

HOLLY BEACH SPLASH PAD CONSTRUCTION BROKE GROUND THIS WEEK!



Ben Kauser Excavating broke the ground for Holly Beach Splash Pad this past week! Stay tuned for additional updates about this community project. Follow Holly Beach Splash Pad on Facebook for more information.

WOODBURN COMM. HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING DATE SET

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet at 7:00 p.m. on 8/23/23 at the Woodburn Community Center on the east end of town. Hope to see you there.

— Gloria Gerig

PC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEET

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council Steering

Committee held their third quarter business meeting at the Paulding County Economic Development office, in preparation for the upcoming Business Advisory Council (BAC) meeting in September.

The focus of the Steering Committee is to initiate productive discussion between the county schools and the county businesses in order to create communication about life-sustaining employment opportunities, and share quality of life opportunities, all while creating the agenda for the upcoming BAC meeting.

PCED Director Tim

Copsey opened the meeting sharing details of the recent BAC Townhall meeting conducted with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). It was revealed at the July meeting, by Lt. Governor Jon Husted, that the ODE will soon be changing to a new department of Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Not all details are in place as of yet, but the department will be a key piece in developing and improving state required BAC's in the future.

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center Superin-

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CHANGING THE WORLD TWO FEET AT A TIME



Do you or your family own any shoes or boots that you no longer need? A non-profit organization called Changing Footprints will take those shoes and boots and distribute them to the poor, the homeless or to victims of natural disasters. The project began in Indianapolis, in 2005, when co-founders Maureen Leisure and Bob Broughton learned there was a great need for children's shoes in Afghanistan. They gathered some friends and created an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that collects unwanted shoes and distributes them for free to kids and adults who need them.

Locally, Cheryl and Jim Brockmann lead a team of eight unpaid volunteers who gather, sort and distribute used shoes out of a small warehouse in New Haven. They pair the shoes by either tying the laces, or rubber-banding the shoes together, then sort them by size and general type (there are a total of 42 categories), and put them in banana boxes for easy stacking. Cheryl said women's donated shoes outnumber men's shoes, five to one. The greatest need is usually for children's shoes. Eighty percent of all donated footwear stays in this area and the rest go to disaster areas. A few have gone overseas, but send-

ing shoes overseas is not cost-effective.

Changing Footprints is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization, without any paid staff. No one is ever charged for shoes and donated shoes are never sold. As with all non-profits, funds to cover operating costs such as rubber bands, rent on the warehouse, and labels for the boxes are in short supply. There are 5 main distribution locations in Indiana: Rushville, North Indy, South Indy, Greenfield, and Fort Wayne. Over 700,000 pairs of shoes have been distributed in the past 17 years. The local branch has collected and distributed over 17,000 pairs through July of this year, but there remains an urgent need to collect more shoes to meet the demand. Shoes are collected from a variety of sources: collection bins at athletic facilities, physical therapy offices, shoe stores, local libraries and YMCAs. Periodic shoe drives are held by local churches and schools. Last year Woodlan High School collected an amazing 1700 pairs in one week. Bishop Luers High School gathered 935 pairs through the hard work of their Key Club.

Collecting and redistribut-

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p

August 24

- Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Property Blessing @ 318 N Walnut, Paulding, 10a

August 30

- Family to Family class by NAMI @ St. Johns UCoc, 6p

September 3

- IDPA Pistol Match @ Ant. Cons. Club, 1pm
- Oakwood EMS Poker Run, kickstands up @ 11am

September 8

- AGrow Expo @ Mercer Landmark
- SWCD Golf Scramble @ Auglaize GC, 8:30am

September 9

- Payne's Rock the Block Fall Festival, downtown, all day

September 10

- Trap Shoot @ Ant. Cons. Club, registration, 12:30pm
- PC Sen Ctr Car & Truck Show, Paulding square, 2-5p

September 15

- NSCC VW Golf Outing @ Hickory Sticks GC, 9am
- Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival begins in Paulding

September 8

- AGrow Expo @ Mercer Landmark

September 10

- 13th Annual Car & Truck Show @ Paulding, 2-5pm



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toric Old Fort. Come and experience this dramatic military period! Observe both military and civilian reenactors engage in daily life, unit displays, and drills.

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Parking: Parking is available in the empty lot across the street. Please use extreme caution when crossing Spy Run Avenue to access the fort.

EMPOWERED

By: Doris Applegate
Scribed by: Cynthia
Nichelson

When Jesus Christ was gathered with his disciples on Mount Oliver he reminded them how John baptized with water, but that they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days from then. He told them to wait in the upper room in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. This baptism would empower them to be witnesses for God. Jesus then blessed them and ascended into the clouds and disappeared from their sight. As they looked steadfastly into Heaven, the angels said to them: "This same Jesus that you go up into Heaven, will come again in like manner." (This will be the second coming of Jesus Christ).

There were about 120 gathered together in one accord in unity, including the disciples and the women including Mary the mother of Jesus Christ. Suddenly a mighty rushing wind came from Heaven and filled the room, and they saw tongues of fire on each head and they began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. Many people were gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost and heard the 120 people speaking wonderful word in their languages from all over the world. The 120 were so filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit that they appeared to be drunk as you suppose, but this is that which Joel prophesied would happen: (Read Joel 2:28)

To do what we as believers in Jesus Christ are told to do, we must be empowered by the Holy Spirit just as they were.

Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I typically have trouble seeing my New Year's resolutions through. Do you have any suggestions?

I have found some of the following Bible principles to be helpful:

- Take daily small steps.

The Lord says for us "to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Doing something good daily helps create good habits.

Taking large steps often proves unsustainable. The Lord told the children of Israel He would only give them the Promised Land little by little, "...lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee" (Deuteronomy 7:22). Too much too soon often leads to failure.

- Trust God more.

If you could have easily changed on your own, you likely would have already. New changes usually take new power. Try trusting these promises: Mark 11:24 - "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." John 14:13 - "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 15:7 - "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." I

Thessalonians 5:24 - "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I John 3:22 - "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." You too can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13.

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

NATIONWIDE CASE STUDY ON SOIL HEALTH

A nationwide study of 30 USA farms show how improving soil health helped farmers economically while also creating resilience to adverse weather. These farms covered the USA and included both crop farms, livestock farms, orchards, grazing systems, and vineyards. The study was conducted by the Soil Health Institute (SHI), the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and USDA-NRCS. This was a multi-year study looking at farms that had adopted soil health management systems (SHMS) long-term.

The Midwest farms used practices like no-till and cover crops to improve soil health. Crops like corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay were primarily studied in the Midwest along with dairy, hogs, and chickens. Farmers were interviewed over several years comparing the economic costs and benefits of their system before and after adoption of conservation practices. The goal was to determine how resilient the farms were and what were the costs, risks, and overall benefits or detriments to adapting soil health practices. Overall, soil health systems were both feasible and more profitable, but results varied and it takes time to adapt the new soil health practices.

There were several key findings. Out of 30 farms studied, 29 farms adapted soil health management systems (SHMS) that increased farm income by an average of \$65 per acre. These farms did not include any organic farms which tend to have higher price premiums. On corn, producers were able to save \$14/acre to produce corn, \$7/acre on soybeans, and \$16/acre on all other crops. On farms using SHMS, 42% reported yield increases on corn, 32% reported yield increases on soybeans, and 35% yield increases were reported other crops.

Some of the biggest benefits were not directly related to economics. Soil erosion

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ing shoes saves, or at least delays, these shoes from ending up in landfills. Changing Footprints accepts all styles, types and sizes of shoes, no matter their condition. Damaged athletic shoes are converted into playground padding or running tracks through the Nike Grind and Zappos recycling programs. Most people have a closet with at least one pair of old shoes. Donating these old shoes to Changing Footprints can clear up space in their home and help a good cause at the same time.

was reduced on most farms that adapted SHMS long-term. Soil compaction declined, water infiltration increased, and higher water holding capacity due to higher soil organic matter accumulation were benefits listed. Most farmers said that over time, they could get earlier access to wet fields due to better soil structure and less standing water. They also reported they were able to withstand extreme weather events which just means these farms were more resilient. Overall, SHMS helped farmers increase profits, reduce costs, and limit their risks while conserving the soil.

Locally, Ron Synder in Wood County was one of the farms studied. Ron farms 200 acres corn, soybeans, and wheat using no-till and cover crops. Ron has been using no-till for 20 years and cover crops for 10 years. Ron farms primarily Hoytville clay soils.

Ron eliminated one disk field operations and two field cultivating operations on each crop. Ron used cereal rye after corn going to soybeans, after soybeans he went to wheat, and then after wheat he used a 14 cover crop species mixture. The cover crop after wheat cost \$35/acre and the cereal rye after soybeans \$20/acre. Ron eliminated phosphorus and potassium fertilization in both corn and soybeans since his soil test values were adequate to high. Ron also used a crimper crop roller to terminate cover crops. Ron did not report any yield increases but he did report overall higher net income of \$19.72/acre on corn and \$28.62/acre on soybeans.

The Blaine Brothers in the Raisin Watershed in Southern Michigan farm 2,500 acres corn-soybeans with a dairy farm. The Blaine Brothers used no-till for 30 years and cover crops for 13 years. They eliminated three tillage trips on corn and two tillage trips on soybeans. They also eliminated one spray pass on corn which saved them \$14/acre. Cover crops before corn cost \$17 and before soybeans \$15 per acre. They used annual rye, kale, and radish before corn and cereal rye before soybeans. The Blaine Brothers did not report any yield increases but had overall higher net income of \$23.32/acre on corn and \$7.06/acre on soybeans. Soil erosion was less, water infiltration was higher, crop yields were steady and they reported greater resilience to adverse weather conditions.

David Ransbottom in Claypool, Indiana farm 3,500 acres of corn and soybeans using no-till for 30

Locally, shoe collection bins are located at all Indiana Physical Therapy and Steppin' Up Physical Therapy offices, six local Allen County Library locations, and all YMCAs. A complete drop-off site list is online here: <https://www.changingfootprints.org/shoe-drops> If your organization would like to conduct a shoe drive for Changing Footprints, please call Rick at 260-755-2162.

The Changing Footprints motto is "Changing the world two feet at a time."

Donate — don't trash — your unwanted shoes.

Scripture of the Week

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

— Philippians 1:21

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



A thing of the past and present

It is hard for young people to imagine living in a world not connected by the internet. However, our first years living overseas were without websites and e-mail for the most part and in many ways it made life simpler and more uncertain.

I remember getting a call from another American couple living in the same city as us. They were calling to tell us that the news seemed to indicate an attack in America. It was September 11, 2001. We turned on the TV, but that country like many almost seemed to give the impression in the news reports that the USA was getting what it deserved.

We were caught in a situation of where to get reliable news. I knew what to do. I drove down to our city's main retail district and went to our largest department store's electronics department. I bought a short-wave radio. It cost \$125, which seemed like an astronomical amount for a radio.

I took it home and learned to tune it, the best hours to receive a clear signal (night) and the direction to aim the antenna (North Africa). Like many Americans over the decades, voice of America, was our source to get information about our country during that pivotal time. I spent many evenings over the next weeks on a balcony of our apartment getting the latest news.

Well, like many new gadgets, that short-wave radio was used less and less as the internet became prevalent and web based news sources. Fifteen year later I realized I had not listened to anything on that gadget in years, so I put it up for sale. I put the selling price as the same amount that I originally bought it for, \$125, to have lots of negotiating room. Soon after I got a call from a British man who ran an English-speaking radio station in the area. He said short-wave radios were near impossible to find any more. He gladly bought the radio for the full price.

I have noticed that young people now want vinyl records or old cassette players to decorate their bedrooms. It seems even old technology items have their



come around. Did I tell you that I have VHS player for sale?

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

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

years and cover crops for 12 years. Over 30 years, David was able to eliminate three tillage passes for both crops, one herbicide, and one insecticide pass for each crop per year. Nitrogen was reduced 10#/acre on corn and they spent 1 day fixing fields compared to 5 days due to less soil erosion. Organic matter increased, water infiltration improved, and crops were more resilient to extreme weather. Corn yields

were 10 bushel higher and soybeans 3 bushel higher. David had higher net income of \$68.92 on corn and \$60.86 on soybeans. For these farms, soil health paid them dividends. Visit <https://soilhealthinstitute.org/our-work/initiatives/economics-of-soil-health-systems-on-30-u-s-farms/> for more details.

—James J. Hoorman
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— 1 Timothy 4:16

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DOES MIKEY REALLY LIKE IT?

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitacker

With the Internet, television, and iPhones at our finger tips, we have a lot of exposure to commercials. Some of the new commercials I do not know what they are selling or advertising until the end of it. Today, commercials and advertising take up a lot of time and space on television and depending on who the audience is, the product may or may not sell.

They say the first commercial on TV was a Bulova watch advertisement which aired in 1941. The ad cost the company \$9, \$4 for airtime and \$5 for "station charges," according to reports. The commercial only reached, at best, a few thousand people: Only 4,000 TV sets had been installed in New York at that time.

I was watching some old ads from the early years where I saw Superman eating Sugar Smacks; the Alka-Seltzer boy helping out a tired hunter with the plop plop fizz fizz, two dancing cigarette packages; and the ever favorite "My bologna has a first name."

None of us who were alive during the early years of television can ever forget Dinah Shore and, "See the USA in a Chevrolet." Nor can we forget "Brusha brusha brusha" toothpaste, new Ipana. There was a delightful old commercial about Fluffo and of course there was Snap, Crackle and Pop.

Cereal commercials have always been popular with the kids as they used to come with some type of toy in them. Remember the commercial of a little boy eating cereal and the ad said, "Mikey likes it." Remember the Maxwell House coffee commercial and "Good to the last drop?"

One of my favorite ads has been the Orkin Man. They are funny as the big bugs and pests try and outsmart the Orkin Man who has all the stuff to get rid of the creepy crawlers. In one scene, a family goes on vacation and comes home to a bunch of bug invaders who are playing music, dining on good food and having a dance party. The first thing the family did? They called the Orkin Man.

Some television ads feature movie stars and I usually

think, "If this product works for them, maybe I should try it." Shampoo has always intrigued buyers. They will advertise a certain shampoo and show someone with beautiful long hair and of course we all want to go out and buy it.

Today there are some commercials which really confuse me. They will advertise and promote a new pill or medicine which is guaranteed to cure an illness. They report on what the new pills will do for them and we watch and wonder if it may help with our allergies, high blood pressure, arthritis, or diabetes.



Following the big promotion of just how great this medication is, they tell of all the side effects it can have. Some of these meds can cause bleeding, anxiety, swelling, hives, liver damage, loss of appetite, dizziness and could possibly cause death. Wow. I think, I would rather suffer. I am curious how these effects are determined and if they cause all this uproar, why sell them?

Super Bowl ads are very popular. Companies work all year and pay millions to get a spot on the Super Bowl game. Some of the best ones were: "Where's the Beef?"; Betty White and Snickers; and one about the cheating Coca Cola man.

This ad depicts a Coca Cola delivery man and when he is delivering coke to a store, he gets a Pepsi out of the machine and cameras catch him as Pepsi cans go rolling all over the floor.

Have you seen the Aflac Duck or the tiny Geico lizard? Those are attention getters. There is one ad however, that even makes me channel surf. It is one in which a bunch of different people sing loudly, "It's my money and I need cash now!" That is the Wentworth one.

Another funny one is a father and daughter up late at night going, "Mmmmmmm" as they eat Greek Yogurt. Well, "Mmmmmmmmm."

Do you like today's commercials or those from the past? Have you ever channel surfed when a commercial comes on? If you could be in a commercial, What kind would it be? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

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tendent Tom Taylor then shared the current 2023-24 BAC Plan Template that the county office is required to submit to the state. It was requested that the steering committee review the information and comment about possible additions, changes or removals from last year's information.

Discussion then turned to data that could be easily gathered and communicated in the report. Points of interest included YouScience Assessment tool participant numbers. YouScience is an assessment tool that is funded by the Vantage Career Center for use by all students, not just those that attend Vantage, in all of the schools that attend Vantage. The committee reviewed a college survey that will be sent to local colleges and track information, along with number of visits to county schools, number of student tours into local businesses, and local business visits and presentations to school.

It was noted that the Paulding County Business Weekly podcast recording continues. Episode #62 is on the air now playing on local Paulding County radio station My102.7FM. The information acquired about local businesses, opportunities, and non-for-profit groups is able to be shared with students and residents from social media or internet platforms. The committee will review and follow up with feedback.

Paulding High School Panther for Careers Coordinator Shawn Brewer shared positive information in regard to a successful and growing program at Paulding. Students could go out into the community, whether for work study or internship, to learn about businesses they were interested in. Some of the credit sufficient students are even gainfully employed and are being paid by employers.

In new and inventive discussion, the committee heard from Economic Development Office Manager Kristen Schilt in regard to a virtual field trip program that Miller Brothers Construction Company out of Archbold now brings into schools. Their 30 second introductory promo video for a virtual field trip was played as an example for other local businesses to think about creating.

Defiance/Paulding County Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) Workforce Development Director Tiffany Rockhold then presented a new concept from

her office of Visual Reality Goggles. The goggles are used through OMJ offices around the state to allow students to virtually work in a multitude of pre-loaded industry positions. The programs are vetted often by businesses around the state to assure students are viewing the most update and practical employment opportunities, including skilled trade positions.

The committee meeting, that was attended by representatives from Haviland Drainage, Cooper Farms, ODOT, PC Hospital, Antwerp Local School, Baughman Tile, WBESC, Paulding Exempted Village School, OMJ, and PCED, closed out by sharing important upcoming dates to mark on the calendar. Dates included: Mercer Landmark AGrow Expo September 9 at the Latty Agronomy Center; Youth Business Showcase at the Flat Rock Fall Festival September 16; The 3rd Quarter BAC meeting September 21 at the OSU Extension Building and the PCED Business and Industry Appreciation Banquet November 14.

For questions or more information about the Paulding County Business Advisory Council please reach out to the economic development office at 419-399-8295 or office@pced.net

COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

We've all heard the statistic—fifty percent of marriages end in divorce. It's not really true (see Shaunti Feldhahn's The Good News About Marriage), but it's been repeated enough that everyone believes it. While that number is wrong, many marriages do end before the death do us part of our wedding vows; marriage takes work, communication, and maintenance. We spend thousands of dollars on weddings, but very little on our marriages when it comes to making them healthy; this should not be. We don't run our vehicles for endless miles without routine maintenance and expect them to function well, but so many of us tend to think our marriages will keep chugging along without any real attention. The people at Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren see marriage as a lifelong endeavor between a man and a woman as something that is holy, sacred, and worthy of our efforts to make them the best they can be. We also see the need for opportunities for couples—married, those looking to get married, and singles who plan on marriage someday—to grow in their knowledge of one another and be given tools and wisdom in relating to each other. To that end, we are bringing to our area Mark Gungor who is a pastor and marriage expert from Wisconsin. He travels the country putting on what he calls Couple Comedy Events. He uses humor to help couples get better at knowing how the other one works. You can find video clips of him on YouTube.com; he is hilarious.

Mr. Gungor uses a humorous presentation by design: "Why a 'laughter' approach? For one simple reason: to overcome the male objection to a seminar. Let's be honest, a marriage seminar isn't the first thing a guy thinks of when he thinks of a fun way to spend the weekend. We get that... We also get the importance of working on your marriage to keep it healthy and strong. Laugh Your Way to a Better

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Lexy Elwin Flint was born October 12, 1895 in Paulding, Ohio. The son of Lovetto H. born in 1871 and Ida Bell (Robinett) Flint, born in 1871.

March 25, 1894 in Paulding. By 1900, this couple was living in Jackson Township, Paulding County. The couple had two children, Lexy, born 1895 and Alma Lenore, born September of 1897. By 1910, the Flint family added a daughter, Amanda Arvilla, on August 3, 1905. Lexy was in school. This family was still living in Jackson Township.

On June 5, 1917, Lexy registered for the World War I draft. He was listed as Medium and stout built, brown eyes, black hair, working as a laborer for his father, who was engaged in farming. On July 14, 1918, Lexy signed up in Paulding to join the National Army and become a "dough boy". He was assigned to the Training Detachment at the University of Toledo, Ohio. Serving until September 13, 1918, he was then transferred to the Repair Unit 307th Motor Transport Corp. He was overseas from November 11, 1918 until June 29, 1919. While in France, Lexy contracted pneumonia, and because of the crowded hospitals, Lexy was sent back to camp. On June 29, 1919, Lexy boarded the ship George Washington at Brest, France

and set sail for Hoboken, New Jersey.

While serving with the unit Casual Company no. 2 Headquarters District of Paris, Lexy was assigned to drive the car which President Woodrow Wilson rode, and the return trip to New Jersey, Lexy was the guard in charge of President Wilson's baggage. Lexy and the President arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey July 8, 1919, where Lexy was Honorably Discharged July 17, 1919.

On October 11, 1919, Lexy married a gal named Hazel Dean Clinker, born in 1894 in Medina, Ohio. By 1920, Lexy and Hazel moved to Medina, Ohio and lived with Hazel's aunt Carrie Clinker. Lexy was working as a laborer on a farm. His health struggles continued, as he was now a victim of sugar diabetes. Doctor's thought the unchecked pneumonia caused his newest ailment.

On August 12, 1920 a son, Ralph Dale Flint, was born in Medina, Ohio. A daughter, Wanda May, Flint was born May 10, 1923 in Medina, Ohio.

Lexy suffered from tuberculosis which lead him to another case of pneumonia. This will cause his death on March 10, 1926. He was buried in Maple Mound Cemetery, Creston, Wayne County, Ohio.

Son Dale, registered for the World War Two draft on February 16, 1942. He was listed as 5'9", 145 pounds, light complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. He passed away March 7, 2001 and was buried in Burbank Cemetery, Burbank, Ohio. Daughter, Wanda May, married a Haas and she passed away April 28, 2003. She buried in Maple Mound Cemetery, Creston, Wayne County, Ohio.

Lexy's wife Hazel, never remarried and passed away May 29, 1983 in Wadsworth, Ohio at a Long term Care Facilities. She was buried with Lexy in Maple Mound Cemetery.

Marriage is designed with an element of humor that appeals to couples, but is especially well-received by men." Poplar Ridge would love to help strengthen your marriage; we believe it is vitally important to our community and pleasing to God to have good, healthy marriages. Seminars, workshops, counseling, or events should never be viewed as something only for those whose marriages are on the rocks but instead should be like taking your vehicle from ordinary to "high-performance." Marriages are valuable and need time and attention; your marriage is worth it. Troubled and unhealthy marriages can be healed; good marriages can be made great,

and great marriages can be made even better.

This two-day event will be at the Tinora Performing Arts Center on Friday, September 22 from seven to ten in the evening and Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. His presentation is put on in four segments: Tale of Two Brains; #1 Key to Incredible Sex; Becoming Compatible; and How to Stay Married & Not Kill Anybody. For information go online markgungor.com. Please consider attending this event; you will have a good time, and guys, think of the brownie points you would get if you were the one to suggest it to your wife.

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OFRW LUNCHEON WITH JIM JORDAN



Cheryl Stromski and Laurie Lucas attended the Ohio Federation of Republican Women Luncheon with Jim Jordan in Mansfield on Wednesday August 2nd.

They represented the Paulding County Republican Women. Jim gave a short speech about the Oversight Committee then took questions from the group.

KLOPFENSTEIN VISITS VANTAGE TECHCRED PROGRAM HELPING OHIO'S WORKFORCE



Representative Klopfenstein speaks to Fire Chief Jon Jones and Adult Education Director Angie Fahy about the programs offered at Vantage Career Center.

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) visited the Vantage Career Center in Van Wert. The representative met with Center leadership, business leaders, instructors, and coordinators to learn more about the benefits of TechCred courses and how they help the local community.

"With the demands of our workforce rapidly changing, it is important that we continue to support the instructors and students enrolled in TechCred," said Klopfenstein. "By investing in more tech-focused training, we are able to help Ohioans better position themselves for the future."

"I appreciate Rep. Klopfenstein taking the time to visit Vantage Career Center. The

adult education programs they offer increase the number of qualified firefighters, EMTs, and nurses protecting our community," Van Wert Fire Chief Jon Jones said. "Additionally, the TechCred programs available at Vantage will keep Ohioans amongst the most skilled workers in the country."

The state operating budget, which was passed in late June, includes over \$50 million in funding for TechCred, which helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy.

Individuals and training providers interested in learning more about the program can visit: TechCred.Ohio.Gov.

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The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

OHIO STATE'S GIVE BACK GO FORWARD PROGRAM INCENTIVIZES SERVICE AMONG 60 YEARS+ OHIOANS

The Ohio State University at Lima is partnering with two community organizations who depend on volunteers to bring Give Back Go Forward: Volunteering for College Tuition to northwest Ohio. The West Ohio Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity will host 60-or-older volunteers for the program that will reward volunteers with tuition vouchers for The Ohio State University.

"We have so many people in our community who are willing to donate their time and efforts to help others," said Justin F. Courtney, director of student services at Ohio State Lima. "With Give Back, Go Forward, they can continue to do that with a little added reward they can use themselves or further give by donating their credits to someone else."

Ohioans 60 and older who enroll in the program and complete 100 or more community service hours at a designated nonprofit in one year's time can earn a voucher for three free undergraduate credit hours. The volunteer can use the voucher themselves, gift it to an in-state Ohio State student or donate it anonymously. The volunteer coordinators in Lima think helping the next generation will appeal.

"Our volunteers have such a heart for serving others and having the opportunity to give credit to younger college students means a lot to them," said Caleb Farmer, volunteer manager for Habitat for Humanity - Lima Area. "It is just a way to do even more with their most important resource, their time."

The program may also bring in more volunteers who like the idea of volunteering both for a cause and a purpose. Both organizations are happy to sign up more help.

"We always need volunteers," said Dena Hedrick, program director at the West Ohio Food Bank. "For the students who may be on the receiving end of the credits, every dollar counts and this can certainly help an individual go forward on meeting their college and career goals."

Each volunteer can earn up to two vouchers in one calendar year. Participation is open to a maximum of 100 volunteers total at all the program sites. Give Back Go Forward has volunteer opportunities in Lima, Columbus, Mansfield, Marion and Newark. Vouchers are good for five years from the time they are awarded.

Give Back, Go Forward is coordinated through a partnership between the Ohio Department of Higher Education and The Ohio State University.

CONTROLLING COMMON PESTS

This year a common question is how to control common insect pests of crops and vegetables, a task that is becoming more difficult. Farmers who use seed treatments and broad-spectrum insecticides to terminate pests gen-

erally also terminate the beneficial natural predators. Some common Ohio corn and soybeans pests include soybean cyst nematode, stink bug, wireworm, seed corn maggot, black cutworm, and true armyworm.

Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) damage soybean roots and has six life stages, 3-4 weeks apart. Soybean damage looks like stunted yellow soybeans, generally in circular or oval areas where SCN egg populations are high. There are numerous predators to SCN including Endoparasitic fungi, predatory nematodes, mites, Collembola (jumping springtails), Enchytraeids (pot worms), rove beetles, and centipedes. Cover crops like cereal rye and annual ryegrass planted early in the fall when soil temperatures are above 500F may reduce SCN levels 60-80%.

The invasive brown marmorated stink bug has become a major pest to corn, soybeans, vegetable, and fruit crops laying 20-30 eggs on the underside of leaves with 1-2 generations and up to 5 generations in warmer climates possible. Stink bugs have many natural enemies including birds, bats, toads, and spiders. In the soil, assassin bugs, other predatory stink bugs, and parasitic flies can destroy their eggs.

Wireworms (click beetles) have a five-year life cycle with adults laying 100-200 eggs in the spring and early summer. Larva live in the soil until they mature into adults. Wireworms are a copper color, long, and slender. Wireworms damage corn and soybean seeds and cause seedling roots damage. Natural wireworm predators include centipedes, soldier beetles, wasp which infect their eggs, and parasitic nematodes. *Metarhizium* fungi are a great wireworm predator; infecting the eggs, larva, and pupae and may give up to 95% control. *Metarhizium* fungi infect up to 200 insect species in 50 families including root weevils, flies, gnats, thrips, locust, grasshoppers, grubs, borers, even mosquitoes.

Seed corn maggots have three cycles per year with the first cycle causing the most damage. Adult flies lay eggs in the soil where pupae overwinter. In spring, they burrow into seeds which reduces germination and they infect young growing corn and soybean seedlings. They generally cover an entire field with an estimated 1.2 million wire worms per acre possible. The maggot is a pale yellowish white color. Seed corn maggots are more prevalent in cold wet springs and may be a problem this year.

Natural seed corn maggot predators include black ground beetles, predator nematodes and several fungal disease organisms including *Metarhizium* fungi. Ground beetles (*Carabidae*) are called the "Lions of insect pests"; eating their weight daily in weed seed and insect eggs, larva, and pupae. Ground beetles are highly susceptible to most neonicotinoid insecticide seed treatments (*Cruiser*, *Poncho*, *Gaucho*). They only lay 10-20 eggs per year and have a five-year life cycle, so they are slow to recover after broad-spectrum insecticide use.

The black cutworm moth migrates in from the South

CONGRESSMAN RUDY YAKYM ENDORSES JIM BANKS FOR SENATE



GRANGER, IN - Congressman Rudy Yakym (IN-02) today endorsed Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03) for Senate in Indiana. Congressman Yakym made the announcement at a 'What's Ahead for America?' Event in Granger Wednesday evening.

"Jim Banks is the steadfast conservative leader we need representing Hoosiers in the United States Senate, and I'm proud to offer him my support in his race," Congressman Yakym said. "He is a tireless fighter for life, for the American dream, for our troops and against President Biden's radical agenda. In the past six months he has united the party in support of his race, and I know he will make Indiana proud in the Senate. I am proud to support Jim, and urge my friends in IN-02 to join me."

"I am honored to have Congressman Yakym's endorsement in my race to bring our conservative values to the Senate," Congressman Banks said. "I've enjoyed working with Rudy in the House to push back against Biden's radical agenda and fight for the things that matter most to Hoosiers, and I will continue to fight for them in the Senate."

Congressman Banks currently serves Indiana's Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He is running to replace Senator Mike Braun (R-IN), who is not seeking reelection. Born and raised in Indiana, Jim and his wife Amanda are the proud parents to three young daughters and they are honored to serve Northeast Indiana in Washington.

and lays eggs in green fields starting in March-May. Eggs hatch in May and the larva feeds on corn roots and leaves. The black cutworm larva (black striped) can be hard to scout because they are nocturnal. They often burrow in the soil around infected plants or in the whorl of leaves. They can circle young seedlings and cut off the emerging vegetation. For home gardeners; coffee grounds, egg shells, and corn meal can be natural deterrents.

Black cutworm predators include fireflies, paper wasp, soldier beetle, ground beetles, rove beetle, parasitic nematodes, spiders, and toads. Fireflies live in the soil for 18 months consuming many insect eggs, larva and pupae. When they emerge in June, they mate, lay their eggs, then die rather quickly. Fireflies are hurt by over use of insecticides and night lights. Night light illumination confuses the adults and prevents them from breeding as they search for a mate.

The true armyworm thrives in green cover crops. The armyworm moth migrates from southern states in April-May looking for green vegetation, especially grasses and dense weeds. The moths lay 2000 eggs with 2-3 generations or waves spaced 3-4 weeks apart. The larva generally migrates to grassy plants like corn and wheat in early May. True armyworm seems to be especially attracted to cereal rye and corn planted into rye. The best time for rescue sprays is when caterpillars are 0.5 inches or smaller. The most severe crop damage occurs when the caterpillar larva are 1.5 inches long but by then they are much harder to terminate. Ground beetles, rove beetles, and 12 species of parasitic wasp and flies help control true armyworm. Next week my article will focus on methods of increasing beneficial insects and predators.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

Cecil 11:30-12:00 (Fire Station)

Junction 12:30-1:00 (Catholic Church)

Haviland/Scott 1:30-2:00 (SR 114 at Haviland Park)

Latty/Briceton 2:30-3:00 (Latty Park)

For Questions Call : 419-399-3630

or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

US MILITARY AGAINST CHRISTIANS

Most of you know that I feel that I have been charged to write against those things that attack my God or my America. It's my belief that if you attack either, you are attacking both. I don't like speaking against Democrats all the time but in my studies I discovered it was much easier for Satan to work with Democrats than

Republicans. He found them much less likely to believe in God. Right now I don't believe there is a single Christian in any Democrat who you hear speak for their party. One example is their out spoken group of five. Every time they speak, it is 100% against our Christian based America. They don't mind living here and making money here but deep inside I believe they hate everyone of us who believes in God. There are many religions in this world and each with its own God. Here is one fact that they can understand or accept only Christianity has proof there is a God. He was here on earth with the name Jesus. If you can't believe this, just read the Bible. He performed miracle after miracle. Jesus healed the deaf, blind, crippled and you name it. Jesus even brought the dead back to life and He even returned to life after he was killed. Jesus' return was witnessed by 500 people. No other religion on earth can make that claim. All they have is "hear-say", which doesn't say much in their favor. You can't say any part of the Bible isn't true and still believe that you are a Christian. It doesn't work that way. You must accept it all to be a Christian. We've had many opportunities in the past 60-70 years to wake-up but I know that most have not. That group has to have things pounded into them and I doubt that they get it even then. The first visible act of anti-Americanism came in 1963 when Democrat's forbid "school prayer" and thus starting the weaponization of stu-

dents against their parents. In my 1950's we respected our parents and other adults, especially our teachers. Since 1963, Democrats have been responsible for every anti -moral, anti-God ruling that has lowered America in the eyes of our world and I also believe in God's eyes. After all, God did say that only a few will reach Heaven. The majority will rest in Hell with Satan. One of the evils going on today started with the Obama-Biden administration. One of those two was a strong evil that had no use or love for God, Christians or Jews. The other was/is nothing but a puppet under blind control. Obama was able to destroy our place in this world and our military because Republicans were not united and strong enough to stand against these Satan Democrats. Biden is also working to destroy our military and America. You had best research his 200 executive orders. I say you are wrong if you think Obama-Biden are not responsible for the anti-Christian move taking place, our high cost of living and general decline on every front. Right now I want to relate an experience I had in Bryan on 7-19-23. I just left Our Daily Bread and found my car blocked in while someone was trying to load a stalled trucks on to a trailer. As I waited I talked with the truck driver. During that time he said he turned 71 in June, I replied that I just turned 87 this month. He asked me what day and I said the 3rd. He came back that he was in S. Carolina on the 3rd to pick up his son who had just finished his tour of duty with our navy. It's what came next that disturbed me, but also backed up what I've said before. His son said they are making it too rough on Christians. We don't stand a chance for anything. Promotions are out they don't want us. That's right folks. I've read stories of our military treating Christians like trash. They all have the same story about our military ripped them off - much like a skunk trying to get into your home, totally not wanted. Do you think their reason for not wanting Christians in the military is because they plan to use our military against us like Hitler did or like Russia and China do now? Obama and Biden's goal, as I see it, was/is to make it a

crime for Christian service members and their Chaplains to share their faith, especially when someone needs a lift. Stick around for my next letter on this, because our liberal factions are all about total destruction of our way of life. My letter is about a single navy officer who chose to bring this illegal injustice to our attention. God Bless You All. —Richard Mastin Hicksville, OH

WORKPLACE INSURANCE IS A WELCOME BENEFIT, BUT IT MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY



If your workplace offers life insurance at a low cost (or no cost) to you, you may assume it provides sufficient coverage for your family—and not bother to give the subject a second thought. According to the 2021 Insurance Barometer study, 57% of U.S. workers rely on their workplace for life insurance.(1) But you owe it to yourself, and your family, to make a careful assessment. You may find that the coverage offered by your employer, welcome as it is, won't actually cover your family's future needs. Here's how to figure out whether your employer offers adequate coverage for you: First, find out how much coverage is offered. Your workplace's group life insurance may be included in your benefits package—and you may be automatically enrolled—which makes it very convenient. However, it's worthwhile to do a careful review of the coverage. The amount your employer offers may start at \$25,000 and range up to your annual salary. And it probably will not take care of your life insurance needs. Second, assess your family's long-term needs. Once you get married—or if you have dependents—you will probably want to increase your coverage. So that \$25,000 policy may not seem like much once you sit down to do the math and figure out your needs five, 10, or 20 years down the line. You'll probably want to make sure there's enough coverage to pay off a mortgage, send your kids to college, or help your spouse comfortably retire. (It is often recommended that insurance coverage be five to 10 times your annual salary.) Even if you're single, the group policy through your

workplace may not be enough after you consider the potential total of your final expenses. Furthermore, if you have a co-signer for a mortgage, car loan, or student loans, remember that the burden will probably rest with your co-signer should something happen to you.(2) What happens if you change jobs? Long gone are the days when people expected to stay at the same job for 30 years. A study from IBM's Institute for Business Value found that 1 in 5 employees voluntarily changed employers in 2021 (3) But if you job hop, you'll lose your workplace insurance when you leave the company. And while you may be able to convert the group life insurance policy from your old employer into an individual policy, the cost of that coverage could go up significantly. Look into options to supplement your coverage. If you find your employer's group life to be insufficient, you may want to add supplemental coverage. Concerned that you can't afford it? According to LIMRA, more than half of Americans estimate that life insurance will cost three times as much as it actually does.4 You'll need to balance your family's needs with the cost of insurance. But if you look into your options for a supplemental policy, you may find that life insurance is more affordable than you think. This educational third-party article is provided as a courtesy by Anthony E. Marlin, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company and a Registered Representative of NYLIFE Securities LLC (member FINRA, SIPC), a Licensed Insurance Agency and New York Life Company, Marlin & Associates Financial Services, 100 East Jackson, Paulding, Ohio 45879. To learn more about the information or topics discussed, please contact Anthony E. Marlin at 260-704-3272.

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ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties for the week of August 21, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:
U.S. 24 PROJECTS
U.S. 24 eastbound at the bridge over Krouse Road will be restricted to the right lane for pavement repairs.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
Detour: CR 424 to The Bend Road to SR 18, back to U.S. 127.

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

U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood closed on June 9 for approximately five months for a storm sewer project that includes new catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, and gutter. Local traffic will be maintained. The project is utilizing the detour already in place for the bridge replacement project over the Maumee River just south of the village.

PAULDING COUNTY:
State Route 66 between the community of Mandale and County Road 60 will be restricted to one lane at times for tile work.

PUTNAM COUNTY:
State Route 12 just east of State Route 115 will close on Monday, Sept. 11, for approximately 11 days for a culvert

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- OHIO LOCATIONS**
Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows
Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart
Charloe: Charloe Store
Chantrel: Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
Defiance: Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
Edgerton: Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
Grover Hill: N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices
Key: Marathon
Oakwood: Oakwood Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree
INDIANA LOCATIONS
Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
Grabill: Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
Harlan: Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
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Monroeville: Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
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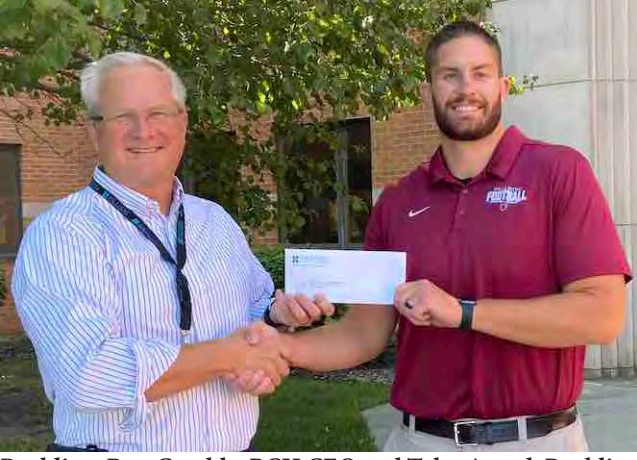
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Paulding: Ron Goedde, PCH CEO and Tyler Arend, Paulding Athletic Director



Jennifer Rust, Wayne Trace Athletic Department Administrative Assistant; Jim Linder, Wayne Trace Athletic Director; Ron Goedde, PCH CEO

Paulding County Hospital donates back to all three area schools. Antwerp, Paulding and Wayne Trace schools all received a donation to their athletic departments from Paulding County Hospital within the past few weeks.

In the spring, Paulding County Hospital offered sports physicals to local athletes during the school day. Sports physicals were performed at all three county schools by Paulding County Hospital providers and staff.

The cost per athlete was \$15.00. With the approval of PCH Administration and the Board of Directors, Paulding County Hospital was able to donate every dollar collected for the sports physicals performed back to each school's athletic department.

Participating in school-related sports is a great way for youth to stay fit, have fun, all while developing school and community spirit. Paulding County Hospital was happy to be able to play a role in this process and give back to these worthy programs. We wish the very best to all of our Paulding County athletes this coming season!

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GOLF IN REVIEW

Boys Golf at Pleasant Valley Golf Course, Payne

Van Wert (157) - Keaton Foster 35, Brock Stoller 40, Griff McCracken 40, Z. Stoller 42, Sam Houg 44, Hayden Dowler 54

Wayne Trace (159) - Brody Rosswurm 37, Connor Davis 38, Kyle Sutton 39, Jared Varner 45, Tyson Gerber 50, Caden Tumblin 52

Boys Golf at Pond-A-River Golf Course

Crestview (157) - Mathew Dealey 33, Brady Petrie 39, Trey Skelton 42, Logan Schlemmer 43

Antwerp (171) - Braylan Moreno 36, Zaine McMichael 42, Draven Baumert 46, Griffin Kosch 47

Edon (261) - Oberlin 58, Siebenaler 64, Hickman 67, Vollmer 72

Boys Golf at Eagle Rock Golf Course

Tinora (170) - Aiden Rittenhouse 38, B.J. Morlock 39, Parker Hancock 45, Grayson DeLarber 48, Ryder Backhaus 49, Mason McQuillen 53

Paulding (198) - Max Stork 48, Nick Hatcher 49, Aiden Miller 49, Nico Stahl 52, Xander Schwab 59, Austen Kinder 61, Delaney Dachenhaus 62, Karter Spears 64

RAIDERS COME UP SHORT TO VW

Despite three players posting scores in the 30's, host Wayne Trace came up two shots short of a win over visiting Van Wert as the Cougars recorded a 157-159 win over the Raiders at Pleasant Valley Golf Course Tuesday.

Brody Rosswurm (37), Connor Davis (38) and Kyle Sutton (39) all carded rounds under 40 for the Raiders with Jared Varner adding a 45 and Tyson Gerber chipped in a 50. Caden Tumblin also had a 52 for the red, white and blue.

Van Wert was paced by Keaton Foster with a 35 while Griff McCracken and Brock Stoller each totaled a 40. Stoller (42), Sam Houg (44) and Hayden Dowler (54) were the other Cougar players.

DEALEY LIFTS KNIGHTS TO TRI-MATCH WIN

Mathew Dealey carded a 33 and the Crestview Knights recorded a tri-match victory over Antwerp and Edon in boys golf action at Pond-A-

River Golf Course outside of Woodburn.

The Knights totaled a 157 to capture the victory with Antwerp finishing second at 171. Edon picked up the third-place finish with a 261.

Brady Petrie added a 39 for the Van Wert County squad and Trey Skelton posted a 42. Logan Schlemmer also had a 43 for the Knights.

Antwerp was paced by Braylan Moreno with a 36 and Zaine McMichael chipped in a 42. Draven Baumert and Griffin Kosch posted rounds of 46 and 47, respectively.

Oberlin had a 58 to lead the Bombers followed by Siebenaler (64), Hickman (67) and Vollmer (72).

PANTHERS DROP GOLF MATCH TO RAMS

The Paulding boys golf team traveled to Eagle Rock Golf Course on Monday to battle Tinora with the host Rams recording a 170-198 win over the Panthers.

The maroon and white was led by Max Stork with a 48 and the Panthers got 49's by Aiden Miller and Nick Hatcher.

Nico Stahl chipped in a 52 for Paulding followed by Xander Schwab (59), Austen Kinder (61), Delaney Dachenhaus (62) and Karter Spears (64).

Tinora posted a pair of scores under 40 as Aiden Rittenhouse finished with a 38 and B.J. Morlock recorded a 39.

Other scorers for the Defiance County squad were Parker Hancock (45), Grayson DeLarber (48), Ryder Backhaus (49) and Mason McQuillen (53).

CELINA GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL

Team Scores - Minster 378, Parkway 400, Archbold 410, Celina 411, Versailles 430, Wayne Trace 440, Defiance 451, Graham 439, St. Henry 471, Marion Local 502, St. Marys 505, Lincolnview 512, Lima Shawnee 529, Coldwater 572

Minster - Ashlyn Homan 67, Ashley Meyer 91, Star Weigandt 96, Kendyl Bergman 104, Lauren Heitkamp 104

Parkway - Shay Boroff 89, Sarah Sheppard 97, Madison Louth 106, Addyson Leighner 108, Breanna Berry 131

Archbold - Aniyah Copeland 86, Hannah Downing 106, Gabby Rodriguez 108, Brie Grime 110, Bella Chapa 132

Celina - Maddie Fleck 83, Sara Tester 89, Brooke Boucher 117, Maddilyn Brumbaugh 122, Regan Sibert 138

Versailles - Ella Porter 78, Emma Garrison 93, Gabby Dues 117, Danielle Francis 130, Kara Milligan 142

Wayne Trace - Brenna Parker 99, Ella Crosby 103, Raegan McGarvey 105, Tori Young 133, Ryann Jay 138

Defiance - Ava Hesseschwardt 84, Kaylee Harsha 90, Lily Whiteford 118, Lauren Sanford 159

Graham - Zoey Merritt 76, A. Oble 101, Kailey Dowty 118, A. Donnelly 144, H. Lammers 156

St. Henry - Rachel Hartings 113, Ava Watercutter 114, Grace Beyke 117, Lindsay Grieshop 118, L. Rockwell 122

Marion Local - Emma Smith 119, Allison Dirksen 124, Grace Brunswick 129, Audrey Winner 130, Anna

Hemmelgarn 133

St. Marys - Lilleigh Sampson 110, Rilyn McGlothen 128, Ava Klosterman 130, Hannah Jeanneret 137, Taylor Gates 191

Lincolnview - Liz Phillips 109, Paige Dunn 123, Eme Renner 134, Sydney King 146, Lilly Holdgreve 157

Lima Shawnee - Kylie Larimore 112, Rachel Clymer 129, Lucy Wiltsie 137, Claire Bender 151

Coldwater - Madison Bruns 129, Ella Kaiser 131, Lauren Ayers 141, Kate Hemmelgarn 171, Aubrie Davis 186

New Bremen (individuals only) - Abbie Burden 88, Ali Trego 111, Skylar Lochtefeld 117

Wapakoneta (individuals only) - Nicole Rowe 106, Lyla Mayers 119, Laura Miller 137

BULLDOGS POST WIN OVER PATRIOTS, WARRIORS

In a girls golf tri-match at Whispering Creek Golf Club, the New Haven Lady Bulldogs recorded a tri-match win over Heritage and Woodlan.

The Bulldogs totaled a 233 to record the victory while the Patriots carded a 241 and the Warriors finished with a 245.

Raina Alvarez led the way for New Haven with a 55 and Hannah Goodrich recorded a 58. Olivia Long chipped in a 59 followed by Kendyll Zimmerman at 61 and Diana Rhodes with a 68.

Natalie Otte paced Heritage with a 56 followed by Alexis Bremer (59), Aubree Rebeck (60), Olivia Minnich (66), Aubrey Stoll (68), Liz Buuck (69), Natalie Sorg (69) and Lynneah Whitacre (69).

Woodlan got a 58 from Paige Wylie while Sophia Kever and Saige Lipscomb both recorded a 62. Other Warriors players included Taylor Kline (63), Katelynn Severance (63), Olivia Robinson (64), Paige Nuthals (68), Libby Parker (69) and Reese Wylie (69).

PAULDING BOYS GOLF INVITATIONAL

Archbold (307) - Cahle Roth 68, Charlie Jones 73, Grady Short 80, River Ryan 86, Cam Yoder 87

Bryan (319) - Noah Huard 67, Kai Dauber 78, Brayden Hall 80, Jayden Deel 94, Eli Schlade 102

Wayne Trace (322) - Kyle Sutton 67, Brody Rosswurm 81, Connor Davis 86, Jared Varner 88, Caden Tumblin 94

Montpelier (323) - Jaxon Richmond 74, Kenneth Smeltzer 80, Drake Sommer 84, Joel Saneholtz 85, Owen Sommer 89

Wauseon (337) - Mykale Schneider 80, Carter Stuckey 81, Zach Peuhler 83, Gavin Van Dellen 93, Jack Alstaetter 98

Defiance (344) - Brayden Weaver 82, Luke Webb 84, Jaren Honsberger 86, Drew Hoeffel 92, Jackson Hons-

berger 101

Swanton (345) - Mazin Rukieh (74), Adam Lemon (77), Dylan Smigelski 96, Carson Lemons 98, Brady O'Shea 101

Pettisville (349) - Jack Leppelmeier 75, Creighton Aeschliman 89, Caden Bishop 89, Aiden Crawford 96, Gavin Knierim 99

Miller City (357) - Jack Wenzinger 82, Carter Niese 83, Andon Ruhe 90, Jon Wank 102, Myles Kuhlman 104

Patrick Henry (357) - Jaxson Guelde 82, Luke Woods 87, Ian Schwab 87, Noah Robison 101, Chayse Maas 109

Antwerp (361) - Braylan Moreno 78, Zaine McMichael 90, Landon Brewer 95, Draven Baumert 98, Cohen Hitzeman 113

Tinora (368) - B.J. Morlock 81, Aiden Rittenhouse 84, Kolten Snyder 101, Kaiden Massengale 102, Mason McQuillen 104

Paulding (388) - Nick Hatcher 95, Nico Stahl 96, Aiden Miller 98, Max Stork 99, Austen Kinder 99

Fairview (393) - Kasen Kauffman 75, Jack Karzynow 88, Reese Winkler 113, Drew Ford 117, Owen Speiser 121

Liberty Center (419) - Brody Wyckhouse 97, Stone Roth 100, Brayden Like 108, Tony Capretta 114, Drew Hall 143

Holgate (424) - Landyn Engle 97, Chance Ashbaugh 107, Nathan Miller 109, Izzy Resendez 111, Aiden Wagner 114

RAIDERS POST WIN OVER ACES

In a boys Green Meadows Conference dual golf match, visiting Wayne Trace out-shot host Hicksville 160-174 to pick up the victory.

Kyle Sutton took match medalist honors with a 34 to lead the Raider effort while Jared Varner posted a round of 39. Brody Rosswurm chipped in a 43 for the red, white and blue with Connor Davis and Caden Tumblin each recording a 44. Tyson Gerber also had a 50 for Wayne Trace.

Hicksville was paced by Parker Bassett with a 38 and Aiden Pollock added a 43. Brayden Slattery (45), Brandon Silcott (48), Kolton Adams (49) and Noah Harmon (50) completed the Hicksville varsity scores.

In the junior varsity match, Grayson Sutton shot a 41 and Konnor Wannemacher added a 47 to lead Wayne Trace to a 186-246 victory.

Eli Martinez added a 48 for the red, white and blue followed by Ryan Parker (49), Deklyn Schweinsberg (53) and Hayden Holt (62).

Luke Eicher posted a 53 to lead the Aces and Charlie Karacson recorded a 59. Lucas Meerzo (61), Rylan Bassett (73) and Jack Bourgeois (73) rounded out the Hicksville lineup.

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AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY STEPS UP BIG FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AT DEAN'S CHARITY STEER SHOW



Top steer Mook, 4-Her Taylor Barton of Clinton County, and the McSteering All Together Team of Tara Vorst, Marshela McDaniel, Dan Aloï, and Melissa James of McDonald's. (Photo by Ken Chamberlain)

COLUMBUS—Final donations have been tallied and once again, goals were exceeded as \$172,709 was raised by the Dean's Charity Steer Show for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Central Ohio.

Held August 1 at the Ohio State Fair's Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center, the show supported Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio while bringing people together to celebrate communities, agriculture, and children.

The event is focused on youth who benefit from the Ronald McDonald House, as well as the 4-H youth who provide their expertise and supports for the event. 4-H is the youth development program of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) through OSU Extension.

"The Dean's Charity Steer Show was such a special day for us," said Dee Anders, CEO and executive director of the Columbus RMHC. "We are humbled by the outpouring of support from all of the celebrities, media, sponsors, donors, and attendees. The funds raised from this event are transformational for the charity which provides more than 82,000 nights of food and rest to families of seriously ill children."

Located across the street from Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Columbus Ronald McDonald House is undergoing a major expansion, more than doubling the size of the facility. Once com-

pleted in November, it will be the largest Ronald McDonald House in the world.

"I'm very proud of how our community comes together each year to celebrate agriculture and children," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "Our 4-H youth take a lead role with their livestock, while the money raised from our supporters, teams, and donors make a significant difference for families who need to stay near their hospitalized child during one of the most stressful times of their lives."

The charity steer show included 10 teams comprised of a team captain and team champion(s) paired with a 4-H member, and their steer. Everyone donated their time to raise money and compete for bragging rights in front of a large crowd of supporters.

The show's awards and awardees are as follows:

1. Best Steer: Team McSteering All Together - with crossbred steer Mook, 4-Her Taylor Barton of Clinton County, and the McDonald's team of Marshela McDaniel, Dan Aloï, Melissa James, and Tara Vorst.

2. Showmanship Award: Team Burrow 4 the House - with steer Joe Burrow, 4-Her Connor Youchum of Highland County; and the NBC4 Columbus anchor team of Matt Barnes, Monica Day, McKenna King, and Kristine Varkony.

3. Best Dressed: Team Cosmopolitans - with steer Cosmo, 4-Her Emily Scott of Portage County, along with

Tammy Roberts Myers of RE/MAX Apex, Kimberly Flaherty of Washington Prime Group, and Timothy Flaherty of Post House Creative.

4. People's Choice: Team THE Buckeye Mood - with market heifer Tree Trunks, 4-Her Delaney Moore of Fairfield County, along with Melissa Shivers of The Ohio State University and journalist Tracy Townsend of WBNS-10TV.

5. Grand Champion (lead fundraiser): Huntington Green Team - with steer Olson, 4-Her Mason Powell of Morrow County, along with Rich Porrello and Christina Brown of Huntington National Bank and Yolanda Harris of 10TV.

Following the show, a "sale" was held following the same procedures as a typical livestock sale, but without the actual transfer of livestock. Instead, all bids and sale proceeds were donated to RMHC of Central Ohio.

The 10 4-H youth and their families who participated in the 2023 show represented the counties and Ohio 4-H youth development programs of Clinton, Darke, Defiance, Fairfield, Highland, Morrow, Portage, Seneca, Stark, and Warren.

"Premiere Exhibitor" donors, who each donated \$10,000 or more, include Huntington National Bank; Columbus Crew; the Telhio Credit Union; Ricart Automotive; Nationwide; and Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State CFAES. Money came from 312 donors with gifts ranging from \$10 to \$18,000.

The Dean's Charity Steer Show, which has raised \$571,867 to date, is coordinated by Ohio State CFAES, the Telhio Credit Union, and the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, and is held in partnership with the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair.

OTTAWA HILLS CAPTURES TITLE AT KALIDA INVITE

Twenty-three boys golf teams made the trip to Moose Landing Country Club outside of Ottawa with Ottawa Hills capturing the championship on Wednesday.

Ottawa Hills carded a 303 to claim the title while Ottoville finished second at 329 and Lima Bath placed third with a 336.

Coldwater took fourth at 337 with Ottawa Glandorf (339), Bryan (339), Napoleon (340), Miller City (341), Kalida (342) and Van Wert (344) completed the top ten schools.

The remainder of the participating teams included Pettisville (349), Lima Shawnee (351), Berea Midpark (363), Delphos Jefferson (364), Pandora Gilboa (366), Defiance (372), Tinora (375), Paulding (389), Ayersville (390), Allen East (391), Elida (423) and Arlington (483).

Michael Turnwald led Ottoville with a 77 while Tyler Heckman paced Ottawa Glandorf with an 82. Noah Huard recorded a 72 to lead Bryan and Gavin Vennkottler carded an 80 for Miller City.

Kalida's top golfer was Connor Nartker with a 74 and Sam Houg posted an 81 to lead Van Wert.

Isaac Gallmeier finished with a 78 in pacing Delphos Jefferson while Jaron Hansberger carded an 86 for Defiance. Aiden Rittenhouse and B.J. Morlock each shot an 85 in topping the Tinora effort.

Aiden Miller had a 94 to lead the way for Paulding followed by Nico Stahl (95), Austen Kinder (99), Max Stork (101) and Nick Hatcher (123).

Logan Schroeder led the way for Ayersville with an 86.

LAVIN LEADS WILDCATS TO WIN

Paulding and Napoleon hooked up in a boys golf dual match at Auglaize Golf Course on Friday with the visiting Wildcats recording a 160-199 victory.

The Henry County squad was led by Alex Lavin with a 34 and Brennan Babcock chipped in a 37 for Napoleon.

Rounding out the Wildcat lineup were Cohen Ford (44), Brock Bockelman (45), Sean Lavin (47), Zayne Schwiebert (48), Carter Brown (50), Alex Schlosser (56) and Alex Wachtman (70).

Austen Kinder recorded to pace Paulding with a 47 while Max Stork and Aiden Miller chipped in a 50 each.

Nico Stahl also had a 52 for the Panthers followed by Delaney Dachenhaus (52), Nick Hatcher (56), Xander Schwab (64) and Karter Spears (74).

WT WINS TRI-MATCH

The Lincolnview Lady Lancers hosted Lima Shawnee and Wayne Trace in a girls golf tri-match at Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert Wednesday with the Lady Raiders taking first place.

Wayne Trace recorded a score of 219 to win the match over the Lancers (239) and Indians (262).

Medalist honors for the match went to the Lady Raiders' Ella Crosby, who recorded a score of 50. Logen Bland (54), Raegan McGarvey (57), Brenna Parker (58), Keegan Hohman (60) and Olivia Baughman (70) were the other red, white and blue players.

Liz Phillips took low score honors for Lincolnview at 57 followed by Paige Dunn (59), Eme Renner (59), Sydney King (64), Grace Custer (67) and Lilly Holdgreve (75).

Lima Shawnee included Kylie Larimore (63), Lucy Wiltsie (64), Kaley Cottrell (67), Rachel Clymer (68), Claire Bender (70) and Lila Malcom (74).

PRIESTAP SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Kim Priestap (Regional Director, Ohio Attorney General) as the guest speaker at the August 10, 2023, club meeting. Kim came at the invitation of Corey Walker (Director, Paulding County Carnegie Library). Kim spoke to the Kiwanians about the initiative of Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General.

WT TAKES TRI MATCH OVER ACES, PANTHERS

In a boys golf tri match at Auglaize Golf Course, Wayne Trace totaled a 159 to get past second place Hicksville (183) and third place Paulding (206).

The red, white and blue's Kyle Sutton took match medalist honors with a 35 with teammate Brody Rosswurm finishing the round with a 39. Aidan Pollick totaled a 45 to pace Hicksville with Austen Kinder recording a 46 to lead Paulding.

Other Raider scorers were Connor Davis (42), Jared

Varner (43), Caden Tumbler (45), Grayson Sutton (48), Tyson Gerber (51) and Connor Wannemacher (56).

The trio of Parker Bassett, Brayden Slattery and Kolton Adams all had 46's for Hicksville while Brandon Silcott and Luke Eicher finished with a 53 apiece. Charlie Karacson and Noah Harmon added scores of 58 and 62, respectively, for the Aces.

Aiden Miller aided the Panther cause with a 51 followed by Max Stork (53), Delaney Dachenhaus (55), Nico Stahl (56), Nick Hatcher (58), Xander Schwab (64) and Karter Spears (65).

PAULDING RESIDENT NAMED TO MIAA ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) has announced the recipients of the 2022-23 MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

In total, 273 individual student-athletes at Trine University were recognized by the MIAA on the 2022-23 Academic Honor Roll, the most of any league schools. Student-athletes must reach a 3.5 grade-point average for the academic year and earn a varsity letter in an MIAA-sponsored sport to be eligible.

Chelsi Giesige of Paulding was among those honored. Giesige is part of the women's basketball team at Trine and is majoring in Finance.

Trine University, an inter-

nationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of Business, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Brooks College of Health Professions, Franks School of Education, Jannen School of Arts & Sciences and Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences. Trine is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and offers 37 intercollegiate sports, 27 of which compete in NCAA Division III. Trine operates a 450-acre campus in Angola, Indiana, and the College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with education centers in Detroit, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona, and programs available worldwide through TrineOnline.

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THE LEFT TURN



Brandon Paskan battles Ryan Okuley in a Compact Heat Race at Oakshade Raceway. *Charlie Orns Photo*



#57 Kyle Larson wins the Knoxville Nationals. *Action Photos Ohio*



Cory Harmon gets the Outlaw Late Model Figure 8 victory. *Kylie Ann Photography*

By: Ron Burt

Kyle Larson picked up his 2nd Knoxville Nationals win for Outlaw winged 410 sprint cars. This year was the 62nd NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's. Larson led all 50 laps and pocketed \$185,000.00 in the prestigious race. Some would say that's an amazing victory. No, David Gravel was amazing. Gravel started 22nd in the feature and by lap-50 worked his way through the field to finish 2nd. It was an unbelievable performance. I'm not in any way taking anything away from Larson, he's a natural in the sport of racing. Many times, even racing

against the best in the sport, he makes it look easy weaving his way through traffic and working his way to the front. Donny Schatz came in 3rd followed by Gio Scelzi, Carson Macedo and Brad Sweet. Twenty-four cars started the feature in the grand daddy of all sprint car races. Teams make the annual trip to Knoxville every year to spend a week of racing as the number of cars are weeded down to the best after a series of races. Chase Randall Won the JETCO Rookie of the Year with his 13th place finish in the A Main, he started outside row 7. Winners of the Preliminary Events for the 62nd an-

nual NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's were, E Main: Brooke Tatnell, D Main: Lachlan McHugh, C Main: Lynton Jeffrey, and B Main: Justin Peck. 78 cars from 3 countries entered this year's Knoxville Nationals.

It was announced Saturday night at Waynesfield, this show replaced the original Aug. 26 date. There were many thoughts behind the move, including the local fairs, etc. The next event will be September 16.

Indianapolis Speedrome won over mother nature and "Big C" Cory Harmon a Louisville driver won Saturday's Brown's Oil Service 50-lap Late Model Figure 8. It was his second straight weekend winning. He captured the Outlaw Figure 8 victory the previous week at the Sportsdrome Speedway. Rounding out the top 5, 2nd Doug Greig, 3rd Ben Tunny, 4th Mike Riddle Jr, and 5th. Tim Logue. 21 cars started the feature.

In Wauseon, four-time Oakshade Raceway UMP Late Model track champion Devin Shiels has been on top of the points standings the past few weeks but had yet to find the checkered flag this season. Saturday night, that changed. Shiels finally earned his first feature win of the season and increased his point lead with only two weeks before season championship night. It wasn't easy Joel Morton led the first eight laps. Shiels took the lead on lap 9. He then pulled out to a big lead until a couple of late cautions that tightened the field back up. The last came out with five laps to go and Rusty Schlenk restarted second. Schlenk couldn't challenge for the lead and Shiels went on to pick up the checkered flag. Schlenk settled for second followed by Terry Rushlow, Colin Shipley, and Rusty Smith. In Sportsman action the feature was won by Defiance's Josh Robertson his fifth feature win of the season and increased his point advantage over Carter Schlenk to 21. For the second week in a row, the Dominator Super Stock A Main has produced another first-time winner. John Lonabarger from Pioneer. In the Compacts Eric Carr, from Wauseon, increased his point lead in the Compact division after picking up his third A Main win of the season.

Last Tuesday in the High Limit Sprint Car Series, Rico Abreu won the A-Main in Huset's Speedway as the series visited Brandon SD. Micheal Kofoid took 2nd and Robbie Price was 3rd. Next up \$50,000.00 on the line as the series heads to Lernerville Speedway PA.

Remember to keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

HALLERCOLVIN PC ANNOUNCES BEST LAWYERS AWARDS

Hallercolvin PC is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were listed in the 2023 Edition of The Best



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HallerColvin PC is also pleased to announce that the following attorneys were selected for the 2023 Indiana

Super Lawyers list:

Sherrill Wm. Colvin

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The following attorney was selected for the 2023 Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Stars list:

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FEIGNER NAMED LAWYER OF THE YEAR



John O. Feighner

HallerColvin PC is pleased to announce that John O. Feighner was voted the 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs in the 2024 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury indicted (17) persons on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Mark Allen Johnson (9/28/1960), Antwerp, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

William Joseph Hale (3/4/1980), Cloverdale, OH; Maintaining a junk yard, UM; Open burning or open dumping of solid waste, UF

Donald D. Henman (3/18/1961), Paulding, OH; Strangulation, F5; Assault, M1

Joshua Christopher Lee Williams (8/6/202), Harrison, MI; Assault, F5

Thomas Roger Mosley (5/23/1988), Cecil, OH; Assault, F4; Resisting arrest, M1

Christopher Lynn Smith (9/11/1979), Paulding, OH; Theft, F5; Theft from a person in a protective class, F5; Theft, F4

Kameron William Forrer (2/27/2000), Paulding, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Jeffrey James Budd (1/18/1992), Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence, F4

Gary R. Hough (10/8/1971), Van Wert, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5

Robert Louis White (5/9/1964), Akron, OH; Grand theft of a motor vehi-

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Zachary J. Branham (7/18/1999), Oakwood, OH; Oakwood, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5
Steven E. Egnor (11/24/1974), Paulding, OH; Nonsupport of dependants (2 counts), F5
Malachi Julio Trejo (11/2/1999), Ottawa, OH; Trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present, F4
John Ray Fulk (9/24/1958), Paulding, OH; Failure to provide notice of change of address, F3
Brandon D. Kunkle (6/6/1984), Paulding, OH; Nonsupport of defendants (2 counts), F5
Kaleb James Glatt (9/1/1994), Bluffton, IN; Aggravated possession of drugs, F2; Having weapons while under disability, F3; Receiving stolen property, F4; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Breaking and entering, F5 (Specification for forfeiture of property); Possessing criminal tools, F5; Breaking and entering, F5
Robert L. Leslie (3/16/1987), Fort Wayne, IN; Breaking and entering, F5

Christina S. Burk, Cecil, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
Christopher L. Smith, Paulding, OH; Theft (3 counts) Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Jeffrey J. Budd, Oakwood, OH; Domestic violence; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Malachi J. Budd, Ottawa, OH; Burglary; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
John R. Fulk, Paulding, OH; Notice of address change; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Jacqueline K. Johnson, Paulding, OH; Failure to control, Filed as double ticket, Case dismissed; Failure to control, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant
David Esparza, Cecil, OH; Aggravated menacing, Count A dismissed; Aggravated menacing, Pled no contest found guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Maintain general good behavior, Placed on standard probation, No unlawful contact with victims, Mental health evaluation and treatment, Report to probation 8/15/23 by noon
Collin M. Gee, Paulding, OH; No motorcycle license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
Jameson M. Waterbury, Clarkston, MI; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Norman Esparza, Cecil, OH; Following too close; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Jacob T. Winterrowd, Arcanum, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant



PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL PEDESTRIAN CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred on August 17, 2023, at approximately 10:39 p.m. The crash occurred on State Route 2 near milepost 14 in Springfield Township, Williams County, Ohio.

Wyatt D. Short, age 21, of Stryker, Ohio, was driving a 2007 Cadillac STS northbound on State Route 2 when he struck the pedestrian that was in the roadway. The pedestrian was then struck a second time by a 2013 Ford Transit Connect that was driven by Devin L. Wendorf, age 24, of Montpelier, Ohio. Mr. Wendorf was also driving northbound on State Route 2. Neither Mr. Short, nor Mr. Wendorf were injured, and the pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene.

State Route 2 was closed for approximately three hours. The Patrol was assisted by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Stryker Police Department, Williams County EMS, and Stryker Fire Department.

The identity of the pedestrian remains unknown, and the crash remains under investigation. Anyone with any information regarding this crash, or with information regarding the identity of the pedestrian, is encouraged to call the Ohio State Highway Patrol at (419) 784-0063.

UPDATE: The deceased pedestrian has been identified as Taylor-Edward Sapalo Barber, age 20, of Stryker, Ohio. The crash still remains under investigation.

Swanton Township, Lucas County. The crash occurred today, August 17, 2023, at 05:03 AM.

Unit #1 was a 2016 Kenworth semi triple trailer driven by Adam Leech, 39, from Muirfield Dr. Toledo. Unit #1 was slowing for traffic ahead in the right lane.

Unit #2 was a red 2018 Volvo semi-tractor with single trailer, driven by Sanbir Singh, 26, from Tracy, California.

Unit #2 was Westbound on the Ohio Turnpike and failed to maintain assured cleared distance ahead. Unit #2 rear-ended #1, causing both commercial vehicles to go off the right side of the roadway and overturn onto the berm.

The driver of Unit #1 sustained minor injuries and was not transported. The driver and passenger, Akesh Singh, 31, from Edison, California, from unit #2 were transported to University of Toledo Medical College with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries by Swanton Township EMS and Lucas County Life Squad.

The driver of unit #2 was cited for not maintaining assured clear distance ahead and the Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by Ohio Turnpike Maintenance, Swanton Township Fire and EMS, Lucas County Life Squad, and Bubba's Towing. Drugs and alcohol were not a factor and both drivers were wearing their safety belts. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to pay attention on the roadways and be prepared for slower traffic around construction zones.

The Ohio Turnpike, Westbound from exit 52 to MP50 is being maintained with the left lane open until the cleanup is complete.

MINTER NAMED AS FIELD SPECIALIST, SPECIALTY CROPS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS AT OHIO STATE

Logan Minter has been hired as field specialist, specialty crops production systems, for Ohio State University Extension in The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Minter, who previously worked as an associate professor of biology at Shawnee

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"



Specialty crops as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture include fruits, vegetables, nuts, nursery crops, flowers, and other horticultural crops. Minter will address several priority production issues such as pest control, disease management, production methods, organization systems, and breeding and varietal trials of new cultivars.

State University, began his new position August 1, said Jacqueline Kirby Wilkins, associate dean and director, OSU Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES.

"We are very pleased to welcome Logan to a leadership role within our specialty crops team of professionals at Piketon and OSU Extension across the state, as well as with other departments within CFAES and colleges at Ohio State," said Tom Worley, director at OSU South Centers, where Minter will be based. "Logan is widely experienced with specialty crops, both from a farming and research perspective."

"In this new role, Logan will provide overall leadership for a comprehensive outreach, applied research, and teaching agenda for Extension's statewide agriculture and natural resources program," Wilkins said. "Logan's work with specialty crops will be relevant to Extension professionals, growers, industry contacts, and other Extension clientele throughout Ohio."

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PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Cage A. Keysor, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Tyler S. Burch, Jackson Center, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Tami L. Kamphaus, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Branden D. Kline, Haviland, OH; Child restraint; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and cost

TWO COMMERCIAL INJURY CRASH ON I80 MP51

The Swanton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol handled a two commercial injury crash on the Ohio Turnpike, Westbound near MP51,

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installation project.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
 Detour: SR 115 to U.S. 30 to SR 65, back to SR 12.

State Route 190 between Allen County Line and the village of Ft. Jennings will be restricted to one lane with temporary traffic signals on Monday, Aug. 21, for pavement repairs.

State Route 694 between State Route 115 and the village of Glandorf will be restricted to one lane with flaggers on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 22-23, for pavement repairs.

State Route 694 between State Route 114 and State Route 115 will be restricted to one lane with flaggers on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24-25, for pavement repairs.

State Route 694 between State Route 114 and State Route 115 is open following a closure for a culvert replacement.

State Route 696 between Allen County Line and State Route 12 will be restricted to one lane with a temporary traffic signal on Friday, Aug.

18, for pavement repairs.

VAN WERT COUNTY:
 U.S. 224 PROJECTS

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

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

U.S. 224 between State Route 637 and Dog Creek Road will have lane or shoulder closures for ditch cleaning.

U.S. 224 between State Route 637 and Dog Creek Road will have lane or shoulder closures for ditch cleaning.

State Route 66, just south of Blockberger Road, is open following a closure for a culvert replacement.

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ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE ANTWERP EXCHANGE BANK COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
TERRY L. GARLAND, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 042
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

5024 Road 33, Payne
Parcel Number: 03-10S-025-00

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty-three Thousand and No/100 (\$33,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the September 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on September 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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

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

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the 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
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 Brian S. Gorrell, Attorney for Plaintiff

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

THE STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
RONALD E. GOODWIN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 162
 Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

12261 Road 224, Cecil,
Parcel Number: 13-12S-010-04

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

Said premises appraised at Thirty-six Thousand and No/100 (\$36,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the August 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line 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, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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 James A. Hammer, Attorney for Plaintiff

BRYAN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS RECEIVE DONATION FROM PREMIER BANK



Pictured left to right: Front Row: Jim Williams, EVP, Northern Market President, Premier Bank; Tammy Chmielewski, AVP, Branch Manager, Premier Bank Bryan office; Jack Fee, VP, Mortgage Loan Officer, Premier Bank; Tasha Muehlfeld, Secretary, Bryan City School District and Kristy Longoria, Relationship Banker, Premier Bank Bryan office; Back Row: Ty Otto, VP, Commercial Lender, Premier Bank; Kim Bassett, Counselor, Bryan High School and Dave Batt, Committee Member, Bryan Athletic Boosters

Premier Bank recently donated a check to the Bryan Athletic Boosters for \$10,000. The funds will be used to renovate and upgrade the current Bryan Golden Bear stadium, and address the need to improve some of the facilities utilized by all ages in the recreation park and former Washington School land.

"This donation, as well as partnerships with organizations like Premier Bank, allow us to provide the finest facili-

ties and highest level of excellence for our student-athletes, athletic programs, and beyond," explained Jason Brown, Vice President, Bryan Athletic Boosters. "We are truly grateful to our loyal alumni, community members, family, friends, and corporate contributors over the years for their continued support of our projects!"

"We are proud to support the Bryan Athletic Boosters through this capital improve-

ment project! Soon, student athletes and the local community will have access to state of the art facilities," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make the Bryan community stronger!"

For more information regarding the Bryan Booster Club, please call 419-553-6054 or visit BryanAthleticBoosters.com*.

Alexander (Alex); Cano, Saulvin; Chaney, Zoey; Daniels, Alaina; Etter, Audrey; Halter, Molly; Leatherman, Wyatt; Leidigh, Sophia; Noyda-Herrera, Johann; Parks, Remington (Remy); Quevedo-Jacome, Renata; Sheaks, Carter; Smith, Lexis; West, Maxwell (Max)

Mrs. Hahn: Brennan Weichart, Kamden Laney

5TH GRADE

Mrs. Kylee Limber (5A): Boroff, Cooper; Clifford, Tyberious (Ty); Coleman, Noah; Gibson, Corbin; Haynes, Raelyn; Manz, Connor; Miller, Adalyn; Parrett, Janae

Mrs. Emily Siefker (5B): Adkins, Zeke; Ashbaugh, Ryland; Baker, Leah; Bartley, Brexlyn; Branham, Bentley; Bidlack, Annabell; Foor, Kalliope; Loop, Aryah; Porter, Grayson; Riethman, Lucy; Rohda, Elliot; Schlatter, Olivia; Snyder, Morgan; Stewart, Coal; Swanson, Brantlee; Lydon, Brody; Naugle, Carter; Pack, Kaylee; Ramey, Lucas (Luke); Riethman, Logan; Spangler, Lucy; Steffes, Rylee; Thomas, Gavin

6TH GRADE

Ms. AmyJo Brimmer (6A): Bernal, Lauryn; Biliti, Bristol; Boroff, Kimber; Bradford, Finnegan (Finn); Buckler, Legend; Davis, Mya; Durham, Madison; Eitniear, Blane; Kauser, Bralen; Krabill, Brandon; Lewis, Miranda; Manz, Symon; Manz, Weston; Martinez, Nicholas (Nick) Mason, Addileigh (Addi); Nunez, Xavier; Ordway, Adalynn (Addy); Ramey, Gage; Thome, Oliver; Weible, Mason

USDA INVESTS NEARLY \$30 MILLION TO BOOST SCHOOL NUTRITION IN 264 SMALL & RURAL COMMUNITIES

As part of a cooperative agreement to develop and implement the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative, Action for Healthy Kids today announced that it is awarding nearly \$30 million in subgrants to 264 school districts across 44 states and the District of Columbia, reaching students in some of our nation's highest need schools. These funds are being provided by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

"Students in every community deserve access to healthy and nutritious meals," said USDA Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres Small. "Today's announcement demonstrates the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to creat-

ing healthier, brighter futures for our children. With these funds, small and rural school districts will be able to modernize their operations and provide more nutritious meals, helping students succeed in the classroom and beyond."

Each small and/or rural school district will receive up to \$150,000 to support them in improving the nutritional quality of their meals and modernizing their operations, through efforts which could include:

- Innovative staff training programs;
- Kitchen updates and renovations;
- Redesigning food preparation and service spaces;
- Other school-district led efforts to support school meals and school nutrition professionals.

"When we strengthen school meal quality, we strengthen child health," said USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Stacy Dean. "These grants are the largest targeted investment USDA has ever made for school meal programs in small and rural communities. We want to ensure every child in America has the opportunity to attend a school with high quality, nutritious meals, and this support is a step in that direction."

An online map features the selected school districts and their grant amounts. The map will be updated on a rolling basis as schools formalize their grant agreements.

"Offering healthier school meals is key to helping our nation's kids get the nutrients they need today and for their long-term development," said Action for Healthy Kids CEO Rob Bisceglie. "Through this historic investment in school nutrition, we will help school districts across the country overcome challenges and develop solutions to provide nutritious foods for the children they serve."

USDA and Action for Healthy Kids also recently opened applications for the Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards, which celebrate school districts that have made significant improvements to the nutritional quality of their school meals. All school districts in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands are invited to apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis

through June 30, 2025.

School districts that meet Recognition Award criteria will receive benefits such as national and local recognition; travel stipends to attend a national Healthy Meals Summit; access to diverse best practices, training activities; and more.

Action for Healthy Kids will manage the grants to school districts, Recognition Awards, and Healthy Meals Summits with the support of The Chef Ann Foundation and Rocky Mountain Center for Health Promotion and Education.

USDA's Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative also includes the School Food System Transformation Challenge Grants, which aim to support innovation in the school meals market by increasing collaboration between schools, food producers and suppliers, and other partners. Applications for the Challenge Grants are expected to open in late 2023 or early 2024.

To learn more about other resources USDA provides to strengthen school meal programs, visit the USDA Support for School Meals webpage.

FNS works to end hunger and improve food and nutrition security through a suite of 16 nutrition assistance programs, such as the National School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs, the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Together, these programs serve 1 in 4 Americans over the course of a year, promoting consistent and equitable access to healthy, safe, and affordable food essential to optimal health and well-being. FNS also provides science-based nutrition recommendations through the co-development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Action for Healthy Kids is dedicated to improving children's health and well-being by bringing together and mobilizing educators, families, and other key stakeholders to help children lead healthy lives. Through its core programming and family-school partnerships, AFHK has impacted more than 20 million children in 55,000 schools nationwide to address systemic challenges in underserved communities. To learn more about its growing network of volunteers and champions, visit www.actionforhealthykids.org.

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY CLASS LIST FOR 2023/24

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Jamie Roehrig (KA): Virgil Corral, Gabe Kisor, Jaxson Knapp, Aurora Luginbill, Colten Rau, Dominic Richards, Dallas Schlatter, Slade Schlegel, Allie Stork, Myrah Troyer, Paisley Varner, Savannah Wagner, Karter Walters, Emersyn Wolford,

Landon Zeedyk

Mrs. Kylee Miller (KB): Kaeson Alvarado, Ayvriella Barajas, Aurora Bullinger, Tobias Daenens, Oliver Havert, Eeva Johnson, Preston Lambert, Sadie Manz, Chloe (Gaby) Martinez, Gemma Myers, Jimmie Pumphrey, Jeremiah Schlatter, Bentley Scott, Ivan Stewart, Laikynn Sweet, Christopher Thacker Moore

Mrs. Bethany Niese (KC): Wyatt Bassler, Jaxson Courtney, Barrett Damman, Carson Fraley, Ary Hernandez, Sabrina Lane, Ethan Mason, Montana May, Maximo Nunez, Cohen Sherry, Norah Vanclave, Scarlett Vannier

Mrs. Hahn: Zendaya Bullinger, Eric Thomas

1ST GRADE:
Mrs. Caroline Arend (1A): Adkins, Zack; Bernal, Kyleigh; Blockberger, Evan; Brown, Hudson; Chaney, Hayden; Collard, Natalie; Etter, Coal; Gamble, Emerson; Lambert, Colton; Landwehr, Aviana; Long, Braelynn; Martinez, Mason; Okang, Adalynn; Okang, Emmelynn; Osting, Macklen; Posey, Zane; Snyder, Grace; Thomas, Cora; Thomas, Aiden; Vorlicky, Landen

Mrs. Jennifer Miller (1B): Beau, Rylan; Breckler, Axl; Carlisle, Izabella (Izzy); Cooper, Bre'Elle; Corral, Dante; Herman-Dix, Amara; Kisor, Avery; Krabill, Leo; Krendl, Teagan; Lambert, Garret; Mohr, Hadley; Pack, Bentley; Parker, Carson; Rivas Moreno, Gael; Rutter, Luke; Schlatter, Jayden; Sherry, McKinley; Stahl, Jakob; Tenwalde, Titus; Tuttle, Jazmine; Zeedyk, Wyatt

2ND GRADE

Ms. Sharyn March (2A): Bradford, Lee; Dunlap, Alexandria (Lexi); Grunden, Lillian; Hanenkart, Josh; Holt, Garrett; Hostettler, Owen; Knapp, Harper; Manz, Calla Manz, Cameron; Manz, Kasha; McClure, Caleb; Mor-

ris, Franklin (Frank); Rohrer, Asher; Schlatter, Daniel; Shirk, Aspynn; Smith, Arianna; Steffes, Owen; Wagner, Henley

Mrs. Debbie Carter (2B): Adkins, Zevy; Burkhardt, Lucia; Fife, Marshall; Hernandez, Aleesy; Hopkins, Isaiah; Krendl, Gwyn; Lambert, Leota; Loop, Avant; Manz, Quintin; Noyola - Herrera, Xavi; Plotts, Remington (Remi); Posey, Rylie; Schlatter, Elena; Shepherd, Jordan; Spangler, Lillian (Lilly); Taylor, Evan; Thomas, Kiersten; Wagner, Haven; Witchey, Briar

3RD GRADE

Mrs. Beth Thornell (3A): Barnes, Maleek; Branham, Chloe; Bullinger, Damian; Collard, Luke; DuCheney, Tatum; Foor, Kash; Fraley, Jade; Jewell, Maverick; Lee, Madalyn (Maddie); Malosh, Molli; Miler, Harmony; Miller, Hudson; Plotts, Drasin; Porter, Clara; Moreno Rivas, Emiliano; Schlatter, Preston; Stahl, Samuel; Walters, Kallen

Mrs. Erin Schroeder (3B): Beatty, Jericho; Booth, Hunter; Clemens, Addy; Fenter, Aliah; Heath, Bailey; King, Jaxson; Klein, Eli; Lee, Mackenzie (Mack); Manz, Alex; Miller, Lilly; Nunez, Ezequiel (Zeke); Porter, Aden; Rau, Barrett; Rohda, Mallerie; Stahl, River; Stork, Easton; Taylor, Ella; Thomas, Evan; Vannier, Jonathan (Jon)

4TH GRADE

Mrs. Jill Hohlbein (4A): Aguilar, Owen; Blockberger, Kirsten; Coleman, Xavier; Dotson, Ryder; Feeney, Emma; Feliciano-Rosas, Osiris; Hyre, Lydianna (Lydia); Lambert, Brandon; Logan, Forrest; Manz, Kennedy; Manz, Trevor; Martinez, Maggie; Moore, Bentley; Schlatter, Brielle; Schlatter, Isabelle; Schlatter, Joshua (Josh); Tenwalde, Tierney

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in the same day. Our lady is the only one that knows what really happened. The rest of us will simply have to speculate what could have happened. There are a number of things that could have contributed to the accident.

Our Lady begins her story. Killed that day was Marion McBride Jr 42, his wife Katie age 41, and 10 children aged 14 to newborn. One was a baby that was born at the scene. The family lived a mile north of Grabill, and were desperately poor. They drove a 1927 Essex sedan which was given to them by his sister. She gave them the car so he could get to his job with the WPA. They drove to Fort Wayne that day to visit her sister, and probably get a good meal.

The accident happened Friday, January 24, 1936, in the early afternoon. There was a blizzard that day and it was still snowing. At least 6 in of snow. He had called the county highway department and requested help in getting home later that day.

As I said Our Lady is the only one who knows exactly what happened that day. They were hit by a passenger train coming from the south, strewn bodies for half a mile. The car was cut in two and could not be recognized.

One witness said the car was stopped, and another said it was still moving. The engineer said the car was stopped on the tracks. One witness said the windows were fogged over and it was impossible to see out. There is quite a grade at that crossing so the car could have stalled. There was a depot beside the tracks which made it impossible to see toward the South until you were on the tracks.

Something else caused a bit of gossip. The gentleman had stopped at a gas station a block away, and bought 20

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IN WEST BEND NEWS IS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!

cents worth of candy for the children. This seemed unusual as they discovered that there was no food in the house. There were only three beds, in a small shack. Again our lady is the only one that

knows what really happened, and again she is not telling. That weekend 5,000 people, viewed the bodies in open caskets, at the Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne.

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and industry leaders to address specialty crop needs statewide via research, field trials, and securing resources to assist growers and others."

Minter said he looks forward to partnering with Ohio farmers and producers who grow and manage specialty horticultural crops, conducting research in best practices, innovating new ways to deliver educational programs to this unique audience, providing resources, and collaborating with colleagues.

"My primary focus will be working with growers and other stakeholder groups to develop and disseminate sustainable practices to diversity and strengthen the agricultural community of Ohio," Minter said. "I most look forward to exploring new opportunities to efficiently manage natural resources and meet new challenges as they emerge."

Prior to joining OSU Extension, Minter most recently worked as an associate professor of biology at Shawnee State University. He also worked as an instructor and adjunct faculty in several roles, as well as a program director, research assistant, laboratory technician, and naturalist.

Minter joins other OSU Extension field specialists, who each have a particular subject matter focus and provide overall leadership for a comprehensive teaching and applied research program to address statewide issues. Field specialists work to ex-

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pand existing partnerships, develop new relationships, and foster collaborations across the state, including with university researchers, to complement local Extension educators' efforts.

Other topics addressed by Extension field specialists include beef cattle; community economics; agronomic systems; farm management; food, nutrition, and wellness; energy development; manure nutrient management systems; agricultural and resource law; food safety; youth nutrition and wellness; family wellness; ecosystems services; organizational and community leadership development; and dairy management and precision livestock.

"Please join OSU Extension in welcoming Logan Minter to this new field specialist role, which will be vital to the success of Ohio's specialty crop industry," Wilkins said. "His research, outreach, and advocacy on behalf of specialty crop producers will be key to addressing the needs of this large, but often very unique industry.

Buses ran continuously from downtown. At the funeral Tuesday, there were 4,000 in attendance. They were buried in a mass grave at the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The ground was so frozen it took dynamite to open a hole. There were so many people at the grave site, that loved ones had a difficult time pushing through the crowd. There was a 13th victim as the engineer died next the day from a heart attack.

Several of us men at coffee one morning, decided we would like to see the grave. We drove to New Haven, and found the cemetery, but were unable to find the grave. Our lady wouldn't tell us, and it is a huge cemetery. By that time it wasn't important anymore. We'll just have to be content to let the lady watch over her charges in the large cemetery, and keep the secrets of her people.

-James Neuhouser

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CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY TO HOST PROPERTY BLESSING GROUNDBREAKING



At 10:00 a.m. on August 24, the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry will hold a property blessing and groundbreaking for its new building at 318 N. Walnut Street. The general public is welcome to attend along with clients, volunteers, donors, public officials and pantry board members and committees.

Over the past 15 months, the pantry has raised more than 95% of its construction budget through gifts from businesses, families, memorials, churches and community organizations. Hartzog Construction has been selected as the general contractor for the project, and the project is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the mission of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is to engage the local giving community and volunteers to help serve our neighbors and work against food insecurity in Paulding County. It operates solely based on food and financial

donations from the community and with the support of Feeding American and West Ohio Food Bank, of which it is a member.

The new 3,900-square foot building will help the pantry better serve its clients' needs and will include the following features:

- Larger market area and larger stock room
- Check-in area that provides privacy to clients
- Large overhead door and loading area for ease of deliveries
- Client enrichment space for programs and support services
- Future plan for walk-in freezer

The pantry still needs about \$30,000 to reach its goal. Donations can be sent in care of the Paulding County Area Foundation at 101 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

For more information about the pantry, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, follow the Caring & Sharing Food

Pantry on Facebook. You also can contact the pantry, at (419) 399-9562 or info@caring-and-sharing.org.

OHIO EPA ANNOUNCES \$1.4 BILLION IN REQUESTS IN 2024 WATER ASSISTANCE FUND

Ohio EPA recently finalized the 2024 Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAFF) program management plan, which includes more than \$1.4 billion in funding requests. This funding will be used for a record number of infrastructure projects around the state.

The DWAFF provides financial and technical assistance for a variety of projects that help improve or protect the quality of Ohio's drinking water. The 2024 DWAFF program year runs from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Loan funds are available to all applicants that meet program requirements.

The funding for this program year includes:

- Up to \$28.7 million in principal forgiveness for disadvantaged community and regionalization projects.
- \$17 million in principal forgiveness for emerging contaminants (EC) projects with a focus on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) issues.
- Up to \$166 million as combination principal forgiveness and zero percent loans for lead service line (LSL) replacement projects.

In addition to projects identified in the 2024 DWAFF plan, planning and design, Harmful Algal Blooms, LSL, and EC projects may be nominated at any time.

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PEVS WELCOMES NEW EDUCATORS



Pictured here are the new educators at Paulding Exempted Village Schools for the 2023-24 school year. School starts on August 22nd. (L-R): Stephanie Smith, PES Intervention; Cindy Durliat, District Speech Pathologist; Asia Arellano, PES 5th Grade; Katelyn LaFountain, 7th Grade Math; Alli Hefner, OES Preschool; Kate Estle, PES Intervention; Andrea Mead, PHS Phys Ed and Health; Brittany Daeger, PJH Intervention; Kortni Martin, PES Kindergarten; Colton Bennett, 7th Grade English; Sidney Rindler, OES Music; Sydney Price, PES Kindergarten; Robyn Hahn, OES Intervention.

funds in the DWAFF program are proceeds from bond issues, repayments of previously awarded loans, and annual federal capitalization grants. Additional principal forgiveness and/or grant funding from other sources may be available during the program year. More information is available in the highlights section of the program management plan.

Issuance of the final DWAFF 2024 program management plan can be appealed to the Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC). Appeals generally must be filed within 30 days of issuing a final action; therefore, anyone considering filing an appeal

should contact ERAC at (614) 466-8950 for more information.

ANTWERP HS CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

Antwerp High School Class of 1978 will celebrate their 45th class reunion on September 16th at the Barry Delong Residence beginning at 5:00. Dinner will be provided. Looking for classmates who have not yet been contacted on Social media. Please RSVP by Sept 6th by texting Sue (Kammeyer) Fowler at 419-258-2410 or Barry Delong 419-506-1258. Questions can be directed to Sue, Barry, Lisa, Jennifer, Chris, Nancy and Marti.

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