendent, Mr. Paul Jones.

Roll Call was taken by Treasurer, Mrs. Lori Davis

Correspondence, Recognition of Guests, Hearing of the Public*

*Thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted. Each person addressing the Board will give their name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted 3 minutes until the total of 30 minutes is used. During that period no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have the opportunity to do so.

*All statements should be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

Guests: Ms. Angie Stokes, Instructor; Mr. Brandon Wobler, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor

Report of the Treasurer
Mrs. Lori Davis, Treasurer reviewed the final expenditures and revenues with the board. Discussed permanent improvement expenditures.

Consent Agenda Items:

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mrs. Forrer, Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

- to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2023 board meeting;

- to approve the investment report and payment of bills for June 2023 as presented by the Treasurer;

- to approve the cash reconciliation for June 1 – June 30, 2023;

- to approve the budget/revenue comparison report for June 2023.

*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into "Other New Business" for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mrs. Forrer, Mrs. Stabler, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed. Vantage Report – No report

Report of the Building Principals – No reports

Committee Reports – Mr. Baumle on the Personnel Committee informed the board that it is time to do the Treasurer and Superintendent reviews. He will be sending each board member an email with the materials to do that.

Mr. Swary on the Arts Committee reported that Mr. Jones, Mr. Moore and himself visited Tinora's Performing Arts Center and the same group along with Mrs. Stabler visited the Lincolnview Community Center. Mr. Swary reported that the tours were

good and they received a lot of good ideas. Both facilities were financed by the school and not put out for a levy. There was discussion that Antwerp is looking at putting up a Wellness Recreation Center. During the visit to Lincolnview, Mr. Moore asked about the courtyards that were being renovated into classrooms. He received some good ideas that might apply to Wayne Trace's courtyards. It was suggested to do some more tours of other facilities. The board would also like to meet with the building principals in August. It was decided to meet on August 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. for the board meeting and put the principals first to discuss Wayne Trace's existing facilities.

Superintendent's Report

- Curriculum

- We received our state testing score results and Mr. Manz will go over these results and how we plan to utilize these scores to drive our planning for the coming school year at a later time.

- Personnel

- Item A represents the resignation of Treg Lymanstall from his current position as he has accepted a position at Ayersville Local Schools.

- Item B represents the resignation of Halie Buggert from her current position at Grover Hill Elementary. She would like to express her sincerest gratitude to the administration, faculty, and staff for their support and guidance throughout her time at Grover Hill.

- Item C is a recommendation volunteers for Cross Country and Cheerleading this fall.

- Buildings and Grounds

- GH library painting is finishing up next week and the gym floor install begins on Monday. The floor is expected to take a week and bleacher install is ready the following week. We have a little electrical to install for the bleachers.

- In consent item (I), I am recognizing the outstanding job our maintenance and summer help have done so far this summer to get our facilities ready to receive both staff and students in August.

- Events

- The first day for teachers and staff is August 14 with

STAHL SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Nico Stahl (Junior, Paulding Exempted Village Schools) as the guest speaker at the July 13, 2023, club meeting. Nico came at

the invitation of Kevin Stahl (Owner, Stahl Stoller Meyer Ins.). Nico spoke to the Kiwanians about a mission trip he took with the Paulding United Methodist Church to Lumberton, North Carolina.

students scheduled to arrive on August 16.

- Operations

- Prior to the August Board of Education meeting we will allow time for public comment on the use of IDEA funds with recommendations or suggestions for special education programs and services.

- Please find attached our rate of pay for activities for the 2023-2024 school year. The attached sheet provides a breakdown by season and an overall sheet for all seasons. We are asking for these rates to be approved (consent item D).

- Each year we are required to approve the bullying and harassment report (consent item E).

- Consent item F sets our prices for school lunches.

- Consent item G represents our athletic ticket prices for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Consent Agenda Items

One resolution passed by the Board to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion by: Mr. Swary; Seconded by: Mrs. Forrer

- accept the resignation of Treg Lymanstall from his current position as intervention specialist and social studies;

- to accept the resignation of Halie Buggert from her current position as fourth grade teacher at Grover Hill;

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the WTJH/HS Principal to approve the following volunteer supplemental positions:

- Cross Country – Mitch Kipfer

- Cheerleading (Fall) – Alexa Campbell

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the 2023-2024 athletic workers' compensation rates as presented;

READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General

Cecil: 127 Maramart

Charloe: Charloe Store

Continental: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware

Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid

Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)

Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library

Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices

Key: Marathon

Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living

Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales

Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General

New Haven: ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

Woodburn: Clip-N-Tan, Woodburn Hardware, Woodburn Xpress, Country Oasis, Financial Partners, Heckley Automotive, S&V Liquors, Post Office, Dollar General, Phoenix Manor, Chop Shop, ACP Library, Willies Cafe II

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VANTAGE CAREER CENTER CARPENTRY HOUSE AUCTION SET



Vantage Carpentry, Electrical, Construction and Equipment Technology students complete construction of this home located at 143. E Raymond St. Van Wert, OH.

Over the last year, Carpentry students at Vantage Career Center used their skills to build a new home construction in collaboration with the Van Wert County Land Reutilization Corporation. The 1800 sq. ft. home is scheduled to be sold at public auction on July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The 1-story structure is located at 143 E. Raymond Street, Van Wert, OH. Construction on the house began in the fall of 2021 and concluded in the spring of 2023. The floor plan features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open concept, large island/bar, large closets and an attached 2 car

garage. Custom built cabinets throughout, along with luxury vinyl flooring.

Several Vantage programs collaborated to complete the house; including Carpentry, Electricity, and Construction Equipment Technology, providing students with training and experience in a real-world job setting and exposure to local businesses who are hiring in construction careers.

Auction terms can be found at www.vantagecareer-center.com. Auctioneers: Bob Gamble, Broker; Dale Butler, Broker; Rob Gamble, Broker; DD Strickler

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS 7/11/23

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

The Ohio Division of Wildlife Honor Guard and District One staff participated in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade to honor those who sacrificed for our country. State Wildlife Officers Bob Nelson, Eric Moore, Tyler Eldred, and Ryan Donnelly, assigned to Ross, Medina, Morrow, and Athens counties, respectively, and Law Operations Manager Josh Shields represented the Honor Guard. District One manager Kassie Mitchell and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Tony Zerkle attended in a patrol vehicle.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

In May and June, wildlife investigators and wildlife officers worked with K-9 units from across the state to enforce walleye regulations on Lake Erie. Investigators and officers made close to 800 compliance checks, looking for valid fishing licenses and ensuring harvested walleye

fell within size and bag limits. K-9 units inspected vessels to check bag limits. Over three days, officers detected numerous violations, including people fishing without a license and taking more than the legal bag limit of six walleye. K-9 units also spoke with hundreds of sportsmen and women to share information about the Ohio Division of Wildlife's K-9 officer program. State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Richland County, and K-9 Officer May demonstrated how the canines work and find hidden fish.

During the white bass run, State Wildlife Officer Charles McMullen, assigned to Sandusky County, and State Wildlife Officer Ryan Burke, assigned to Hancock County, discovered a boat experiencing motor failure on the Sandusky River. The officers towed the four stranded anglers to Riverfront Marina in Fremont where the vessel had put in. The fishermen were happy to be safely assisted to shore.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

Several state wildlife offi-

cers assigned to eastern Ohio counties participated in Camp Canopy, which is hosted by FFA Camp Muskingum in Carroll County. This forestry-focused camp attracts around 200 high school students from across Ohio. The wildlife officers introduced the students to shooting sports and safety with rifles and shotguns.

During the 2022 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, discovered a Pennsylvania resident who had harvested a buck in Ohio without a valid hunting license or deer permit. Officer Porter contacted the Pennsylvania Game Commission and advised them of the situation. Officers with the Pennsylvania Game Commission visited the hunter's residence and seized the deer. Officer Porter issued two summonses to the individual for the violations. The suspect was ordered to pay \$375 in fines and court costs and the deer was forfeited to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

While patrolling the Scioto River, State Wildlife Officers Matt VanCleve, assigned to Pike County, and Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, contacted two fishermen who had valid fishing licenses but did not have the required personal floatation devices (PFDs). The owner of the boat was issued a summons in Pike County Court for the violation and was ordered to pay \$210 in fines and court costs.

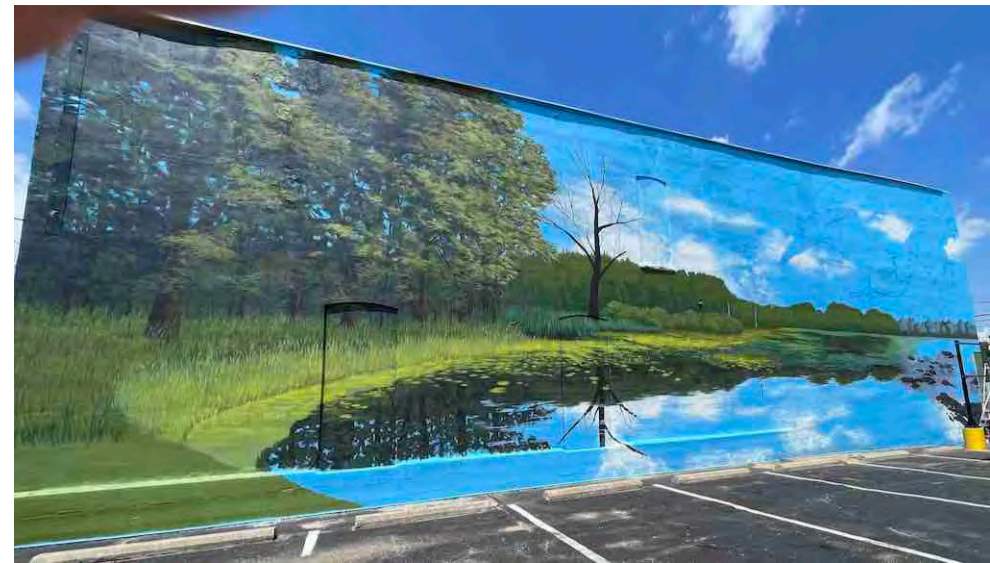
During the first week of the 2023 spring wild turkey hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, and Wildlife Investigator Wes Feldner received a hunting without permission complaint in Washington County. Investigator Feldner located two suspects from out of state. Officer Dodge and Investigator Feldner located a site on the private property where a turkey had been harvested and gathered additional evidence, including a shotshell wad and turkey feathers. The two suspects were determined to have hunted without permission and were charged for the violation. Both pleaded guilty in Marietta Municipal Court and paid a combined \$500 in fines and court costs. The harvested turkey was forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, K-9 Officer Scout, Law Enforcement Unit Supervisor Matt Hunt, and Law Operations Manager Eric Lamb attended a Cops and Bobbers event in Warren County. The event was hosted by Deerfield Township and the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Approximately 200 people participated. Ohio Division of Wildlife staff and volunteers rigged fishing poles and assisted with the archery trailer.

State Wildlife Officer Brad Buening, assigned to Mercer County, received a call regarding animal parts dumped along Greenville Creek. Officer Buening investigated the dump site and located a suspect at a nearby residence. The individual was found to have dumped waste from butchered hogs along

ANTWERP CHAMBER MURAL MAKING PROGRESS



The downtown Mural Project in Antwerp Ohio is really starting to take shape. Tim Parsley, assistant professor of Painting & Drawing and Program Director of Stu-

dio Art at the University of St. Francis has been working through the sun, humidity, and heat to bring this mural to life that Antwerp Chamber of Commerce commissioned

from him early this year. The community is excited to watch it develop each day. The mural is located on the south side of the Friend Flooring building in Downtown Antwerp.

the creek. The suspect was charged with stream littering and arraigned in Darke County Municipal Court. The person was found guilty and was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and complete three full days of community service.

RAE LYNN KICKS OFF NISWONGER CONCERTS IN FALL 2023

Van Wert Live announces Country music sensation RaeLynn as the Niswonger kickoff concert to Fall, presented by Hoffman-Edwards Plumbing, Heating & Air LLC, Jeremy & Jessica Edwards, and Frank & Barb Hoffman. RaeLynn is a two-time ACM "New Female Vocalist" nominee RaeLynn continues to carve her unique lane in country music with her gift for storytelling through songwriting, accented by a one-of-a-kind, electric personality. Her most recent 2023 release "It's Happening Right Here" is the human trafficking awareness featured title track from the Original Documentary by Operation Underground Railroad. She released multiple new songs in 2022 including "I Love My Hometown," "I God Took Days Off," and "Raisin' Me A Country Girl," amassing over one billion total career streams which include "God Made Girls" "Lonely Call," and "Queens Don't."

Her recent release Broken One has been a fan favorite on TikTok which garnered countless requests for the full track after posing a leaser.

"The idea behind this song stemmed from thinking about life after being raised in a divorced home. What happens after the "Love Triangle"? That's Broken One - finding a love that

can break a cycle. I truly believe that God can fix, heal and restore. I have so many friends that grew up like me and found an everlasting love. I love the realness of this song. I teased it in December '22 and fans shared it over and over - I knew we had something special."

Her 2021 independently-released full-length album BAYTOWN has earned over 100 Million global streams and is the full expansion of her 2020 EP of the same name, which scored high-profile features with PEOPLE, American Songwriter, and Entertainment Tonight and was lauded as "a confident, joyous effort" (Billboard) that's "equally tender-hearted and fiercely fun" (The Tennessean).

RaeLynn has both GOLD ("Love Triangle", "Lonely Call") and PLATINUM ("God Made Girls") singles to her name and 2.5 MILLION followers across her engaging online platforms. Past touring includes Kane Brown's BLESSED & FREE TOUR and she has previously shared the stage with Garth Brooks, Keith Urban, Maren Morris, Miranda Lambert, and Blake Shelton.

Her star continues to rise after becoming the first country face to represent the global beauty brand Too Faced and made her acting debut in the Hallmark

Channel's "A Nashville Christmas Carol."

Her devotion to her family and her faith, along with her passion for her values and her country runs deep with her husband and brother formerly being in the military as Green Beret's (Special Forces.) Since becoming a mother in September 2021, her outlook on life has been enriched by growing a family and leaving a legacy of purpose.

Presenting Sponsors, Huffman - Edwards Plumbing & Heating shared their "why" behind financially supporting the live performing arts in Van Wert.

"We are proud and excited to be The Presenting Sponsor for artist RaeLynn to kick off the Fall Season. We are extremely fortunate to have such a grand venue here in our community. Being a local family-owned business, we value supporting the local community and families. Sponsorship is an excellent and traditional way to help bring arts and cultural programs into our community."

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GREG LIPPS RECEIVES COLUMBUS ZOO'S COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION AWARD



The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has named Greg Lipps of The Ohio State University as recipient of its 2023 Commitment to Conservation Award.

Lipps, a leader in Ohio amphibian and reptile conservation in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Resources (CFAES), understands the vital role zoos play in conservation. He also serves as the amphibian & reptile conservation coordinator in the Ohio Biodiversity Conservation Partnership, a long-term relationship between Ohio State and the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

The professional herpetologist is the sixth recipient of the Commitment to Conservation Award which recognizes and rewards global conservation heroes who have made a measureable impact on wildlife conservation, and honors the lifetime achievements and dedication of field partners who have shared a long-term working relationship with the Columbus Zoo.

Established in 2011, this biennial honor includes a \$50,000 grant, funded by Kim and Steve Germain of New Albany, Ohio, to support the recipients' conservation work.

Lipps has led and continues to lead herpetological conservation projects with the participation of staff from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and The Wilds. The Zoo and Wilds' involvement in hellbender salamander, plains garter snake, and Massasauga rattlesnake is largely due to his efforts.

Lipps created the Ohio Hellbender Partnership and led the effort to develop the Captina Conservancy, a non-profit land trust in Belmont County, Ohio, that focuses on conserving and protecting Captina Creek and regional

watersheds. The conservancy now has 1,897 acres under a combination of conservation easement, stewardship, and ownership.

He was also an editor and contributing author to the Amphibians and Ohio (2013) and Reptiles of Ohio (2021) books and was the 2017 recipient of the Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation award for excellence in herpetofaunal conservation.

"Greg is the authority when it comes to hellbenders and uses his position and expertise to educate others to the importance of these state-endangered species. He is the visionary behind the Ohio Hellbender Partnership and the driving force behind the development of the Captina Conservancy, a remarkable nonprofit land trust in Belmont County, Ohio," said Tom Schmid, president and CEO of the Columbus Zoo. "Greg's profound commitment, and heartfelt passion resonate perfectly with the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium's mission in wildlife conservation. His life work is why we're immensely proud to honor him with the Columbus Zoo's 2022 Commitment to Conservation Award.

Since 2008, the Columbus Zoo Conservation Fund has supported Lipps with \$27,000. These funds supported hellbender research, producing artificial nest boxes for hellbenders, and sponsoring Ohio reptile and amphibian conferences.

"It's a great honor to be recognized by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. For nearly two decades, I've been fortunate to count the zoo as a vital partner in our efforts to conserve Ohio's amphibians, reptiles, and their habitats," Lipps said. "The zoo has been instrumental in head-start programs for the Eastern hellbender and Plains

gartersnake, both endangered species in Ohio that are less likely to be extirpated due in part to the zoo's efforts. I'm excited to apply this award towards our ongoing conservation work in Ohio and look forward to further collaboration with the Columbus Zoo."

Lipps will be recognized at the zoo's 2023 fundraiser event, Wine for Wildlife, on Saturday, July 15. Proceeds from this event will support the construction of the zoo's new North America Trek, which will showcase native Ohio wildlife, including the partnerships shared by the Zoo, The Wilds, and Lipps.

PAULDING ATHLETIC BOOSTERS HOSTS DINNER FUNDRAISER



The Paulding Athletic Boosters are hosting their annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on August 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is an eat-in or carry-out dinner at the Paulding High School. Tickets required to pick up meals. Meal will include 6oz lightly breaded boneless pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered corn, homestyle noodles, and dinner roll with butter.

For more information about this meal or tickets, please call or text 419-670-2311 or email pauldingathleticboosters@gmail.com

RAIDERS OFF TO STATE ACME TOURNAY

Wayne Trace claimed its first ever state ACME tournament berth Friday night with a 10-0 victory over host Fairview in ACME District baseball action.

The Raiders scored in the bottom of the first for a 1-0 advantage and never looked back, adding five runs in the second to expand the margin to 6-0.

After posting an additional run in the third to make it 7-0, the red, white and blue wrapped up the scoring with a three-run fourth to set the final at 10-0.

At the plate, Tucker Antoine led the way with a single and a double while driving in one run and scoring three times. Cooper Wenzlick added a double, scored once and picked up one run batted in while Micah Sinn singled once, scored twice and added a run batted in.

Kyle Forrer singled, scored and drove in a run as well.

Breven Anderson, Brady Miller and Jack Schoenauer scored runs for the Raiders with Anderson, Carter Clemens and Tanner Laukhuf driving in one run apiece.

Drayden Grinnell-Dennis singled twice for the Apaches.

Miller recorded the win on the mound for Wayne Trace, fanning two Fairview hitters and giving up just two hits in the five-inning, complete-game effort.

Cash King suffered the loss for the black and gold, allowing four hits, nine runs (seven earned) and three walks while striking out one in 3-1/3 innings.

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2022-2023 bullying and harassment report for the district;

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the attached lunch prices for the 2023-2024 school year;

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the attached athletic ticket prices;

- upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Farnham Equipment quote for a volleyball system and basketball backboards to be replaced at Divine Mercy to be paid from ASP funds in the amount of \$50,682.00;

- to commend our custodial staff for continuing to work to clean and prepare our buildings for the start of the school year;

*Are there any consent agenda items the Board would like to move down into "Other New Business" for further discussion and/or for separate voting purposes?

Roll call vote: Mr. Swary, Mrs. Forrer, Mr. Baumle, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Stabler, aye.

Nay, none. Motion passed.

New Business - Discussion on the Drug Testing of Students. Wayne Trace is now testing only athletes. The board requested Mr. Jones to look into testing all extra-curricular participants, change the policy to accommodate that and find a company that would handle the random choice, testing, and results. 7:54 p.m. Executive Session

Motion by: Mr. Moore; Seconded by: Mrs. Stabler

"Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and Section 121.22(G)(4) a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of specified employment matters of public employee/official (excluding elected officials.)"

Roll call vote: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Stabler, Mr. Baumle, Mrs. Forrer, and Mr. Swary, aye.

Nay, none. Board in executive session.

8:00 p.m. Regular Session called back to order.

Adjournment

Motion by: Mr. Baumle;

Seconded by: Mr. Swary

To adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next Board meeting will be held August 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wayne Trace High School Lecture Room.

CPAC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE NEW DIRECTORS FOR THE CENTER FOR COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE NOLAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

The CPAC Foundation announced that Frank Russo will serve as the Director of the new CPAC Center for Combating Human Trafficking and Patrick Plein has been promoted to Director of the Nolan Center for Justice.

As Director of our new-found CPAC Center for Combating Human Trafficking, Mr. Russo will lead policy efforts that address the needs of victims of trafficking, provide law enforcement the tools to hold traffickers accountable, and support cross collaboration between domestic and international partners to ensure that modern day slavery is brought to an end.

Before joining us at CPAC, Mr. Russo was the Director of Government and Legislative Affairs at the National District Attorneys Association, where he assisted in drafting and passing legislation that strengthened the protections for victims of trafficking and provided pathways to rehabilitation for those who survived abuse. He also brings experience from Capitol Hill, where he worked with the House Judiciary Committee under Representative Bob Goodlatte, and for the Senate Judiciary Committee under Senator Ted Cruz.

In addition to his work leading the Center to Combat Human Trafficking, Mr. Russo will continue in his roles as Associate General Counsel and as Director of the CPAC Foundation Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Advisory Council.

Mr. Plein has been with the CPAC Foundation's Nolan Center since 2016 and is a leader in several successful justice reform campaigns across the country. In his new role, Mr. Plein will oversee day-to-day operations of the Nolan Center's work of improving public safety and furthering needed justice reform. Additionally, Mr. Plein will continue his work at our (C4) CPAC serving as an active voice in State Capitols across the nation.

The Center for Combating Human Trafficking will work alongside the Nolan Center for Justice to educate the public and advance policy efforts that improve public safety and ensure equal justice for all.

Announced at the Washington D.C. premiere of "Sound of Freedom," CPAC Foundation's Center for Combating Human Trafficking will leverage an expansive grassroots network to drive policies which improve cross-collaboration between domestic and international law enforcement agencies, ensure tough and accountable penalties against traffickers, and support victims in reintegrating into society.

The Nolan Center for Justice has become a trusted resource for the conservative perspective on justice reform issues since it was founded by Pat Nolan over a decade ago. Working to advance the core values of liberty, accountability, and fiscal responsibility - the Nolan Center is active in promoting policies that improve the safety of our communities, reduce wasteful government spending, support our law enforcement, and protect human dignity in our justice system.

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Kody Swanson Wins at Anderson. (500 Sprint Car Tour Photo)



Kyle Larson Wins the Brad Doty Classic. (Action Photos Ohio)



Kalamazoo Klash XXXI Winner Brian Bergakker (Kalamazoo Speedway Photo)

By: Ron Burt
I will cover the Eldora Million and Kings Royal next week. Leading up to Eldora, many of the top World of Outlaw Sprint car drivers were at Attica Raceway Park for the 35th Annual Brad Doty Classic, Tuesday, July 11th. Kyle Larson became the first back-to-back winner. Larson led all 40 laps to take home the \$15,000 top

prize. The California native has won three Brad Doty Classics. He has six career wins at the track in just 10 A-main starts including five wins in the last six starts at Attica. It was Larson's 30th career win with the World of Outlaws. Wooster, Ohio's Sheldon Haudenschield was second followed by Cole Macedo.

I have an update on Zach

Wigal, the young racing sensation that races in the USAC Midwest Thunder Midget series. He was able to hot lap and test a national car with a full-blown Toyota TRD motor, 400 HP, 4 cylinder. I could tell by his excitement, he's looking forward to July 28th at Ohio Valley Speedway, when he plans to make his National Outlaw Midget debut. Race fans keep his name on your radar!

Kody Swanson won his second consecutive Gene Nolen Classic 500 Sprint Car Tour Race, Saturday at Anderson Speedway. He spent most of the race trying to chase down leader Bobby Santos III. With 7 laps remaining Santos dropped out of the race due to a mechanical issue that caused his car to run out of fuel and Swanson took the lead and held on for the victory. The win also put Kody on top the current point standings as he hunts for his second consecutive championship in the 500 Sprint Car Tour. Rounding out the top 3, was Kyle O'Gara by 0.502 seconds at the checkered flag and fastest qualifier Tyler Roahrig. The next 500 Sprint Car Tour race is July 22 at Berlin Raceway in Marne, Mich. Prior to that Kody and the Doran Binks team will compete in a USAC Silver Crown race July 20 at Winchester (Ind.) Speedway.

Brian Bergakker finally won the Kalamazoo Klash XXXI, for Outlaw Late Models and took home \$15,000. This win was very sweet and emotional for Brian. The veteran driver was runner up in this event in 2014, 2015 and 2018. In 2021 he was the fastest qualifier. This year 31 of the Midwest's top competitors showed up and after time trials, 26 made the starting field. Behind Brian Bergakker was 2nd Mark Shook and two names you see often on this page 3rd Phil Bozell and 4th Andy Bozell.

Saturday, I went to Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon. They had the best car count I've seen all year and the racing was exciting in every class from heats to features. The feature winners were Late Model Casey Noonan, with his 2nd of the season. Carter Schlenk picked up his 3rd Sportsman win this summer. Dominator Super Stock A Main, went to William Cundick Jr., his second this season and winning the Sport Compact feature was Jason Bailey.

At Painesville Speedway, Wisconsin driver Craig Vandewettering won the 100 lap Buckeye Figure-8 Nationals and started the celebration with the best burn out of the year on the front straightaway. Doodle Farris was 2nd and Jesse Tunny 3rd.

Saturday's 4 feature winners at Angola Motorsports Park, Late Model Brandon Barcus, Modified John Gattton Jr., Street Stock Zach Henderson and FWD Kyle Stark. Until next week keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

Costs paid by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed

Justice A. Eiland, Detroit, MI; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jeffrey J. Budd, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Stanford O. Thomas, Athens, AL; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Defendant appeared via Zoom with counsel, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days in jail, operator license suspension from 4/2/23 to 4/2/24, Fines and costs to be taken from bond; OVI/breath(low), Count B dismissed

Larry E. Colley, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Driving privileges extended to 7/31/23, ALS terminated; OVI/under influence, Count B dismissed; Left of center, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Paul D. Morris, Frankfort, KY; Assured clear distance, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Distracted driving, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Michael J. Buchman, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Allan W. Mack, Saint Joe, IN; Over width; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenneth H. Brewer, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Cindy S. Stiles, Ossian, IN; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jared N. Lundholm, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rachel D. Hollinger, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim

David Esparza Sr., Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Eric A. Bidlack, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jennifer N. Hoobler, Massillon, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Austin Quinn Asumah, Greenwood, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua C. Williams Jr., Paulding, OH; Strangulation, Defendant waived the preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas court, Bond continued; Domestic violence, Case shall be bound over to the Common Pleas court

Zachary J. Branham, Oakwood, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession of drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contra-

band shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 90 days jail, 87 days jail suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Placed on standard probation, Evaluation at Westwood, Risk assessment, State will not file any further criminal action on the Common Pleas court; Improper backing, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Luis O. Barajas Jr., Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension, Guilty, Pay all fines and costs including outstanding Sheriff fees, Warrant and warrant block may be removed from CMS; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Diana Rodriguez, Paulding, OH; No operator license; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Gary K. Ange, Williamsburg, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Stefanie L. Habrowski, Saint Clair Shores, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kimberly M. Flinn, Bryan, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tiffany L. Jacobs, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gloddy Young, Tilton, NH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua A. Rosas, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS 7/13/23

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (11) persons on

Thursday, July 13, 2023:

Cameron Shane Harold Hudson, (12/12/98), Antwerp, OH; Strangulation, F5; Domestic Violence, MI

Justin Lawrence, (8/15/1990), Cloverdale, OH; Failure to provide notice of change of address, F3

Kenneth Alan Brown, (6/16/1982), Southside. AL; Theft, F5 (2 counts)

Darick D. Slaughter, (8/10/1991), Nashville, TN; Theft, F5

Joshua Christopher Lee Williams, (8/6/2002), Paulding, OH; Strangulation, F3; Domestic Violence, MI; Assault, F5 (2 counts)

Jamie N. Lucas, (12/11/1985), Paulding, OH; Strangulation, F3 (2 counts); Domestic Violence, MI

Elizabeth J. Boeing, (7/4/1988), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Carlos R. Molina, (6/10/1974), Stryker, OH; Nonsupport of defendants, F5

Jessica A. Acosta, (1/31/1980), Hicksville, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5 (2 counts)

Lance J. Thompson, (11/26/1981), Van Wert, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5 (2 counts)

Randi R. Hatlevig, (6/23/1990), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5 (2 counts)

BOBBY DARIN MUSIC COMES ALIVE AT THE NISWONGER

Fountain Park Home Care and Vancrest Health Care Center proudly present Splash! The Music Of Bobby Darin starring Vegas entertainer Ron Gartner at The Niswonger on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

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mony. It has been said that had he lived, he would have been more famous than Frank Sinatra. Darin was that multi-talented. In this special show, Vegas entertainer Ron Gartner honors the Darin legacy... singing the songs of the swingin'-est guy who ever put on a tux...in a show that covers everything from Darin's rock 'n' roll days to the evening at the Copa. Finger-snappin' favorites will be performed that take us back to a day of high rolling good times.

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

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER,
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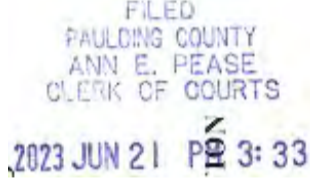
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TO: Hezekiah Winn; Unknown Spouse of Hezekiah Winn; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Hezekiah Winn; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Hezekiah Winn; Wyatt Underwood; Unknown Spouse of Wyatt Underwood; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Wyatt Underwood; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Wyatt Underwood; John Bibb; Unknown Spouse of John Bibb; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of John Bibb; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of John Bibb

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Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *K. J. Burkard*
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was abducted, raped and murdered in Paulding County on Sunday,

November 13, 1960. The case has remained unsolved for more than 62 years.



On September 20, 2022, the siblings of Nancy petitioned the Probate Division of the Paulding Common Pleas Court to have her remains disinterred. The Order was granted by the sitting Judge. The Court allowed 75 days to disinter and reinter Nancy's remains.

Once the Order was issued, the Ohio Attorney General's Office Cold Case Unit assisted the Paulding County Sheriff, Paulding County Coroner and Lucas County, Ohio Coroner. A forensic anthropology consultant, among other individuals and advocacy



groups, also assisted investigators with the exhumation and examination process.

During October 24-26, 2022, a new autopsy of Nancy's remains took place at the Lucas County Morgue by a forensic pathologist, assisted by a forensic anthropology consultant. This autopsy revealed new evidence and a new conclusion to the cause of death.

"Since day one, according to the initial autopsy report, the cause of Nancy's death was a single gunshot wound from a .22 caliber firearm. It was believed she was shot under her chin and died as a result. New evidence reveals Nancy was shot twice by a .22 caliber firearm. Once under her chin, and once in her right eye. The shot in her right eye is what killed her, according to the forensic professionals," stated Sheriff Jason K. Landers.

The forensic pathologist discovered a .22 caliber projectile in Nancy's remains. He, along with the forensic anthropology consultant, were able to determine the paths of the projectiles from the shot under the chin and the shot in the right eye to determine which projectile was recovered in 1960 and which one they recovered during this autopsy.

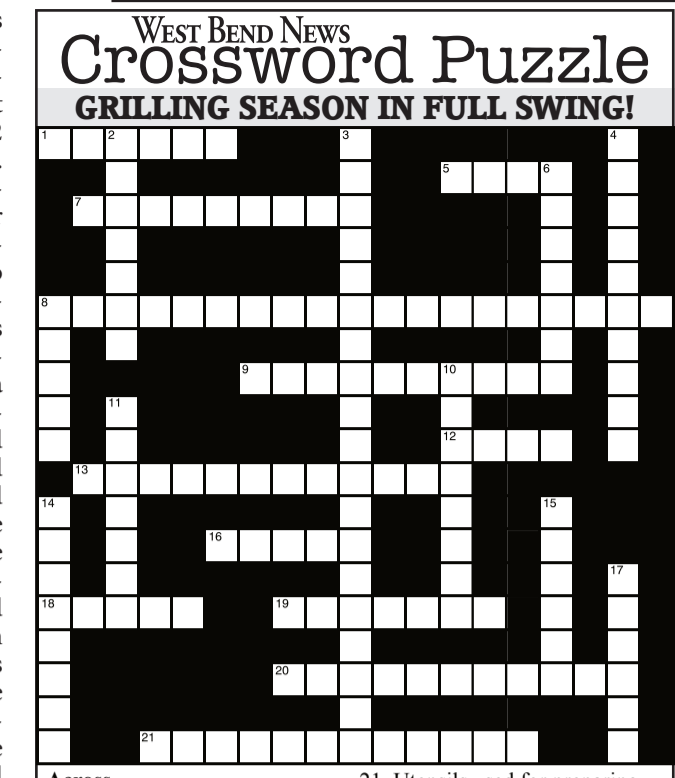
Also recovered during the recent forensic examination were 5 small fibers from the pelvic and upper femur region. These fibers will not be tested by the lab.

The projectile from this recent autopsy was submitted to the Attorney General's BCI lab for testing. It was determined to be a .22 bullet by a forensic scientist.

During this ongoing investigation, a .22 caliber H&R model 922, 22 LR revolver, was turned over to investigators by a local citizen claiming the gun was used to kill Nancy. A forensic scientist conducted a comparison of the above-mentioned bullet recovered from the recent autopsy and the .22 caliber firearm listed above. It was discovered the H&R revolver is an operable firearm. It was also discovered the bullet recovered from the recent autopsy is in fact a .22 caliber, but it was determined to be unsuitable for comparison/identification purposes due to the lack of sufficient class and individual characteristics.

"This journey has been a roller coaster for Nancy's family. With the discovery of the bullet in the casket, there were high hopes the scientist in the lab would have something to work with to compare to potential firearms. That is now not going to happen. What we do have is an accurate conclusion to the cause of death. Reiterating a .22 caliber firearm was used in this heinous crime, and more knowledge about this case than we ever had before. I will continue to make myself and my staff available to the family. I will also continue talking with anyone who has information in this case. There is still hope that something will break in this case. It is very, very cold, but not closed," Sheriff Landers commented.

For anyone with information regarding the murder of Nancy Eagleson, you are encouraged to contact the Paulding County Sheriff's Office at 419-399-3791, or the Ohio Attorney General's Office Cold Case Unit at 855-224-6446. An anonymous tip can be sent from the Sheriff's Office website www.pauldingohsheriff.



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- Skewered meat, vegetables, or seafood.
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 - Poultry marinated and cooked to perfection.
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- Down**
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A prebid meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 31, 2023 at Antwerp Local Schools. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory but bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. The grounds will be open for inspection at this time.

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Bacon Act "Schedule of Prevailing Wages". The bidder may access the Federal Prevailing Wages at www.sam.gov under wage determination for current edition of wage rates.

The Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, are on file for public inspection at the office of the Architect: Garmann/Miller & Associates Inc., Phone 419-628-4240: the office of the Antwerp Local School District; Construction News Corporation, the McGraw Hill-Dodge Plan Room, the Builders Exchange and iSqFt.

Contract Documents may be purchased from DC Repographics, 1254 Courtland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43201; www.DCplanroom.com; Phone 614-297-1200. Each Bidder is responsible for shipping cost or providing a shipping number for billing to the bidders account.

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on a blank form furnished by the Architect, in a sealed envelope. Mark plainly on the outside of the envelope, the project you are bidding on. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening

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By: Antwerp Local School District
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BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN 50 PROJECTS INCREASING ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED PRODUCERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced its selection of 50 projects for potential award, totaling approximately \$300 million. These innovative projects will help improve access to land, capital, and markets for underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. The Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (Increasing Land Access) Program, which is funded by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, works to increase access to farm ownership opportunities, improve results for those with heirs' property or fractionated land, increase access to markets and capital that affect the ability to access land, and improve land ownership, land succession and agricultural business planning.

"Land access, market access and capital are critical to the success of the hardworking producers who keep agriculture thriving," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Underserved producers have not had access to the amount of specialized technical support that would increase opportunities to access and capital and benefit the launch, growth, resilience, and success of their agricultural enterprises. The Increasing Land Access Program is part of the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to advancing equity for all, including people who have been underserved, marginalized,

and adversely affected by inequality, by providing the resources, tools and technical support needed to directly help local farmers and ensure we have a strong agricultural system across the country."

Examples of selectees for potential award include:

- Community Development Corporation of Oregon will work to provide long term and sustainable land access to disadvantaged refugee and immigrant beginning farmers in Oregon's east Multnomah and Clackamas counties. A few of the goals of the project are to purchase the currently rented farm, reduce the net cost of the land through a conservation or working lands easement, and provide an equitable and engaging process of education and training about cooperative land ownership, finance concepts, and related USDA programs.

- The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin will work to establish an equity capital fund to provide support for Tribal producers' land, equipment, and operational needs. Additionally, this project will work to provide targeted technical assistance to Tribal producers in developing comprehensive farm and food business plans, including conservation plans to support expanded production and access to the full suite of USDA and other support resources.

- Workin' Rootz will work to increase access to land and capacity-building at five urban farms/community market gardens in Detroit which include Workin' Roots Farm, Love n' Labor, Foster Patch Community Garden, Love Earth Herbal, and Urban Bush Sistahs. These farms will serve

as resource hubs by sharing infrastructure (tiller, lawn tractor, wash and pack, cooler storage, etc.) with other urban farmers and gardeners in their prospective neighborhoods.

- Maine Farmland Trust will work with low-income farmers on access to low-interest capital for land purchase or business operations, farm upgrades and infrastructure investments that promote viability, technical assistance in the areas of real estate and business planning, and more.

- Alabama A&M University, in collaboration with four other 1890 land grant universities (Southern University, Alcorn State University, Fort Valley State University, and Tennessee State University) and many other local organizations, will provide delivery of technical assistance to underserved farm populations in chronically and economically depressed communities of Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi to ensure the success of existing farmers and ranchers and to rapidly increase the numbers of small farm operators in the targeted communities.

The tentative selectees include national, regional, and local projects that cover 40 states and territories including Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. USDA will work with the selected applicants to finalize the scope and funding levels in the coming months.

See the full list of Increasing Land Access Program selected projects at www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/increasing-land-access/increasing-land-capital-and-market-access-program-projects/index.

Environmental Assess-

ment
These projects will likely result in the purchase of land, construction of farm infrastructure and other activities that could have potential impacts on environmental resources. USDA has developed a Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Increasing Land Access Program to evaluate the program's overarching environmental impacts as they relate to the National Environmental Policy Act.

The environmental assessment is available online for public review. USDA is requesting comments on the program's potential impact on the environment. The feedback will be incorporated into the final assessment, as appropriate, prior to a decision.

USDA will consider comments received by Friday, July 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. EDT. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

Comments may be submitted:

- Electronically at: Land.Access@usda.gov

- By mail at: Attn: Michael Mannigan, Grants Management Specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Outreach Office, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC, 20250-0506

For more information, contact Michael Mannigan at Land.Access@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice).

More Information

The Increasing Land Access Program was originally announced in August 2022 as

part of a broader investment to help ensure underserved producers have the resources, tools, programs and technical support they need to succeed and is being funded by the Inflation Reduction Act.

The Increasing Land Access Program is part of USDA's commitment to equity across the Department and steps it has taken under Secretary Vilsack's direction to improve equity and access, eliminate barriers to its programs for underserved individuals and communities, and build a workforce more representative of America. Earlier in the year, the USDA Equity Commission, which is comprised of independent members from diverse backgrounds, released its interim recommendations to remove barriers to inclusion and access at USDA. The program is also an important component of the Department's and President Biden's vision to Advance Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

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

partment by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

OHIO STATE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM SEEKING NEW CROP OF VOLUNTEERS

Northwest Ohio to Partner to Offer Hybrid Class

By Sarah Noggle, Extension Educator Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Paulding County, Kyle Verhoff, Extension Educator, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Defiance County, Kayla Wyse, Extension Educator, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Williams County

Northwest Ohio: If you want to sharpen your gardening and home horticulture skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Ohio State Extension has the ideal program for you.

Ohio State Master Gardener's "Basic Training" series will be offered virtually for residents of Northwest Ohio, beginning July 15th, 2023. The Ohio State Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program that provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants may choose to volunteer by teaching others while representing Ohio State University Extension. As volunteers, participants grow as they share knowledge and provide leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

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Grandkids are so much fun, when they're young. They grow up fast, and suddenly everyone is going in different directions. One of our fondest memories of our grandkids is visiting the Spangler Candy Company. You got to take a tour through the factory, which is almost unheard of these days.

It reminded us of when our children were small, and we took the tour of the Kellogg factory. This was so much fun, and you received a six pack of individual boxes of cereal as you left. This tour was discontinued long ago.

At the candy company they gave you a tour in a little trolley, with a friendly driver. Our granddaughter got to sit with the driver. The most amazing thing is how the huge overhead doors open just by a command from the driver. I think you got free Dum Dums at the end, but this is inconsequential because you have a shopping bag full, as you leave the store.

I had long been exposed to the company as my brother-in-law had worked there for years. After he moved, he lived in the Grabill area but he never forgot his roots in Ohio. His parents had a farm on Highway 2. It seems like Bryan is such a nice town, just the right size.

I'm amazed by courthouse, and one day stopped to go through the courthouse.

There wasn't a whole lot going on, many towns have abandoned their courthouse for new buildings, but there's something about the ornate appearance of the old courthouses.

I have only seen the Christmas lights off the courthouse once but they are quite spectacular. Someone had to be quite ingenious to rig these lights up. As technologies change, and the 100 watt bulb is no longer, this light display too will probably have to change. The Coffee Cup Restaurant had been a standby for years.

Our grandkids are in high school, and we wonder what we could do together. Actually there's not much time after they are through with their activities. Just the other day we had the most fun going to a local Amish store.

Perhaps part of the reason companies like Kellogg's have ceased their factory tours, is because of our litigious society, and the need to buy millions of dollars worth of liability insurance. Talk about high inflation, a penny Dum Dum at the candy store today cost me 14 cents.

At a time when things are changing at a dizzying pace, and we are struggling to keep up with technology, it's good to know that some things never change, like Dum Dums.

—James Neuhouser

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The self-paced, online course will be open for enrollment through June 30th, 2024. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

Additionally, participants are required to complete five hands-on lab sessions offered on a rotating basis. The sessions will be offered strategically throughout Northwest Ohio to accommodate a variety of participants' schedules.

"I think class participants will enjoy learning with people from our neighboring counties and sharing gardening and horticulture ideas," said Sarah Noggle, Extension Educator in Paulding County.

Applications will be accepted through March 30th,

2024. While enrollment is accepted throughout the year to provide added flexibility, those who enroll earlier will have a greater amount of flexibility and time to complete the course content than those that enroll later in the enrollment period.

While class participants will be encouraged to create new educational outreach programs, there are already many opportunities for which volunteers are needed. The theme of the Master Gardener Program is "Helping Others Grow" and there's no better way than sharing your passion and knowledge for gardening!

If you would like an application to join our league of volunteers or if you have questions about the program, please call your local county contact:

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IMPROVING SOIL CONDITIONS

Some cooler temperatures are coming and some rain has occurred. Most farmers are hoping for more rain to get their crops out of the ground and growing. One thing, where ever the soil had higher amounts of soil organic matter (SOM), the crops emerged and are growing much better. Every 1% SOM holds about 0.5 to 0.8 inches of rain, which helps crops germinate and grow until they get their roots established. Building SOM requires getting more roots in the soil. No-till and cover crops are two ways to build SOM and reduce adverse weather.

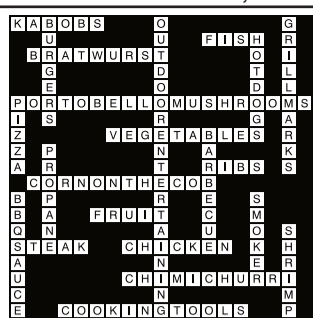
As wheat harvest approaches, farmers may be considering double cropping soybeans. In a dry year, soybeans may not be the best option, but letting wheat stubble remain bare promotes weeds. Many cover crops can grow and thrive with little soil moisture including buckwheat, cowpeas for nitrogen, and teff (forage crop). Diverse cover crop mixtures help each germinate and get needed nutrients. Planting cover crops after wheat is a safer bet when moisture is lacking.

The late David Brandt in his last interview with No-till Farmer gave several tips on using cover crops. A big benefit to using cover crops is fighting weeds. Weeds will grow in poor conditions because they are the first colonizers of disturbed (tilled) soil. Weeds do not add much SOM and they compete with the main crop for sunlight, water, and nutrients. Most

and crimson clover, white clover, Sunn Hemp up to 100# N. After a dry year, excess unused N can be captured by grass cover crops like cereal rye, annual rye grass, barley, teff, oats, and brassicas like radish, kale, and rape. Capturing N and building SOM can be as valuable as producing double crop soybeans in a dry year. Unfortunately, growing soybeans without a carbon source (grass) tends to make your soil hard and less productive.

Brandt's fourth option was to experiment with reducing crop inputs especially harmful herbicides by using a crimp herb roller. Glyphosate (Roundup) is a chelator of many beneficial micro-nutrients. A mechanical way to terminate cover crops is to use a crimper to roll cover crops flat to terminate cover crops. Three cover crops that can not be terminated with a crimper are annual ryegrass, red clover, and alfalfa. Most cover crops crimp the best when they start to bloom or come into head, which maximizes root development and nitrogen formation on legumes and clovers. If it gets too dry in the spring, terminate early with a burndown herbicide. Farmers have several new and old burn down options that avoids glyphosate use (Harpe, Sharpen, Liberty, 2-4D, Gramoxone (paraquat), Reviton).

A fifth option is to try inter-seeding cover crops into existing crops. In the fall; farmers are using drones, airplanes, helicopters, and high-boy applicators to seed cover crops before the main crop is harvested. At least 1-2 inches of rain is required to get the cover crops to thrive before



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winter sets in. Most cover crops need a minimum of 60 days growth to survive the winter. Inter-seeding cover crops into corn, between the rows is another option, but not recommended in a dry year. The best time to interseed in corn is when the corn has four to no more than 5 true leaves (V4-V5). If its really dry, the cover crop either will not germinate, or if the dry period occurs later in the summer, sometimes the cover crop can compete for moisture. Timing and weather conditions are critical when making this decision. These are all tips for making soils more resilient to adverse weather conditions.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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PETE SCHLEGEL PERFORMS AT PIN-A-RAMA



Pin-A-Rama hosted Pete Schlegel in his Longnecks & Short Stories tour Thursday evening, July 13th in Antwerp. Tina Mae opened the evening with her country folk tunes. Pete & Them Oh Boys took

the stage to entertain a full house. He played a variety of old time country and gospel music as well as his new song "Glasses".

Pete Schlegel lives with his wife and family south of

Knoxville Tennessee but calls Paulding County his home as he was born and raised on a dairy farm in Paulding, OH.

Thanks Pete (and company) for showing Antwerp a good time!

MUSIC, MARKET & MUNCHIES



New Haven Parks & Recreation's premier July event, MUSIC, MARKET & MUNCHIES, is back for the 6th year of this community

celebration of summer. The Market has over 50 booths at Schnelker Park with fresh produce, craft & artisan items, sweet treats, gluten-free goodies, pet products, jewelry, handmade items and so much more! The Munchies include food trucks each week including One Love, Bravas, New Haven SnoBiz, ZipNGo, King Arthur's Trolley, Drop-It-Like-Its-Tot, Handels Ice Cream, Baby Got Smac, Local Apple Cart, New Haven Lions Club, & Twist. For those 21 and older there is a beer & wine tent. A portion of all proceeds is being donated to the New Haven

Parks Department for future summer programming.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to Schnelker Park to enjoy Music at free concerts each week from 5 - 8pm. July 19 Dan & The Iconics, and on July 26 The Hubie Ashcraft Band will rock the park. Come shop, eat, visit with your neighbors, enjoy the music on these summer nights.

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LATTA, MATSUI LEAD BILL TO REAUTHORIZE NTIA, ENSURE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE RESPONSIBLY USED TO INCREASE BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui's (D-CA7) legislation, the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Reauthorization Act, was approved by the Communications and Technology Subcommittee. This legislation will improve the management of spectrum, develop a national strategy to close the digital divide, and update the mission and functions of the agency.

With Congress recently providing NTIA with \$48.2 billion to address broadband deployment and digital equity and inclusion, Latta's NTIA Reauthorization Act would give NTIA the tools to be successful in their mission and ensure American tax dollars are not wasted.

"While the NTIA plays a role in closing the digital divide for Americans who lack basic broadband Internet access, it's the responsibility of Congress to re-evaluate these duties and ensure the agency has the tools and guidance to appropriately carry them out," Latta said. "As Chair of the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, I'm pleased to have advanced the first reauthorization of the NTIA in 30 years. This important, bipartisan legislation I'm leading with my colleague, Congresswoman Matsui, will help the agency carry out their mission to connect

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: MINDY STOLLER



Hear it here! This week on Paulding County Business Weekly, we interviewed Mindy Stoller with Paulding County Hands of Hope.

Listen in as Mindy shares her own background and the history of the pregnancy center along with the many other services offered at Hands of Hope, including a soon to be dedicated baby drop box for

the county.

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more Americans while ensuring taxpayer dollars are not wasted."

"Since NTIA was last reauthorized over three decades ago, the pace of technological innovation has accelerated exponentially," Matsui said. "From spectrum governance to the

digital economy, NTIA must be empowered to keep America the vanguard of global tech leadership. The bipartisan NTIA Reauthorization Act modernizes NTIA's mission and provides new tools to ensure the agency can keep up with the pace of innovation."

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