

CORN MAZE OPENS IN PAULDING COUNTY



A staple Paulding County venue for outdoor activities held a kick-off event here to introduce their fall line-up on Saturday. Paulding County Economic Development hosted a ribbon cutting for Auglaize Canoe & Kayak, on the Weller Farm, to unveil their two new corn mazes and many other events and opportunities for the 2023 fall season.

The biggest attraction is the nine-acre corn maze.

This year the maze will be patterned for the logo of the Cooper Farms 85th business anniversary celebration. Also headquartered in Oakwood, family-owned Cooper Farms is the county's largest employer and one of the largest employers in the region. Liz Weller, Auglaize Canoe and Kayak business owner shared how the collaboration came about, "Cooper Farms is a huge supporter of our business, as well as being family

friends. They give so much to our community and we wanted to acknowledge that by honoring their anniversary in our corn maze."

In addition to the large corn maze, new this year is a smaller fall themed maze that allows for younger family members to also participate in the fun. There will be upcoming announcements on a trick-or-treat event hosted inside the maze and also an

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PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP HAS LONG HISTORY

Since 2001, the women of the Piecemakers Quilt Group have gathered for a purpose.

Formed initially as a means of learning and promoting the art of quilting, Piecemakers have evolved into a dynamic, working organization whose primary goal is to help others through their quilting.

Based at Grace Methodist Church in Hicksville, the group is 'ecumenical' and new quilters are always welcome. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at Grace. Work days are scheduled throughout the month. There is no membership fee or requirements for joining - just a willing spirit. Projects are self-funded by the members.

Since its inception, Piecemakers have made and donated dozens of quilts for a wide variety of causes: mission trips, Habitat for Humanity, veterans, Linus Project, Purple Heart/Quilts of Valor, CMH New Years baby, Hickory Creek, Tiana's Wish, The Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Church World Service, the Police Department, Relay for Life, guide

dogs, Christmas Cruise Thru, youth groups, benefits for people in need, The Huber Opera House, Orphan Grain Train, and more. And through all of this activity, the members have learned and grown as quilters, sharing what they know with others and completing their own works of fabric art.

To further showcase quilts and quilting, the Piecemakers are hosting a QUILT SHOW on September 29 from 10-5 and September 30 from 10-3 at Grace Methodist Church.

There will be quilts of all kinds on display, a marketplace, quilt raffle, and food. Show attendees can vote for their favorite quilt with 'best of show' ribbons to be awarded.

Lois Levihn of Born Again Quilts will be on hand selling

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'RESERVOIR WAR' AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Paulding Historical Society will host a general meeting and special program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26. The meeting is open to all.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Jerett Godeke, who will discuss his first book, *The Reservoir War: A History of Ohio's Forgotten Riot in America's Gilded Age, 1874-1888*. The book was released in August.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding, across from the county fairgrounds.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served af-

ter the meeting.

Godeke, a local historian, spent a couple of years researching and writing this comprehensive account of Paulding County's infamous struggle to drain an abandoned canal reservoir near Antwerp. A book signing will be held after his talk. The museum has copies of the book available for purchase.

The Antwerp native received a master's degree in history last year from Bowling Green State University. He actively volunteered at the museum from 2013 to 2015 before attending college, then completed an internship there as part of his graduate studies. He currently is a director of

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NEW SIGNS WELCOMING TRAVELERS TO THE "HEART OF IT ALL"



Drivers entering Ohio will soon be welcomed with signs bearing the state's new branding and slogan - Ohio, The Heart of it All. The signs will replace older and outdated signs at major entry points to the state.

Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Development announced the reimagined Ohio, The Heart of it All brand on May 10, 2023, during Ohio Tourism Day. The tagline was previously the state's tourism slogan between 1984 and 2001.

"There is endless fun, excitement, joy, and adventure here in Ohio, but our state is more than just a travel destination," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "There is no better place to live, learn,

work, and play, and now, everyone who crosses into Ohio will know that they're entering the Heart of it All."

In total, 36 new signs were made by the Ohio Department of Transportation Sign Shop in Columbus.

"Each letter, each element is put on by hand by our employees, piece-by-piece, letter-by-letter," said ODOT Sign Shop Administrator Joshua Wilson. The ODOT Sign Shop manufactures nearly 100,000 signs each year.

Some of these new welcome signs will be installed by ODOT crews, while contractors will install others. The largest signs, measuring more than 40' wide, will be hung on the arch that spans I-70 at the

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

September 18

• Monica Kelsey @ Antwerp Library, 5:30pm

September 19

• NA Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
• Farm Science Review @ Molly Caren Agricultural Ctr, 12:30pm

September 20

• WBESC board meeting @ Paulding conference rm, 5:30p
• NH Parks M3 Fall Kick off @ Schnelker Park, 5-7:30pm

September 21

• Senior Saints @ Huber, 7pm

September 22

• Old Crown Brass Band @ Huber, 7pm

September 23

• East Central FD 20 years Celebration, 3pm

September 24

• Blue Grass Praise Band concert @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

September 26

• Jerett Godeke speaks @ JPHS, 6:30pm

September 29

• Quilt Show @ Grace Meth. Church, Hicksville

September 30

• Sample New Haven, 11a-1p
• PC Republican Banquet @ OSU Ext bldg, 5pm



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PAULDING, OH:

Beverly A. Dunstan, age 86, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN.

Beverly was born on January 17, 1937 in Haviland, OH to the late Verl and Amy (Mosier) Patterson. On April 23, 1955 she married John Dunstan Jr. who preceded her in death on March 31, 2015. Beverly spent her life creating a loving home for her family. She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church where she fixed many funeral lunches. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and helping people in any way that she could.

Beverly is survived by her children: Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Dunstan, Antwerp OH; Jo Ellen (Mark) Schmidt, Altamont Springs, FL; Jacquelyn (Tim) Mann, Fort Wayne, IN; sisters: Patty (Coe) Gordon, Paulding, OH; Donna Lane, Paulding, OH; Carol (Bill) Parrett, Antwerp, OH; 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Beverly is also preceded in death by her son, John Dunstan III in 1968; infant sister, Connie Patterson.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Arnold officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Blue Creek Township.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Beverly's memory to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, PO Box 391, Paulding, OH 45879.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN PLEASSED TO SERVE STEUBEN COUNTY RESIDENTS

A new primary care provider, **Carson Roberts, DO**, has joined the Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) - Family Medicine team and will serve Steuben County residents at the Angola office, 306 E. Maumee St., Suite 201.

"We are pleased that Dr. Roberts has chosen to serve Angola-area individuals and families," said Tasha Eicher, market president, Parkview



Carson Roberts, DO, Parkview Physicians Group - Family Medicine.

Health Northeast/Ohio. "He has a heart for primary care, and he's another Hoosier-born professional who has returned to Indiana; it's always a win for our communities to have a provider return to their roots to practice medicine."

Roberts completed his residency in family medicine through the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program. He received his Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) degree from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky.

His training also included work as a summer research intern at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania and a summer research fellow for the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

For his undergraduate studies, Roberts attended Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, earning a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry.

He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Roberts grew up not far away in Goshen, Indiana, and is looking forward to working with patients of all ages while becoming part of the vibrant Angola community. He sees his role as a family physician to be a highly involved guide for his patients, engaging in all aspects of their care.

"I pride myself on getting to know my patients as people and not only treating their medical conditions, but also being there for them every step of their health journey," he said.

Roberts said he enjoys the "full-spectrum" variety of primary care as well as performing office-based procedures

FIRST FINANCIAL BANK RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ACTION



NCAP's First Vice Chair, Rick Baker, with Roddell McCullough of First Financial Bank.

Cincinnati, OH - Sept. 13, 2023 - First Financial Bank (Nasdaq: FFBC) has been selected by the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) to receive the Corporate Partnership Award, recognizing the bank's long-term commitment in supporting community action and working directly to impact economic growth and increase opportunities for children and families. Nationwide, First Financial is one of only two organizations receiving this award in 2023.

"First Financial Bank and our associates are thankful and honored to receive such a nationally prestigious recognition," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial. "This is a welcome reminder of our focus in recent years on being a positive influence to help our clients and communities thrive."

First Financial Bank was nominated by the Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency. McCullough accepted the recognition at the NCAP's annual meeting in Atlanta on August 24.

First Financial prioritizes multiple initiatives in support of its local communities. First Financial achieved 183 percent of the goals outlined in

its Community Benefits Agreement with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition for 2018-2022, totaling almost \$3.2 billion in mortgage lending, small business lending, community development lending and investments, philanthropy and marketing. In 2022, First Financial Bank associates gave more than 12,000 volunteer hours and over \$4.3 million in donations to organizations, enhancing the lives of individuals and communities. Donations of time are made possible because First Financial offers up to 8 hours of paid time off for full-time associates to pursue volunteer activities during work hours. Additionally, community participation in the bank's financial literacy programming reached over 30,000 people in 2022, nearly double that of the previous year.

NCAP is a national non-profit organization that provides technical assistance, training and other resources to the nation's more than 1,000 local Community Action Agencies. These agencies improve communities and change people's lives by promoting workable solutions that connect more families to opportunity.

such as joint injections, skin biopsies and vasectomies.

Outside of work, Roberts has an active family life with his wife, Jacquelyn, and their two young children. Together, they spend time camping; enjoy boating, water skiing and life on the lake; and cheer on their favorite pro football team, the Green Bay Packers.

Roberts is welcoming new patients of all ages. Call 260-667-2700 for appointment scheduling.

ONENESS WITH GOD

By: Doris Applegate

At one with God, oh awe-some thought!

How can this be, I wonder oft.

And yet it's true, this fact sublime,

That I am His and He is mine!

Because of Christ's redeeming love,

By dying, giving His own blood,

This wondrous bond to me is given,

By my believing in this gift from Heaven.

At one with God, a tie so strong,

That life, or death, things right or wrong,

Heaven or Hell, angels or men,

Can never undo this life cleansed from sin.

At one with God, a peace serene,

More than I ever could hope or dream.

ForeverLord, my praise I will bring,

At one with God, so will I sing.

We sing a song: (I am His, He is mine, I'm the branch, and He's the living vein. I am His, He is mine and I'm living in His love Devine).

When we give our life to Jesus Christ and are born again, when are connected to Jesus, who is the vein, just as the branch needs the vein for nourishment in order to bear fruit, so we also, as branches, need to be connected to Jesus the vein in order to bear fruit.

The fruit that we bring forth is love, joy, listed in Galatians chapter 5 verse 2, peace, long suffering, gentleness goodness faith we are told in God words that we will be known by the fruit that we show forth.

If the branch does not bear fruit, it is thrown away and buried. It looks like showing forth fruit is of utmost importance for the believer in Jesus Christ.

Amen

Scripture of the Week

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

- 1 John 4:16

MATT'S MISHAPS

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

Red & White



We still have those desert caps sitting in a wardrobe, but our sons had not put them on since that summer trip from years back.



Remember ever getting tingling, painful sunburn on your neck or back? I remember those years in Indiana where it seemed like spring weather would never come and then it arrived. Inevitably it meant an "early season sunburn" in the era before anyone used sunblock. Eventually the skin adapted and turned into a tan of some kind.

Living overseas in a place that has summer and spring weather all-year-round, we get tourists from many sun-deprived places in Europe. We can have UV indexes of 11 and up all year. When going to our airport, we look at briskly arriving tourists who are stark snow-white. We then walk to the other end of the airport where the departing passengers are gingerly walking with pink and red sunburned legs and arms.

One summer our sons got to experience quite a sunburn. We had a two-day boat journey and the seas were very rough. I slumped off to my bed to try to sleep my way through the rough seas. My sons felt they could better handle the waves by being outside on the main deck, and I agreed in a half-conscious state of nausea. Periodically

they would return back to our cabin to see how I was doing and then head back outside over the two days.

On arrival to the port after two days, I noticed the backs of my sons' necks and heads - very seriously sunburnt. The cool sea breezes deceived us into forgetting about the intense sunrays. Had there been a hospital nearby, we would have made a visit, but it wasn't an option. We were now ready to start a month of travel with much time outside and their oozing and damaged skin would need to be covered for weeks to be able to heal. We found a surplus store that sold hats with long built-in bandanas that stretched around the sides and back. Caps of that style were not common back then for those not trekking across the Sahara. The hats did not meet the boys' fashion standards, but there was no other option. They wore those desert caps every time they were outside for the rest of the trip.

To this day, when we pull out photos from that summer (with them wearing their desert hats), the boys still roll their eyes and remind me of allowing them to spend two full days out on the boat's main deck.

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

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OH MY ACHING FEET

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

The shoe just does not fit. I wrote quite a long time ago about liking to wear shoes mainly for the style. When I was younger, I could wear those high heel stilettos and prance around all day. Why is it that when you age, your feet age also? Would it be because we walk a lot in our lifetime? Would it be that our feet are just plain tired of being squeezed into too tight and too high of a shoe?

I know as soon as the first nice day arrives in the spring, the first thing I do is bring out my flip flops. I used to be able to run in them, but anymore I am finding out that I walk slower in them, I tend to drop heavy items on my toes and they just are not as sturdy around my ankles.

I love wearing cute boots, especially cowboy boots. I bought a pair in Texas one year and they hurt my feet so bad that I can hardly wear them. However, they are so cute and after all they are "Texas " boots. So I breathe deeply and squeeze my feet into them, wincing at each step.

Through the years, we all know the styles in shoes have come a long way. I remember my old grandpa had a pair of button shoes that he had to use a button hook to fasten them. Grandma always wore some type of black pumps and my Mama loved the comfort of plain white tennis shoes.

I know when I was little, I had a pair of high top walking shoes. At that time it was the given that when a child began walking, they had to have high top shoes. My Mama put bells on my shoes, because I had the habit of running off and she could hear the bells jingling as I ran away. I wonder if anyone else ever wore bells on their shoes? You know, I just may try it again.

Of course, we all recall white bucks and saddle shoes. The white bucks were avidly polished every night and those saddle shoes were the coolest footwear there ever

was.

They say there is a trend that styles tend to repeat themselves every 30 years. This is also apparently true with footwear.

The other day I was looking at the different styles of shoes and I tried on several. Some were too high, too tight, too big, or just not really stylish. It seems as if you buy a shoe for comfort, they are made very plain with no sequins, straps or a nice heel. However, I am now thinking that perhaps I should wear shoes that are more comfortable. After all I hate limping around as my feet are saying,



"I hurt."

Not too long ago I bought a pair of shoes I absolutely loved. They were sandals of course and had lots of sequins on the straps. They felt a little big on me, but I loved them and wound up purchasing them. They look great on me, but I can't hardly walk in them. They flop around on my feet and I lost one trying to walk up a flight of steps. If you notice that I am walking slower, it is probably due to the fact I am wearing my enormous shoes.

It seems as if the expensive shoes are a lot more comfortable than the cheaper shoes. Then I have always worn a Size 5 and a lot of places do not carry too many shoes that small.

The 90's was a time when designers started turning back the hands of time and drawing inspiration in footwear from the past. The platform sole started becoming popular again for men as well as the stiletto. For men, inspiration was drawn from the classic oxford shoe as they removed the laces to give it a more updated appeal.

The boots were popular in the 60s and reappeared in the 90s. This time they came back with a vengeance, coming all the way up to the thighs! Hiking boots also became a trend worn daily and were more fashionable than for function.

Today, you can wear boots with dresses, jeans, and shorts. Overall, this is the time when we start to really see fashion repeating itself.

In this current decade, the wedge heel is increasingly popular for shows year round. Women wear them in the warm months with sandals and in the cold months as boots and shoes. Flats are also popular as well and highly acceptable for women.

Flats of all kinds are being worn from the classic ballet flats with a modern twist as well as with a pointed toe. So far, this is a decade of individuality where consumers are making more conscious decisions about what is working best for them in their lives instead of designers always setting the trends.

At one time I had approximately 20 pairs of shoes. Do you know how many were ac-

tually comfortable? None. My attitude is slowly changing. I am now leaning towards getting a pair of a thick soled, clunky, shoe with inserts just to rest my tired feet.

My grandma was from the hills of Kentucky and she went bare foot until age 16 when she got her first pair of shoes and she always said,"By the way, it is nice to have a selection of shoes, but make sure they fit."

The same is true in life. You do not know how another persons life is until you walk in their shoes. I guess we really don't need to notice the shoes, but the feet of the person wearing them.

Do you wear shoes for comfort or style? Do you have a favorite type of shoe? Did you ever have bells on your shoes? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Emra Theadore Gray was born in Paulding, Ohio April 27, 1892. The son of Harvey, born April of 1858 in Ohio. And Mary Ann (Freeze) Gray born October of 1860 in Ohio. The couple was married July 6, 1879 in Paulding. The couple was farming in the Paulding area.

By 1900 this couple was the parents of Emily Hazel born June 6, 1890, followed by Emra, Grace E. September 28, 1894 and Mabel Edith August 31, 1896. By 1910, the Gray family was still farming, Emra had quit school after tenth grade and was helping her dad on the farm. Emily had gotten married and moved out.

On June 5, 1917, Emra went to the Briceton precinct and registered for the World War one draft. Emra had been serving in Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard out of Paulding and was listed as medium short build, blue eyes, brown hair and single. He was working as a railroad clerk at the Latty train station.

On April 18, 1918, Emra joined the National army out of Paulding. He served in the 253rd Company Military Police Corp. and was sent overseas in France in June of 1918. He was promoted to Private First Class November 1, 1918.

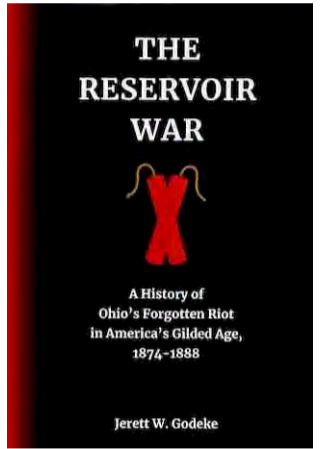
On July 13, 1919, Emra boarded the ship America at

Brest, France. He arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey July 22, 1919. Emra was Honorably Discharged July 30, 1919.

By 1920, Emra found his old job waiting for him, working as a railroad clerk at Latty. His sister Grace had married and moved out of the house. On September 15, 1920, Emra married a gal named Velmah G. Doster from Paulding. She was born September 15, 1891 in Ohio. I guess Happy Birthday present! Velmah was a school teacher, I guess at Paulding. By 1923 Emra and Velmah were living at 43219 Maplewood Avenue in Toledo. Emra was working as a clerk on the railroad. On November 16, 1926, a daughter, Marilyn M. was born. In 1928, the Gray family had moved to 3115 Scottwood Avenue in Toledo.

In 1929, Emra's father, Harvey, had passed away. By 1930, the Gray family was living on Berkshire Street in Toledo. Era was still working on the Railroad as a mail clerk. By 1940, the Gray family had moved to Brussels Street in Toledo. Emra was still working as a Railroad Mail Clerk. Velmah's mother, Henryetta Doster will come and live with them.

In 1942, Emra had to register for the World War Two draft. By 1950, daughter Marilyn, had moved to South Euclid, Ohio. She had gotten a degree in teaching and had a teaching position at an Elementary City Public School System. As for Emra and Velmah, they continued to live on Berkshire Street in Toledo. Emra was still working as a Railroad Mail Clerk. On January 20, 1952, Emra passed away. He was buried in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio. His wife Velmah never remarried and she passed away March 18, 1987. She is buried with Era. Marilyn married a fella named John L. Hedde. She passed away February 7, 2021. She and her husband are buried in Michigan.



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the historical society. Godeke also is a member of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and a director of the Canal Society of Indiana.

The book's cover provides a synopsis for readers: "No Compromise! The Reservoir Must Go! After peaceful appeals to the state legislature failed, the fiercest discontent in the history of Paulding County, Ohio, finally reached its climax on the night of April 25, 1887. The destruction was complete after a series of explosions again lit up

the darkened towpath of the Wabash & Erie Canal.

"To quell what it considered a lawless mob, the State of Ohio deployed three infantry companies and one light battery of the Ohio National Guard from Toledo, Ohio. With a Gatling gun in tow, the first troops arrived in Paulding County the following evening.

"Weaving together an abundance of primary and secondary sources, Jerett W. Godeke uncovers the history of this largely forgotten event. The Reservoir War is the most exhaustive history of this remarkable riot to date and is an essential read for those seeking to know more about this fascinating chapter in the history of Paulding County."

The book, available in paperback and hardcover, can be purchased at the museum or online at booksellers such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Books-A-Million.

Any updates or notices will be posted on the historical society's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,
During the plague of Egypt it says in Exodus 9:6 that all the cattle in Egypt died of a grievous murrain. Then in verse 20 when hail was threatened, fearing servants brought their cattle into houses. How could that be if all the cattle died in verse 6?*

Good question. I asked that myself before. The answer is right there in the center of verse three. The deadly disease of murrain was to kill all the cattle which are "IN THE FIELD." There were other cattle that were in enclosures that were not affected.

Concerning the plague of hail, God gave opportunity for

those Egyptians who did fear Him to spare their remaining cattle (verse 2). In verse 1 we see that those that still didn't believe Moses or fear God left their servants and cattle outside, and they died in the hail-storm.

There is only one true, living and all-powerful God Who should be feared, worshipped and followed even today. Someday every knee shall bow before the Creator and Redeemer - "For it is written, As I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." - Romans 14:11. It is best to recognize and receive Him now!

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

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her vintage fabrics and goods. AND she will perform autopsies (date your quilts and provide other information) as a benefit to the Piecemakers. Fox and Frog Quilt Shoppe will be open for your shopping pleasure with coupons that will be given out at the show.

Admission is \$8.00. There is no charge to display a quilt. Proceeds from the show go to fund the Piecemakers charita-

ble projects. Piecemakers is a 501(c)3 organization under the umbrella of the Hicksville Community Service Center and donations are always appreciated.

For further information on the show or registration of a quilt to display, please contact Colleen Richter at 419-487-3096 or email at ckh50@g-mail.com.

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PARKVIEW PUPS' ALLOWS CO-WORKERS TO SUPPORT CO-WORKERS WITH THE HELP OF THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS



Parkview Pups_Kim and Bailey: Parkview co-worker Kim Krider, onsite services lead, Parkview Occupational Health, and her pup Bailey, a male Schipperke, are among the first teams to be certified through the new Parkview Pups program.



Parkview Pups_Kara and Murphy: Parkview co-worker Kara Light, a patient access services representative at Parkview Warsaw, and her pup Murphy, a mini Aussie-Doodle mix, are among the first teams to complete the Parkview Pups certification process.

A new program from Parkview Health allows co-workers to make the work-day brighter and help improve the mental well-being of their peers – with a little help from their four-legged friends.

Parkview Pups is giving approximately 30 Parkview co-workers and their dogs the opportunity to become certified therapy dog and handler teams. Once certi-

fied, teams can visit Parkview facilities to provide comfort and emotional support for fellow co-workers.

Through the program, all canine companions are temperament tested and certified through Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) to ensure a positive and safe experience for all. Parkview Pups is funded entirely by the generosity of the

Parkview Foundations, so there is no cost to co-workers.

In early August, the first four Parkview pups teams to complete certification made their tail-wagging debut at a Parkview leadership meeting and began their visits in Parkview facilities. Fifteen teams will be certified by the end of September.

Interacting with pets is proven to boost health and well-being, which is why Parkview continues to partner with Three Rivers Visit-



Parkview Pups_Samuel: Golden Retriever Samuel shows off his new Parkview Pups vest and photo ID badge. Like all volunteers and co-workers at Parkview Health, therapy dogs are provided with official identification. Samuel's partner is Parkview co-worker Mike Brown, a mobile ICU transport medic with Parkview EMS.

ing Dogs, whose certified dogs and handlers visit primarily with hospital patients, and occasionally with co-workers. Parkview Pups was created to focus exclusively on the well-being of co-workers and allow co-workers the opportunity to support one another.

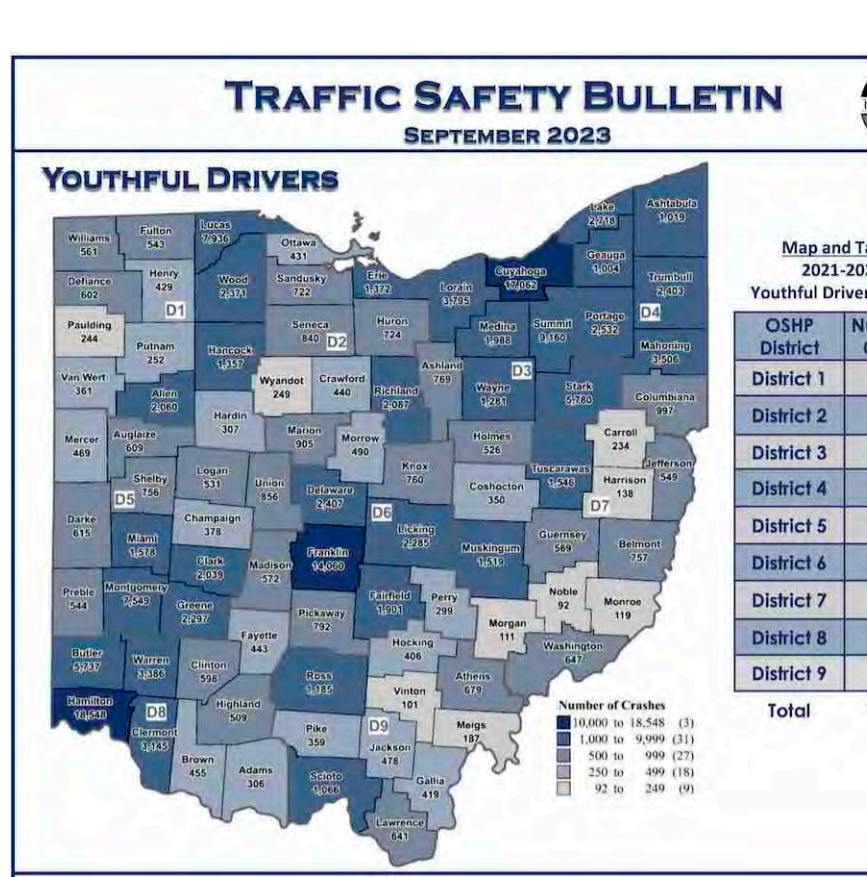
"We know that a visit with a friendly therapy dog can brighten someone's day, improve their mood and put a smile on their face," said Hallie Custer, vice president of Human Resources, Parkview Health. "Beyond that, no one understands the needs of our co-workers better than their fellow co-workers. Parkview Pups is an opportunity for them to partner with their beloved pets and help spread joy amongst their colleagues."

Parkview Pups is one of several benefit programs Parkview has to support its more than 15,000 co-workers. Recently certified as a Most Loved Workplace® by the Best Practice Institute, Parkview also uniquely offers volunteer time off (VTO), which may also be used for volunteering in the community or mental health time off; a quarterly lifestyle benefit stipend; flexible scheduling options and more.

"Knowing that our co-workers are our most valuable resource, Parkview is continuously looking to offer unique benefits to support their overall well-being, both personally and professionally," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health. "Parkview Pups is one of several programs we've created based on feedback from our co-workers, and we are excited to see these dog and handler teams bring even more love to our Most Loved Workplace."

To learn more about Parkview's culture and career opportunities, visit parkview.com/careers. To learn more about supporting the Parkview Pups Program, please contact the Parkview Foundations at Parkview-Foundations@parkview.com.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN



Van Wert – Nationally, around 11 percent of drivers are age 24 and younger. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, teen drivers have a higher rate of fatal crashes, mainly because of their immaturity, lack of skills, and lack of experience.

"Anytime a person gets behind the wheel, especially our teen drivers, it is a huge responsibility," said Governor Mike DeWine. "To prevent senseless tragedies and save lives, young drivers should take this responsibility seriously and always keep their attention on the road."

In Ohio, youthful drivers, age 15 to 24, were involved in 166,399 traffic crashes from 2021 to 2022. An action on the part of the youthful driver contributed to 63 percent of these crashes. Crashes where youthful drivers were at fault

resulted in 441 fatalities and 45,540 injuries during the same timeframe.

To support young drivers, the Ohio State Highway Patrol oversees the DRIVE to Live education program. DRIVE to Live positively engages young drivers in conversations about good decision-making. The Ohio Department of Public Safety's HYPERLINK "<https://www.teachyourteentodrive.ohio.gov/index.aspx>" Teach Your Teen to Drive website also offers parents and caregivers helpful tips and a framework for having discussions with their teen drivers about risky driving behaviors that can lead to fatal consequences.

"Poor decisions while driving can impact young drivers for the rest of their lives," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent.

"Each time our troopers have the chance to interact with a young driver, it is an opportunity to stress the importance of safe driving habits."

The leading causes of youthful driver crashes were following too close and failure to yield or running a red light or stop sign. Leading causes of fatal at-fault youthful driver crashes included unsafe speed, failure to yield or running a red light or stop sign, driving off the roadway and driving left of center.

A statistical map containing youthful driver crash information can be found at https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/static/doc/YoungDrivers_Bulletin_2023.pdf. To schedule a DRIVE to Live presentation for your school or group, go to <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/about-us/our-programs/drive-to-live>.

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Indiana border in Preble County.

"These signs act as a welcome mat, inviting visitors in and greeting residents coming home," said State Tourism Director Sarah Wickham. "We want them to be beautiful and to represent our state's pride, setting the tone for what you can expect during your time in our great state."

Visitor spending hit \$53 billion in Ohio last year, a 13 percent increase over 2021. The state recorded 233 million visits in 2022, including 47 million overnight stays.

The total cost of the signs is \$59,990.12. The goal is to have all signs installed by December.

PH WINS OVER GMC TRIO

Patrick Henry's Kasey Nelson shot a 43 to take medalist honors and lead the Lady Patriots to a quadrangular girls golf match victory over Fairview, Tinora and Wayne Trace at Harvest Moon Golf Course near Defiance Tuesday night.

The Henry County squad totaled a 209 to nip second place Tinora's 214 while the Lady Raiders were third at 219. Fairview finished fourth with a 223.

Other Patriot scorers included Maya Lirot (54), Grace Haas (54), Taylor Schwaber (54), Paige Boyer (57) and MaKenzie Prige (59).

Adelaida Gill recorded a 46 and Rose Billing shot a 51 to lead Tinora with Autumn Henry posting a 57. Marisa Raimonde (60), Danica Rath (67) and Summer Moser (68) were the other three green and white golfers.

Wayne Trace was paced by Ella Crosby with a 52 followed by Brenna Parker (53), Ryann Jay (56), Raegan McGarvey (59) and Tori Young (60).

Fairview scorers were Natalie Timbrook (49), Camryn Whitaker (60), Delaney Grant (62), Calee Dockery (62) and Abri Elson (70).

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New Schedule For Large Villages

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

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

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

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

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285



TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR AN UNEXPECTED CAREER CRISIS

We all know how important it is to be prepared for a fire, flood, or other type of emergency. What about something that seems less dramatic, but can be equally devastating, like unemployment?

1. Stay positive. It's important to remember that the decision was probably based on the economy or other external factors.

2. Be professional. If you handle yourself with decorum, your employer may be willing to serve as a reference, recommend you to vendors, and even provide assistance with interviewing and résumé building.

3. Account for every penny. Review your terms of employment and claim any money owed to you from bonuses, commissions—even unused vacation.

4. Replace lost benefits. If your spouse works, see if you

can add yourself to his or her health care plan. If not, you can apply for COBRA coverage within 60 days of termination and extend your health care benefits for 18 months. Similarly, you may want to purchase an affordable term life insurance policy to help replace any workplace coverage you may have had.

5. Evaluate your retirement plans. While some employers allow you to leave your 401(k) in place, it may not always be the right move. Have a financial professional look the plan over and see if you are better off rolling over the funds into a traditional IRA or Roth IRA. (1)

6. Network-Network-Network. You never know where your next job will come from, so take advantage of every networking opportunity. Also, be sure to use social media platforms like LinkedIn to help connect with people online and let them know you're looking.

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¹When considering rolling over the proceeds of your employer-sponsored retirement plan to an IRA, you have the option, among others, of leaving the funds in your existing plan, if permitted, or rolling them into your new em-

ployer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted. Each choice offers advantages and disadvantages, depending on the desired investment options and services, fees and expenses, withdrawal options, required minimum distributions, tax treatment, and your unique financial needs and retirement plans. (Neither New York Life Insurance Company nor its agents provide tax or legal advice. Consult your own tax and or legal advisors regarding your particular situation.)

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evening flashlight event.

If corn mazes aren't your thing, guests can walk through the four-acre pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin, or choose one of the already picked pumpkins. They are available in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors.

Also available is a wagon ride through the farm and along the beautiful Auglaize River. The family owned 1947 Allis Chalmers tractor will pull a wagon full of guests on a guided tour of straw bales complete with "celebrity themed" scarecrows. The ride continues on a spectacular fall view lane along the river through a skeleton themed carnival tour with a fan favorite celebrity participant at the end to complete the ride.

In addition, there are many other opportunities for guests of all ages to participate or view. Fall wouldn't be complete without fresh-pressed apple cider, which the Weller family makes on site with their antique cider press and has full gallon or half gallon options available for purchase. There is putt-putt golf, a youth barrel train ride, a playground including a child size cabin, a campfire pit to enjoy sitting near the river by the fire or cooking smores, ample fall picture setting opportunities for fall themed senior or family pictures, selfies, beautiful fall nature in general, and much more. The canoe and kayak livery continues to be open and available as well. Participating food trucks will be on site on weekends.

The Weller Farm, owned by Doug & Bonnie Weller, started hosting the Canoe & Kayak venue in 2013. As business and attendance picked up, additional opportunities were offered. In 2021 the pumpkin match and corn mazes were added. The Wellers continue to listen to feedback from guests to con-

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PUPPET SHOW AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here in the back with her are: Savannah Coil, Eli Hernandez, Xander Mansfield, Wyatt Wilhelm, Silas Dempsey and Everett Wilhelm. In the front are: Coralie Mansfield, Noah Sears, and Garrett Wilhelm.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Summer Program held a puppet show with guest, Sue Thomas. She gifted us with

finger puppets and we were able to put on our very own puppet show! Miss Sue was a very fun and special guest!

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tinue to improve. This also helps with new business thought and growth each year. The farm is now the largest importer of guests to Paulding County. In 2022 the facility hosted more than 10,000 customers. Business is well on pace to exceed that number in 2023.

Paulding County Economic Development Director Tim Copey commented, "This ribbon cutting event today is just another great, historic piece in joining Paulding County quality-of-life opportunity with business. Auglaize Canoe & Kayak is the largest importing business we have, bringing guests into the county from all over the region during the summer season. Adding these fall offerings just carries that on for several more months. Now partnering with Cooper Farms, one of our largest business product exporters, just solidifies the collaboration efforts we continue to promote for sustainability and growth in the county. The Coopers and the Wellers are outstanding families in Paulding County and always think of others first. Providing opportunity and giving back to the community just

comes natural in their DNA. We are blessed to have these great folks and their businesses located in Paulding County."

Come out and see everything the farm has to offer for a quick visit or spend the day. Whether you live in the city and yearn to feel a little bit of the natural outdoors, or live in the country and experience this atmosphere all the time, Weller Farm offers a new experience for you. The farm, located at 24821 Road 207 just off the Putnam/Paulding County line road, is open 9a-

5p on Saturdays and noon-5p on Sunday, through October 31. There is also opportunity to schedule weekday and evening events by appointment. The farm has hosted school field trips, youth groups and family reunions, but there is always room to discuss options for any other group opportunities for interested guests. For admission pricing or more detailed information, call 419-594-3456, visit the website www.auglaizecanoe.com or check their social media on Facebook or TikTok.

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 - Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
 - Cecil:** 127 Maramart
 - Charloe:** Charloe Store
 - Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
 - Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid
 - Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
 - Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
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 - Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library
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 - Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales
 - Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank
 - Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
 - Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain
 - Monroeville:** Mel's Deli, Phillips 66, The Village of Heritage Assisted Living, Dollar General
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PILOTS FLY BACK TO KNOCK OFF PANTHERS



Paulding juniors Jack Woods and Evans Carter push the Ayersville receiver into the Paulding endzone to score 2 points for the Panthers, and taking possession of the ball! More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING – Ayersville scored 20 unanswered points over the final 18 minutes of the contest to rally for a 20-17 victory over Paulding at Keysor Field in Green Meadows Conference football action Friday night.

The maroon and white played a solid first half, getting a safety from Jack Woods before the Paulding offense added to the lead.

Kobe Foor scored on a 15-yard touchdown run to widen the Paulding lead to 8-0 before

Colten Hunt connected with Blake Rhonehouse on an 11-yard scoring strike that helped extend the margin to 15-0.

After blanking the Pilots in the first half, Paulding added a second safety on the night as Woods tackled Taurean Knueven in the endzone to make it 17-0 Panthers.

Ayersville began its comeback late in the third quarter as Lucas Fishpaw connected with Abe DeLano for a six-yard scoring strike that pulled

the Pilots within 17-6.

The Pilots scored again halfway through the final quarter when DeLano broke free for a 15-yard touchdown scamper that, combined with Knueven's two-point conversion run, trimmed the Ayersville deficit to 17-14.

The Defiance County squad then completed the comeback with 40 seconds left in the contest as DeLano hauled in a seven-yard touchdown toss from Fishpaw for the 20-17 victory.

Paige Wylie added a 111 for the Lady Warriors. Taylor Kline finished with a 121 for Woodlan and Olivia Robinson totaled a 123 to aid the Lady Warrior cause.

DEFIANCE CRUISES OVER PAULDING

In a non-conference volleyball matchup Monday, Defiance rolled to victories of 25-12, 25-7 and 25-16 over visiting Paulding.

The Bulldogs made it a clean sweep on the night by taking the junior varsity match by scores of 25-22 and 25-22 while the Defiance freshmen team won 25-18, 23-25 and 25-18.

Kayleigh Dunham and Lucy Breier both totaled four kills for the Lady Panthers with Brianna Bermejo recording three slams and Marley Parrett had one.

Grace Goyings finished with eight assists and four digs for Paulding while Jocelyn Parrett picked up 13 digs and posted an ace. Marley Parrett also had three digs and an ace for the Lady Panthers while Bermejo picked up three digs. Breier finished with a block as well for the maroon and white.

HATCHER LEADS PANTHERS AGAINST LCC

Paulding's Nick Hatcher shot a 44 to lead the Panthers against Lima Central Catholic in boys golf action at Auglaize Golf Course Monday night.

Austen Kinder added a 45 for the maroon and white while Aiden Miller and Max Stork both chipped in a 46 as Paulding finished with a total score of 181.

Nico Stahl also recorded a 51 for the maroon and white. Lima Central Catholic, which did not field a full squad, picked up a 37 from Parker Judy to win match medalist honors. Nick Nieman carded a 44 for the Thunderbirds with Austin Craig recording a 46.

LADY RAIDERS FALL TO BLUFFTON

Host Bluffton recorded a straight-set sweep of visiting Wayne Trace Monday night in non-league volleyball action as the Pirates defeated the Raiders by scores of 26-24, 25-13 and 25-15.

Torree Sinn finished with a pair of kills for Wayne Trace and Amber Stoller added one assist and one block. Ava Zartman picked up four digs for the Lady Raiders while Carreen Winans posted five kills and two digs.

Paige Alber dished out ten assists and added two aces and nine digs with Lorie Sinn contributing three kills, one ace, one dig and one block.

Lexi Moore also posted four kills and two blocks for Wayne Trace with Kaitlin Slade chipping in two assists, one ace and eight digs. Kacy Hornish recorded four kills, 15 assists, ten digs and two aces while Harper Myers topped the red, white and blue with 13 kills and four digs.

Bluffton's Emma Schwartz claimed tournament medalist honors with a 91 and South Adams' Addy Hinton finished second with a 95. Heritage's Natalie Otto took third place at 102 while the trio of Bluffton's Tressa Renner, Jay County's Madelynn Snow and Bluffton's Eve Corkwell all carded a 103.

Olivia Minnich added a 108 for Heritage and Liz Bueck chipped in a 114. Alexis Bremer also finished with a 130 for the Patriots and Aubrey Stoll posted a 135.

Woodlan was paced by Sophia Kever with a 107 and

RAIDERS GET PAST RAMS

Wayne Trace traveled to Defiance Monday night in boys golf action where the Raiders took on Green Meadows Conference rival Tinora at Eagle Rock Golf Course.

The Raiders posted a 166-179 victory over the green and white as Jared Varner led

WOODLAN SNATCHES WIN FROM PILOTS



Woodlan Junior Makenna Smith makes a great save on this bump to send it back to her teammates, keeping the ball alive against the Tigers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Lady Warriors took down Adams Central after 5 hard fought sets in Thursday night high school volleyball action.

In Varsity, Woodlan won after 5 sets: 22-25, 25-19, 19-12, 25-27, 15-9. Woodlan JV won in 2 sets.

WOODLAN BOYS SOCCER FALLS TO DEKALB



Woodlan junior Dylan Fiedler attempts a goal in the first half. More pictures at westbendnews.net

On the cool late summer evening of September 14th, Woodlan played host to Dekalb for some high school

soccer. Dekalb came ready to take the field and indeed they did. Score after the 2nd half whistle was 5-1 for Dekalb.

SUTTON, WT WIN OWN INVITE

The Wayne Trace boys golf team captured its own Wayne Trace Boys Golf Invitational on Thursday as the Raiders shot a total score of 149 to win the title.

The red, white and blue's Kyle Sutton also claimed the tournament medalist honors with a score of 33.

Wayne Trace's 149 took the championship by 22 strokes over second place Fort Jennings' 171. Fairview finished third followed by Ayersville (182), Antwerp (183), Ottoville (185), Edgerton (185) and Paulding (186).

Taking second place individually was Kasen Kauffman of Fairview with a 35 while Wayne Trace's Brody Ross-



Kyle Sutton hits the ball to the next green. More pictures at westbendnews.net

worm placed third at 37. Antwerp's Braylen Moreno took fourth at 38 with the Raiders' Conner Davis and Ottoville's Aiden Hilvers each

carding a 39 to tie for fifth place.

Completing the scoring for the Raiders was Jared Varner with a 40 while Nico Stahl and Austen Kinder led Paulding with a 46 each. Edgerton's Kaden Kennerk finished with a 40 to lead the Bulldogs.

Braden Knippen topped Fort Jennings with a 42 and Logen Schroeder paced Ayersville with a 43.

PATRIOTS THIRD, WARRIORS FOURTH IN ACAC TOURNEY

The ACAC hosted its girls golf conference tournament at the Celina Lynx Golf Course on Saturday as Bluffton captured the team title over runner-up South Adams.

The Tigers posted a 413 to win the tournament while the Starfires finished second with a 450 and Heritage finished third at 454.

Woodlan picked up fourth place on the fifth person tiebreaker as both the Warriors and Adams Central finished with a 462. However, the Warriors' Saige Lipscomb finished with a 125 compared to the Flying Jets' Sophie Johnson who recorded a 137.

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WAYNE TRACE WITH 38 AND KYLE SUTTON CHIPPED IN A 39.

Aiding the red, white and blue cause was Brody Ross-worm (44), Conner Davis (45), Tyson Gerber (52) and Konnor Wannemacher (55).

Leading the way for Tinora was B.J. Morlock with a 40 while Aiden Rittenhouse carded a 43. Ryder Backhaus and Grayson DeLarber chipped in a 48 each for the Rams with Logan Stein posting a 51 and Parker Hancock totaled a 52.

ANTWERP XC @BRUIN INVITATIONAL

Saturday, September 9, 2023, the XC teams competed in the Bruin Invitational at Northrop HS in Fort Wayne.

The Varsity Boys competed first and placed 8th

out of ten schools. They were led by 9th place finisher Kamren Johnson, Alex Zijlstra, John Bailey, Connor Shiple, Aiden Hook, and Levi Shelton.

Next up were the Varsity Girls. The Lady Archers placed 5th as a team, defeating Snider in a tie breaker! They were led by 17th place finisher Leigha Doster, Reese Durbin, Gabriella Snyder, Lyla Clem, Emma Saul, Emily Laker, and Taylor Steibling.

The junior high boys ran next and placed 6th as a team out of 18 schools! They were led by 16th place finisher Gage Barker, Bryceton Barker, Isaac Buhner, Tucker Doster, and Camden Herber.

Rounding out the day were the junior high girls, the Lady Archers placed 12th out of 18 schools. They

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Pictured are Sarah with students: Ameriona Stiltner, Kaitlyn Goings, and Cam Wolford



Pictured are students: Bryce Manz, Cam Wolford, Hayden Gill, Alyssia Wilson, Layla Logan, and Devyn Haller.



Pictured are Sarah leading the class in a discussion, and students: Adam Stahl, Josh Funez, Ronnie Goodwin, and Bryce Manz.

By: Emily Remaklus

Paulding High School's Personal Growth and Positive Mindset class is off to a great start this year. The class, which was first offered last year, has almost doubled in size this year. Students enrolled this year will be working on a variety of leadership opportunities such as teaching mindset lessons each month to the freshmen and sophomores, serving as mentors for Paulding Elementary students, and also becoming certified in Teen Mental Health First Aid.

Teen Mental Health First Aid is a program that the Personal Growth students are able to take part in through the help of the Paulding County OSU Extension Office which secured a grant paying for the students' training and certification. Sarah Noggle and Michael Schweinsberg from the OSU Extension Office are coming to the Personal Growth class each Thursday for about eight

weeks to instruct students on how to open the conversation on mental health and substance use challenges, understand the signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges, and learn how to seek help for those who might be struggling with mental health.

Emily Remaklus, teacher of the Personal Growth class, stated, "I've wanted to bring the Teen Mental Health First Aid training to students at PHS for a couple years now, especially after going through the Youth Mental Health First Aid training with the other teachers here at school. So I was really happy to have a class in which we could do that this year. I'm really thankful for the help from Sarah and Michael at the OSU Extension Office with securing a grant for my class and training these students. I think they'll really get a lot out of it."

The students are scheduled to finish the program in early November.

were led by 38th place finisher Alia Clem, Gianna Laker, Charlotte Hook, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.

The Archers return to action Tuesday in Grover Hill as they face Wayne Trace, Edgerton, and Leipsic.

LIBERTY BENTON WINS KALIDA INVITE

The Liberty Benton Eagles captured the team championship at the Kalida Volleyball Invitational over the weekend as the Hancock County squad defeated host Kalida in the championship match.

Wayne Trace also took part in the tournament and placed fourth overall while Fairview recorded a fifth-place finish. Other squads in-

cluded St. Marys (third), Delphos St. John's (sixth), Lima Bath (seventh) and North Central (eighth).

The Apaches fell to St. Marys in the opening round as the Roughriders recorded a 14-25, 25-17 and 26-24 victory. Fairview then defeated Lima Bath 25-6 and 25-18 in the second round before getting past Delphos St. John's 25-17 and 25-9 in its third match.

Wayne Trace recorded a 23-25, 25-10 and 25-15 win over North Central in the first match of the day but dropped a 25-13, 25-13 decision to Liberty Benton. St. Marys then knocked off the Lady Raiders 25-15 and 25-16 in the third/fourth place match.

Against North Central, Torree Sinn and Lexi Moore

both finished with nine kills with Paige Alber and Kacy Hornish dishing out 13 and 12 assists, respectively. Caroline Winans picked up 14 digs and Alber served for seven aces. Harper Myers totaled eight kills and three aces as well for Wayne Trace.

In its second match of the day, Wayne Trace fell to Liberty Benton with Myers topping the Raider efforts with four kills. Torree Sinn and Moore both chipped in three slams while Riley Hildebrand, Caroline Winans and Caren Winans all picked up one.

Hornish added seven assists and four digs for the red, white and blue with Alber recording four assists, two aces and five digs.

Alber dished out eight assists in the loss to the Roughriders with Hornish picking up nine assists and three kills. Myers posted four slams and Caren Winans added three kills. Moore finished with two kills as well for Wayne Trace and Torree Sinn posted seven slams.

PANTHERS FALL TO MC

Paulding fell short to Miller City in non-league volleyball action Thursday night as the visiting Lady Wildcats recorded a 25-21, 25-11 and 25-23 win over the Panthers.

Maci Kauser picked up 11 digs and dished out a pair of assists for Paulding with Marley Parrett adding ten kills, eight digs and an ace. Brianna Bermejo chipped in seven kills and six digs with Kayleigh Dunham recording six slams and two blocks.

Elli Barton added four kills, two aces, two digs and an assist for the maroon and white while Grace Goyings finished with 16 digs, a dozen assists and a kill. Addison Pease also contributed ten assists, seven digs and an ace.

Paulding's junior varsity picked up a win over the Wildcats, defeating Miller City 25-22 in the first set and 25-12 in the second set.

WARRIORS SWEEP TO WIN OVER JAY COUNTY

In ACAC volleyball action Thursday, Woodlan recorded a straight set sweep of visiting Jay County with victories of 25-23, 25-17 and 25-22.

Marissa Smith posted a dozen slams for the Lady Warriors with Lauren Snyder chipping in 11 kills. Kyra Parker and Taylor Kneubuhler recorded seven kills apiece. Alyssa Anderson also had five slams.

Parker topped Woodlan with two aces while Makenna Smith, Nora Werling, Audra Smith, Alix Jacquay and Snyder all had one ace. Parker also paced the Lady Warriors with three blocks while Marissa Smith, Anderson and Snyder picked up two apiece.

Makenna Smith recorded 19 digs to lead the way for the Allen County squad and Snyder picked up 16. Alyssa Harvey (nine), Parker (three), Marissa Smith (three), Jacquay (two), Audra Smith (two), Makaila Gruber (one), Kneubuhler (one) and Jade Lichty aided the Woodlan cause with one each.

Harvey dished out 22 assists to lead Woodlan with Audra Smith posting 13 and Makenna Smith added three helpers

ALTIMUS THROWS FOR FIVE SCORES IN ARCHER ROUT



Antwerp's Reid Lichty runs past the Ace's defense to score the extra points after Camden Fuller scored the first touchdown for the Archers. More pictures at westbendnews.net

HICKSVILLE - Carson Altimus threw for 255 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Antwerp Archers to a 39-6 win over Hicksville in Green Meadows Conference football action Friday night.

Altimus tossed touchdown passes to Camden Fuller, Jaxon Jones and Kayden Winslow as Antwerp totaled 263 passing yards and 434 yards of total offense overall.

Fuller recorded five catches on the night for 155 yards, including scoring strikes of six, 57 and a dozen yards. Winslow hauled in a 32-yard touchdown pass while Jones hauled in a seven-yard touchdown pass, finishing the night with four

receptions for 59 yards.

Reid Lichty ran for 127 yards on the ground for Antwerp, including a 16-yard scamper for a score. Lichty totaled three receptions for 25 yards to aid the Archer cause as well.

Altimus posted 20 rushing yards and Gage Clevinger had 14 yards.

Hicksville ended the contest with seven first downs and 115 yards in total offense, including 68 yards on the ground. Antwerp recorded 20 first downs in the contest.

George Green paced the Aces with 65 rushing yards in the contest.

Antwerp returns to action on Friday with a key

Green Meadows Conference contest against visiting Tinora. The green and white will visit Archer Field with a record of 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the league after defeating Fairview 42-14.

Hicksville also will make the trip into Paulding County on Friday as Wayne Trace hosts the Aces, who are now 1-3 in all games and 0-1 in the league. The Raiders are 2-2 on the season and 1-0 in the conference following a 42-6 victory over Edgerton Friday.

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THE LEFT TURN



Rusty Schlenk Gets Another Oakshade Win. Photo by Charlie Orns



Austin Tunny World Figure 8 Champion. Kylie Anne Photography



Brady Bacon Finally Win's At Devil's Bowl. Dirttrack-photography.com

By: Ron Burt

The 53rd Annual World 100 for Dirt Super Late Models, at Eldora Speedway was won by Martinsville Indiana's Hudson O'Neal. All 3 nights the Big E belonged to him, but the World 100 was the icing on the cake along with \$56,000.00 for the win. Georgia drivers, Jonathan Davenport and Dale McDowell rounded out the top 3 spots. The USAC Sprint Cars made a Texas swing that started outside Dallas at Devils Bowl Speedway in Mesquite on September 7th. Brady Bacon would finally get a win at the Bowl. He drove like he owned the track and led all 30 laps. Bacon had a late-race duel with Robert Ballou to earn the victory in the first USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature held in the Lone Star State since 1985. The win was the 52nd of Bacon's USAC National Sprint

Car career, tying him for second all-time with 1978 series champion Tom Bigelow. Now only Dave Darland stands ahead of Bacon with 62 career victories. This win at Devil's Bowl is especially special to Bacon as well. More than a decade ago, Bacon competed regularly with the American Sprint Car Series and the Sprint Bandits Tour series, finishing second place several times before his breakthrough win all these years later. Rounding out the top 5 was 2nd. Jake Swanson, 3rd. Kyle Cummins, 4th. Jadon Rogers, and 5th. Justin Grant

Byron Reed, in his final appearance at Attica Raceway Park after 34 years of racing, led all 30 laps of the 410 Sprint feature. The eight-time Attica track champion recorded his 44th career win in the Mark Keegan Classic. It was a great way to end a fantastic racing career. Reed finished second in the track's 2023 final point standings. Cap Henry came in 5th but had enough points to win this year's 410 Sprint points title. It's his 2nd track championship. The top 5 in the feature were Byron Reed, 2nd Cale Thomas, 3rd Zeth Sabo, 4th Creed Kemenah, and 5th Cap Henry. In Late Model action, Britton, Michigan's Devin Shiels took 6th in the feature but it was good enough to win his fourth straight championship at Attica. Flyin' Ryan Markham won the feature for his

23rd career Attica win. Behind the winner was 2nd Justin Chance, 3rd Rusty Schlenk, 4th Matt Ire, and 5th Kyle Moore. In the 305 Sprints, Jamie Miller hung onto 3rd and that was good enough for him to win the crown for 2023. This is his fourth 305 track championship (2005, 2019, 2021 and 2023). Kasey Jedrzejek won the feature followed by John Ivy and Miller.

Angola Motorsport Speedway ended their season last Saturday. The 2023 track champions are Street Stocks Jeremy Hamilton by 2 points, Jordan Gatton in the Modifieds and a back-to-back champion, Front Wheel Drives Chip Heintzelman and Late Model Champ is Tommy Cook.

Indianapolis Speedrome hosted the 2023 World Late Model Figure 8 Championship. Austin Tunny led a race high 213 of the 390 laps in the 3-Hour Endurance Race. Tunny is now a 2-time victor of the \$20,000 to win classic. It was also the second World Championship for car owner Sam Breedlove. There were 20 lead changes amongst 6 racers. The race had a record of 5 drivers on the lead lap at the finish from a field that included competitors from 6 states. This victory comes 20 years since his late Hall of Fame father Bill Tunny Jr captured the World Figure 8 title. Since Bill's 2003 win, his 3 sons have captured a combined 7 World Figure 8 Championships. This year's top 3 spots were a family affair 1st Austin Tunny, 2nd Jesse Tunny, and 3rd Mark Tunny.

Feature winners at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon were, Late Model Rusty Schlenk, Sportsman Jacob Gamber, Dominator Stock Craig Dippman and Sport Compacts Jason Deshler.

LADY KNIGHTS SWEEP WT

Crestview posted a straight set sweep over rival Wayne Trace in non-league high school volleyball action Thursday night.

The Lady Knights took the opening set 25-11 and followed it up with an identical 25-11 victory in game two. Crestview then wrapped up the match with a 25-14 win in the third set.

Cali Gregory posted a dozen kills, 20 assists and seven digs for the Lady Knights with Myia Etzler adding 13 kills, two blocks and an ace. Adelyn Figley also had nine slams for Crestview and Emily Lichtle dished out ten assists.

Ellie Kline picked up 15 digs and three aces with Josie Kulwicki recording seven digs and an ace.

Kacy Hornish recorded three kills, seven assists, eight digs and four blocks for Wayne Trace with Harper Myers chipping in five digs, two kills and an assist. Lexi Moore added three kills and four blocks and Paige Alber finished with four assists and six digs.

Caroline Winans totaled two assists and three digs and Careen Winans posted two kills and a block. Amber Stoller also had a pair of slams for Wayne Trace and Kaitlin Slade picked up six digs. Torree Sinn finished with four kills as well.

Wayne Trace captured the junior varsity match, dropping set one 25-19 to the Knights before rebounding for victories of 25-6 in game two and

25-18 in game three.

NEW HAVEN M3 KICKOFF TO FALL

New Haven Parks & Recreation's M3 KICK OFF TO FALL MARKET is back for its fourth year! The Hubie Ashcraft Band will be headlining our "goodbye summer..hello fall" that is a continuation of the Music, Market & Munchies event held every July. Fall M3 kick off is set for Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The Market has over 35 local vendors with fresh produce, craft & artisan items, fall décor, sweet treats, gluten-free goodies, jewelry, and so much more! Plenty of food choices with food trucks - Baby Got Smac, Bravas, The Local Apple Cart, Twist, Wood Smoke & New Haven Lions Club burgers & hot dog fundraiser. Beer & wine tent by Winner's Circle. Bring a lawn chair & enjoy a night of free music & great fun.

H&K Family Auto will have a Chevy truck loaded with pumpkins & gourds at Schnelker Park for kids to decorate at the New Haven Parks booth & then take home (while supplies last)

For additional information contact the New Haven Parks Department 260-749-2212.

THE GRIEF EXPERIENCE

We live in a grief-illiterate society. People seldom share their true experience of grief, therefore we don't really know what to expect when it happens to us.

A grief counselor recently discussed what no one tells us about grief. These are some of the things those who are grieving confided:

- Grief is isolating
- There are innumerable secondary losses
- The pain of grief will hit unexpectedly
- It is so exhausting
- Many related feelings are experienced each day
- Grief lasts much longer than expected
- We are profoundly changed by grief
- It affects your thinking, your remembering
- Your patience is lost
- It can affect you physically
- Grief is disorienting
- Grief is transformative

Just as each of us is a unique individual, each will have a unique experience with grief. Discussing it with others, however, will reveal many common feelings. This is the function of the GriefShare program. Participants discover they are not alone. Sessions are held locally at the Leo Methodist Church on State Rd. 1. Each Saturday morning they meet from ten o'clock until noon in the church library to view videos and discuss them. More information can be found on GriefShare.org.

Grieving is a natural and essential human experience. GriefShare can help those grieving to feel connected and less isolated.

APACHES CRUISE TO WIN OVER PAULDING

Fairview improved to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the Green Meadows Conference as the Lady Apaches posted a straight-set volleyball win over Paulding Tuesday night.

The black and gold recorded a 25-12 win in the

opening set of the night while Fairview took game two by a 25-21 margin. The Lady Apaches then completed the sweep with a 25-15 decision in the third set.

Addison Pease had ten digs, seven assists and an ace for the maroon and white with Brianna Bermejo recording two kills, three digs and three aces. Kayleigh Dunham chipped in four kills and three blocks with Elli Barton totaling five kills, one block and two digs.

Marley Parrett finished with four kills and two digs with Maci Kauser recording 13 digs and one ace.

Paulding posted a straight-set win in the junior varsity match, taking game one 25-22 before winning the second set 25-16. Fairview won in two sets in the freshmen match as the Apaches posted victories of 25-20 and 25-18.

PANTHERS DROP MATCH TO TIGERS

Paulding dropped to 3-10 overall on the season as the Panthers were swept by host Liberty Center by scores of 25-9, 25-14 and 27-25 Thursday night.

The Lady Tigers also took the junior varsity match with victories of 25-17 and 25-23.

Elli Barton finished with three kills, two digs and an assist for the Lady Panthers with Macy Kauser posting three digs and an ace.

Kayleigh Dunham chipped in four kills and one block while Jocelynn Parrett totaled five digs and one kill. Brianna Bermejo posted four kills and three digs with Marley Parrett adding two kills, one block and one ace.

Grace Goyings contributed

eight assists and seven digs as well for the Lady Panthers.

BUILD IT! EXHIBITION OPENING SEPT. 23

Science Central's next temporary exhibition, Build It!, will give visitors an opportunity to express their creativity and engineering skills.

Opening Saturday, Sept. 23, this exhibition features large, lightweight blocks that come in a variety of shapes - bricks, cylinders, chutes, channels, and more. Build It! offers visitors the chance to make structures, create environments, engage in pretend play, invent games, and more.

This exhibition is an open-ended experience, but does feature building prompts to get visitors' creative juices flowing. With blocks that are easy to stack, line up, and move around, Build It! is suitable for ages 3 to adult.

The exhibition also features a section with blocks shaped like dinosaur bones, inviting visitors to make their very own prehistoric creatures and act like paleontologists.

Build It! was conceived and designed by award-winning architect David Rockwell, who was inspired by watching his own children play. His firm has been internationally recognized for its broad array of projects, from restaurants to stage sets, hotels to historic restorations, and art programming to interactive design.

Build It! is located in Science Central's Temporary Exhibitions Gallery. Entry is included with general admission. The exhibition will run through Jan. 8, 2024



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ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On September 1, an employee of a local business reported being harassed at work. The individual was contacted and told to no longer have any contact with the employee.

On September 2, a resident reported a broken fire hydrant and the officer contacted the village utilities department.

On September 2, a resident saw a mailbox hit on Erie St and reported the hit and run. The officer located the vehicle and individual and an accident report was prepared.

On September 3, the Family Dollar store reported a theft. The case was investigated, cameras were inspected, and charges were brought against a resident of South Main St.

On September 5, a resident of the North Garden Apartments reported that she believed that her apartment had been bugged and there were strange things going on around her apartment.

On September 6, a vehicle was stopped in the Antwerp School parking lot. The driver was cited for driving under suspension.

On September 6, a vehicle was stopped on Water Plant Dr. The driver was cited for no driver's license. The vehicle was towed away.

On September 7, a resident of Main St. was assisted with unlocking her vehicle.

On September 8, a resident

of the village reported that their juvenile child had been harassed at the Hicksville Football Field. The officer referred the caller to the Hicksville PD.

On September 9, a resident of Erie St reported a neighbor was causing problems and was charged with disorderly conduct and charges were forwarded to the prosecutor.

On September 9, a village resident reported that several items belonging to the individual were damaged by a person. A report was forwarded to the prosecutor for charges.

On September 10, a resident of Madison St. reported that a truck was parked on his property. The officer located the owner of the vehicle and the truck was removed.

On September 10, the Antwerp Police were contacted for a domestic dispute. An adult female was arrested and transported to the jail for domestic violence.

On September 11, the police were called to a residence with an individual threatening suicide. The officer helped the family with getting the individual to the Promedica Hospital in Defiance.

On September 11, the Antwerp School requested the delivery of a message on S. Main St. The message was delivered.

On September 12, the Antwerp PD assisted an individual with retrieving belongings from a residence with an order from the courts.

On September 13, an individual reported that he found rims and tires on CR424 that he believed belonged to him. After investigating it was found his ex-girlfriend sold them at a garage sale.

On September 13, a resident of Wilcox St. reported trespassing.

On September 13, a resident of Canal St. reported that she was getting unwanted texts from a person. The person was contacted and told

not to send anymore messages.

On September 13, a resident reported that she was being harassed by a neighbor on Facebook.

On September 13, a resident of Bryan, OH reported he had been storing his belongings on Main St. The owner had cleaned out the

shed and put the belongings by the road.

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

LATEST INNOVATIONS TO BE SHARED AT FARM SCIENCE REVIEW



Farmers gather each year to see the latest in agricultural innovations at The Ohio State University's Farm Science Review (FSR). The annual show, sponsored by Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 19-21, at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

Demonstrations, beginning at 12:30 daily, will showcase ag technology innovations including an autonomous tractor, drone spraying, high-clearance robotic irrigation system capable of applying animal nutrient sources to row crops, and wireless communications options for connecting these devices.

The self-driving autonomous farm tractor is one example and performs its duties without an operator in the cab. "They are internet connected to share computational loads with a web-based interface for mission planning, provide in-field high accuracy position information, track progress, and enable remote monitoring of machine performance. Increasingly, artificial intelligence is being utilized to avoid collisions by detecting obstacles including humans, animals, other vehicles, and other obstacles, said John Fulton, professor and Extension specialist in FABE. "Tractors without drivers are being deployed with varying levels of autonomy ranging from remote monitoring via tractor-mounted cameras to on-board artificial intelligence to carry out routine, repetitive, and labor-intensive procedures."

Because they can record information automatically and store it in the cloud for easy access, automated tractors can also make it easier to create, keep, and transfer records of agricultural procedures. Self-driving and self-steering tractors can also significantly improve the accuracy of seeding, weeding, harvesting, and other procedures which can mean reduced use of seeds, pesticides, and other chemicals.

Shearer and Fulton have also conducted research on using drones in agriculture. The machines were initially used for non-spraying applications, such as scouting fields and collecting data on crop and field conditions. When humans scout a field, the professors explained, they typically only go to four or five locations within a field, but a drone can visit as

many as 30 locations that are uniformly distributed over a field in less time.

Drones can capture important data such as soil characteristics, location of drainage tiles, crop nutrient stress level, crop emergence or stand counts, weed species and distribution levels across fields, and detection of insects and diseases.

But the most recent advancement related to drones and farming is using drones for spraying and applying to cover crops. Although spraying with a drone is still in its infancy in the United States, interest in the technology is high. "A rapid increase of easy-to-operate drones for spraying pesticides is underway. They are lightweight, but powerful enough to lift a 8-18-gallon tank," said Fulton. A variety of drones will be on-site at FSR to illustrate how the technology works. Regulatory requirements of drone application in agriculture, as well as current challenges of the technology will also be discussed.

With drones becoming increasingly available to farmers and with the advances in analytical tools, weed detection and eradication can be accomplished with greater speed and accuracy. Research at Ohio State is being conducted to determine spray deposition, swath control, and coverage and drift from drone sprayers in comparison to other methods used for pesticide application.

Participants at FSR will also be able to see a robotic high-clearance irrigation system that can apply liquid animal nutrient sources at the base of actively growing corn plants. The uniqueness of this system is its ability to follow planter passes regardless of the shape and size of the field. The irrigator follows and applies whatever the crop needs right at the base of the plant throughout the growing season.

"A major benefit of robotic irrigation is the ability to apply both water and nutrients when the crop is most in need of these inputs," said Andrew Klopfenstein, a senior research engineer in FABE.

Manure application through robotic irrigation systems presents several advantages over traditional land application methods—namely reduced compaction, the ability to apply to growing crops, better application control, and lower costs. Additional advantages may in-

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

clude increased asset utilization through extended application periods, elimination of plugging concerns, reduced odor levels, and reduced surface water contamination.

Automating routine field activities in agriculture results in better input utilization, higher yields, and farming precision, which leads to greater yields and financial

returns. One of the most significant impacts seen is gains in efficiency and accuracy. Additional benefits include more timely nutrient application and better distribution, decreased fuel use, and lower labor and production costs. Visit FSR where you can see the machines in action and talk with the Ohio State specialists who are researching the best ways to use them.

ORDINANCE 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE JOB CREATION TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO.

Ordinance may be read in its entirety at the office of the Fiscal Officer, 111 S. Main ST., Hicksville OH 43526.

RONALD JONES, MAYOR
ATTEST:
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NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes:
LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,
vs.
HEZEKIAH WINN, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 090

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges as follows:

165 Rear Road, Washington Township Parcel Number: 32-07S-001-03

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

The opening bid is Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 08/100 (\$9318.08) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

Whereas, said judgment orders such real property to be sold by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of said judgment;

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, October 12, 2023 by on-line bidding at:

(RealAuction) <https://paulding.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>. **Registration and a Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) deposit must be completed at least one week before the date of the sale.**

If this parcel does not receive a sufficient bid, it shall be offered for sale on-line, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale on October 26, 2023 for the same minimum bid.

Bidding begins on scheduled Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. An auction will be conducted for each individual property/court case. After a property is sold, the next scheduled sale will begin.

The purchaser will be required to pay recording costs and transfer fee with the balance of the purchase price after the sale has been confirmed.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX LIEN THAT MAY NOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE SALE, AND PURCHASERS OF ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY ARE URGED TO SEARCH THE FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX THAT IS KEPT BY THE COUNTY RECORDER TO DETERMINE IF NOTICE OF A FEDERAL TAX LIEN HAS BEEN FILED WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Joseph R. Burkard, Prosecuting Attorney

ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT SMALLWOOD, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 22 052

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

715 West Perry Street, Paulding, Parcel Number: 30-30S-008-00

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 Sixty Thousand and No/100 (\$60,000.00) 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 October 5, 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 October 12, 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
Paulding County, Ohio
www.pauldingohsheriff.com
Paul Nalepka, Attorney for Plaintiff

U & INNERGEX BRING IMMERSIVE FARMING EXPERIENCE TO OHIOANS

The Ohio State University Foundation is pleased to announce that Palomino Solar, a subsidiary of Innergex Renewable Energy has made a generous donation to support Ohio State University Extension's iFarm Immersive Theater through the purchase of and funding maintenance of the iFarm Immersive Theater.

The theater's mobile structure, designed by OSU Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), gives viewers the opportunity to participate in multiple immersive agricultural experiences.

The iFarm Immersive Theater provides visitors with an IMAX theater-like performance, with a first-hand look at interesting topics in real time, including sound and motion. Inside the iFarm dome, the viewer is fully immersed in the subject matter.

The theater's 15-foot-tall inflatable dome surrounds the audience with 360 degrees of real-life videos. Most of the videos feature vantage points from locations where people cannot go in person, such as inside a beehive, the cockpit of a crop-dusting airplane, or on the implements attached to a tractor working in the field. An additional video added this summer highlights the entire Ohio agricultural industry. The theater made its debut at Farm Science Review in the fall of 2021.

The iFarm Immersive Theater is now sponsored by Innergex Renewable Energy, who will provide funding to OSU Extension through an exclusive five-year agreement. The iFarm Immersive Theater can be easily moved to locations throughout Ohio. This makes the theater dome and immersive experience more accessible for schools, commodity groups, and other interested local community organizations.

"The iFarm Immersive Theater is a futuristic and innovative way for people to learn about agriculture and many other topics, and we're

pleased to have support from Innergex to help Extension reach a much larger audience throughout the state," said Sam Custer, interim assistant director for agriculture and natural resources, OSU Extension.

"Innergex is excited to work with OSU Extension to sponsor the innovative iFarm Immersive Theater that showcases the agricultural history of Ohio and allow residents to experience its future using state-of-the-art technology. Ohio's farmland is constantly evolving to face new challenges, and we hope that this immersive experience sparks the interest of new generations for agricultural careers in Ohio," said David Little, vice president - Development USA at Innergex.

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. is an independent renewable power producer, developer, owner, and operator of hydroelectric, wind, solar and energy storage facilities. For more than 30 years, Innergex has believed in a world where abundant renewable energy promotes healthier communities and creates shared prosperity. Innergex conducts operations in Canada, the United States, France, and Chile and has a portfolio of assets which includes 40 hydroelectric facilities, 35 wind facilities, 11 solar facilities, and one battery energy storage facility.

OSU Extension offers programming that addresses agriculture and natural resources, community development, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development. Extension is the world's largest non-formal educational system. OSU Extension fulfills the land-grant mission of The Ohio State University by working alongside citizens to address local and regional needs with practical advice, sensible solutions, and community connections. Extension professionals throughout the state bring people and ideas together to help CFAES sustain life.

TIGERS BLANK WARRIORS

Bluffton scored in each of the four quarters as the Tigers coasted to a 28-0 victory over Woodlan in ACAC football action Friday night outside of

Woodburn. Braxton Betancourt led the Tigers with 73 passing yards on the night and 68 rushing yards, including a touchdown pass and a rushing touchdown. Betancourt was 4 of 12 through the air for Bluffton and carried the ball ten times for the Tigers. Tucker Jenkins rumbled for 107 yards to lead the Tigers on 15 carries, including a pair for touchdowns. Cooper Craig added 11 carries for 43 yards to aid the Bluffton cause. Jenkins also recorded three catches for 61 yards with one touchdown and Andrew Hunt picked up two receptions for 14 yards. Jenkins picked up a pair of two-point conversions as well for Bluffton.

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Bluffton, which improves to 4-0 on the season and 2-0 in the ACAC, returns to action with a conference battle at Jay County on Friday.

Woodlan falls to 1-3 in all games on the season and 0-2 in the league. The Warriors hit the road for a conference battle at Southern Wells on Friday. The Raiders are also 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in the league.

WARRIORS FARE WELL AT WARRIOR INVITATIONAL

The Woodlan cross country teams traveled to Marion on Saturday to take part in the Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion.

On the girls side, Woodlan posted a second-place finish as a team behind a sixth-place individual finish from Mae Emehiser with a time of 20:17.30. The Lady Warriors had a trio of others who finished in the top 25, including Katy Niles (13th, 21:23.70), Viv Cook (17th, 21:32.21) and Layla Hodson (25th, 22:09.30).

Other finishers for Woodlan included Cara Chen (30th), Caroline Hambrin (64th), Jordan Kline (67th), Bethany Lockridge (76th), Findley Harnish (105th) and Alexis Moehring (119th).

Woodlan's boys team took seventh place and was led by

Ryan Hubbard, who took 22nd in 18:04.10, and Nathan Culler placed 24th with a time of 18:09.40.

Brady Garrison (45th), Collin Klepper (70th), Caleb Palmer (72nd), Cooper McDaniel (109th), Ayden Detrick (151st) and Brady Schurg (166th) completed the list of Warrior finishers.

RAIDERS GO DISTANCE TO BEAT ACES

Host Hicksville and visiting Wayne Trace went to the decisive fifth set in Green Meadows Conference volleyball action Tuesday night with the visiting Raiders posting a 15-12 game five win to capture the match.

Lexi Moore posted 13 kills and five blocks while Harper Myers added ten slams and four digs. Torree Sinn chipped in ten kills, one assist and two digs.

Caren Winans totaled eight kills, one assist, three aces and ten digs with Kacy Hornish adding six slams, 20 assists, 17 digs and one block. Amber Stoller picked up two kills as well for the Lady Raiders.

Lorie Sinn chipped in two kills, two assists, one ace and nine digs for the red, white and blue and Paige Alber recorded one kill, 15 assists, four aces and 13 digs. Ava Zartman aided the Wayne Trace cause with one ace and two digs while Kaitlin Slade finished with six assists and 23 digs. Natalie Stoller totaled two digs and one block for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Aces took the opening set 25-16 and the third set 25-21 while the Raiders captured game two 25-18 and game four 25-15 to set up the decisive fifth set.

Wayne Trace's junior varsity also was victorious, falling in game one 26-24 before rebounding to win set two 25-20 and take game three 25-23.

WT FINISHES SECOND AT WILLOW BEND

The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders traveled to Van Wert on Thursday for the Willow Bend Girls Golf Invitational where the red, white and blue posted a second-place finish as a squad.

Defiance won the tournament with a 211 while the red, white and blue took second with a 223. Delphos Jefferson placed third at 225 followed by Lincolnview fourth at 248 and Ottoville fifth at 249.

Defiance's Ava Hesselwardt claimed tournament medalist honors with a 42 and Ottoville's Lexi Honigford finished second at 48. The Bulldogs' Kaylee Harsha placed third at 51 and Delphos Jefferson's Avery Eickholt took fourth at 53. Wayne Trace's Brenna Parker was fifth with a 54.

Raegan McGarvey and Tori Young each posted a 55 for Wayne Trace while Logen Bland chipped in a 59 and Ella Crosby totaled a 60.

Lauren Sanford (56) and Hailey Becker (62) completed the Defiance scorers. Other Wildcat scorers included Caitlin Jettinghoff (56), Ariel Wallace (57), Zada Grogg (59), Lani Warnement (62) and Malin Casmier (70).

Paige Dunn led the way for the Lady Lancers with a 60 followed by Sydney King (61), Eme Renner (63), Grace Custer (64), Lilly Holdgreve (64) and Nevada Siebold (79). Ryann Schroeder aided the

Big Green with a 63 and Isabelle Furley recorded a 67. Georgia Schnipke also had a 71 for Ottoville.

ANTWERP XC COMPETE @ WAYNE TRACE

Tuesday, September 10, the XC teams competed at Wayne Trace in a meet with Millerton City, Leipsic, and Edgerton also in attendance.

Junior high started the meet off in stellar fashion, as the boys placed first as a team. They were led by race winner Gage Barker, second place finisher Bryceton Barker, Tucker Doster, Isaac Buhner, and Camden Herber.

The junior high girls were unable to score as a team, but were led by race winner Alia Clem, third place finisher Gianna Laker, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.

Next up were the Varsity Girls. The Lady Archers also brought home the victory, as they placed five runners in the top eight! They were led by second place finisher Leigha Doster, Reese Durbin, Gabriella Snyder, Lyla Clem, Emma Saul, Emily Laker, Jen Lawhorn, and Taylor Steibling.

The Varsity Boys wrapped up the evening, but weren't able to compete as a team. They were led by seventh place finisher Alex Zijlstra, John Bailey, and Aiden Hook.

The Archers return to action Saturday as they travel north to the Fayette Invitational.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Manik Sachdeva, Markham, ON; Failure to yield for emergency vehicle; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Caitlin L. Link, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Operator license suspension from 8/04/23 to 8/04/24, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail/IID, Magazine shall be forfeited to the arresting agency, No further charges to be filed regarding the firearm, May petition court to have IID removed at 6 months; OVI/breath (low), Count B dismissed; Marked lanes, Count C dismissed

Stephanie S. Thomas, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kandi M. Snyder,

Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Registration violation, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Jenny Marie Barham, Grover Hill, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Jacob W. Taylor, Paulding, OH; Unsecured load; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joseph Lee Bailey, Antwerp, OH; Unauthorized use of property, Pled no contest, found guilty, 30 days jail, 9 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Make restitution in the amount of \$211.95, Placed on standard probation, 20 hrs community service, No contact with the Paulding fairgrounds, Report to the probation office 9/11/23 by 12pm; Unauthorized use of property, Count B dismissed; Theft, Pled no contest, found guilty, 180 days jail, 159 suspended, Same conditions as Count A; Theft, Case dismissed per state

Lonte D. Ward, Indianapolis, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James B. Evans, Jackson, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Megan Jackman, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alan P. Weidenhamer, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Merge with Count A; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Merge with Count A

Hardip K. Basaren, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alexis E Garduno Delgado, Indianapolis, IN; No OL; J-Guilty;

Noah T Coyne, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; case was waived by defendant

Rabmatullah K. Ali, San Antonio, TX; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Isaiah D. Tools, Normal, IL; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ilich A. Rodriguez Bernard, Indianapolis, IN; Driver license <6 months; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jay Frieden, Greenwood, IN; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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THE BIG HOUSE



My son played football for small Leo High School and was recruited by five colleges, one of which was the University of Michigan. This was way back in '87. He chose Illinois State, and is now nearing the age of retirement, living in Bloomington, Illinois. We were invited to two football games that year, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

Michigan beat Notre Dame, but Ohio State was a different ball game.

He had visited during the school year, and the parents were invited in the summer. All we heard all day long was, "We're the best!" The biggest workout facility, the biggest practice facility," and on and on. Just visiting the campus, and seeing the diversity of students, can be a daunting experience.

Standing on the field, the Michigan fight song being played over the public address system. Bob Ufer announcing the game for his beloved Michigan. The last item of business, a pep talk by the legendary coach, Bo Shembeckler. The boys could have run through a brick wall.

Driving bumper to bumper on I-12. Clipping off a mile post every 53 seconds. Bo talking to the boys in the press box, just minutes before the game, and hurrying down to your seats. The most important game is with Ohio State, the last game of the season. The game lived up to it's hype.

Just a few seconds left in the game. Michigan leading by 4. Ohio State has the ball on the 5-yard line. 4th and goal. One down left to determine the entire season. Art Schleicter drops back to pass. He tucks the ball and runs for the corner of the end zone, slides in the snow, completely up to the stadium wall. We were sitting in the sixth row, where he stopped by the wall.

The season was magic for me. I worked in construction, so I worked every Saturday and listened to the game on the radio. Bob Ufer was one of the greatest I have ever heard. The fifth game of the season, Bob set the game up, then said, "I turn the microphone over to Sam Black as I am just too sick to go on."

He died before the season ended, and I kept his 2-hour eulogy on tape for years. He broadcast on 760 am, Detroit. He was one of the greatest broadcasters I ever heard. At my age I am not an avid sports fan, but I seem to end up watching the football games. Nothing like a game at The Big House, when the

400 member band takes the field just prior to the game, "Hail, hail, to Michigan. The champions of the West." Last thoughts; I have seen how beneficial sports can be for students success. Why not have interscholastic sports for all students. Cornhole and pickleball tournaments would be a good start. The biggest trophy for pig rais'in, and carrot gro'in.

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—James Neuhausser

48 OHIO SCHOOLS & 615 TEACHERS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S THOMAS EDISON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STEM EDUCATION

The Ohio Academy of Science today selected 48 Ohio schools and 615 teachers to receive The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for their accomplishments during the 2022-2023 school year. Each school will receive a special Governor's Award certificate, and each teacher will receive a complementary membership to The Ohio

Academy of Science. The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are: (1) Conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students and have two or more of these students participate in the District Science Day or have 6 or more students participate in the District Science Day when no local has been conducted, (2) Students must participate in at least one more youth science opportunity beyond the classroom. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering, and mathematics for all PK-12 students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving.

First established in 1985, the Governor's Thomas Edison Awards recognizes Ohio

schools and teachers who stimulate scientific student research and technological design and extend experiential opportunities beyond traditional classroom activities. "These schools and teachers are preparing students for the future through application-based learning," said Michael E. Woytek, the Academy's Executive Director. Woytek went on to say, "their students are learning and gaining confidence by solving complex problems through inquiry and technological design."

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in cooperation with The Office of The Governor and The Technology Division of The Ohio Development Services Agency to recognize schools and teachers for excellence in STEM education and scientific student research.

About The Ohio Academy of Science

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy is the leading organization in Ohio to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving

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Sudoku solution from page 9

skills. OAS members are as diverse as the science taking place in Ohio, and OAS programs support STEM research among pre-college and college students through the professional scientific community.

For more information about the OAS, please visit its website at <http://www.ohiosci.org>

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Premier Bank recently donated a check for \$5,000 to the Bryan Area Foundation. The funds will be used for the Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground.

"The Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground is being built to provide a place where children and families of all physical, mental and social abilities can learn, play and grow together," explained Amy Miller, President & CEO, Bryan Area Foundation. "Incorporating

the "seven principles of universal design," the playground will include ramp entry points, a poured-in-place surface, braille and picture communication boards, a flush-to-ground merry-go-round, zip line, expression swings and more. With the help of our community partners like Premier Bank, we hope to break ground and begin construction this fall.

"We are proud to support the Bryan Area Foundation

as they work provide a safe play place where individuals of all ages and abilities can learn through play and enjoy the freedom to interact with their peers," said Trish Gelsomino, Foundation Giving Coordinator, Premier Bank. "Together we can spread kindness and make our community stronger!"

For more information regarding the Bryan Area Foundation, please visit BryanAreaFoundation.org* or call 419-633-1156.

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 September 18, 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.
 U.S. 127 PROJECTS
 U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8 for approximately 365 days for a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID

102669
TRAFFIC IMPACT
 Detour: CR 424 to The Bend Road to SR 18, back to U.S. 127.
 • Southbound truck route: SR 15 to U.S. 24, back to U.S. 127.
 • Northbound truck route: SR 249 to SR 15, back to U.S. 127.
 U.S. 127/Harrison Street in the village of Sherwood

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

State Route 18 between the village of Sherwood and the village of Hicksville will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

PAULDING COUNTY:
 U.S. 24 PROJECTS
 U.S. 24 eastbound, between Road 43 and the State Route 49 interchange, the shoulder will be closed for erosion repair work.

State Route 613, approximately two miles west of the village of Melrose, will be restricted to one lane at times for drainage work.

Various locations will temporarily be restricted to one lane for drainage maintenance.

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

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

State Route 634 just north of U.S. 224 will close on Sept. 26 for approximately four days for a culvert replacement.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
 Detour: U.S. 224 to SR 114, back to SR 634.

VAN WERT COUNTY:
 State Route 81/State Route 118, at the intersection, will have traffic impacts for shoulder work.

MERCER LANDMARK HOSTS 2nd ANNUAL AGROW EXPO



2023 AGrow Expo was a huge success. It took place Saturday, September 9th at the Latty facility grounds. The event was a jam-packed full of educational workshops, entertainment, and food for the entire family!

PAYNE'S ROCK THE BLOCK KICKS OFF THE AUTUMN SEASON



Village of Payne really did "Rock the Block" on Saturday September 9th. From activities at the downtown and the downtown and park area to food vendors & Payne food establishment specials to the parade and fireworks, this was a weekend to end the summer!

THE CHOP SHOP

MEAT MARKET

4422 Bull Rapids Road
Woodburn, IN 46797

HOURS:
 TUES-FRI, 9-7
 SAT-SUN, 10-6

EBT PAYMENTS ACCEPTED HERE!

4422 Bull Rapids Rd. Woodburn, IN 46797
 Ph: 260-632-0707

PRICES GOOD 9/19-9/24
 SALE PRICES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

10lb Bag RUSSET POTATOES

\$4.99

FAMILY SIZE CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCH

\$3.99 PER BOX

CYRUS LEMON MERINGUE PIE 30 OZ

\$6.99

NUTELLA SPREAD 13 OZ

\$2.99

RAO'S GARLIC BASIL OR MARINARA 24 OZ JARRED SAUCE

\$2.89

ZESTA ORIGINAL SALTINES 16 OZ BOX

\$1.99

JOHNNY'S SEASONING SALT 32 OZ

\$8.95

PICK 5 - \$5.75 OR 5/\$25

MIX & MATCH SNACK STICKS & CANDY ITEMS

99¢ EACH OR 12/\$10

NESTLE 14OZ LA LECHERA CONDENSED MILK INCLUDING FAT FREE

99¢

SUPER SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

LIBBY'S 100% PURE CANNED PUMPKIN 15 OZ

79¢

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

SWIFT 48 OZ BEEF POT ROAST FROZEN DINNER

\$5.99

SELECT OCEAN SPRAY BOTTLED JUICE 64 OZ

\$2.99

STOUFFER'S MEAT LOVERS LASAGNA LARGE SIZE!

\$2.99

DELI SPECIAL JENNI-O BROWNED TURKEY BREAST

\$4.19 PER LB

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

RAISIN BRAN MUFFINS 4 CT

\$1.99

APPLE TURNOVERS 4 CT

\$2.49

ECKRICH HOTDOGS original, bun length or cheese

\$1.49 PER PK

SELECT PINT ICE CREAMS

\$2.79 OR 2/\$5

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST