

**ISSUE ONE
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING JULY 31st**



Rob McColley, OH District 1 Senator



Roy Klopfenstein, OH State Representative 82nd District

Roy Klopfenstein, Ohio State Representative for District 82 and Rob McColley, Ohio District 1 Senator, will be at the Paulding OSU Extension Center at 7:30 p.m.

Monday night July 31st to inform the public about Issue One. Issue One on the August 8th elections has generated a fair amount of debate and questions. Klopfenstein and McColley plan to share more information about the issue, and answer questions from the community.

All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments provided. This event was organized and paid for by private citizens.

DARYL PALOOZA 3.0 FUNDRAISING EVENT COMES TO GROVER HILL

A fundraising event for Grover Hill's Welcome Park is set for Saturday, August 12th. The day will begin with a Public Auction at 10:30 a.m. All donated items will be auctioned for the benefit of the Park.

Later in the afternoon, plan to attend the Chicken Dinner brought in by Van Wert Firefighters #681 and snatch some cobbler dessert from Paulding Boy Scouts Troop 315 and Lions Club famous homemade ice cream. Food begins at 4:30 p.m.

Daryl Wayne Dasher will be in concert at the Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, bug spray, tip jars and plan to spend an enjoyable summer evening supporting Welcome Park.

For more information, see any Grover Hill Lions Club members.

ANTWERP MURAL IS COMPLETE!



By: Angel Steiner, Antwerp Chamber secretary

Antwerp's first mural is complete! It has been such an exhilarating experience for the entire village to watch as the south side of Friend Floor-

ing building was transformed from a plain stucco wall into a masterpiece of art. In the words of an admirer of the Mural, "It's hard to tell where the sky stops and the mural begins!"

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce and its supporting business community as well as private citizens and nonprofit organizations funded this work of public art. Chamber

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTING BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER



This year, Andy's Knockout Chicken from Fort Wayne will be roasting delicious barbecue chicken from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive,

Paulding, across the street from the fairgrounds.

Select either a half-chicken or quarter-chicken. Meals include chicken, baked beans, choice of cole slaw or fresh vegetables, plus applesauce and chips.

Dinners are available for carry-out, or to eat in the museum's comfortable air conditioned dining room.

Contact a museum officer, the museum on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or available by calling 419-399-8218 or 419-399-3667.

This is an important annual fundraiser for the museum. Enjoy some mouthwatering barbecued chicken and fixings while supporting the John Paulding Historical Society in its mission of "Preserving the Past for Future Generations."

WBESC SETS NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Western Buckeye ESC Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the ESC Conference Room at 835 N Williams St, Paulding, OH.

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- July 31**
- St. Paul Ev. Luth. Church VBS 9-11:30am
 - Auditions for Addams Family @ Huber, 6-8p
- August 1**
- 4-H Spin Club @ OSU Ext., Paulding, 10-11:30am
- August 3**
- Cyber Security Presentation @ SBIC, Paulding, 8:15am
 - PERI Chapter 10 meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am
 - Patio concert @ The Huber, 7p
- August 3**
- JPHS Chicken BBQ @ JPHS, dine in or carry out, 4-7pm
- August 5**
- Detmon Memorial Golf Outing @ Pond-A-River GC, 8:30am
 - Keepsake Beads by EAW Ann. Celebration, 10a-2p
- August 7**
- St. Paul Ev. Luth. Church VBS, 9-11:30am
- August 8**
- Ohio Special Election
 - 4-H Spin Club meeting @ OSU Ext. Bldg, Paulding, 10-11:30am
- August 9**
- WBESC board meeting @ Paulding Conf Rm, 5:30pm
- August 10**
- Paulding Athl. Boosters Pork Chop Dinner @ PHS circle drive, 5-7pm

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OBITUARIES

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS

Scripture of the Week

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 3:14

ANTWERP, OH:
Douglas Wayne Phillips, 74, of Antwerp, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at his home. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.

ANTWERP, OH:
Mary Van Atta, 79 of Antwerp, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023 at Vancrest of Payne. Arr by Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp & Payne, Ohio.



St John Lutheran Church, Hicksville had a very successful HAY DAY VBS. Under the leadership of Jenn Kurtz and 25 helpers, the

children had four days of a sack meal, music, Bible stories, crafts and games. The event concluded with a pizza party and a program for the

parents, grandparents and friends. Plans are underway for next year's VBS. Plan to attend. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

TESTING FOR WEST NILE VIRUS IN PAULDING COUNTY



Each summer, mosquitoes are a familiar biting pest in our backyards, parks and campgrounds. In Ohio, mosquito borne illnesses are most often transmitted during the warmest months of the year. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Zoonotic Disease Program, in partnership with the Paulding County Health Department (PCHD), is conducting county wide mosquito testing. ODH is collaborating with PCHD to trap mosquitoes throughout Paulding County and test them for the West Nile Virus. The Paulding County Health Department looks forward to working with the Ohio Department of Health on this joint effort.

If any mosquito samples test positive for West Nile Virus, the Paulding County Health Department will promptly provide that information to the public.

The most effective way to prevent mosquito borne diseases is to prevent being bitten by the mosquitos. The best suggested way to avoid the West Nile Virus is to apply repellents and remove or treat standing water on your property.

For additional information visit:
<https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/news/vectorborne-disease-update>

PHS CLASS OF 1949 MEET FOR 74th ANNIVERSARY REUNION



Paulding High School Class of 1949 held their 74th anniversary reunion on Saturday June 24th 2023 at The Pancake House, 18187 US 24 Cecil, OH.

Six graduates and classmates attended, along with several spouses and family members. Pictured left to right are: Kenneth

Woodring, Winfield, KS; Ben Manz, Paulding; Robert Whirrett, Noblesville, IN; Carl Thompson, Fairview Hts, IL; Alvin Manz, Defiance, OH; Coe Gordon, Paulding.

Those heard from, but not attending included Jerry Dangler, Palm Harbor, FL; Marilyn Dotterer Fetter, Sa-

betha, KS; Ray Goyings, Paulding; Mildred Guingrich Green, Peoria, AZ; Julianne Minck Smith, Defiance, OH; Bill Snodgrass, Paulding; Patsy Wortman McGinnis, Perrysburg, OH.

The 75th anniversary reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th, 2024, 12:00 noon at this same location.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TO PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A Preschool Open House will be held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 10 from 9:30-11:00am and 3:30-5:00 pm. Parents will also be able to register and tour the facility.

First Church is located at the corner of Central Avenue and Jefferson Street, across from Fountain Park.

We offer a half-day program from 8:30-11:30am two, three or four days a week. The curriculum is guided by the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Standards and incorporates Christian principles daily. We participate in monthly field trips, theme parties, progress monitoring and assessments, weekly Chapel, Christmas and Spring programs and much more. Our goal is to prepare children for kindergarten in a loving Christ-centered environment.

For more information please contact Administrator Marilyn Agler by phone at 419-238-0631 ext. 308, by email HYPERLINK "mailto:marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net" marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net or register online at vanwertfirst.net then choose Preschool in the menu area.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: **Dr. James Bachman**
Dear Parson,
Does the Bible say anything about gaming?
 "Gaming" is another word for gambling, and gambling is a term for fraudulent stealing. Why do you think there were laws against it for so many years?
 People get sucked in without fully comprehending the odds. Gambling facilities don't just hand you a bunch of money as a gift for visiting their gambling joint. They want to have a chance

to rip you off first, and they almost always succeed. If you should happen to win something, it is almost guaranteed you will be back to try again.

The two biblical means of gain are work and gifts (I Thessalonians 3:10; I Timothy 5:8; Philippians 4:10-18). Gambling doesn't fit either. Gambling is to play games of chance, fate or luck for gain. It may or may not be mixed with some skill. To rely on luck is to deny the sovereignty of God. Proverbs 16:33 says, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD."

Exodus 20:15 says, "Thou shalt not steal." Some say it is not stealing because the participants are willing. They are not usually as willing to give up their money as they are willing to take a chance of winning. That does not make it any more right than murdering someone who says they are willing to let you kill them.

It is wrong to gamble, and to offer the opportunity to gamble. When I pastored in Michigan we had to feed and help house a family where the father gambled away his paycheck almost every week, hoping to win big so he could pay off some of his gambling debts.

You can win every time by keeping your money and not gambling it.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

MATT'S MISHAPS



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

—Matt

Remember the Raisin

I remember getting those little red boxes of raisins as special treats when going on road trips. I would have much rather gotten M&Ms or some other candy, but raisins were better than nothing, I guess.

When we moved overseas, I learned that dried fruit had a more prominent role in many recipes than I felt comfortable with. We had been invited to a family's home for a special formal meal, and she was making her family favorite dish. I tried my best to disguise my "scared, surprised" face with a "pleasantly surprised" face as the hostess lifted the cover on the hot main serving platter – it was prune chicken.

One dish my sons would never swallow were pocket sandwich that they were served that were filled with fish and raisins. In traveling around America when back, I have learned that people now add dried fruit to tossed salads, but bacon bits do taste much better.

While traveling towards Indiana when back in the States and looking for a stop,

we saw a National Historic Site in Monroe, MI. It was the site of the River Raisin Massacre. It was a terrible battle that happened in the much-forgotten War of 1812. Four hundred and ten people were killed, nearly 100 wounded and 547 captured in the worst battle for the Americans of that war. A war cry to mobilize and motivate the American troops was, "Remember the Raisin!"

The War of 1812 was just four years before Indiana was founded. One important politician and soldier who died at River Raisin was John Allen. Three states (Michigan, Ohio and Indiana) decided to honor him by naming a county after him.

For those living in "John Allen's County" and who largely have no idea where the name Allen came from, "Remember the Raisin," just don't mix them in recipes, and eat M&Ms and bacon bits if you have that option.

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

mattsmishaps@gmail.com
 Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741



Raisins and dried fruit are finding their way into recipes and dishes around the world. I think raisins are great, but keep them separate from other things and in red boxes for eating.

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WHY IS MONA LISA SMILING?

I have never considered myself photogenic. I always find fault with my own picture and I sometimes wonder, "Oh my! Do I really look like that?" I recall when I was about 4 years old, my grandpa took me up to a photography shop and I got my picture taken. For some odd reason, my Mama and grandparents thought it was cute that I sat with my little legs and arms crossed. Wow!

Yes, I still have a copy of that picture today and let me say this, "My smile was more of a mischievous one and I looked very skeptical of the whole process." I have never ever posed for a painting or even a sketch of myself. I cannot imagine sitting still for that long or even smiling for that long of a time.

I did learn how to take a "selfie" though. However, it may take 50 tries before I get one that even looks like me.

This got me thinking about a painting which features a smile on a lady that has beguiled art lovers for over 600 years. There have been movies made about her and Nat King Cole recorded a song about her in 1950. The lady, of course, was Mona Lisa and her painting became probably the most famous work of art in the world. The smile on this subject's face has puzzled people for years and the art world has speculated on why she has this somewhat mystic smile.

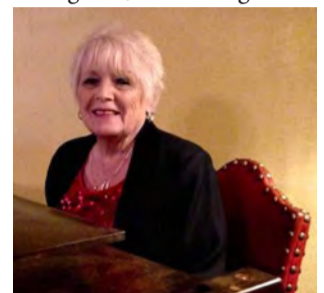
The painter of course was Leonardo Da Vinci and it is said that it took four years to complete this work. The work was requested by subject's husband. Lisa was from a well-known family known through Tuscany and Florence and married to Francesco Del Giocondo, who was a very wealthy silk merchant. The painting of his wife was to celebrate their home's completion, as well as a celebration of the birth of their second son.

Now if you have ever seen a duplicate of this famous painting, look at Mona Lisa's smile. Was she being coy? Was she keeping a secret? Was she just bored sitting there posing?

Reports now tell us that Mona was not being coy or

enigmatic. In fact, she was suffering from Bells Palsy. Those afflicted by this temporary condition have a weakness on one side of their face which causes the corners of the mouth to droop and it becomes difficult to close your eye on the affected side. The condition would explain why her smile is a little higher on the left side of her face and why her left eye is narrower than her right noted one doctor.

In 1959, a British doctor said that it looked like Mona Lisa had a "puffy neck" caused by an enlarged thyroid gland, a sure sign that



she was pregnant. And in 2011, Canadian scientists who had subjected the painting to extensive three-dimensional laser and infrared scans, concluded that if not pregnant, Mona had just given birth. These are all speculations about her mysterious smile.

Mona Lisa is a figure of a woman, dressed in the fashion of the days known as Florentine fashion. Her dressing signifies magnificent enigma and mystery especially the dark silk swathes. Mona Lisa is wearing a veil made from finest black silk.

Rumor has it that Mona Lisa's husband did not like the painting of his wife and refused to pay DaVinci for it. So, DaVinci sold it to the King of France. We may never know why this 24 year old gal in this painting had such a smile on her face, but we do know that she had 5 children and out lived her husband.

One of my favorite songs has always been Nat King Cole's version of Mona Lisa. It is a beautiful ballad about Mona Lisa being the "lady with the mystic smile." His 1950 version won an Academy Award for best original song and it spent eight weeks as number one on the charts. Coles version was also inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1992.

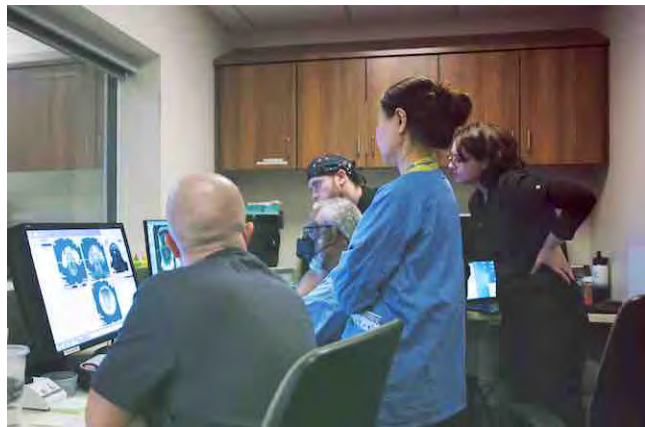
Do you like to have your picture taken? Why do you think Mona Lisa had that smile on her face? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

cracks in the wall and priming with the base coat (that bright blue).

After the Chamber rented a lift for a week for the artist, Rain Tech Seamless Gutters donated the use of their lift truck for the artist to use — this saved a large chunk of funds for this project — thank you Steve!

To Artist Tim Parsley - it

PARKVIEW OFFERING NEW TREATMENT FOR ESSENTIAL TREMORS



Beverly Zuber's care team reviews images to ensure they are reaching the correct area of her brain during focused ultrasound treatment.

A new treatment using focused ultrasound waves is helping patients in northeast Indiana by reducing involuntary tremors that impact their daily functioning.

Parkview Health is the only health system in northeast Indiana offering focused ultrasound to patients afflicted by essential tremors. The treatment first became available in January through the Parkview Neurosciences Movement Disorders team.

Essential tremors are a movement disorder characterized by involuntary shaking. Tremors can present as rhythmic shaking or twitching that typically starts in the fingers or hands. The tremors can grow in intensity over time and spread to other parts of the body, including the head, torso or feet. Tremors can create challenges in completing everyday activities, such as grasping and lifting, and can even impact speech.

Parkview's focused ultrasound treatment uses sound waves directed by MRI to precisely target a portion the thalamus, a central hub in the brain and the area responsible for causing essential tremors. The minimally invasive treatment can help immediately reduce tremors and lead to continuing improvement with minimal side effects. Ultrasound treatments require no anesthesia, incisions, ionization or radiation and can be completed as an outpatient procedure.

In order for the procedure to be successful, patients must complete a thorough pre-surgery evaluation with Tara Kimbason, MD, Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) - Neurology, who is fellowship-trained in movement disorders. If a patient meets the criteria, their procedure is performed utilizing the coordinated efforts of Dr. Kimbason and William Young, MD, PPG - Neurosurgery, who has received specialized surgical training

was a pleasure to work with you on this beautiful mural. Your talent is magnificent and the village is in your debt for this masterpiece.

Ray Friend (Friend Flooring) — kudos to you and yours for allowing Antwerp Chamber of Commerce to put this mural on your building.

This mural can be interpreted many ways and that is the beauty of art. No two persons who stop to marvel at the wonderful scene walks away with the same review. Some said the Eagle represented the potential growth for the village of Antwerp and the bright future it promises. Others are appreciative of the river scene which spruces up the down-

town area. The painting is so realistic in its application that it looks like a movie screen — but it's a painting. It says "Welcome to Antwerp" without saying welcome to Antwerp.

An epic wonder to elicit awe of the area while visiting Antwerp — this was the goal of the Chamber Mural committee in completing this project. A beautification for the Village residents and visitors that will last decades.

For those unfamiliar with Antwerp, this mural is located at the intersection of SR 49 and CR 424 right in the center of the village of Antwerp. If you come into town from any direction — North, South, East or West, you can't miss it.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Jay Russell Deerwaster was born October of 1897, the son of Westley, born in Ohio January of 1877, and Inez L. (Nelson) Deerwaster born January of 1879 in Indiana. This couple was married in July 29, 1896 in Paulding.

By 1900, this couple was living in Harrison Township. Like many folks, they were farmers and they had a son, Jay, who was two years old.

By 1910, the Deerwaster family had moved to Benton Township on Townline Street in Payne. Westley became a barber, owning his own shop. Jay had two brothers and two sisters. Floyd born in 1900; Mildred M. 1903; Irene D. 1906; and Kenneth L. 1908. Jay was well as Floyd and Mildred were in school.

On October 13, 1914, Jay married a gal named Flossie Evelyn Fell in Paulding. She was born February of 1899 in New Jersey, the daughter of Lewis F. and Louiza Fell. A son, Westley Russell Deerwaster was born March 6, 1918. A daughter Eline was born in February of 1916. Another daughter, Evelyne was born in 1917.

On September 12, 1918, Jay's father, Westley, registered for the World War draft. Medium height and weight, blue eyes, light hair, but at the age of 41, he was not selected. Jay signed up at Columbus Barracks in Columbus, Ohio June 29, 1918. He was listed as 5'5",

brown eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, and listed as a barber. He served with Company M., 10th Infantry. He was Honorably Discharged January 17, 1919.

By 1923, the Deerwaster family, Jay, Flossie, Evelyne and Westley Russell moved to Toledo, Ohio. They were living at 22008 Ashland Avenue. Jay was working as a mechanic and the children were in school.

On May 1, 1926, Jay passed away. Unclear of what happened. His body was brought to Payne, where he was buried in Wiltzie Cemetery, section 3, lot 153, grave 3. After Jay died, the children moved to Payne and lived with the grandparents, Westley and Inez. By 1928, Flossie remained in Toledo. She is living at, 019 Evesham Avenue.

By 1930 she moved to 527 Oliver Street in Toledo. She never remarried and passed away in Toledo July 16, 1936, burial site unknown. Westley Russell Deerwaster went on to serve in the Navy during World War Two. He was listed as 5'10", 158 pounds, ruddy complexion, brown hair, blue eyes. Enlisted into service December 31, 1941, mustered into service September 30, 1942. Discharged November 26, 1945. He passed away June 15, 1978 and was buried in Wiltzie Cemetery. Records are not clear as to what happened to Evelyne or Eline.

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Mural Committee gave generously of their time to research, plan, schedule, fundraise for and oversee this worthy community beautification project.

Morrow Painting shifted their spring schedule around just to fit in this project to prepare the wall for the artist by pressure washing, repairing

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Our staff looks forward to welcoming back all students and their families for the start of another school year with Open House Tuesday, August 15 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our first day of classes for Gr. 1-12 will be Thursday, August 17. Kindergarten students will have their first day of classes Tuesday, August 22 and Pre-School will start Thursday, August 24.

In order to effectively carry out a successful school year with respect to health and wellness, we need parents to assist us with educating your child on the importance of maintaining safety routines and exhibiting healthy behaviors. School personnel will likewise continually emphasize and reinforce student responsibility for safe and healthy behaviors that protect them and those around them. School personnel will also clean, disinfect, and sanitize our school facility, playgrounds, and buses on a routine basis.

Speaking of student wellness, we are excited to share with you that our school has received a \$50,000 Stronger Connections Grant from the Ohio Department of Education to help support student wellness. The grant funds will be utilized to provide mental health programs and positive behavior support initiatives for our student body.

On the academic front, our staff will continue to receive professional development opportunities during this school year in order to increase their abilities and improve their skill set to provide instruction and engage student acquisition with respect to the state academic content standards. The district will also continue to provide training for staff with respect to an inclusionary/co-teaching model of instruction. We are also pleased to share with you two important updates. Due to growth in the number of pre-school age children, we have created another pre-school unit. For the first time in several years, we will have a certified foreign language teacher instructing our students. Mrs. Lola Cortes has been hired by the Board of Education to fill the vacancy. Lola, her husband, and 21-month-old child came to us from Spain as part of the Ohio Department of Education's efforts to arrange foreign language teachers for Ohio districts who are having difficulty filling positions. Lola and her family will be residing in our school district. Please welcome to Antwerp Local Mrs. Lola Cortes.

Recently, plans for the construction of our wellness and recreation center (referred to as "The Range") were completed and put forth for the construction bidding process. The facility will be located on the west side of the baseball/softball complex. We anticipate construction starting in late August or early September. The Range will feature a large recreational space, multi-purpose classroom, restrooms, concession/kitchen and patio area, and elevated press box. The project will be partially funded with ARP/ESSER federal relief funds.

During the past month, a new roof has been installed over the two gymnasiums. The old roof lasted twenty-three years. Other improvements to the school building and property included the installation of new carpet in the Kindergarten classrooms and C-Wing hallway. We have also completed repairs to our parking lots and drives along with painting of markings on the surface. The addition of a new sidewalk and lighting along Archer Way will allow individuals to walk from the west side of the school building to the softball/baseball field complex, The Range, and to the football/track complex.

Parents are reminded that we will once again utilize the number tag system for elementary student pick-up in the large circle drive at dismissal time. If you are unfamiliar with this system

and need a number tag or forgot your family number, please call the District Office at extension 2300 or Elementary Office at extension 2200 or stop by the District Office entrance during Open House and staff will be available to assist you.

Community members are encouraged to frequently visit our school website and view happenings taking place at our school or better yet, downloading our school app by going to the App or Play Store, search "Antwerp Schools" and install the free Antwerp Local Schools App. The app has numerous features that will keep you updated on news, events, school delay and closings and more. Also choose what notifications and alerts you want to receive through MY ALERTS tile. Additionally, parents are reminded that the ONEVIEW parent portal is located in the PARENT tab and QUICK LINKS tab in the upper right-hand corner of the website. Parents may utilize the ONEVIEW parent portal to update student information such as change in address and/or contact numbers. The ONEVIEW Portal also serves as a location for parents to complete student forms (Emergency Medical Form/Transportation Form). The ONEVIEW parent portal is also the location parents may visit to complete the registration process for new students to our district.

We have several new employees who will work with our students during the coming school year. Mrs. Jaclyn Jeffery will serve as our new Pre-School teacher and Intervention Specialist at the elementary school level. Mrs. Katrina Tonneas will serve as a 1st Grade teacher due to increased enrollment in that grade level. Mrs. Lindsey Litzenberg will serve as a MS ELA/Science teacher. Mrs. Litzenberg is replacing Mrs. Alyssa Saylor who moved into our vacant MS Science position. Mrs. Brooke Webster will serve as a MS Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Shelley Snyder will serve as a high school social studies teacher having replaced the retired Mr. Pat Miesle. Mrs. Anne Cline and Mrs. Julie Phelan will each serve as an elementary school aide.

We have several other employees who will serve in a different capacity this year in comparison to the previous school year. Mrs. Ashley Fidler has moved into an elementary school intervention specialist position. Mr. Derek Smalley and Mr. Jared Eklund have moved into 5th grade teaching positions. Mr. Bob Fowler has moved into an elementary aide position.

As the new school year begins, please remember that the most meaningful factor in assisting students to have a successful school experience is our ongoing partnerships with parents and guardians. In order to help your children attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether through attending conferences, extra-curricular events, volunteering in your child's school, or, perhaps most importantly, reinforcing the importance of education and on-time school attendance.

Throughout the range of experiences and emotions throughout a year, from celebrations to heart-break, we should always remember that we are all stronger - and our students' experience better - when we work together as a team, extended family and community.

Remember to stay informed about your child's school through our school app or by visiting our website at www.antwerpschools.org.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation and best wishes for a successful school year.

Martin A. Miller, Superintendent

MR. LICHTY - HS/MS

I hope you have all had a great summer and were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. We are making final preparations for a new school year and look forward to welcoming our students back to the building. Let's all work together to make this a great year!

A few reminders:

- * The Academic and Athletic handbooks can be found on the school website.
- * Remember that hair must be a natural color.
- * We will once again be operating on a 7 period Academic day, with a 42 minute Academic Assist period at the end of the day. Encourage your child to use this time to complete assignments and seek help from teachers.
- * Please monitor your child's academic progress on Progressbook. Mrs. Lucas is available in the high school office to assist if you've forgotten your login info.

Office hours are 8:00-3:00 until school starts. Don't hesitate to call or stop in if you need assistance.

~ Mr. Travis Lichty, MS/HS Principal

HS/MS GUIDANCE NEWS

Beginning August 7, students in grades 6-12 may pick up schedules in the MS/HS Office or make changes by seeing Mrs. Hammer Monday-Friday from 8:00-2:00. Students may also email Mrs. Hammer for schedule changes.

MRS. STOKES - ELEMENTARY

I hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer! We are looking forward to getting started for the 2023-2024 school year.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook for 2023-2024 may be found on the school's website.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

If you have any changes in your student's bus transportation, please go into OneView and complete or update the Transportation form online as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

All student emergency medical forms must be updated each year. Please go into OneView and complete or update the Student Demographics and EMA form online before the first day of school.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees will remain \$68.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. The fees may be paid online or at the school.

TEACHER LISTS

This year's class lists will be posted on the front doors beginning August 7. These lists are tentative, so please be aware that changes may occur due to enrollment.

~ Mrs. Tracey Stokes, Elementary Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31	6th Grade Orientation
Aug 15	Open House
Aug 17	First day of classes
Aug 22	First day of Kindergarten
Aug 24	First day of Preschool
Sept 4	Labor day - No school
Sept 22	In-service - No school

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 26	9:00	Defiance Early Bird
Aug 29	4:30	@ Edon/Edgerton
Sept 2	9:00	Columbus Grove Invite
Sept 9	8:30	Northrop Invite
Sept 12	5:00	vs. Edgerton/WT/Leipsic
Sept 16	9:00	@ Fayette
Sept 19	4:30	County Meet WT/Paulding
Sept 30	9:00	Edgerton Invite

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug 18	7:00	vs. Montpelier
Aug 25	7:00	@ Edon
Sept 1	7:00	@ Hilltop
Sept 8	7:00	@ Hicksville
Sept 15	7:00	vs. Tinora (HC)
Sept 22	7:00	@ Fairview
Sept 29	7:00	vs. Wayne Trace

BOYS GOLF

Aug 3	9:00	GMC vs. BBC
Aug 7	9:00	Defiance Invite
Aug 8	9:00	@ Montpelier/Edgerton/Paulding
Aug 10	9:00	Paulding Invite
Aug 14	9:00	Patrick Henry Invite
Aug 15	4:30	vs. Crestview/Edon
Aug 17	4:30	@ Kalida
Aug 22	4:30	@ Paulding/Hicksville
Aug 24	4:30	Wayne Trace Invite
Aug 28	4:30	@ Tinora/Wayne Trace
Aug 29	4:30	@ Lincolnview/LCC

GIRLS GOLF

Aug 7	9:00	Lincolnview Invite
Aug 9	10:00	@ Parkway/Delphos Jefferson
Aug 10	9:00	Defiance Invite
Aug 14	4:30	vs. Montpelier/Edgerton
Aug 17	4:30	@ Patrick Henry
Aug 21	4:30	vs. Lincolnview/Edgerton
Aug 28	4:30	vs. Wayne Trace/Edgerton
Aug 29	4:30	@ Archbold
Aug 31	4:15	@ Patrick Henry/Tinora

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Aug 19	10:00	vs. Holgate
Aug 21	5:30	@ Kalida
Aug 22	5:30	@ Ottoville
Aug 24	5:30	vs. Miller City
Aug 26	5:30	@ Lincolnview
Aug 28	5:30	@ Montpelier
Aug 31	5:30	vs. Crestview
Sept 5	5:30	vs. Hicksville
Sept 11	5:30	vs. Delphos Jefferson
Sept 12	5:30	@ Tinora
Sept 16	10:00	@ North Central
Sept 18	5:30	@ Fayette
Sept 19	5:30	vs. Fairview
Sept 21	5:30	vs. Woodlan
Sept 25	5:30	vs. Hilltop
Sept 26	5:30	@ Wayne Trace
Sept 30	10:00	@ Edon

LUNCH PROGRAM

Parents must complete a Free/Reduced priced Breakfast/Lunch Application form in order for school officials to verify your household income status for qualification of either a free or reduced price for breakfast and/or lunch during the 2023-2024 school year. Applications will be placed in elementary student packets and may be picked up at Open House August 15 or they will be sent home with elementary students their first day of school. MS/HS students will have an application attached to their class schedules.

Note that students who qualify for free breakfast/lunch may also qualify for waivers of workbook fees. Letters are being sent to families who are pre-qualified for the program. It is NOT necessary for Pre-Qualified families to complete the Free/Reduced Application. If you did not receive a letter and want your child to participate, please fill out and return the application form the first week of school.

Lunch prices for students this year will remain the same at \$2.80 for K-5, \$2.90 for 6-12, and \$1.50 for breakfast (all grades). Adult lunch is \$4.00. Extra milk is 50 cents.

Editor's Note: We here at the West Bend News print all "Letters to the Editor" because we believe that everyone has a Constitutional right to freedom of the speech and press. In saying that, we do not hold agreement with the content that is printed. We are just the messengers. However, any letters that attack a person rather than the discussion will not be printed. The name of the person who wrote the letter is placed at the end of each article. To be considered for publication, letters must be no longer than 1000 words, and you must provide a name along with a phone number and/or address to confirm validity of content for our readership area. You can respond or submit a new letter by email, USPS or fax.

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Letter to the Editor

History of Amending the Ohio State Constitution

The original Ohio State Constitution was written in 1802-1803 at the time that Ohio was admitted to the Union as the 17th state. Voters elected delegates to draft that first Constitution, which was approved by Congress in February of 1803. The Constitution was rewritten at the first of five Constitutional Conventions in

Table with 5 columns: Proposed by, total proposed, passed, Passed with 60%+, % passed with 60%+. Rows include General Assembly, Citizen Initiative, and Total.

1851. The last of these five Constitutional Conventions was held in 1912. The Constitution, written in 1851, is generally considered the fundamental law of Ohio. However, some consider the substantial changes adopted at the 1912 Constitutional Convention to be a new Constitution (the 3rd Constitution of the State of Ohio).

Amendments- The 1851 Constitution has been amended 172 times including changes made at all 4 of the succeeding Constitutional Conventions as well as those introduced by the legislature and citizen-initiated amendments. The citizen-initiated amendment was one of 37 amendments adopted by the voters following the 1912 Constitutional Convention.

Between 1990 and 2022 there were 49 Constitutional amendments proposed for voter consideration. Of the proposed amendments, 26 were proposed by the legislature and 23 were proposed by Citizen Initiative- almost half and half. However, the amendments that passed were overwhelmingly proposed by the legislature. 81% of the legislator proposed amendments passed with over 60% of the voters voting in favor. While only 39% of the Citizen Initiated amendments passed with over 60% of the votes.

In my opinion, we need to treat constitutional amendments differently from laws. Constitutional amendments become a permanent part of our Constitution, should be more difficult to adapt, require a vote of the citizens,

and should have broad support to be adopted. Legislation can be adopted by a simple majority and should be more easily amended when conditions change, or the legislation did not work as hoped. I urge you to get out and vote by August 8 and I urge you to vote YES on Issue One, the only item on the ballot. Protect our Constitution!! —David Burch Paulding, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Voters, There is a special election on August 8th to change the percentage required to pass an initiative amendment to the Ohio Constitution from a simple majority to 60%. Only 18 states now allow this process and of those, 9 require a 55-66% threshold including such states as Illinois, Colorado, Arizona and New Hampshire.

Our 1851 Ohio Constitution has been amended 172 times and is very bloated with detailed issues. A Constitution is designed to be a basic framework not a code of laws. Our U.S. Constitution has only had 27 amendments in our 242 years partly because it requires a 67% vote of Congress or 75% vote of the state legislatures.

All amendments deserve a definitive decision, but the pro-abortion amendment in November especially requires very careful consideration since it involves the right to life, protection of our mothers, and parental rights. The phrase, "Freedom is not free", definitely applies to our brave soldiers who fought to preserve our country, but it also works for the issue of abortion. With freedom comes the responsibility to protect our innocent pre-born babies. That should be basic human nature and morality.

Please vote "Yes" in August and "No" in November to speak for those who have no voice.

—Carol Iler Defiance, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Paulding County Matters Too!

I realize there have been many letters in the area newspapers about State Issue 1. I could include several reasons to vote Yes on this but I will focus on one reason that is very important to me and in

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my heart. I will keep it short and to the point.

When I learned that right now only 44 counties out of 88 need to have signatures collected for Ohio State Constitution proposals I had to double check that and was saddened to find out it was true.

So in my thinking, why wouldn't needed signatures be collected mainly in larger counties and more metropolitan areas where the signatures are easier and quicker to acquire?

Smaller and rural community members may not even be made aware of certain proposals when we are left out of this process. Signature canvassers (often paid for by out of state sources) will not use their time in rural areas like ours. Doesn't the population of Paulding County and other small areas in our state count too?

State Issue 1 will require that all 88 counties are included in the signature process. I fell this also helps us to be included and more aware of things happening over all in the state too. Please do not think of this as a Republican or Democrat issue.

I may not be the best with words or writing as others but felt I needed to share my thoughts. This is a very important issue for all the population of Ohio, and all counties should be considered equally and fairly. We all DO matter.

—Cheryl Stromski Rural Antwerp

THANK YOU

The family of Cindy Herber would like to thank all of those who offered support, prayers, food, company, love, and laughs during Cindy's final weeks and still offer after her passing, including the donations for cancer research. She appreciated it just as much as we do. She was overjoyed listening to all of the great memories she shared with her family and friends during her time with us here on earth. Each and every one of you made this difficult process a little more bearable and we appreciate all of you individually and as a community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

—Spud Herber, Chuck McGuire, Susan Bonifas, Jennifer Poor and families.



5 REASONS YOUNG FAMILIES NEED LIFE INSURANCE NOW

Here are five reasons why young families need life insurance:

1. You just never know. While it's not the most pleasant thing to ponder, an emergency situation could quickly put your family's finances under water. In fact, only 44 percent of Americans have enough savings to cover an unexpected \$1,000 expense. (1) And when you're starting out, not having protection in case something happens to a family's breadwinner is even scarier.

2. The earlier you opt in, the more affordable it is. Because age is one of the factors that affects the cost of your premiums, the younger you are when you purchase a policy, the less you'll be paying each year.

3. It may not be as expensive as you think. If you're on a budget and are convinced you can't afford life insurance, consider term life insurance. It guarantees protection for a set amount of time provided premiums are paid when due. Since it's not designed to last a lifetime, the annual premiums are considerably lower when you are younger.

4. It lets you concentrate on other goals. Once you have the peace of mind and financial protection that life insurance grants you, you may feel secure enough to fund long-term goals, like buying a home, saving for

your nest egg, or going back to school.

5. You can always upgrade at a later date. Don't let the fear of making the wrong decision deter you from purchasing a policy now. The policy you purchase today isn't intended to be set in stone. As your family's needs change, you have the option of considering other policies.

1Karen Bennett, "Survey: Less than half of Americans have savings to cover a \$1,000 surprise expense," Bankrate, January 19, 2022. https://www.bankrate.com/banking/savings/financial-security-january-2022/#:~:text=many%20to%20save.,less%20than%20half%20of%20adults%20could%20pay%20a%20large%20expense,percent%20from%202014%20to%202021.

We know it's not easy for young families to make their life insurance needs a priority, given all their competing financial obligations. However, permanent life insurance is a vehicle for protection that is not only affordable, but can also help families accumulate cash value and can ultimately propel them toward reaching both their immediate and far-reaching goals.

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- Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library; Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank; Scott: Scott Post Office; 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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DEFIANCE OUTLASTS WT



This photo ran last week - we went to press before we had all the details of the game. Pictured here is Cooper Wenzlick takes his place to attempt to get an out during the steal. Photos by Harlee Moore

The Defiance Bulldogs scored an unearned run in the top of the eighth inning to hold off Wayne Trace for a 3-2 eight-inning victory in state ACME quarterfinal action at Defiance High School. The Bulldogs scored single runs in the first, fourth and eighth to get the victory while Wayne Trace plated runs in both the first and fourth innings.

Cody Shaw had a triple and a run batted in to lead Defiance with Brezlen Zipfel singling and scoring one run as well for the Bulldogs.

Cale Winans had a single and a double for Wayne Trace with Tucker Antoine tripling and Brady Miller sin-

gling. Cooper Wenzlick and Antoine scored the Raider runs while Breven Anderson and Kyle Forrer drove in the two red, white and blue runs.

Brezlen Zipfel got the win on the mound for the Bulldogs throwing 7-2/3 innings allowing four hits, seven walks and a pair of earned runs. Zipfel also struck out nine Raider hitters.

Cale Winans took the loss for the red, white and blue, surrendering a walk and an unearned run in one inning of work. Anderson tossed the first seven frames, scattering a pair of hits while giving up two runs (one earned) and striking out two.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS AT OHIO STATE FAIR TO HELP RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



In one week, the Dean's Charity Steer Show will be held at the Ohio State Fair to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Central Ohio. Don't miss the opportunity to cheer on your

favorite team and support a cause that helps families stay near to their hospitalized child with serious illness.

The annual event, hosted by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agri-

cultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), will be held Tuesday, August 1st, at 2:00 p.m. in the Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center on the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair grounds.

"This exciting event brings together our community to celebrate agriculture and children, both for our 4-H youth as well as children benefiting from the Ronald McDonald House," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES.

The 2022 show raised \$247,148 for RMHC. A major expansion is underway that will more than double the size of the Columbus Ronald McDonald House. Located across the street from Nationwide Children's Hospital, it will be the largest Ronald McDonald House in the world, with 202 guest rooms, a new kitchen and dining facility, new staff offices, and a community event room once completed in November.

During the Dean's Charity Steer Show, 10 teams, consisting of a team captain, team champion(s), and experienced Ohio 4-H youth, will not only show a steer, but will also compete to see who can raise the most money for RMHC of Central Ohio through donations and an "auction" following the show. Team members will be practiced with their experienced 4-H'er and their steer before entering the show ring. Can't attend the show in person? You can still donate to your favorite team at give.osu.edu/deanscharitysteershow.

Also new this year is an online auction where you can browse and bid on more than 75 items donated by participating teams and community partners to support RMHC. View all items at go.osu.edu/dcssbid. Act now as the auction will close on Aug. 1. Learn more by visiting deanscharitysteershow.osu.edu.

The 10 Ohio 4-H youth development families who will participate with their animal are the Barton family from Clinton County, the Gehret family from Darke County, the Bok family from Defiance County, the Moore family from Fairfield County, the Yochum family from Highland County, the Powell family from Morrow County, the Scott family from Portage County, the Fox family from Seneca County, the Sheetz family from Stark County, and the Chester family from Warren County.

Teams and members will include The Moo Crew with Kristin Bernert of the Columbus Crew partnered with David Holmes of 10-TV; Team Grace will feature Michelle Warnke Buurma of

MANZ COUSINS MEET



First cousins of the Jacob and Anna (Dotterer) Manz family met recently. Those present included: Front row L to R: Helen Hurd, Virginia Manz, Roland Manz, Viola Manz. Back row L to R: Paul Manz, Ben Manz, Ann Plummer, Caroline Spangler, Alvin Manz. Missing: Dolores Riggenbach, Jake Manz, Pauline Carnahan.

American Ninja Warrior and the Movement Lab Ohio; Team McSteering All Together will include Marshela McDaniel, Dan Alois, Melissa James, and Tara Vorst of McDonalds; Team

CosMOopolitans will include Tammy Roberts Myers of Bath & Body Works partnered with Kimberly Flaherty of Washington Prime Group, and Tim Flaherty of Post House Creative.

The Huntington Green Team will feature Richard Porrello and Christina Brown of Huntington Bank, partnered with Yolanda Harris of 10TV; Team on You Cy'd will include Cy Prettyman of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation partnered with Nationwide and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; Team Steer It Up will include Rick Ricart of Ricart Automotive partnered with Kate Siefert of ABC 6 and Fox 28; Team THE Buckeye Mood will include Melissa Shivers of The Ohio State University partnered with Tracy Townsend of 10-TV; Team Burrow 4 The House will feature Matt Barnes, Monica Day, McKenna King, and Kristine Varkony, all anchors at NBC-4 TV; and Team Crimson Cup Calves will be led by Greg Ubert of Crimson Cup Coffee.

The All-Ohio State Fair Band will kick off the event, with special guests from The Ohio State University, including director of Marching and Athletic Bands, Chris Hoch, and Ohio State drum major, Clayton Callender.

Each year, more than 82,000 nights of rest are provided to families of seriously ill children by the Columbus Ronald McDonald House. It provides not only lodging, but also meals, a place to rest, laundry facilities, an exercise room, informal gathering areas, and activities for siblings of hospitalized children. The facility provides a home away from home for families facing a child's illness and hospitalization.

The Dean's Charity Steer Show is coordinated by CFAES, Telhio Credit Union, Ohio Cattlemen's Association, and the Ohio State Fair. Ohio 4-H is CFAES' youth development program, delivered through Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' statewide outreach program. The first two steer shows raised a combined total of \$399,148.

CMH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kristin Wannemacher

The Community Memorial Hospital Foundation would like to congratulate Kristin Wannemacher, a graduate of Wayne Trace High School, for being chosen as a recipient of the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship for 2023.

Ms. Wannemacher will be attending Northwest State



Taylor Smith

Community College this fall majoring in accounting.

The Community Memorial Hospital Foundation would like to congratulate Taylor Smith, a graduate of Edgerton High School, for being chosen as a recipient of the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship for 2023.

Ms. Smith will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall majoring in nursing.



Rayni Rister

The Community Memorial Hospital Foundation would like to congratulate Rayni Rister, a graduate of Antwerp High School, for being chosen as a recipient of the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship for 2023.

Ms. Rister will be attending Ohio University this fall majoring in aviation flight science.

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NW OHIO CASA SPEAKS AT KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jessica Robbins (Executive Director, Northwest Ohio CASA) and Jessica Porter-Pennington (Defiance/Paulding County Advocate Coordinator, Northwest Ohio CASA) as the guest speakers at the July

20, 2023, club meeting. Jessica and Jessica came at the invitation of Michelle Stahl (Deputy Director of Operations, Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job & Family). Jessica spoke to the Kiwanians about Northwest Ohio CASA and the services they provide.

DEPUTY PHELAN SPEAKS WITH KIWANIS



Pictured here are Deputy Rich Phelan and Dave Burtch.

The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Deputy Rich Phelan (D.A.R.E. Officer, Paulding County Sheriff's Office) as the guest speaker at the July 27, 2023, club meet-

ing. Deputy Rich came at the invitation of Jim States (Banking Sales Manager, State Bank). Deputy Rich spoke to the Kiwanians about the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in Paulding County.

STUDENTS NAMED TO YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

Youngstown State University students earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average have been named to the President's List for Spring Semester 2023.

Ilse Zijlstra of Antwerp, majoring in Theatre - Musical Theatre track.

Mallory Ehrhart of Antwerp, majoring in Theatre - Musical Theatre track.

Youngstown State University is a comprehensive urban research university that offers nearly 11,000 students more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs backed by a strong tradition of teaching, scholarship and public service. As a major educational and economic development resource in the region, YSU is known for its focus on academic research and creative programs that transform its students into successful professionals, scholars and leaders. Located in the heart of the Tech Belt between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, YSU provides opportunities for students to actively partici-

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NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PAULDING COUNTY STUDENTS

The auxiliary of CHP Home Care & Hospice is offering two \$500 nursing scholarships to Paulding County students pursuing training to become a registered nurse, or to current RNs working toward a degree in a specialized field.

Applications may be picked up at the CHP Home Care & Hospice, 250A Dooley Dr., Paulding. Two reference letters are required for each applicant and CHP employees are eligible to apply. The deadline for completed applications is Aug. 31, 2023.

For more information, call 419-399-4708.

102 PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS SET TO GO ON HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (HFNEI) is just two weeks away from celebrating the sacrifices that 102 Purple Heart recipient Veterans made for our country. We will be transporting what is the largest single contingent of Purple Heart Veterans by an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to reflect and pay tribute at the memorials built in their honor.

"First and foremost, we would like to thank our Veterans for their service to this great Country! Secondly, the amount of community support and donations have been incredible, especially the WOWO Penny Pitch staff and volunteers", HFNEI President Cathy Berkshire noted. "There have been some additional logistics to work out for this trip, but everyone involved has gone above and beyond to make this trip special. Normally we take 85 Veterans, but we have over 100 Veterans on this trip! Many Veterans have voluntarily opted not to take a local guardian to allow us to take additional Veterans on this trip. We will be providing a volunteer guardian from DC for these Veterans. Not only did these Veterans give more during their service - but they continue to give back by supporting their fellow Purple Heart Comrades today."

HFNEI was selected as the 75th annual penny pitch recipient by Federated Media's WOWO radio. This one-day flight will happen Monday, August 7th, 2023 (National Purple Heart Day). Prior to that on Sunday August 6th, HFNEI will gather the Veterans, Guardians, dignitaries, and special guests for a banquet in their honor at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, keynote speaker is retired Col. Gregory Gadson. This specially funded trip has been paid for by community donations to penny pitch, totaling over \$207,000.

HFNEI currently has 102 Purple Heart recipient Veterans from Korea through recent conflicts on the list for this flight. These Veterans were wounded during their military service and some, multiple times over. These 102 Purple Heart recipient Veterans have a total of over 120 Purple Heart awards, over 45 Bronze Stars, Over 20 Silver Stars and the list of awards for their sacrifices keeps going. These Veterans gave even more in the effort to defend and protect their country and our freedoms, and we plan to show them our thanks with this special gift of a flight just for them.

The public is welcome to join us to welcome our Heroes home Monday night at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum (4000 Parnell Ave. Fort Wayne). We recommend the community arrive by 8:00pm. Parking will be free. Pat Miller from WOWO radio will be the MC for the welcome home ceremonies. Our Heroes will arrive between 9:00pm - 10:00pm. The public can also see our Heroes off Monday Morning at 4:00 am downtown off North Clinton just south of the Martin Luther King Bridge (See attached map). Our Veterans will roll past in tour buses around 4:20 am on our way to the 122nd Air Na-

tional Guard base for departure to Washington, D.C.

Attached is our itinerary for our Monday August 7th trip. We are inviting any media outlets to meet us at any of our stops to meet these incredible Veterans. If you are interested in meeting us, please contact board member Michael Thena mthena@hfnei.org 260-452-7361 to coordinate local and national media for this event.

For more information about Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, our mission, and the Purple Heart trip, visit www.hfnei.org. You can additionally contact our President, Cathy Berkshire at president@hfnei.org at 260-633-0049 for any comments or quotes regarding this Purple Heart Trip.

ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR 7/31/23

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of July 31, 2023.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

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

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

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS TAKE DRUMMING LESSONS!



Shown here clockwise from the bottom left are: Savannah Coil, Viktor Bland, Xander Mansfield, Joziah Ward, JaNaya Ward, Damyen Bland and Eli Hernandez.

Ann's Bright Beginnings school agers recently visited the Senior Center for a drumming lesson and boy, did they

have a blast! Yvonne Lilly led our group in drumming which involved rhythms and working together.

storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the bridge replacement project over the Maumee River just south of the village (see map).

PUTNAM COUNTY:

(Delayed) State Route 65 at the railroad crossing between South Street and Main Cross Street in the village of Leipsic will close, date to be determined, for approximately five days for railroad repair.

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

State Route 109 is expected to reopen on Friday, July 28, following a closure to replace two culverts.

• July 20-26, just south of the intersection with County Road H.

• July 26-Aug. 1, approxi-

mately .15 miles south side of the intersection with County Road H.

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

VAN WERT COUNTY:

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.

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

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THE LEFT TURN



Austin Tunny gets his 30th win at Speedrome. *Kylie Ann Photography*



Casey Noonan wins at Oakshade. *Photo by Charlie Orns*



Creed Kemenah 1st feature win. *Photo by Campbell Photography*

By: Ron Burt

We are right in the middle of USAC Indiana Sprint Week, and the point race is close. Brady Bacon and Justin Grant are at the top of the leader board with 259 each. Close to 60 sprint cars have tried to qualify for at least one or more races. At press time the drivers and race teams are headed to the famous Terre Haute Action Track. It's the last 1/2 mile dirt track in Indiana. Opening night was at Gas City I-69 Speedway Friday, July 21st, where Justin Grant won the feature. The series

moved to the Bullring, Kokomo Motor Speedway Saturday, July 22nd, and C.J. Leary had the victory. The cars moved south to Lawrenceburg Speedway on the banks of the Ohio River Sunday and Justin Grant picked up his 2nd win. Monday, July 24th the series was at Circle City Raceway in Indy, where Kyle Cummins won and became the 3rd different winner. The series will finish up the last four races in Terre Haute, Lincoln Park Speedway, Bloomington Speedway, and Tri-State Speedway. I'll

have a recap next week.

Keeping on the topic of Sprint Cars. I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa, MI hosted the Great Lakes Traditional (Wingless) Sprint Series this past Friday. Local driver, Brian Ruhlman had the win in the 17-car feature. Steve Irwin started in pole position, but Ruhlman swiftly took over and maintained the lead throughout the entire feature race.

At Limaland Motor Sports Park, The Winged Great Lakes Super Sprints and the NRA Sprint Invaders teamed up and put on a great show for the fans Friday night. Creed Kemenah secured a thrilling victory in the Feature. It was his first-ever career win. 24 cars were on hand in the combined Sprint class. Tony Anderson won the 20-lap Modified feature and the 15-lap Thunder Stock feature went to Chris Douglas.

Attica Raceway Park was back in action after taking a break during the Eldora Million and the Kings Royal. Cap Henry found himself back in victory lane, waving the checkered flag with a trophy and \$4000.00 check in his other hand. Chris Andrews was 2nd and Hunter Schuereburg 3rd. Devin Shiels won The UMP Late Model feature and the 305 Sprint victory went to Paul Weaver. It was his 69th career win at Attica Raceway Park.

In Wauseon, Casey Noonan won the Oakshade/Attica Late Model Challenge Series feature event last Saturday. It was his 3rd feature win of the season. Behind the winner was Devin Shiels and Rusty Schlenk. Brad Eitnrear had the win in the Sportsman class. 2021 Dominator Super Stock track champion Gabe Mueller won his first feature of the season. Josh Bailey won the Sport Compact A-Main.

Saturday night at Flat Rock Speedway Craig Everage won the 15th running of the Moran Chevrolet Stan Yee 150 for Outlaw Late Models.

Austin Tunny hosted the checkered flag in last Saturday's 75-Lap Brown's Oil Service Outlaw Late Model Figure 8. The win was the 2016 World Champ's 30th overall Figure 8 feature triumph at the Indianapolis Speedrome.

Tuesday, August 1st at Kokomo Speedway, Kyle Larson, and the High Limit Sprint Car Series (wings), will be at the Bullring. Mark your calendar for August 5th for the USAC Silver Crown cars coming to Toledo Motor Speedway for the Annual Rollie Beale Classic 100.

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

7/20/23; Marked lanes, Case dismissed

Brandon L. Alvarado, Defiance, OH; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state costs to defendant, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Possession, Pled no contest, found 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; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, License suspended 7/5/23 - 7/5/24; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance not provided; DUS non FRA, Case dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Echo S. Spangler, Haviland, OH; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Kaleb J. Glatt, Bluffton, OH; Possession of drugs, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over; Weapon under disability, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Receiving stolen property, Preliminary hearing, Case shall be bound over; Possession of drugs, Preliminary waived, Case shall be bound over; Criminal trespassing, Waived preliminary, Case shall be bound over

Dylan J. Laney, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided, ALS vacated, Standard probation, Evaluation at Westwood, 20 hrs community service, Risk assessment, No alcohol, No bars, Probation to determine online classes; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Case dismissed

Lisa A. Graven, Waterville, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; 30 days jails, 30 days suspended; License suspended 5/18/23 - 6/18/23; ALS vacated; Fines and costs to be taken from bond; Complete the remedial driving course

Nathan D. Connin, Paulding, OH; Reckless operation, Guilty; 30 days jail, 30 days suspended; License suspended 5/28/23 - 6/28/23, ALS vacated, Complete the remedial driving course; Turn signals; Case dismissed

Nathan M. Bosak, Knoxville, IA; Turn signals; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Thomas S. Latham, Carmel, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Edwin E. Solares Grijalva, Payne, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Thomas R. Mosley, Cecil, OH; Domestic violence; Assault; Resisting arrest, Preliminary hearing waived, Case shall be bound over; Bond continued

Timothy A. Deeds, Decatur, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kevin Chan, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Count A dismissed

Juan Monje Castillo,

Hialeah, FL; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mary A. Scott, Defiance, OH; Failure to yield/Dr sidewalk; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tianna S. Jackson, Defiance, OH; No operator license; Case dismissed at defendant's cost

Cameron S. Hudson, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed, per state; Defendant has been indicted; Costs waived

Collin Gee, Paulding, OH; Aggravated menacing, Pled no contest, found guilty, 180 days jail, 127 days suspended, Defendant to pay all costs, Make restitution through the clerks office, Placed on standard probation, No unlawful contact with victim, 40 hours community service, Online courses, EMHA removed today, Risk assessment; Criminal trespassing (2 counts), Pled no contest, found guilty, 120 days jail, 37 suspended, Defendant to follow all rules and conditions as Count A

Alexandria B. Chandler, Defiance, OH; Driving under FRA suspended, Count A dismissed

Manpreet S. Kang, Brampton, ON; Over height; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jaimie L. Hounshell, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Agyapal Singh, Brampton, ON; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Zachary E. Burley, Payne, OH; Display plates; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Auglaize Twp.
7/18/23: 01-14B-027-00; Martin H. Sherry, Dora Sherry to Douglas K. Burtch, Nancy A. Burtch

7/18/23:0 01-14B-028-00; Martin H. Sherry, Dora Sherry to Douglas K. Burtch, Nancy A. Burtch

7/18/23: 01-14B-029-00; Martin H. Sherry, Dora Sherry to Douglas K. Burtch, Nancy A. Burtch

Benton Twp.
7/20/23: 03-09S9015-00;

Adam Williams, Robin Williams to Adam Williams

Blue Creek Twp.
7/24/23: 07-02S-019-00;

Jason Lee Thrasher to Paulding County Land Land Reutilization Corporation

7/24/23: 07-02S-020-00;

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Brown Twp.
7/24/23: 08-12S-010-01;

Robert G. Mowery, Juanita J. Mowery to Hunter Ronald Mericle

7/24/23: 10-12S-013-00;

Robert F. Stevens, Kathy Stevens to Kathy J. Stevens

7/24/23: 10-15S-023-00;

Gina M. Huff to Gina M. Huff LE

Carryall Twp.
7/21/23: 11-08S-004-01;

Terry Colley, Sharon Colley to Terry L. Colley, Sharon L. Colley

7/24/23: 11-20S-014-03;

Martha L. Strahley, Rudy K. Strahley II to Rudy K. Strahley II

7/24/23: 12-03S-015-00;

Phillip Piersma to C & R Bear Properties LLC

7/26/23: 12-21S-014-00;

Carolyn J. Laukhuf to Sandra K. Zuber Trustee, David E. Laukhuf

7/26/23: 12-21S-015-00;

Carolyn J. Laukhuf to Sandra K. Zuber Trustee, David E. Laukhuf

Crane Twp.
7/17/23: 13-01S-012-00;

David L. Rush, Illa J. Rush to Illa J. Rush

Emerald Twp.
7/17/23: 16-06S-002-00;

David L. Rush, Illa J. Rush to Illa J. Rush

7/20/23: 16-06S-013-00;

Lisa M. Reynolds, James R. Reynolds to James Robert Reynolds Trustee, Lisa Marie Reynolds Trustee

Harrison Twp.
7/26/23: 19-06S-023-00;

National Premier Investments LLC to Michael Mudel

Jackson Twp.
7/20/23: 20-03S-013-02;

Russell R. Manz, Vera Manz to Roger G. Manz, Lisa A. Manz

7/20/23: 20-08S-005-01;

Joseph L. Thomas Trustee to Joseph L. Thomas Trustee

7/20/23: 20-08S-005-02;

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Bianca Estrada, Toledo, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John Cornell, Wapakoneta, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Benjamin W. Hunt, Antwerp, OH; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, License suspended 5/22/23 - 5/22/24, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, ALS vacated, Show proof of insurance by

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

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

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

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

Joseph L. Thomas Trustee
7/19/23: 20-18S-029-00;
Robert L. Gundermann,
Joanne M. Gundermann to
Joanne M. Gundermann LE
7/21/23: 23-46S-007-00;
Jane M. Hill to Arianna L.
Posey
Paulding Twp.
7/24/23: 27-14S-021-00;
James Anthony Windsor to
Suzanne Rae Fitzgerald ETAL
7/21/23: 28-32A-003-00;
Brian L. Zartman, Norma A.
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Brian L. Zartman, Norma A.
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7/21/23: 28-32A-014-00;
Brian L. Zartman, Norma A.
Zartman to Norma A. Zart-
man
7/18/23: 30-06S-029-00;
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Sears to Riley T. Stoller
7/20/23: 30-06S-075-00;
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Mary E. Hohenberger to
Kristi M. Hale
7/25/23: 30-26S-032-00;
Chantilly Acquisition to Dan-
gler Excavating LLC
7/25/23: 30-26S-033-00;
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7/25/23: 30-26S-035-00;
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gler Excavating LLC
7/26/23: 30-41S-015-00;

Bradley A. Beck to Bradley A.
Beck
7/26/23: 30-41S-016-00;
Michele R. Boundy to Michele
R. Boundy
7/19/23: 30-48S-001-03;
CD DG Paulding LLC to
Crossroad Real Estate LLC
Washington Twp.
7/20/23: 32-01S-002-02;
Rhonda L. Church to Gary M.
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7/20/23: 32-12S-004-02;
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**OHIO STATE HIGHWAY
PATROL INVESTIGATING
FATAL CRASH IN PAULDING
COUNTY**

Pleasant Township - The
Van Wert Post of the Ohio
State Highway Patrol is cur-
rently investigating a fatal
crash that occurred on CR179
south of SR637 in Paulding
County, Auglaize Township, at
approximately 7:07 P.M. on
July 22, 2023.

A 2007 Harley Davidson
motorcycle, operated by
Eathon Michael Miller, 25
years of age, of Ney, was travel-
ing northbound on CR179
when he ran off the left side of
the roadway and overturned.
He was pronounced deceased
at the scene.

Mr. Miller was not wearing
a helmet when the crash oc-
curred. The crash remains
under investigation at this
time.

The Ohio State Highway

Patrol was assisted on scene
by the Paulding County Sher-
iff's Department, Paulding
County Coroner, Oakwood
EMS, and John's Towing and
Recovery.

**OFF STAGE PRODUCTIONS
TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR
FALL COMEDY**

Off Stage Productions will
be holding auditions for
"Four Old Broads", a 2-act
comedy by Leslie Kimbell, on
Monday Aug 7th and Tues-
day Aug 8th. Auditions will
be held at Vantage Career
Center, 818 N Franklin Street
in Van Wert at 7:00 PM both
evenings. Performance dates
will be Oct 20,21,22,27,28 &
29. Scripts are available to
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requirements 6 women, 1
man.

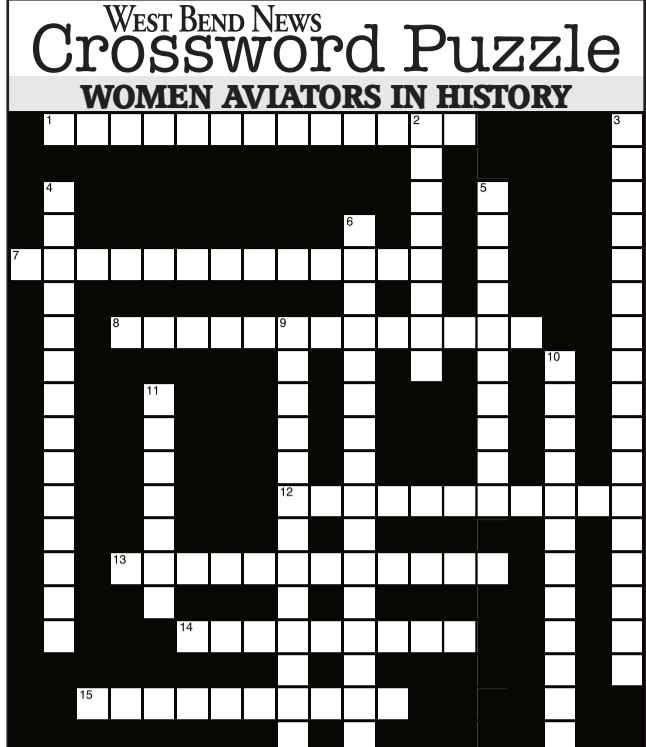
Synopsis:
Retired burlesque queen
Beatrice Shelton desperately
needs a vacation - and NOT
another trip up to Helen,
Georgia to see that "precious

little German village for the
umpteenth time." A Sassy Se-
nior Cruise through the
Caribbean may be just the
ticket if she can just convince
her best friend, Eaddy Mae
Clayton, to stop praying and
go with her. Unfortunately,
things have not been very
pleasant at Magnolia Place
Assisted Living since Nurse
Pat Jones began working
there. The newest resident,
Imogene Fletcher, is suddenly
losing her memory. Maude
Jenkins is obsessed with her
favorite soap opera and plan-
ning her own funeral. Sam
Smith, retired Elvis imper-
sonator, keeps trying to bed
every woman in the building.
A mystery unfolds with
laughter as the gals try to out-
smart the evil Nurse Pat Jones
and figure out why so many
residents have been moved to
"the dark side," what exactly
IS that mysterious pill, and
what happened to Doctor
Head? Hilarity ensues as
Imogene goes undercover
and Maude enters the Miss
Magnolia Senior Citizen
Pageant to throw Pat off their
trail. If they can solve the
mystery, they may make it to
the cruise ship after all.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
The Board of Elections of Paulding County, Ohio
issues this Proclamation and Notice of Election
**A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023**
at the usual places of holding elections in PAULDING COUNTY
or at such places as the Board may designate, for the purpose of
**STATE ISSUE 1: Proposed Constitutional Amendment Elevating the
Standards to Qualify for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment
and to Pass a Constitutional Amendment**
Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly To
amend Sections 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II and Sections 1 and 3
of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio.
The polls for the election will open at 6:30 a.m., and remain open
until 7:30 p.m. on election day.
By Order of the Board of Elections,
Paulding County, Ohio
Sinda P. Weidenhamer Chair
Kathleen A. Wilson Director

**NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER
JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF
LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES**

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1
**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO**
In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
**LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER
PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**
vs.
HELEN O. ENGLISH, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 23 035
Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for
taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:
**417 Franklin Street, Melrose
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A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County
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The opening bid is Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-two and 86/100
(\$3,962.86) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties,
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Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned
to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;
Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff,
Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest
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Thursday, August 17, 2023 by on-line bidding at:
(RealAuction) <https://pauldng.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a
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the date of the sale.**
If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line,
under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on August 31, 2023 for the
same minimum bid.
Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be
conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next
scheduled sale will begin.
The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the
balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.
Purchaser(s) are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the
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 14. First American woman to travel to space.
 15. Pioneering British aviator and the first woman to fly solo from Britain to Australia.
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2. Term used to describe female pilots.
 3. Pioneer in women's military aviation and founder of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron.
 4. Cross-country air race held in 1929 featuring female pilots.
 5. Celebrated New Zealand aviator who set multiple aviation records.
 6. French aviator and the first European woman to break the sound barrier.
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**ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
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CYNTHIA J. MOULDER, ET AL., Defendants,
Case No. CI 22 040
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auction will be held on September 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be
no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs,
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The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection.
Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars
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The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an
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existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the
successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be
set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the
sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect
of title may be corrected.
Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.
Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
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Anthony Schievelbein, Attorney for Plaintiff

**ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153
MYCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,
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CHAD L. SPEAKS, ET AL., Defendants,
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DEPARTMENT OF AGING'S 'WELL BEYOND 60! EXPO' RETURNS TO OHIO STATE FAIR ON AUGUST 1



The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) will host the "Well Beyond 60! EXPO" at the Ohio State Fair on Senior Day - Tuesday, August 1, 2023 - from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Now in its seventh year, the EXPO will feature more than 20 partners offering free health and wellness screenings and demonstrations, nutrition information, and more. Visitors of all ages will learn about healthy choices they can make throughout their lifespans to ensure they live a healthier, more active life at age 60 and beyond. "We are thrilled to be back at the Ohio State Fair once again for the seventh edition

of the 'Well Beyond 60! EXPO,'" said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "Our staff and partners have prepared a wide variety of exciting and interactive displays that are both fun and informative, demonstrating the many tools and resources available to help older Ohioans thrive as they age. We hope that fairgoers of all ages and from all places will stop by, say 'hi,' and learn why Ohio is the best place to age in the nation." The EXPO spans nearly 3,000 square feet under tents located in front of the Rhodes Center, just north of 17th Avenue. A map can be found on the State Fair's website. The

EXPO will be held rain or shine. Admission to the Fair is free for adults ages 60 and older on August 1. Parking is free for people of all ages every day of the Fair. The fair is also offering a free Senior Day concert presented by AARP. 1964 The Tribute, a Beatles tribute act, will perform at 1 p.m. in the Celeste Center. For more information, directions, and a full schedule for the Ohio State Fair, visit www.ohiostatefair.com. For more information about ODA's "Well Beyond 60!" EXPO, visit www.aging.ohio.gov/wellbeyond60.

OHIO STATE RECEIVES \$2.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has received a \$2.5 million award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fund a project that will focus on improving nutrition and physical activity, and will address health disparities related to poor nutrition, physical activity, and obesity. The grant will fund the High Obesity Program (HOP), which, in Ohio, will be led by Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of CFAES. The five-year program will focus on rural communities, where 40% or more of adults have obesity, said Carol Smathers, a CFAES associate professor and field specialist in youth nutrition and wellness for OSU Extension. "The issue is significant considering that obesity in Ohio affects 37.7% of adults, and 16 of Ohio's 88 counties have adult obesity prevalence over 40%," said Smathers, who is leading the project. "Also,

diabetes prevalence in Ohio has increased to 12.4% of adults, and despite Ohio's agricultural abundance, nearly 1 in 8 Ohioans are food insecure. "Additionally, Ohio ranks as the 11th most inactive state, with approximately 25.8% of Ohioans physically inactive in 2022."



The HOP will work to increase:

- access to healthier food by promoting Ohio's Good Food Here food service and nutrition guidelines and by coordinating uptake and expansion of Produce Perks fruit and vegetable voucher incentives.
- access to physical activity by developing policies and plans that support safe and accessible opportunities for physical activity.
- the number of early care

and education programs that are impacted by farm to early care and education improvements by implementing policies and activities to support purchasing, serving, and teaching about local foods in early care and education settings. The program will focus on Lawrence County, which, according to the County Health Rankings, ranks 81 out of 88 for health outcomes. The rankings consider life expectancy, quality of life, health behaviors, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. The county also has an adult obesity rate of 40.6%, an adult physical inactivity rate of 35%, an adult diabetes rate of 12%, and a food insecurity rate of 17%. The program will also focus on Fayette County which, according to the County Health Rankings, ranks 74 out of 88 for health outcomes, has an adult obesity rate of 44.8%, an adult physical inactivity rate of 35%, an adult diabetes rate of 11%, and a food insecurity rate of 16%. "The mission of OSU Extension is to engage people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based education and

strategies," Smathers said. "Extension educators are based in all 88 county offices across Ohio and are trusted professionals who respond to community needs by bringing knowledge and resources from Ohio State to community programs and partnerships. They apply evidence-based approaches across social ecological levels to address a broad range of economic, environmental, and health conditions." Smathers and her team like to think of HOP as the "Healthy Opportunities Program." "People from many walks of life can benefit from the healthier nutrition choices; increased, active transportation opportunities like walking and biking paths; and additional healthy options that will be expanded through the HOP project," she said. "Extension professionals in Fayette and Lawrence counties are excited to join the HOP project team in working with community stakeholders to create sustainable access to healthier options." "Both counties will leverage the grant funding with many assets and partnerships."

CFAES is one of 16 HOP grant recipients, according to Terry O'Toole, PhD, MDiv, program development and evaluation branch chief in the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity. "The CDC is excited to announce this new HOP funding to land-grant universities in communities with high rates of obesity," O'Toole said. "This funding supports local programs to improve access to fresh, healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity with the goal of reducing chronic diseases. "Obesity is a complex, common, and costly chronic disease associated with poorer mental health outcomes, stigmatization, and reduced quality of life. Obesity also puts people at risk for many other diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and many cancers." A complete list of the CDC's HOP recipients and additional information can be found on the HOP website.

OHIO NEARING GOAL FOR COMMITTED POLL WORKERS, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL POLL WORKER TRACKER

With two weeks to go before the August 8 Special Election, Ohio's Poll Worker Tracker shows Ohio is 3,060 workers from meeting the goal of 31,811 committed poll workers. As of today, Tuesday, July 25, 53 counties have not met the goal set for committed poll workers. Counties still in need of poll workers include Athens, Auglaize, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Meigs, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Pike, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Van Wert, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT AT VWCT



Van Wert Civic Theatre's production of Monty Python's Spamalot to be performed August 3,4,5 at 7:30 and August 6 at 2:00. Go to vwct.org or call 419-238-9689. The cast, directed by Griffin Waltmire with music director Perri Webb, have been working to make this last summer show one to remember. It is the first production of a new group at VWCT called AYA - adults and young adults. The cast includes: Grace Doctor, Reese horstman, Emily Sehle, Carson Caprella, Emily Ayers, Alyssa Taylor,

Alea Rex, Maddy Lamb, Hunter Meiring, Renee Umland, Connor Johnson, Eva Joseph, Beth Garrett, Alyssa Ketcham, Isabel Hollis, Elizabeth Johnson, Fin Foehl, Alivia Hines, Dante' Lippi, Adara Fuerst, Elijah Foudy, Katie Knepper, Chloe Detrow, Hailey Vogt, Tess Vonderwell, Hudson Perrott, Marcus Freewalt, Gabby Thomas, Ella Lamb, Evvy Lamb, Eddie Overmyer, Rachael Wilson, Hadley Goins, Abbie Mengerink and Courtney Wendel. Get your Monty Python fix and come to Spamalot!!

PROGRAM ALUMNI ADDED TO 2023 COLLEGE EXPERIENCE AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE



A summer program designed to help young African American males take what may be their first major steps toward a college education is returning to Purdue University Fort Wayne for the third consecutive year. Participants are scheduled to begin arriving on campus this afternoon. The three-day, two-night opportunity is called the Purdue University Fort Wayne College Experience. It's a collaboration between the university's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Bloom Project, a nonprofit organization helping young men of color in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne with career and college readiness. The 2023 experience will host nearly 40 students entering grades 8-12 from five In-

diana cities and as far away as Waldorf, Maryland. The program is made possible through a grant from the Foellinger Foundation. A new aspect of this summer's PFW College Experience will be the involvement of five program alumni who are set to return on Wednesday to lead sessions focused on college preparation, networking, public speaking, and time management. The main objective of the full experience is to offer an immersive glimpse of college life including tours, time in the classroom, social activities, and a campus fair. Participants will also stay in Student Housing to help them feel what it is like to be a college student. This type of hands-on approach to learning has been

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS



Jimmy came to school one day, excited that his uncle Lonzo had come to visit from Cherry Valley, Arkansas. Their town was in Western Tennessee. Lonzo Green, was a well known country singer, and word spread throughout the town. Jimmy's friend wanted to meet him, but the friend was not allowed in their house. He was from the wrong side of the tracks. He was white trash.

Jimmy's friend had gotten an old guitar and wanted to learn how to play, but did not know how to tune it. He came over and have Lonzo tune his guitar. Lonzo would meet him, and they would stay outside, so it was arranged that afternoon.

The shy 15-year-old showed up that afternoon, with his old battered guitar over his shoulder, held with a piece of binder twine. Lonzo had also tasted poverty, so he went out to meet the lad and told him he would tune his guitar. As he tuned the guitar he began to sing and play for the boy. A small crowd began to gather. One hour stretched into two, cars went by unnoticed, shadows began to get long and it would soon be supertime.

Lonzo sang all afternoon. Then he taught the lad how to play a few chords and taught him how to sing a couple songs. As he sang he began to gain confidence. Jimmy's friend bid Lonzo goodbye,

shown to better engage young minds by making them part of the process.

Multiple sessions during the campus visit provide opportunities for the students to interact with faculty who specialize in STEM and business leadership in Purdue Fort Wayne's College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, and its Doermer School of Business, respectively.

A college fair will include representatives of several areas of the university including Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Housing, Student Life, the Career Development Center, the Study Abroad Program, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, TRIO Student Support Services, Human Resources, and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

Each experience is intended to help fulfill Project Bloom's commitment to help young men of color become part of the solution to societal problems through impactful actions, focused instruction, and serving others.

Ultimately, program organizers want participants to envision themselves on a college campus with a strong desire to pursue and achieve a postsec-

ondary education. Much of the academic immersion will take place on Tuesday, between 10:05 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The students will be divided into separate groups for the sessions.

- STEM tracks: 10:05 a.m.–12:05 p.m. and 1:05–3:05 p.m., Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Building, Room 226
- Business tracks: 10:05 a.m.–12:05 p.m. and 1:05–3:05 p.m., Neff Hall, Room 333
- Campus Fair: 3:15–4:30 p.m., Helmke Library Skybridge

The experience wraps up Wednesday with the program alumni interactions from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Walb Student Union, Rooms 222, 224, and 226. An award ceremony is scheduled to take place between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 101.

Additional newsgathering opportunities may also be arranged upon request. Contact Geoff Thomas at geoff.thomas@pfw.edu or 260-481-4106 to help facilitate.

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Of these 53 counties, 24 of them have met the minimum number of poll workers needed to conduct the election and 35 counties have met or exceeded their goal for committed number of poll workers.

While Ohio has passed the minimum number of poll workers needed to conduct the election, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose set a goal of 31,811 poll workers, which is 115% of the minimum, to ensure a sufficient number of poll workers is available in case of an emergency.

Ohioans looking to serve as a poll worker may sign up at VoteOhio.gov/Defend-Democracy. Poll workers are financially compensated for their time on Election Day.

The county breakdown can be seen on Ohio's Poll Worker Tracker. The tracker, which was started in 2020 by Secretary LaRose, continues to give Ohioans, counties, and partner organizations clear goals for poll worker recruitment for the August 8 Special Election.

Each election, thousands of Ohioans dedicate themselves to sustaining the backbone of democracy — our election process. Poll workers help ensure that our elections are fair, and in doing so, maintain the traditions of our past and our hope for the future.

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providing voters with unprecedented levels of transparency, Secretary LaRose is providing Ohioans with weekly poll worker updates as reported by the 88 county boards of elections. Sharing the data also allows Ohio counties to be held accountable as the fall election approaches.

Reminder: Ohio voters statewide will only be voting on State Issue 1 on August 8, which elevates the standards to qualify for and pass amendments to Ohio's constitution. A sample of the ballot language on State Issue 1 can be found here.

Secretary LaRose encourages voters to have a plan before going out to vote, which includes confirming your polling location. Before casting a ballot in person, Ohioans can confirm their polling location by clicking here.

Poll Worker Recruitment by the Numbers:

- Goal for Committed and Trained Poll Workers: 31,811
- Minimum Poll Workers Required: 24,653
- Current Number of Committed Poll Workers: 30,758
- Ohio counties are 96.6% of the way to reaching our statewide goal
- Approximately 21,200 poll workers have already completed their training or are not required to attend training for this election.

DEATH OF A SPOUSE

The autumn series of GriefShare will begin on Saturday, August 5. The first one is a special session dealing with the loss of a husband or wife. While all deaths cause grief to those who loved them, the loss of a spouse contains many secondary losses. GriefShare discusses those losses as well as the pain associated with them.

When your identity changes from wife or husband to widow or widower, the way society identifies you also changes. The roles of the one who is no longer there must now be assumed by the remaining spouse. This may also add frustration to your grief. You may have previously felt independent, but now you realize you must depend on others as you transition into your role from one of a couple to a single person again.

This special session of GriefShare will be held in the library of Leo Methodist Church on Indiana Hwy #1 from ten until noon. You will also receive a special workbook to help you through this difficult period.

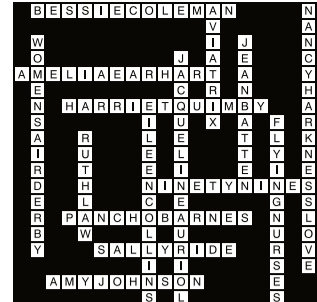
On August 12 the regular series of GriefShare will begin and continue through November 4. Meetings are each Saturday morning from 10:00 until noon and are centered around DVDs and discussions. GriefShare offers comfort and education for coping with the tragedy of death. At times there are references to Biblical passages, but the content is non-denominational. Preregistration is requested but not required. Contact Ginny Jones at 260 627-2580 or the church office at 260 627-2161. For registration and more information go to Griefshare.org.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE FRANK LAROSE'S STATEMENT ON THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued the following statement about the 2024 presidential election:

"Like most Ohioans, I'm deeply concerned about the direction of our country. As a father and a fighter, I'm not willing to sit quietly while the woke left tries to cancel the American dream.

I respect every Republican leader who steps up to run for president, but I believe there's only one candidate at this moment in history who



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truly gets what's at stake. There's only one who strikes so much fear in the opposition that they target him every day with the full force of the government and their allies in the media. And there's only one who's proven he won't back down from a fight, even at his own peril.

President Trump has been one of the most relentless and resilient warriors in American politics. His enemies, foreign and domestic, will stop at nothing in their attempt to keep him from winning this race. I learned in the Army that when you're headed into battle, you want to be led by someone who's both fearless and feared. We're in a battle for the heart and soul of our nation, and President Trump is that leader.

We don't agree on every point of style or substance, but we share a common vision of America's potential. I'm proud to be the only Secretary of State in the nation endorsed by President Trump last year. I'm giving my full endorsement and support to his campaign for President of the United States, and I look forward to working with him as a United States Senator to make America great again."

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GAIN INSIGHT AT LOCAL DRAINAGE COMPANY



Haviland, Ohio — The Young Professionals of Paulding County took an enlightening step into the world of drainage solutions as they embarked on a behind-the-scenes tour of Haviland Drainage Products this week. Sales associate Emil Stoller graciously hosted the group, offering an exclusive glimpse into the company's history, operations, and its reach in both regional and national markets. The visit concluded with an interactive tour of the facility, allowing participants to gain valuable insights and pose questions.

The Young Professionals of Paulding County is a dynamic networking group catering to individuals up to age 40, who reside, work, or worship within Paulding

County. The group's primary mission is to foster networking opportunities, explore the county's offerings, and facilitate professional development activities for its members.

"The opportunity to explore the history and operations of Haviland Drainage Products and Haviland Plastics was an invaluable experience," said Kristen Schilt, Office Manager for Paulding County Economic Development and a member of the Young Professionals of Paulding County. "We were truly impressed by the company's commitment to sustainability and innovation in the drainage and plastics industry. This business tour marks a milestone for our group, and we look forward to organizing similar visits to other

local businesses in the future."

The group will join the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce for their next event at the Paulding County Community Night with the TinCaps at Parkview Field on August 19th. Join in for a promising evening of camaraderie and entertainment to celebrate the end of summer.

For individuals interested in attending the Paulding County Community Night, tickets can be secured online until August 7th through the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce website. For inquiries and additional information about Young Professionals of Paulding County, please reach out to office@pced.net or call 419-399-8295.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP RECEIVES \$577,000 STATE GRANT FOR CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Village of Antwerp is one of 90 projects receiving state

grants to address critical water and wastewater infrastructure projects in Ohio communities. In total, 64 counties will receive \$135 million.

The funding comes from Ohio Governor Mike

DeWine's Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infrastructure for Local Development Success) water infrastructure grant program, administered through the Ohio Department of Development.

Today's award will support the Village of Antwerp's water tower rehabilitation.

This announcement is the first through the program, which opened in July 2021. In total, nearly \$500 million has been awarded to 343 critical infrastructure projects through the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program.

"This additional round of funding will help communities from one corner of the state to the next replace aging, overwhelmed infrastructure, ensuring that Ohioans have access to clean drinking water," said Lt. Governor Husted. "These projects will not only greatly improve the quality of life for residents in these areas, but they also boost economic growth related to business expansion and housing development."

In total, the program received more than 1,200 grant applications requesting nearly \$1.4 billion in funding.

Funds awarded today will help reduce or eliminate the local financial burden associated with critical infrastructure needs such as the construction of new water systems, the replacement of aging water lines, and the installation of new water mains. Grants will also fund projects to prevent sewer system backups and replace failing household sewage treatment systems with new sewers.

Village Administrator Brian Davis stated he was pleased that the state recognized the need and chose to step forward to assist the village with this very important project.

The Ohio BUILDS water

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infrastructure grants are a continuation of Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, which launched in 2019 to focus on ensuring plentiful, clean, and safe water for communities across the state.

Ohio BUILDS focuses not only on strengthening Ohio's communities through water infrastructure upgrades, but also supports other necessary investments in targeted solutions that impact quality of life such as broadband ex-

pansion, brownfield redevelopment, the demolition of blighted buildings, and more.

Additional information on the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program can be found on the program webpage.

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