

ELECTED OFFICIALS JOIN AREA ELECTRIC CO-OPS ON TOUR OF "PEAKING" GAS PLANT IN VAN WERT COUNTY, OH



Elected officials learned about power reliability concerns and saw the Robert P. Mone Generating Station in Convoy, Ohio, on a tour with Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and Buckeye Power on Sept. 29. Buckeye Power is Ohio's generation and transmission cooperative, providing power to 400,000 homes and businesses served by 24 Ohio-based electric cooperatives.

Legislators present on the tour included Rep. Angela King, Rep. Tim Barhorst, Rep. Roy Klopfenstein, Sen. Rob McColley, and Nicole Giesige, District Representative for Congressman Latta. CEOs, board members, and

other guests from area electric cooperatives - Paulding Putnam (Paulding), Midwest Electric (St Marys), Tri-county REC (Malinta), Logan County Electric (Bellefontaine), and Hancock-Wood Electric (North Baltimore) - also joined the tour, as each receives electricity from the plant.

The Van Wert County Mone facility is a 510-megawatt natural gas peaking plant operated by Buckeye Power, serving as a vital electricity generation asset in maintaining reliable electric service to Ohio's electric cooperatives during the highest periods of demand. The plant is considered a

"peaking" facility because it is utilized during peak times of demand - like on extremely hot summer or extremely cold winter days - to keep up with power needs. The plant's three gas-fired General Electric turbine engines can be up and running in less than 30 minutes, powering up more than 400,000 homes.

Tour groups were able to step inside the generation houses and see up close the technology that is used to stabilize the local grid during times of high energy usage. Attendees learned that the availability of consistent baseload power from fossil

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ALBER BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD FOR ACES



At Thursday evening's volleyball game - Wayne Trace vs Woodlan - Paige Alber broke the school's record for season aces! Alba's

stat record now stands at 59 aces for the season. The previous record was 58 was held by two players: T. Sinn and A. McClure.

NSSC CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING TO HOST "SCARY URBAN LEGENDS" PRESENTATION



Archbold, Ohio - The NSSC Center for Lifelong Learning is offering a special

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RAIDERS ON TO STATE!



Wayne Trace punched its ticket for the Division III boys golf state tournament with a fourth-place finish in the Division III district golf tournament Thursday near Bowling Green.

Minster won the district team championship with a 322 while Ottoville (333), Delphos St. John's (338) and Wayne Trace (338) also advanced their full squads.

The Raiders' Kyle Sutton

captured the individual district championship, shooting a 70 on the day to claim medalist honors.

Keaton Schnipke led Ottoville with a 79 while Collin Feathers recorded a 76 to pace the Blue Jays.

Conner Davis added an 87 for the Raiders followed by Brody Rosswurm (90), Jared Varner (91) and Tyson Gerber (109).

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PAULDING COUNTY YOUTH BUSINESS SHOWCASE SUCCESS!

This year attendees of the Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival had the exciting opportunity of shopping the first Youth Business Showcase. There were 21 participants aged 18 and under businesses offering a wide variety of handmade goods and services.

The showcase was brought to this year's festival by many groups including: Paulding County Economic Development (PCED), Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce; First Financial Bank and Ohio Small Business Development Center. The goal was to give young, local entrepreneurs a chance to share their talents

and potentially grow and develop their business ventures.

Not only were the young vendors able to sell their goods and services and promote their businesses, but a judge's panel evaluated each vendor with a goal of presenting a Judge's Choice Award, and to select businesses to participate in the 2024 Northwest State Community College Entrepreneurship Summer Camp. Also available were People's Choice Awards, determined by festival goers who voted for their top three vendors.

A total of 237 votes were cast for the People's Choice Award, with the following businesses taking home a

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- October 9-11**
- Auglaize Chapel Church of God Revival
- October 9**
- PCRTA Meeting @ Pancake House, 11:30am
- October 10-13**
- PCH Fall Health Fair @ Black Swamp Nature Center, Paulding, 7-9am
- October 14**
- Euchre Tournament @ Zion Lutheran, Woodburn, 5:30p
 - Pete Menger Model Engine & Hobby Show, Monroeville Comm. Bldg., 10a-5p
- October 18**
- WBESC meeting @ Paulding office, 5:30pm
- October 20**
- The Addams Family @ Huber, 7pm
- October 21**
- The Addams Family @ Huber, 2:30 & 7pm
 - NRL22 Rifle Event @ Ant. Cons. Club, Sight-in, 9am
 - Christmas For Kids sign up @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-4p
 - Hocus Pocus Movie Night @ PC Sen Ctr, 6pm
- October 24**
- Charitable University @ PC Library, 5-8pm
- October 25**
- Antwerp Chocolate Walk, 5-7pm
- Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES



OAKWOOD, OH: **John R. "Bob" Weisenburger Sr.**, age 86, of Oakwood, OH, died the day before his 87th birthday on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

He was the son of the late Donald D. and Mazie Pauline Weisenburger (McCullough), born on October 1, 1936, in Oakwood, OH. On July 23, 1955, he and Julia Ann Tumey were united in marriage in Jackson, MI and spent 67 years together before her death in 2022. Bob obtained his license in barbering and began working in Lima in 1954 and opened Bob's Barber Shop in Oakwood in 1959; and he continued working until his accident in June. He also owned and operated Bob & Julie's Restaurant for a number of years. Bob also was a volunteer fireman with the Oakwood Fire Department and was a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Oakwood Development Club.

In addition to his parents and wife, Bob is preceded in death by his grandson, Wayne "Fred" Newsome Jr.; great grandson, Andrew Newsome, and brother, Fredrick Weisenburger.

John leaves behind his sons, John (Deborah) Weisenburger Jr. and James (Nancy) Weisenburger; daughter, Shelley (Wayne) Newsome, all of Oakwood; brother, Ronald Weisenburger; five grandchildren, Robb (Jennifer Dukes) Weisenburger, Mindy Newsome, Kristie (Todd) Schweller, Kyle Weisenburger, and adopted granddaughter, Sherri Fitzsimmons; nine great

grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, 201 Harmon St., Oakwood, OH 45873 with Rev. Stan Harmon officiating. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Flowers may be delivered to the church on Thursday between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, in honor of Bob. For additional information and to view Bob's online obituary, please visit www.churchfuneralsdirect.com.



PAULDING, OH: **Laresa C. Johnston**, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at Lima Memorial Hospital, Lima, OH.

Laresa was born on August 15, 1954 in Paulding, OH to Russell Holtsberry, Jr. and Mary Justine Kecks. For the past ten years, Laresa has been working as a job coach for Paulding County Job and Family Services. Laresa loved many things, such as bingo, music, nature, and going on long drives. Although, she loved nothing more than her family.

Laresa is survived by her mother, Justine; daughters: Caryn Johnston, Paulding, OH; Cathy Johnston, Cecil, OH; brother, Mark W. (Lisa A.) Holtsberry, Paulding, OH; sister, Teresa J. Holtsberry, Clarksville, TN; grandchildren: Eugene, Burgundie, Karl, Jakob, Lexi, and Maggie.

Laresa was preceded in death by her father, Russell.

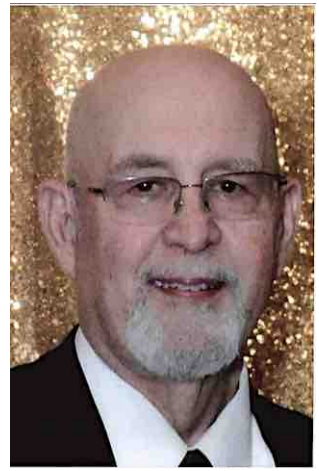
Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Hofacker officiating. Burial will follow in Bowholtz Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 9, 2023 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Laresa's memory to Paulding County

Relay for Life.

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



WOODBURN, IN: **David F. Nahrwold D.V.M.**, 69, of Woodburn, passed away on Wednesday, October 4th at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a valiant battle with cancer. His faith in Jesus Christ assured him that his spirit and soul are already in heaven awaiting the resurrection of his body on the last day.

Dr. Nahrwold was born in Fort Wayne on January 28, 1954, a son of the late Norma P. (Werling) and Fred C. Nahrwold.

He practiced veterinary medicine for 45 years, 35 of which were at his practice, Maumee Valley Veterinary Clinic in Woodburn. Along with being dedicated to his veterinary clients, he never lost sight of the importance of his faith in God and the love he had for his family. Dr. Nahrwold also loved fishing with his grandkids, working in his garden, and raising fruit trees.

Dr. Nahrwold will be missed by his wife, Elaine (Lund); children, Elisabeth (Jonathan) Held, Stephanie (Donald, M.D.) Fahler and Seth (Bucky) Nahrwold, DVM; siblings, Rhonda (Fred) Rasdorf, Curtis (Karen) Nahrwold, Susan (Ramon) Laughbaum & Carol Nahrwold; grandchildren, Nathaniel Held, Evelyn Fahler, Elyse Nahrwold, Anna Held, Zachary Nahrwold, Ruth Fahler & Lydia Nahrwold.

His funeral service is Monday, October 9th, 11 am at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Rd, Fort Wayne, with viewing one hour prior.

Viewing is also Sunday, October 8th, from 2-6 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. He will be laid to rest at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Ossian.

Please omit flowers! Memorials to Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46835 or the Purdue Foundation Scholarship Fund (Vet Class of 1978 - 013143) 625 Harrison St. West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PARKVIEW BRYAN HOSPITAL, PARKVIEW MONTPELIER HOSPITAL & PARKVIEW ARCHBOLD NOW SERVING PATIENTS IN NORTHWEST OHIO

BRYAN, OHIO - OCT. 2, 2023 - Three northwest Ohio healthcare facilities and their teams have officially joined Parkview Health.

As of Sunday, Oct. 1, Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers (CHWC) became an affiliate of Parkview, securing access to high-quality, local healthcare for northwest Ohio residents.

PARKVIEW BRYAN HOSPITAL

Based in Bryan, Ohio, CHWC operated two hospitals in Williams County and an outpatient center in Fulton County. Now that they have joined Parkview, the three facilities have been renamed Parkview Bryan Hospital,

Parkview Montpelier Hospital and Parkview Archbold. Building signage and other materials will be gradually updated with the new names and branding.

PARKVIEW ARCHBOLD

As part of the agreement, more than 700 co-workers, physicians and advanced practice providers from those facilities are also joining Parkview.

PARKVIEW MONTPELIER HOSPITAL

"We are thrilled to welcome all of these teams to Parkview and are proud to help continue their legacy of caring for the northwest Ohio community," said Dr. Greg Johnson, regional market president, Parkview Health. "Though patients may notice a little more Parkview green on these campuses, they can still expect to receive the same compassionate, high-quality care when they enter."

Though the facilities' names have changed, there will still be a transition period as the Ohio locations and teams fully integrate with Parkview.

"We appreciate everyone who has helped successfully navigate the affiliation process, and we will continue collaborating to make a smooth transition for patients, providers and co-workers," said Tasha Eicher, northeast Indiana/Ohio market president, Parkview Health. "As Parkview takes a larger role in caring for northwest Ohio residents, we look forward to seeing the impact we can have as both a healthcare provider and a community partner."

"As part of Parkview, we look forward to not just preserving access to care but discovering how we can improve as part of a network that shares our core values," said Chad Tinkel, president of Parkview's new Ohio facilities. "What we built will remain as a foundation to continue serving our patients and improving the health and well-being of our communities."

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presentation on folklore and urban legends, featuring Dr. Allen Berres of Northwest State. The program, titled "Scary Urban Legends," will be held at Northwest State on Friday, October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to noon in room A202.

Come listen to a review of classic scary urban legends and a discussion of why these legends and their descendants continue to live in our social media accounts and imaginations. Dr. Allen Berres studied folklore and urban legends at Ohio State University. He has taught writing and speech courses at Northwest State Community College since 2008.

Register by Monday, October 16th to reserve your spot. A small continental breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m., and the speaker follows at 9:30 a.m., along with a lunch from noon until 1:00 p.m. To sign up today, call Deb Wikstrom at 419.944.6195, or email lifelong@NorthwestState.edu. For more information on the CFL, and other upcoming programs, please visit NorthwestState.edu/lifelong-learning.

Scripture of the Week

"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

— Psalm 26:4

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



Collateral curtain costs

How long do a good set of cloth curtains last? Our primary home curtains overseas are going on 20 years of age, surely faded a bit, but have had a backcloth on them to protect from much of the sun.

When back in small-town America, my wife and I would love running the streets of town in the dark, cold early mornings. I do confess I liked watching snippets of the morning news when running by someone's home that had their front window curtains pulled back and their big screen tv turned on. However, we are all a bit inconsistent, not minding if the neighbors leave their curtains open, but want ours closed at times for our own privacy from them.

Curtains overseas for us have been even more important as they provide sun protection from the intense year-round sunrays and also privacy as an urban-apartment has people moving around just feet from our windows. After finding our

apartment home, we began measuring our windows and headed to a large fabric store. My wife decided to take on the curtain sewing job and calculated and bought the material she would need.

At some point in the project, her Singer sewing machine had a glitch and she needed a new part for it. Singer is a world brand, and I found a Singer repair shop that sold parts in the capital city. I drove our car down to the shop, and as is common, there was no parking. However, as is also common, I saw that cars had parallel parked along one side of the street with half the car resting on the sidewalk. I parked the same and ran into the sewing machine shop. When I came back 10 minutes later, I was shocked to find my car gone. I asked another shop owner what had happened, and he said, "A large city bus passes by here a few times a day and can't fit with cars partially blocking the street." All the locals knew to be ready to move their vehicles for the bus and then repark them partially on the sidewalk. I, however, didn't know to do this, and my car was towed away. I found a taxi and asked him to drive me to the police lot where towed vehicles are deposited. I unhappily paid my fine to get the car out of the lot. My wife fixed the sewing machine and finished the curtain project.

I still love those curtains twenty years later and cannot imagine replacing them, but maybe that is because they were a bit pricey with the collateral costs that went into making the curtains.

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

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

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fuel power plants is crucial for maintaining a stable energy supply to the local communities co-ops serve. Renewable sources like wind and solar are intermittent and weather-dependent, though still utilized by Buckeye Power as part of their "all of the above" energy approach.

Plant members shared research on energy storage solutions but cited many limitations and cost prohibitions. Plant personnel pride themselves on the

advancements that have been made to the plant to ensure reduced emissions.

This plant is just one generation resource in Buckeye Power's portfolio, outfitted with best-in-class environmental controls. Included in the portfolio are also coal, solar, hydropower, biomass, and other renewable energy generation.

Members of electric co-operatives with questions about where their power comes from can contact their local co-op office for details.

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ABOUT AS WILD AS I'M GONNA GET

Penny For Your Thoughts
By: Nancy Whitaker

Have I missed something? Have I grown older without noticing that how I was raised and the things I was allowed to do as a kid has undergone some major changes?

I have read and written stories about the late 1800s and in those days, students could take their rifles with them and go hunting after school. They walked miles to school, packed some kind of lunch of lard and sugar sandwiches and didn't worry if they did not take a bath every day. No one had any required vaccinations back then and everyone got along fine.

I grew up in the 50s and raised my own kids in the 70s and 80s and one thing they knew was they always needed to be home when the street lights came on. They rode their bikes around without helmets, packed their lunches if they did not like the school menu for that day and if they forgot their lunch money, no student had to go without their dinner. To me that is just plain mean to deprive a child of a lunch because of lunch money. Has our society become so selfish that a child cannot be fed unless they have the money?

We think we have "come a long ways" but when things we did as kids are against the law or we have fear we could get reported for being unsafe, then I guess I am glad I grew up when I did. I recently read an article about parents who got into trouble for letting their child walk to school alone. I remember when it was safe to walk to school by myself without the fear of being kidnapped, raped or murdered.

Of course I remember that also on Halloween we could accept homemade popcorn balls or cookies without fear they were poisoned. Is there more evil people lurking around today and if so, why? Well here are a few things we used to do as kids and my kids also did, that are now forbidden or against the law.

Of course we rode our bikes without a helmet, we drank water from a hose and families and schools even had

a well and pump and all drank from the same cup. I guess it is like double dipping. It was not uncommon to go swimming in rivers, creeks and ponds; we had snowball fights and went sledding without protective gear; we could carry a knife onto school property or bring a fishing tackle box to school.

Oh my, we all played politically incorrect games such as "cowboys and Indians," and (gasp) we had toy guns, plus we even pretended to shoot each other with sticks which we imagined were guns, we could say the words "gun" or "bang" or "pow pow" in pub-



lic, oh and we worked for our allowance and pocket money way before we were teens and then we took that hard earned money, bought all the penny candy we could afford and eat it in one sitting.

We got so dirty that our moms washed you off with the hose in the yard before letting you come into the house to have a shower. Writing lines for being a jerk at school, either on the board or on paper such as "I will not talk in class." Playing "dangerous" games like dodgeball, kickball, tag, whiffle ball, and red rover and climbing trees.

One thing I never did was to have to put my child in an approved car seat. We used to be able to hold a baby in our laps or use one of those cloth car seats which just hooked on in the front seat. Today they have a baby in an approved car seat and then have to face them backwards in the back seat.

We could always "lick the bowl of raw cookie dough or cake batter. We ate pork, bacon, sausage and hot dogs without fear of it being unhealthy, we always obeyed our parents and if we got a "spanking" at school, we got one when we got home.

We could have aspirin in our possession or if we needed to take one, the teacher had them available. I feel that my world and my children's world was safe. We survived those fun days and yes I even remember cars without seat belts.

I know everyone, including our state and federal governments, are working to

make our world a safer place, but I for one miss the good old days.

What are some of the things you did as a child that

they cannot do today? Do you feel the world and values have changed? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

PAULDING CHAMBER BANQUET CELEBRATES BUSINESSES MILESTONES



Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Leader of the Year - Doug Schlatter.

Thursday evening, October 5, 2023 the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce held their Appreciation Banquet at Grant's Catering in Antwerp, OH. Looking at their year in review, the Paulding Chamber board took a time to recognize some businesses for their achievements in 2023.

Milestone Awards:

- Creek Side Solar - 1 year award; Grounded Coffee & Crumbs - 1 year award; Troth Law Office 1 - 10 years award; Divine Mercy Catholic parish - 15 year award; Solid Ground property management & landscaping - 20 years award; OhioMeansJobs - 25 years award

Business Leader of the

Year - Doug Schlatter Golden shovel Awards:

- Antwerp Pharmacy; Buy the Book; Grants Catering; PC Workshop Limitless; Paulding County Hospital; Schlatter's Plumbing & Heating & AC; Bargain Bin of Paulding County Young Professional of the Year Award - Estee Miller Milestone Awards: 30 years - Marlin & Assoc 30 years - Dr. Michael Mott DDS 50 years - Paulding County Senior Center 80 years - fraternal order of the Eagles #2405 90 years - City Beverage Co. Legacy Award - Traci Koenig (LifeWise Academy)



HOCUS POCUS MOVIE NIGHT AT PAULDING CO. SENIOR CENTER

Time to get your spook on with a night of family fun! Wander through our haunted house, play some exciting yard games, and grab some refreshments. And wait, there's more! Stick

around for family favorite Halloween movie, Hocus Pocus!

Paulding County Senior Center is hosting a Hocus Pocus Movie Night on October 21, 2023. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. And the movie begins at 7:00 p.m.

Paulding County Senior Center is located at 401 E Jackson St. Paulding, OH 45879.

Please utilize Paulding High School Parking Lot. Please bring seating and dress accordingly as the film is being shown outside!

WRONG UNDERSTANDING

By: Doris Applegate
Scribed by Cynthia Nicholson

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Many times we go ahead and do things quickly on our own thinking and end up with more problems then we started with. As humans made in the image of God we are very capable people but because we have an enemy the devil we are bombarded constantly with wrong thoughts and ideas. The devil goes around as a roaring lion seeking who he may devour, always out to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus Christ came to give abundant life to us."

As born again (saved) believers in Jesus Christ we realize that we have been purchased (bought) by Him ad

we Do Not belong to our selves.

Many believers have never learned this vital truth and do not heed the counsel and leading of the Holy Spirit who is given to lead us into all truth and help us in out time of need. Trusting in the Lord with all of our hearts will keep us from many heartaches and "bumps in the road." It takes a contrite and humble heart.

To rely on Father God for his counsel and advice instead of our own will and thinking. When we do our own thing without God's help and see where we messed up, we also need to realize the wonderful promise from our Lord. "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28). The purpose God had for us will be known as we seek God's will for our lives and trust His leading. Amen

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

George Henry Hetz was born in Defiance, Ohio June 16, 1886. The son of Wentzel born March 21, 1851 in Germany and Barbara (Push) Hetz born 1845 in Germany. The Hetz family were living in Highland Township in Defiance County in 1890. This family was engaged in farming. George was too little to be in school. In 1896, George's mother Barbara passed away.

She was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance. George had two sisters and two brothers. By 1900, George, thirteen, was still living in Highland Township. The family was still engaged in farming.

By 1910, George was living in Noble Township, Defiance County. He was working as a servant, or farm hand for Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson. George's brother, Andrew was also working and living for Mrs. Johnson.

By 1915, George had moved to Cecil, Ohio. His brother Andrew also moved to Cecil. Unclear where he was living. On February 23, 1916, George's father, Wentzel married a gal named, Minnie Bowers Minch. She was born in Germany in 1859.

On June 5, 1917, George and Andrew went to the Emerald Township precinct and registered for the draft. George was single, tall, slender build, brown eyes, black hair and a farmer by trade. George joined the national army out of Paulding July 22, 1918. George served with 5th Company, 2nd Training Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade. George was honorably discharged December 15, 1918.

After returning home, George met a gal named Bridget T. Smith. Born February 27, 1892 in Illinois. They were married in late 1919. In 1920, a son, James D. was born. James went on to serve in World War Two. In 1920, Bridget and George were living on Hoeffel Road in Defiance County. They were engaged in farming.

George and Bridget went on to have Dorothy Jane in 1921, Mary B. in 1922 and Paul Joseph in 1928. In December of 1923, George's step-mother, Minnie, passed away. She was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

By 1930, George, Bridget and family were living in Noble Township and was operating a dairy farm. February 25, 1932, George's father, Wentzel, will pass away. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

By 1940, George and Bridget were still engaged in farming in Noble Township. In 1942, George had to register for the World War Two draft. He was not chosen because of his age of 55. But his son, James Donald, had to register and was chosen. He was listed as 5'3", 180 pounds, light complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. He served from September 25, 1942 to November 5, 1945.

By 1950, Bridget and George were living alone in Noble Township. The children had grown and moved out on their own. In the fall of 1950, George underwent surgery and was suffering complications. He became ill and bedridden. On Monday July 30, 1951 at 1:15 p.m., George Henry Hetz passed away. Services were conducted Thursday August 2, at 9:00 in the St. John's Catholic Church by Rev. Donald R. Klaus. Followed by burial at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance. After scratching around at the rabbit hole, I discovered that I knew George's daughter Mary's husband!

George E. Shannon. I worked with him at Zeller Corporation years ago. He was a World War Two Veteran. Small world! ...Until Then!

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WT GROVER HILL ELEM. ANNOUNCE SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill Elementary School has announced its September Students of the Month: (front, l-r) Bella Spangler, Brinley Voll, Karlee Reichert, Kinsley Sinn, Kanin May, Kaylee Stoller and Clara Laukhuf; (back, l-r) Gabby Lowe, Brenna Beining, Avah Farris, Jayde Sinn, Aden Sinn, Ivey Ray, Mia Kamphaus and Collin Reichert.

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Antwerp Elementary's Students of the Month! These students demonstrated the positive trait of friendship during the month of September. This year all of our Students of the Month will receive a T-shirt, designed by Design & Marketing student Adydon Hormann and printed by the Design & Marketing students. Pictured here are (front row) Ruby Coressel, Brady Howell, Harrison Barker, Eloise Scharr, and Caylah Stapleton; (second row) Riley Henschen, Lilah Martenies, Ezekiel Laker, Liam Gill, Ethan Taylor, Chloe Stapleton, and Amelia Fidler; (third row) Greysyn Hermiller, Madilyn Hogans, Roman Laker, Reece Bidlack, Skyler Pierce, Mo Reyes, Deacon Miller, Sydnie Keller, Thorin Mylek, and Deacon Hitzeman; (back row) Braxton Fidler, Bradyn Miller, Mackenzie Muir, Adrian Hogans, Sylvie Zartman, Brock Barker, Jayden Fish, Ellie Kemerer, Cora Rohrs, Soren Conley, and Greyson Smith. Not Pictured: Jaxton Leinbach.

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prize bag provided by the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce: Allie Manz of Allie's Cupcakes; Addie Straley of Joyful Jams and Bracelets; and Finn and Trig Tingle of The Family BEES-ness. The award featured items and gift cards donated from local businesses.

Judges Lisa Becher, of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Andi Ostendorf of First Financial Bank and Brett Rogge of the Paulding Area Chamber of Com-

merce, presented the following businesses a voucher for Northwest State's Entrepreneurship Summer Program: Hale's Handcrafts; Joyful Jams and Bracelets; Riley's Cards; and Something Brave Supply.

Finally, the Judge's Choice Award was presented to Jordan Hale of Hale's Handcrafts, who took home a free checking account from First Financial Bank, admission to Northwest State's Entrepreneurship Summer Camp, and the opportunity to participate in PCED's market-

ing small business assistance program that can help create a logo and marketing plan for their business.

Tim Copsey, Director at PCED expressed his appreciation for the successful turnout, saying, "The success of the Youth Business Showcase at the Flat Rock Festival blew any preconceived thoughts about this event completely out of the water! From the excitement of the 21 young entrepreneurs, to the excitement of the many potential customers who walked through the extension building, there was a feeling of accomplishment in the air for everyone involved. Nearly every passing comment about the event was positive, and many are already asking that we host this event again. One of the participants even commented that with the success achieved this year, perhaps next year he would display with the adult vendors all weekend long."

Eva Densmore, the nine-year-old proprietor of 'Art Blossom Studio' who sold her paintings, handmade paper dragon puppets and homemade slime in this year's showcase, is one of many planning to participate again in next year's event, saying the showcase was "a fun and creative way to make money." When asked what she enjoyed most about the event, Densmore said it was "how interested the people were in what

the kids were selling and seeing everyone support all the businesses." Densmore is also using this experience to further develop her business, saying she plans to use the money she earned at the showcase "invest in my business and buy better materials, so that next year I'll have more, better quality crafts to sell." Densmore also commented how thrilled she was with the level of support and enthusiasm amongst the attendees and fellow vendors, saying "Everyone worked hard and their work was so impressive, everyone supported each other and it was just an amazing experience overall!"

Due to the great success and level of support surrounding the event, PCED is currently exploring ways to give these young entrepreneurs the opportunity to participate in more vents throughout the year.

The list of the young entrepreneurs and their businesses at this year's Youth Business Showcase included:

Allie Manz of Allie's Cupcakes; Eva Densmore of Art Blossom Studio; Aniyah Sajjoun of Artful Greenery; Miriam and Benedikt Wiegand of Beulah Farm; Megan, Leah and Kendra Manz of Crocheted, Cooked, and Crafted; Neveah Cler of Cler Cosmetics; Jordan Hale of Hale's Handcrafts; Jazmyne Roddy of J&M Custom Creations; Jeremiah Sajuan of Jay's Bin Cleaning; Jerry Dimock of JMart; Addie Straley of Joyful Jams and Bracelets; Stephen and Isabell Mendez of Leigh's Loom Creations and Magnificent Magnets; Makenna Manz of Bracelet Battles; Michael Hastings of Michael's Handmade Creations; Riley Stork of Riley's Handmade Cards; Kennedy Dempsey of Shorty's Barkery; Allison and Sophie Donaldson of Small Town Sisters Creations; Lofton Brown of Something Brave Supply; Columbia Dempsey of Sticky Sticks; Finn and Trig Tingle of The Family BEES-ness; Emily Manz of The Painted Word; and Olivia, Isabelle, Preston and Jayden Schlatter of Schlatter's Vending Machine Co.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,
I'm going through some tough things right now and I know I need more faith, but how do I get it?

First, read your Bible more. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17

Second, practice more with the faith you do have. We don't only need a deeper faith, but a broader faith. The frequency of little faith makes it stronger. As you see God answering many little prayers, your confidence in Him grows for bigger prayers. He wants us to pray about everything. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

Third, ask for more faith as the apostles did. "And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith." - Luke 17:5

Fourth, get others to pray with you, adding their faith to yours. "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall

PJHS ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month the staff of Paulding Junior High School selects one Positive Panther from each grade-level. These students are selected based on their outstanding positivity and character. Shown in the picture from left to right are PJHS September Positive Panthers: Bindy Font (6th Grade); Avery Akers (8th Grade); and Baylor Kilgore (7th Grade).

agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 18:19

Fifth, try adding a little fasting to your prayer life. "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." - Matthew 17:21

Faith is something that can grow exceedingly, but the speed often depends on what we do with the five preceding principles. "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth." - II Thessalonians 1:3

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fun, Fellowship and Door Prizes!

Zion Lutheran Church, 7616 Bull Rapids Rd. Is hosting a fall euchre tournament on October 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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cludes dinner, door prizes and fun for all.

Call, leave message or text: Laurie Miller, 260-715-1170; Jackie Lantz, 260-416-8158; Sherry Schaper, 260-748-0914 (landline).

BRAD HURTIG - FIND A WAY TO SPEAK IN PAULDING

Brad Hurtig grew up as a typical student-athlete in a small town in Northwest Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year in high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of both of Brad's hands. Through hard work and determination, Brad soon re-joined his high school football team. In his senior year, Brad led his team with 111 tackles and earned all-state honors - all while playing with no hands. Now Brad is taking his life-changing story to organizations and churches across the nation.

Make plans to come to Bible Fellowship Church (1040 W Wayne St., Paulding, OH) on October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. To hear Hurtig's determined story: Find A Way.

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

Wake-up Time America

What has happened to Christianity in America? Where did it go? Why did it go? Who legally stole it? Can we revive Christianity? Do you want Christianity revived in America? What are you doing for Christianity? Do you really want us under a government control as in Russia or China? Well, that is exactly where your Democrat leaders have us if we don't wake up by the 2024 election day.

What is the only way to take over and gain total control of a nation like America? Before you answer that, try to remember who and how America was formed as it was. America's foundation was based on the Christian faith and Bible and the freedoms associated with faith in God. People came to America and formed this nation as a free people because of having been told where to attend church, who to worship, high taxes and other evils.

So, what are Democrats doing today that is any better than we were before 1776? Their goal is total control even if the cost is Civil War or WWII. Americans have been being re-programed for the last 60+ years.

My next paragraph is a series of questions that I pray you will take to heart and give serious thought. If you don't, I believe all of your offspring

for the next 100+ years will suffer greatly just as Russia and China do today.

Which party was it that all three branches of government approved "separation of church and state" the true beginning of canceling God out of America? Who forbid God, Bibles and prayer in schools? Who censored pastors free speech? Who is stripping our military of Christians? Which party had higher-ups say "defund police"? Who would hang a "gay pride flag" in a place of honor between two American flags? Who other than a complete idiot would have a military person salute a gay pride flag? Who pronounced it legal for boys to play in girls sports? We were born and grew as a Christian people for well over 200 years, but who was the traitor who declared to the world that we are not a Christian nation? Who opened our doors to the world's gangsters, terrorists, illiterates, drug runners, sex trade and anything evil? Does Democrat fit as the answers to each question?

Why are Democrats pushing transgenderism? Why did our anti-God, anti-American, socialist President Biden mandate that doctors must perform transgender sex change surgery on little kids that don't understand this evil and how it will destroy their lives. Facts prove that a very high percentage of those going through this change end up as a suicide victim. Facts also prove that it is 100% impossible to change a boy into a girl or a girl into a boy.

It's past time for Americans to wake up but there is a big segment that I'm concerned about. If you were dumb enough to believe all of Obama's lies and make him

president, I think you were dumb enough to vote for "do nothing Biden".

What is the average number of years before a nation falls? How old is America? The average age is 250 years and America is now 247+ years old. How long do we have? What are you doing to save us?

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN ACKNOWLEDGES PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S WALL WORKS!

(Columbus) - Frank LaRose, the Republican front-runner in the U.S. Senate race, issued the following statement today on the Biden administration's coopting of President Donald Trump's border wall...but it is too late:

"President Joe Biden didn't bother to visit the border until January of 2023. Meanwhile, illegal immigrants have flooded into the country, fentanyl has poured into our communities, and the drug cartels have made millions because the Biden administration has signaled that our southern border doesn't matter. President Biden's announcement that he is going to resume building President Donald Trump's border wall is too little too late. President Biden has failed this country and God knows how many people have died due to the dereliction of his sworn duty to this country. As the only candidate, on both sides of the aisle, who has served on the border, I know firsthand how to fix this problem and it's one of the key reasons why I am running for the U.S. Senate."

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN PAULDING COUNTY

The mission of public health professionals is to promote health, prevent disease and injury and maintain and improve a healthy environment for the protection of people countywide. This is achieved by a delivery system outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

Local Boards of Health - Established by ORC Chapter 3709 which outlines the powers of the local Boards of Health including nuisance abatement and communicable disease control.

Local Health Districts - Established by ORC Chapter 3709, powers and duties of Boards of Health and Health Commissioners are outlined

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in ORC Chapter 3707.

Each health district is a separate political subdivision, similar to a school district, appointed by the elected officials from the local governmental entities (counties, villages and townships) served by the health district. Each district has a Health Commissioner who reports to the Board of Health. There are general health districts (county), city health districts and combined health districts (county and city). There are currently 128 districts in Ohio.

General Health District Board of Health members are appointed by a District Advisory Council made up of the president of the board of county commissioners, the chief executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city health district and the chairman of the board of township trustees of each township in the general health district.

Funding - Generally, local public health funding breaks out as follows:

- 75% Local Funding Sources (levies, inside millage and user / permit fees)
- 20% Federal Sources (competitive grants, pass through federal monies and per capita subsidy from the Ohio Department of Health to qualified health departments)
- 5% State Sources / Private Sources (competitive grants, state subsidy, fundraisers, etc.)

Ohio ranks 49th in the nation for state investment in public health according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This has led to increasing pressure on local funding sources.

Your Paulding County Health Department - What Does It Look Like?

Health department operations are generally divided into three areas: Administration, Personal Health and Environmental Health. The number of staff members in each area depends on the budget of the health department which typically corresponds with the size of the population it serves.

Local health departments are under the administrative direction of a Health Commissioner (HC). The HC is hired by, and answers to, the Board of Health which serves as the governing body. The HC directs the daily opera-

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tions of the local health department and supervises support staff. Additional administrative personnel include vital statistics, accounting and human resources personnel. Health departments are also required by law to employ a Medical Director if the Health Commissioner is not a physician.

Personal health (nursing) programming is managed by a Director of Nursing, a position required by law. Personal Health staff includes nurses and support staff.

Environmental health programming is managed by an Environmental Health Director, a position required by law. Environmental health staff includes registered sanitarians and support staff.

Health departments vary in size and services. A department will typically offer various personal health services, administrative services, including vital statistic offices, and environmental services.

Why Do We Need One?

The Paulding County Health Department strives to promote health and the quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury and disability. Health Departments interact with community leaders in developing programs for their jurisdic-

tions.

Public health goals are to:

- Reduce infant mortality and improve infant health
- Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with diseases
- Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with environmental conditions
- Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with unintentional injuries
- Increase awareness and adoption of healthy behaviors
- Respond effectively to all public health emergencies

In Paulding County, the health department works in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and other state agencies to insure the health and safety of your community. Local health departments work with community leaders and service providers to lead, facilitate, catalyze and collaborate on addressing community public health needs.

Examples of Personal Health Services at Local Level

Goal: Reduce infant mortality and improve infant health

Nursing Case Finding,

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows

Bryant: 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

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

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Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library

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

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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WOODLAN JH CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIED FOR STATE!



Woodlan's Junior High Cross Country qualified for the State Meet that was held last Saturday at Laverne Gibson in Terre Haute. The girls started the day and had to line up 3 rows deep due to the number of kids in the race and as expected that made their start slower than normal since they had to wait for the other kids to start and separate. But as they past athlete after athlete over the next 1.86 miles

they all stayed confident and all ran great races and even some came close to their PR on this difficult course. Brooklyn Hetrick was the first runner in a time of 13:37 followed closely by Lexi Ice in 14:06. The remaining varsity runners all then finished an amazing 24 seconds apart with Haylee Mellon 14:46, Chloe Fogle 14:49, Addison Stebing 15:02, Addisyn Gentz 15:08 and Lenae Lothamer

15:10. Next up was the guys team that were able to get a spot on the starting line. Eli Washler led the group with a time of 11:18, and was followed closely by Malachi Thulner in 11:32. The remaining runners were Cruz Lipscomb 12:20, Dillon Whitehurst 12:29, Braxtin Lengacher 13:35, Liam Swetphikul 13:35 and Porter Garrison 13:56. Great job Woodlan Warriors!

KIMMEL TAKES 130-POUND CHAMPIONSHIP IN MICHIGAN AT THE GRAPPLER FALL CLASSIC

Corbin Kimmel, a junior at Wayne Trace traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan to compete in the Grappler Fall Classic. The Grappler Fall Classic is an opportunity for valuable pre-season competition from around the country. Kimmel competed on Saturday in the Elite Division and Sunday in the Varsity Division.

In the Elite Division, Kimmel battled through the day to



see a 2-2 record. In the first round, Corbin was defeated by Ian Cook of Muskegon, Michigan by pin in 5:47. Kimmel then had a bye for Consolation Round 1. In Consolation Round 2, Kimmel won by major decision of 11-3 over Graham Pittman of Bristol, Virginia. Kimmel then defeated Sebastian Cvetanovski of Washington Township, Michigan by pin in just 1:56. Ryan Kennedy of North Olmstead, Ohio stopped Corbin in Consolation Round 4 by a decision win of 10-3. Although Kimmel did not place on day one in the Elite Division, he prepared for day two in the Varsity Division.



Kimmel's varsity bracket featured 46 young men all seeking one of the top four places. To start the day, Corbin defeated Roman Rodarte from Hartford, Michigan with a first period pin in 1:25. In the Championship Round 2, Kimmel faced Nicholas Petrakos of Brunswick, Ohio. Kimmel scored a takedown and then put Petrakos to his back for another pin in 1:30 and advanced to Championship Round 3. Once there, Corbin went head-to-head with Isaac Green of Elyria, Ohio. Kimmel ended the match with another pin in 3:01 and made his way to the Quarter Finals. Nik Massaro of Grand Island, New York stepped on the mat to face Kimmel for the Quarter Final match. Kimmel pinned Massaro in 5 minutes, 51 seconds. This pushed Corbin into the Semifinal match against Matthew Mercado of New Windsor, New York. The semi-final match on the big stage was a close match, but Kimmel pushed through to win 5-3. Corbin won the championship by no contest due to his opponent, Kieron McCormack of Buford, Georgia leaving the competition after the semifinal match.

Corbin's record on the weekend was 8-2 with five of the eight wins being by pin. Although Kimmel did not advance the way he imagined on day one, he did not let that prevent him from battling back on the second day to take home the wooden stop sign plaque and championship. By never giving up, always being a student of the sport, and keeping his eye on the prize, Kimmel is a true asset to the

PANTHERS ROLL OVER ACES



Senior Kobe Foor is up for the challenge when he scores Paulding's first touchdown! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Did anyone think Hicksville junior Brant Langham would score the first touchdown of the game? More pictures at westbendnews.net

PAULDING - Host Paulding scored in every quarter and pulled away from visiting Hicksville for a 48-21 victory as the Panthers recorded a Green Meadows Conference win at Keysor Field.

The visiting Aces held an 8-6 lead at the end of one quarter but the second stanza was dominated by the Panthers.

Paulding piled on 22 points while limiting Hicksville to seven as the maroon and white seized a 28-15 halftime advantage.

The Panthers extended the margin to 36-21 at the end of three quarters before scoring the only touchdown in the final stanza.

Colten Hunt completed 18 of 34 passes for 266 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Paulding offense while Kobe Foor ran for 164 yards over 21 carries, including four touchdowns.

Blake Rhonehouse caught six passes for 105 yards to lead the Panther receiving group, two of which went for touchdowns. Caleb Larson added four receptions and Jalen Manz posted three catches.

George Green topped the Aces with 54 rushing yards and Brant Langham picked up 41 for Hicksville.

Quarterback Garrett Turnbull was 12 of 18 through the air for 183 yards with Langham hauling in eight passes for 116 yards.

Owen Stuckey added two receptions for the Aces.

David Taylor and Bronson Graber both posted 17 tackles in the contest for Hicksville and Cross Zeedyk recorded ten stops.

Jack Woods led a trio of Panthers in double figures in tackles with 15 while Foor chipped in 13 and Colton Bashore recorded ten.

Wayne Trace Community continues training and competing. Good luck to Corbin as he

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ARCHERS HOLD OFF RAIDERS



Antwerp's Camden Fuller takes the hale Mary pass and turns it into a touchdown! More pictures at westbendnews.net



Wayne Trace senior Cooper Wenzlick drives across the goal line to score with little that Antwerp's Carson Altimus could do to stop him. More pictures at westbendnews.net

ANTWERP - The Antwerp Archers posted a 30-27 rivalry win over Wayne Trace Friday night in Green Meadows Conference football action at Archer Field to improve to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the league.

The Archers racked up 349 yards of offense in the victory, including a 22 of 34 passing performance from quarterback Carson Altimus in throwing for 301 yards. Altimus also had four touchdown passes in the contest.

Landon Brewer led the way for the Antwerp receivers with ten catches for 111 yards while Camden Fuller added four receptions for 31 yards. Tavin Sholl also picked up three catches for 115 yards to aid the Archer cause and Reid Lichty hauled in three passes for 16 yards. Kayden Winslow picked up two receptions for 28 yards.

Brewer posted touchdown receptions of 12 and 31 yards from Altimus while Sholl hauled in a 71-yard scoring strike. Fuller recorded a touchdown catch of 27 yards as well for Antwerp.

Reid Lichty ran for 37 yards over 11 carries and Altimus finished with 11 yards on ten tries.

Lichty also led the Archer defense with 13 tackles while Winslow picked up eight stops with Syris Gale and Landon Brewer each recorded seven. Cohen Hitzeman, Camden Fuller and Derek Hines picked up six tackles apiece

while Carson Altimus finished with five.

Lichty recorded an interception as well for the Archers.

Wayne Trace got a 14-yard touchdown run by Kyle Stoller with Cooper Wenzlick scampering seven and nine yards for scores. Tucker Antoine plunged one yard for the final red, white and blue touchdown.

Wenzlick rumbled for 54 yards on nine carries to lead the Raider ground game and Stoller posted 33 yards on eight tries. Antoine also had 24 yards over 14 attempts.

Stoller completed 13 of 23 passes for 129 yards with Wenzlick finishing two of seven for 30 yards.

Brady Miller topped Wayne Trace with six receptions for 54 yards and Dylan Hildebrand totaled four for 17 yards. Antoine added three catches for 37 yards while Jude Stoller and Hudson Myers had one reception apiece.

Wayne Trace drops to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

ARCHERS COMPETE IN FOGGY EDGERTON XC INVITATIONAL

Saturday, September 30th, the XC teams braved the fog to compete in the Edgerton Invitational.

The junior high girls started off the morning placing third as a team out of 16 schools. They just missed sec-

ond place by one point! They were led by 8th place finisher Alia Clem, followed closely by Gianna Laker, Charlotte Hook, Anneliese Zijlstra, and Aleta Sorrell.

The junior high boys were up next and also placed 3rd as a team. They missed second place by just 5 points! They were led by 8th place finisher Gage Barker, followed closely by Bryceton Barker, Tucker Doster, Isaac Buhner, and Camden Herber.

Next up were the Varsity Girls. The Lady Archers placed 4th as a team out of 16 schools. They were led by 17th place finisher Leigha Doster, followed closely by Gabriella Snyder, Lyla Clem, Emma Saul, Emily Laker, Reese Durbin, and Taylor Steibling.

The Varsity Boys closed out the day, but were unable to score as a team. However John Bailey and Aiden Hook both ran new personal best times.

- Other results:**
- Junior High Girls - 1st Schmidlin, Evergreen, 13:19; 2nd Homier, Tinora, 13:35; 3rd Tyler Maldonado, Paulding, 13:46; 4th Maldonado, Pettisville, 13:53; 5th Kunkle, Fayette, 13:56
- Team Results - 1st Elmwood 58; 2nd Swanton 68; 3rd Antwerp 69; 4th Holgate 77; 5th Evergreen 84; 6th Ayersville 128
- Junior High Boys - 1st Carter Fritz, Holgate, 11:23; 2nd Zander Distel, Holgate, 11:23; 3rd Alex Galvin, Pettisville, 11:44; 4th Opie Leininger, Fayette, 11:45; 5th Dylan Shook, Ayersville, 11:47
- Team Results - 1st Holgate 32; 2nd Ayersville 78; 3rd Antwerp 83; 4th Fayette 109; 5th Pettisville 114; 6th Edgerton 150; 6th Fairview 150

- Varsity Girls - 1st Sattler, Tinora, 18:46; 2nd Burrow, Fayette, 19:27; 3rd Sears, Pettisville, 19:33; 4th Swary, Holgate, 20:26; 5th Okuley, Tinora, 20:34
- Team Results - 1st Fairview 69; 2nd Pettisville 84; 3rd Elmwood 87; 4th Antwerp 107; 5th Fayette 147; 6th Tinora 152; 7th Holgate 156; 8th Edgerton 184; 9th Evergreen 194; 10th Paulding 229
- Varsity Boys - 1st Mitchell, Fayette, 16:39; 2nd Blanco, Fayette, 16:55; 3rd Westrick, Tinora, 16:59; 4th Rabe, Fairview, 17:04; 5th Zibbel, Elmwood, 17:16
- Team Results - 1st Fairview 69; 2nd Tinora 86; 3rd Pettisville 87; 4th Holgate 94; 5th Elmwood 126; 6th Paulding 139; 7th Fayette 147; 8th Hicksville 167; 9th Edgerton 283; 10th Blackhawk Christian 307

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Individual advancers on to the state tournament included Kalida's Robert Nartker (71), Delphos Jefferson's Isaac Gallmeier (74), Leipsic's Brevin Brandt (75) and Marion Local's Marcus Rethman (76).

Pettisville placed fifth with a 344 while Miller City took sixth with a 344 and Montpelier placed ninth at 355. St. Henry finished 13th at 375 and Pandora Gilboa posted an 18th place finish by carding a 389.

Area individual finishers included Lima Central Catholic's Parker Judy (77), Fairview's Kasen Kauffman (77), Patrick Henry's Jaxson Guelde (80), Edgerton's Kaden Kennerk (84) and Fayette's Wyatt Mitchell (90).

2023 PAULDING HS HOMECOMING



2023 Paulding High School Homecoming Court.

It was a near perfect fall evening for the 2023 Paulding High School homecoming game and parade. In the homecoming parade, the banners were from many areas of the high school: Cheer, Band, FFA, Freshman class, Sophomore class, Junior class, and Senior class. Grand Marshall was Jon Snodgrass. Past King and Queen Carlea Kuckuck and Dawson Lamb also walked in the parade. 2023 Paulding High School Homecoming Court: Freshman Attendants Jalen Manz and Estie Pease; Sophomore Attendants Blake Rhonehouse and Lucy Breier; Junior Attendants Cully Thompson and Jocie Hawk; and Seniors Attendants King Kobe Foor,



2023 Homecoming King and Queen: Elli Barton and Kobe Foor. More pictures at www.westbendnews.net

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THE LEFT TURN



Adam Lantz Wins Round One. Charlie Orns Photo



Brent Marks (19) and Brad Sweet (49) at Battle at The Grove. Action Photos Ohio



Preston Walker, First Series Champion. Left Turn Photo Works

By Ron Burt Big Weekend For Late Model Ace

One of Ohio's top Late Model drivers, Rusty Schlenk, had a Friday night feature win at Michigan's Mt. Pleasant Speedway. He won the the Katie Hutson Late Model Show/ Bob Wilson Memorial! Rusty also won this event in 2022. He might make it look easy sometimes but in races like this he goes up against the best DIRTcar Late Model drivers in the tri-state and several are track and series champions. After the win, he did a quick turnaround, and the 4-hour drive home to get ready for Oakshade Raceways final night of the 2023 season, Saturday. The DIRTcar Late Models ran topless! They raced with no roofs on. The topless no roof race is normally the final race of the year at most tracks and is a fan favorite. The McClure Ohio driver made a pass on B. J. Gregory on a lap two restart, took and kept the lead to the checker flag. When you can win two nights in a row in this class in two different states with different car set-ups, it's a

great weekend for the driver and crew.

Lantz Wins Round 1

Oakshade Raceway wrapped up their 2023 racing season with round one of the Oakshade/Fremont Showdown Series with the Oakshade Dominator Stocks taking on Fremont Speedways Dirt Trucks. It sounds odd cars racing trucks but these two classes are evenly matched. This event attracted 70 competitors. The feature didn't disappoint as the best from both tracks laid it all on the line. The first few laps of the feature were filled with multiple caution flags. Early race leader, Jarrett Rendel ended up spinning out after a few laps, and Adam Lantz took control of the feature. Lantz began to pull away from Fremont Speedway driver Keith Sorg and the rest of the field. Craig Dippman tried to make it interesting towards the end. He was caught up in one of those early cautions and had to restart at the tail of the field. Dippman had his car up near the cushion and steadily drove up through the field. He closed in on Lantz on

lap 19 and was able to get alongside for the race lead. Then another caution flag came out. Lantz put the hammer down on the restart and was able to get some separation between himself and Dippman in the final handful of laps. He went on to pick up the \$1,200 victory. Craig Dippman settled for 2nd with Sorg 3rd, Josh Robertson 4th, and Shawn Valenti 5th. Next Friday the series visits the "Action Track" Fremont Speedway.

The DIRTcar Late Models ran topless (no roofs) and Rusty Schlenk picked up his 6th Oakshade feature win of the year, followed by Casey Noonan, Devin Shiels, Terry Rushlow, and Brad Wade. Josh Robertson from Defiance won the UMP Sportsman feature. Mike Jessen was a close 2nd followed by Donnie Ringman, "The Outlaw" Jesse Jones, and Matt Ringger. Eric Carr, the 2023 season track champion in the Sport Compacts added another feature win to his resume this year. If he wants to move up in class, I hope someone will step up a give him sponsorship. He has skill and talent. I personally would like to see what he could do in the Sportsman class. The rest of the top five were Ryan Okuley, Maria Wells, Brian Barber, and Megan Elliott. James Stamper won the Sport Compact B feature. It was his first feature win of the year.

Bits and Pieces

Preston Walker won the Ohio Wheelman Series Modified finale for a \$5000 check and the inaugural series championship at Sandusky Speedway. September 29th Brad Sweet won the World of Outlaw feature at Williams Grove Speedway. Night number 2 at the Grove had Brent Marks getting the win. Before Brent's win only 12 drivers owned multiple National Open titles. Marks becomes the 13th as he tops the 61st Champion Racing Oil National Open for his second Natty O championship!

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

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Consultation/Coordination of Care; Maternal and Child Health Home Visits; Help Me Grow; Prenatal Care; WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program; Family Health Planning

Goal: Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with diseases

Immunizations: Adult (Flu, Tetanus, Travel, TB, etc.) & Pediatric (Polio, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Pertussis, etc.); Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs; Tuberculosis Control; Smoking Cessation Programs; Sexually Transmitted Disease Programs; HIV/AIDS Testing and Counseling; Communicable Disease Investigations and Follow-up; School Nursing Programs; Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps; Primary and Acute Medical Care

Goal: Increase awareness and adoption of healthy behaviors.

Health Education; Promotion of Healthy Behavior / Exercise Promotion; Workplace Safety Promotion; Teen Pregnancy Programs / Senior Citizen Programs / Fall Prevention; Tobacco Use Prevention; Nutrition Education; Lead Education

Examples of Environ-

PIRATES SLIP PAST ARCHERS

ANTWERP - Visiting Antwerp made the trip to Antwerp Monday night in non-league volleyball action where the Lady Pirates recorded a straight-set sweep of the Archers.

To do so, Continental recorded back-to-back 25-19 victories in the first two sets before defeating the Lady Archers 25-14 in game three.

Hayden Lengacher finished with four kills and three digs for the Lady Archers with Alexis Otto posting five slams and two digs.

Emma Townley chipped in two aces and eight digs for Antwerp while Maddy Peters dished out 21 assists and ten digs to go along with two aces.

Amelia Graham totaled five kills and seven digs for the blue and white and Harlee Moore posted two kills and two digs. Faith Clem also recorded three kills and two digs while Caydence Shull recorded six kills and two digs.

Antwerp's junior varsity picked up a win for the Archers, getting past the Pirates by scores of 25-21 and 25-22.

Antwerp is now 5-13 overall on the season.

INDIANS HOLD OFF RAIDERS

HAVILAND - Fort Recovery and Wayne Trace played three tough sets but it was the Lady Indians who outlasted the Raiders for a four-set victory Monday night in non-league action.

Wayne Trace recorded a 27-25 win in the opening set before the Indians rebounded to take a 25-23 victory in game two.

After Fort Recovery rolled to a 25-15 win in the third set, the Mercer County squad wrapped up its 13th victory of the season with a 26-24 game four victory.

The Lady Indians improve to 13-4 overall on the season while standing 4-2 in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

mental Health Services At Local Level

Goal: Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with environmental conditions.

Food service operations inspections (restaurants, vending, commissaries, mobile food vendors, volunteer organizations, etc.); Retail food establishment inspections (grocery stores, marinas, etc.); Mosquito control; Public swimming pool and spa inspections; Private water system permits and inspections; Private sewage system permits and inspections; Plumbing inspections; Housing and campground park inspections; Lead poisoning prevention; Hazardous and infectious waste inspection program; Rabies program; Environmental Tobacco Smoke Regulations; Rodent and vector control; Nuisance inspections (garbage and trash); School building inspections; Solid waste site inspections; Recreational sanitation in camps, marinas

Goal: Reduce morbidity and mortality associated with incidental of unintentional injuries.

Safety inspections; Child passenger safety programs; Mortality Review; Injury Prevention Programs; Safety Awareness

PANTHERS COME UP SHORT TO RAMS & BIG GREEN



Paulding Sophomore Lucy Breier spikes the ball to her Ram opponents! More pictures at westbendnews.net

Tuesday night, October 3rd, Paulding volleyball hosted the Tinora Rams. Lady Panthers stood their ground on the court, but it wasn't enough to defeat the fervor of the Rams.

Varsity - Tinora over Paulding: 25-17, 25-13, 25-14

Junior Varsity - Tinora over Paulding: 25-22, 25-20

Varsity Paulding Statistical Leaders:

M Kauser - 1 assist, 1 block, 11 digs; G Goyings - 5 assists, 1 kill, 1 ace, 11 digs; A Pease - 8 assists, 9 digs; L Breier - 2 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs, 1 ace; B Bermejo - 3 kills, 5 digs; M Parrett - 6 kills, 2 digs, 1 assist

Thursday evening, Lady

Panthers hosted the Ottoville Big Green in high school volleyball.

Varsity - Ottoville over Paulding: 25-21, 19-25, 30-28, 25-19

Junior Varsity - Paulding over Ottoville: 16-25, 25-11, 25-16

Varsity Paulding Statistical Leaders:

L Breier - 10 kills, 5 blocks, 3 digs, 1 ace; B Bermejo - 8 kills, 1 block, 5 digs; K Dunham - 5 kills, 5 blocks; A Pease - 3 kills, 14 digs, 9 assists, 3 blocks; G Goyings - 13 assists, 3 digs, 3 aces; M Kauser - 16 digs, 2 assists

Paulding is now 3-16 overall on the season.

Wayne Trace stands at 8-10 in all matches and the Raiders are currently 3-2 in the Green Meadows Conference.

Harper Myers led the Raiders with 14 kills and Carreen Winans chipped in eight

slams. Kacy Hornish and Lexi Moore both totaled five kills and Torree Sinn recorded four. Amber Stoller also had one kill for Wayne Trace.

Paige Alber and Hornish both dished out 16 assists

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while Caroline Winans picked up two assists. Kaitlin Slade and Ava Zartman recorded one assist apiece.

Alber totaled seven aces with Zartman having three and Slade two. Lorie Sinn, Moore and Hornish all finished with one ace. Torree Sinn topped Wayne Trace with three blocks while Moore and Hornish both picked up two. Amber Stoller recorded the remaining block for the Lady Raiders.

Zartman paced Wayne Trace with 13 digs while Hornish, Slade and Alber all picked up ten digs. Caroline Winans picked up nine digs followed by Careen Winans (five), Myers (four), Moore (three) and Stoller (one).

LADY SPARTANS SLIP PAST WARRIORS

WOODBURN - Homestead and Woodlan played a tight match throughout but it was the visiting Spartans who recorded a 15-9 win in the decisive fifth set to defeat the Warriors in non-league volleyball action Tuesday night.

Woodlan took the opening game 25-18 before Homestead nipped the Warriors 25-23 in both the second and third set. The Lady Warriors then rebounded to record another 25-18 victory in game four before Homestead captured the fifth set for the match win.

Lauren Snyder racked up 22 kills to lead the way for Woodlan while Taylor Kneubuhler added 11 and Marissa Smith posted ten. Kyra Parker finished with seven slams for the Lady Warriors followed by Alyssa Anderson (five), Audra Smith (three) and Makaila Gruber (one).

Jade Lichty and Makenna Smith both picked up two aces for Woodlan while Alyssa Harvey, Audra Smith, Snyder and Parker recorded one each.

Anderson topped Woodlan with five blocks and Marissa Smith recorded two. Harvey, Kneubuhler, Gruber and Snyder all posted one block apiece.

Makenna Smith picked up 20 digs for the Lady Warriors with Snyder adding 11 and Harvey totaled ten. Audra Smith (nine), Lichty (seven), Gruber (six), Marissa Smith (four), Anderson (two), Kneubuhler (two) and Parker (one) aided the Woodlan cause.

Audra Smith and Harvey dished out 23 and 21 assists, respectively, while Makenna Smith posted four helpers. Also picking up assists were

Snyder (three), Parker (three), Marissa Smith (two), Anderson (two) and Kneubuhler (one).

ANTWERP POSTS FOUR-SET WIN OVER EDON

EDON - In Williams County Saturday morning, Antwerp defeated Edon in four sets for a non-league volleyball victory as the Archers improved to 5-12 on the season.

The blue and white took games one and two by scores of 25-16 and 25-14 before posting a 25-19 in the fourth set. Edon captured game three with a 25-16 victory.

Amelia Graham recorded 18 kills and 17 digs for Antwerp with Emma Townley chipped in six kills and 14 digs. Caroline Rohrs added 35 digs for the Lady Archers and Haydyn Lengacher posted two kills and two digs.

Caydence Shull finished with six slams, three digs and a block while Maegan Pendergrast picked up seven digs. Maddy Peters contributed six aces, 24 assists, 20 digs and five kills. Faith Clem recorded two kills and a block.

In the junior varsity match, the Lady Archers defeated the Bombers 25-9 and 25-14.

IHSAA SETS VOLLEYBALL MATCHUPS

INDIANAPOLIS - High School volleyball teams in Indiana learned of their tournament matchups on Sunday as the Indiana High School Athletic Association released the pairings.

In Class 2A, Angola will host a seven-team sectional that opens with the host Hornets taking on Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger in a quarterfinal matchup. The winner of that match advances to play Garrett in a sectional semifinal.

On the other side of the bracket, Heritage tangles with Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran and Leo plays Woodlan with the two winners moving on to the semifinals.

Class 1A, Sectional 6 action will be hosted by Homestead as six teams will battle it out to advance.

The host Spartans take on South Side in the opener of the sectional with the survivor moving on to play Fort Wayne Wayne in a sectional semifinal. Columbia City and Huntington North will battle in a quarterfinal match while New Haven awaits the winner in a semifinal contest.

TROOPERS SEIZE NEARLY \$47,000 WORTH OF HEROIN, FENTANYL, PILLS & OTHER DRUGS IN WOOD COUNTY



Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers filed felony drug charges against two Michigan men following a traffic stop in Wood County in August. During the traffic stop, troopers seized 332 grams of heroin, 51 grams of fentanyl, six Oxycodone pills and 120 grams of marijuana. In total, the drugs had a combined value of \$46,975.

On August 18, at 4:12 p.m., troopers stopped a Chevrolet Tahoe with Kentucky registration on Interstate 75. While interacting with the occupants, troopers detected the odor of raw marijuana coming from inside the vehicle, and a baggie of suspected marijuana was observed. Drugs were located on the driver and passenger during consensual pat-downs. While performing a probable cause search of the vehicle, troopers located additional drugs.

The driver, 35-year-old Victor J. Byrd, and the passenger, 31-year-old Antonio L. Jones Sr., both of Detroit, were incarcerated in the Wood County Justice Center on charges of possession of heroin, a first-degree felony. Both have since been indicted in the Wood County Court of Common Pleas. Byrd was indicted for trafficking and possession of heroin, and trafficking and possession of a fentanyl-related compound, all of which are first-degree felonies. Jones was indicted for trafficking and possession of heroin and a fentanyl-related compound, both first-degree felonies. He is also facing charges of trafficking and possession of a fentanyl-related compound, both first-degree felonies, and aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony.

If convicted, Byrd could face up to 44 years in prison and up to an \$80,000 fine. Jones could face up to 45 years in prison and up to an \$82,500 fine.

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Holly A. Schilt, Oakwood, OH; Disorderly conduct; Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant

Adam R. Daniels, Paulding, OH; Theft, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs, Pay restitution in the amount of \$44.55, Maintain general good behavior; Theft, Count B dismissed per state

Nicholas A. Keible, Antwerp, OH; Zoning violation; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Continue to clean up property

Alfonso Miller, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, Proof of insurance provided, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Standard pro-

bation, Evaluation at Westwood, Risk assessment, 90 days jail, 87 day suspended, Operator license suspended from 7/8/23 to 7/8/24; Failure to control; Count B dismissed

Martin Alejo Jr., Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed; OVI/UA .08 breath, Guilty, Complete 40 hours community service by 3/29/24, 30 days jail suspended, Operator license suspended from 10/6/23 to 1/6/24

Mark Allen Johnson, Antwerp, OH; Reckless operation, Guilty, ALS vacated, Proof of insurance not provided, Provide proof by 9/28/23; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator license suspended from 8/2/23 to 9/2/23; OVI/breath(low), Count B dismissed

Kya B. Benjamin, Clinton Township, MI; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kenny J. Gill, Cecil, OH; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Kensley Noel, Logansport, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ronald L. Kortz, Indianapolis, IN; Possession of drugs, Guilty; Defendant paid in full; Case closed

Grace K. Owens, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Olivia D. Anderson, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Guilty; Warrant and warrant block rescinded

Rachel M. Alvarado, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jonathan D. Dawson, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kanwarpreet S. Sidhu, Amherstburg, ON; Over length; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Clair B. Baker, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Count B dismissed

Alesha R. Altic, Bradner, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ricky E. Green, London, OH; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

HICKSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Hicksville Historical Society board of directors held their October meeting at the Hicks Land Office on October 4. The meeting followed the group's monthly open house at the Land Office. The Society plans to continue opening the Land Office at 108 West High Street to visitors on the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Among the items discussed were preliminary plans for the upcoming Advent service at historic St. Paul's Church. Local pastors will conduct the holiday service for the community. A date and time will be released in the coming weeks. The Board also discussed plans for the 2024 membership campaign. Materials will be updated and ready for distribution in October.

More discussion was held on ways to let the public know the Land Office is open to visitors. The Society would also like to open St. Paul's Church for visitors in the future. The group talked about options for additional open house hours and days. No decision was reached.

WEST BEND NEWS
Crossword Puzzle
HEALTH FAIR!

- Across**
- Calculation of weight in relation to height, used to assess obesity.
 - Vaccinations provided to protect against diseases.
 - Techniques to reduce stress and anxiety.
 - Measurement often taken at health fairs to assess heart health.
 - Focus of many health fair services to promote wellness.
 - Checks for vision problems and eye health.
- Down**
- Services and resources for pediatric health.
 - Information on prevention and screenings for skin cancer.
 - Information and screenings for diabetes.
 - Guidance on healthy eating habits and balanced diets.
 - Information on physical activity and its benefits.
 - Workshops and seminars on various health topics.
 - Tests and checks for various health conditions.
 - Resources and information on emotional well-being.
 - Demonstrations and classes on life-saving techniques.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In the Common Pleas Court of Paulding County, Ohio, Case No. CI 23 130

Wendy E. Tidd, et al.
-vs
Ernest Ellsworth Johnson, deceased, etc., et al.

To Ernest Ellsworth Johnson, deceased, and Alice Ivy Johnson, deceased, and all of their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, whose names and addresses are unknown, and Mary Lois Kohart, Garold H. Johnson, Madonna Horner, Wayne E. Johnson, William E. Johnson, and Barbara Prince, and all of their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, whose names and addresses are unknown.

Please take notice that, on September 12, 2023, Wendy E. Tidd, and Heather Jasso, Executor of the Estate of Rosemary Hall, deceased, filed a Complaint to Establish Easements by Prescription, Implication and/or Necessity in the above-captioned action in the Court of Common Pleas of Paulding County, Ohio, 115 N. Williams Street, Paulding, Ohio, 45879. The object of the Complaint is to obtain a judgment establishing that the Plaintiffs, Wendy E. Tidd, and Heather Jasso, Executor of the Estate of Rosemary Hall, deceased, each hold certain easements by prescription, easements by implication, and easements by necessity to use the rights-of-way designated as "Johnson Road," "Paulus Road," and "Petite Auglaize Street," all as depicted on the Plat of "Johnson's Subdivision" filed at Volume 5, Page 123 of the Survey Records of the County Engineer of Paulding County, Ohio, such easements being for the purpose of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from the Plaintiffs' respective parcels of real estate, as more fully described in the Complaint.

Defendants are the heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Ernest Ellsworth Johnson and Alice Ivy Johnson, both deceased, who are the last owners of record of the real estate where the above-described rights-of-way are located, who may claim an interest in the same.

Defendants are required to answer within twenty-eight (28) days from the last publication of this Legal Notice and to serve a copy of their Answer upon Plaintiffs' attorney who is Marc F. Warncke, P.O. Box 787, Defiance, Ohio, 43512, or default judgment may be granted against them, forever barring them from interfering with the right of the Plaintiffs, and their heirs, successors and assigns, to the use of such rights-of-way for purposes of ingress and egress.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Hicksville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a SIGN VARIANCE on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 starting at 4:00pm in the office of the zoning inspector located at 108 N. Main St. Hicksville, OH.

The application, submitted by Bruce Guilford, is a request to replace an existing sign with a nonconforming sign on the property located at 101 W. High St.

—Mike Bailey,
Zoning Inspector
Village of Hicksville

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For the election cycle of January 1st, 2024 up to and through December 31st, 2027, the City of Woodburn has no contested seats. The elected positions consist of 4 District seats for Council, 1 At-Large Council, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Mayor. Given this scenario, the current elected officials have decided to waive the general election which was scheduled to take place on November 7th, 2023. The primary reason for this decision was to save money as the outcome is already confirmed. Feel free to call City Hall or the Allen County Election Board with any questions that you might have at this time. Thank you.

—Timothy Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Woodburn

OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



OES September Pawsome Students of the Month. Caleb McClure, Connor Manz, Bailey Heath, Leah Baker, Miranda Lewis, Gwen Krendl, Kasha Manz, Bentley Scott, Macklen Osting, Norah VanCleve, Zavier Coleman, Molly Halter, Karter Walters, Jakob Stahl, and Eric Thomas. Missing from the picture are Maggie Martinez, Nick Martinez and Samuel Stahl. Teacher of the month: Bethany Niese; Staff Member of the month: Mary McClure; Substitute of the month: Donna Matson; Volunteer of the month: Joy Manz

PJHS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS



On Saturday, September 30th students and staff members from Paulding Junior High School volunteered at the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding, Ohio. Shown in the picture from left to right are: Delaney Johanns; Anya Mead; Mr. Kyle Kramer; and Kayana Lipps.

MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO ANNOUNCES HONORS LIST

Mercy College of Ohio announces Honors List - The following students were awarded honors for the Summer 2023 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must

achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours. Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo, Ohio and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs. Mercy College offers graduate

degrees in Nursing, Health Administration and Physician Assistant; Bachelor's degrees in Biology, Healthcare Administration, Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Imaging, Nursing and Surgical Technology; Associate degrees in Health Sciences, Health Information Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology; and Certificates in Community Health Worker, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Medical Coding, Paramedic, Phlebotomy and Polysomnographic Technology and specialty imaging certificates.

Defiance, OH: Tara Garcia, Pre Assoc Nursing Toledo Rd, Honors List

45th HONOR FLIGHT FROM FORT WAYNE

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is slated for its 45th Honor Flight from Fort Wayne on October 11th, 2023. Eighty-five veterans from the Fort Wayne area are booked and confirmed for the flight. Included will be 1 Post WWII Veteran, 3 Korean War veterans, 8 Cold War veterans, 72 Vietnam veterans, 1 Lebanon/Grenada veteran. Included on this flight are 5 veterans that have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

As of this date 3,309 veterans have traveled from Fort Wayne to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight.

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana thanks all the organizations and individuals who, through their donations at local events and fund-raising events have made it possible to give our Veterans a day of remembrance and honor for their service. The visits to all the memorials built in their honor, make this a wonderful day for the men and women who deserve our respect and honor!

A Welcome Home celebration is scheduled at the Fort Wayne International Airport for 9 PM. Please plan to arrive by 8:00 pm and park in the Long-Term Parking Lot.

Cathy Berkshire, President of Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, and the entire Honor Flight Team are excited to honor this group of veterans on our 5th flight for 2023.

"We are so thankful for the community support of Honor Flight so we can Honor our Veterans with their trip to Washington, D.C. We look forward to having a large crowd at the Fort Wayne International Airport to welcome these Veterans home."

Honor Flight NE Indiana, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

ODOT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE WEEK OF 10/9/23

DEFIANCE COUNTY:
Due to the Columbus Day holiday, most work will cease on Monday, Oct. 9; contracted construction projects may continue to work as usual.

U.S. 127 PROJECTS:
U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8 for approximately 365 days for a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID 102669

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

- Southbound truck route: SR 15 to U.S. 24, back to U.S. 127.

- Northbound truck route: SR 249 to SR 15, back to U.S. 127

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

PAULDING COUNTY:
State Route 613 between U.S. 127 and the Putnam County line will be restricted to one lane for pavement repairs.

State Route 613 between U.S. 127 and Township Road 117 will close on Tuesday, Oct. 10 for two days for resurfacing.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
Detour: U.S. 127 to SR 114 to SR 637, back to SR 613

PUTNAM COUNTY:
State Route 108 just south of the village of Miller City will close on Monday, Oct. 16, for approximately four weeks, for slope repairs along the Miller City Cut-off.

TRAFFIC IMPACT
Detour: SR 18 to SR 109 to SR 613, back to SR 108

VAN WERT COUNTY:
U.S. 33 between the Indiana state line and the Mercer County line will be restricted to one lane for crack sealing operations.

State Route 81 between the Indiana state line and Alspach Road will be restricted to one lane for crack sealing operations.

State Route 49 between the Mercer County line and the village of Wren will be restricted to one lane for crack sealing operations.

LEARN RECEIVES LILLY ENDOWMENT STRENGTHENING YOUTH PROGRAMS GRANT

LEARN Resource Center has received a grant of \$182,413 from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help the organization strength and expand its summer and summer meal programs.

The program is being funded through Lilly Endowment's initiative, Strengthening Youth Programs in Indi-

HYMAN SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Judge Harvey Hyman (Judge, Paulding County Juvenile & Probate) as the guest speaker at the October 5, 2023, club meeting. Judge Hyman came at the invitation of Traci Koenig

(Board Member, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services). Judge Hyman spoke to the Kiwanians about being a judge in Paulding County, what he has done since taking the position and what surprised him about being the juvenile judge.

ana. The aim of the competitive initiative is to help youth-serving organizations working throughout Indiana improve their abilities to promote the academic, physical and social well-being of young people, ages five through 18.

LEARN Resource Center will expand its summer program starting in 2024. To better serve elementary children in the Monroeville area, we will purchase two vans for transporting youth and expand our free summer meals offerings. In addition, we will strengthen our marketing and fundraising efforts.

"This is such a blessing as a small, grassroots organization to receive this funding to grow our organization's programs and services," shared Sharon Wilson, Executive Director.

LEARN Resource Center is one of 187 organizations receiving grants through Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana.

"Indiana's youth-serving organizations are crucial to the healthy development of children and youth across the state," said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment's vice president for education. "The challenges these organizations

have faced in meeting the needs of young people in recent years have made their work increasingly difficult. Lilly Endowment is pleased to support their efforts to strengthen programs and serve more youth more effectively."

Lilly Endowment launched Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana Initiative in 2022 with an invitational round of grants to nine national youth-serving organizations to help them expand and enhance the work of their Indiana affiliates or chapters.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. Although the Endowment funds programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion, it maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

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The Horseshoe and Woody Hayes, the scarlet and gray. As I've said before I'm not much of a sports fan. I don't know much about the glory days of "The Ohio State University," but I hear in recent years they have a good team. I would like to tell you of a boyhood friend at Leo, that lived his life in Ohio and was a huge Ohio State fan. The names are correct, in hopes that someone might have had contact with him.

Harry Graber was several years older than I, but we went to the same church, and I knew him as I was growing up. He was a little feisty guy, and I think everyone liked him. He had an older brother Ed and both of them were mechanically inclined, and were always making something strange.

One winter they made a sled with a motor and kind of a paddle wheel to move through the snow. It worked to a certain extent but never proved successful. The kicker was they made it in the barn and had to tear it down to get it out. They both have passed. Ed, years ago in a truck accident, and Harry somewhat recently.

Harry became a cardiologist and practiced at Bellefontaine, Ohio. He spent his entire life at the hospital there, and was for some years administrator. He also taught at Ohio State, and was an avid football fan. He practiced well into his 80's. He retired at least three times, and was called back by someone needing a doctor.

At one time he gave up his license, and had to go back and study to retrieve it. He believed a doctor should take their time, and spent a half hour with each patient. One of his patients was scheduled for a post-operative consultation. He had actually saved her life. After a half hour he asked the lady, "Is there anything else I can do?" She said, "I need my

toe nails trimmed."

Dr Harry found a toenail clippers and got down on his knees and trimmed her toenails. That was just the kind of guy that Harry was. He said it felt like a Mennonite foot washing. (Mennonites have traditionally washed each other's feet at communion. This was traditionally part of a love feast on Maudy Thursday.)

I remember a story from Harry's youth. His dad was a very strict Deacon in the Mennonite Church. Harry was a softball star in high school, in the days before baseball. He was offered a scholarship at Goshen College as a pitcher, but his dad wouldn't let him go, so that year he worked with his dad in a slaughterhouse.

But during that year Harry dated a girl that was somewhat wild, and his dad did not approve of her. When the college came back next year, his dad was happy to let him go to college. After college he taught several years at an Indian School in Arizona.

I saw him several times in the last few years at Leo. After his wife passed he married a lady from Leo that was in his high school class, and spent a great deal of time in our area. Ohio State, and Ohio, was blessed to have a man the caliber of Dr Harry Graber.

I hear number 6 played number 9 recently. I usually root for the underdog, but I am not necessarily a Notre Dame fan. In a way I envy the Ohio State fans as they are usually on the winning side.

—James Neuhausser

PAULDING FFA COMPETES IN UPPER SANDUSKY SOILS INVITATIONAL

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Grace Goyings

On September 21st, the Paulding FFA had 11 members compete at the Upper Sandusky soils invitational.

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DEADLINE FOR THE CLASSIFIEDS IS FRIDAYS AT 12 NOON!!!



Pictured here are Paulding FFA members Kobe Foor, Tyler Schlatter and Brooke Kilgore evaluating the soil pit and filling out their scorecards during the Upper Sandusky soils invite.

The members who competed were Anna Clemens, Kobe Foor, Addy Hunt, Jamy Hunt, Brooke Kilgore, Johnny Lipps, Tytus Manz, Sam Reinhard, Brooklyn Schlatter, Tori Schlatter, and Tyler Schlatter.

In the soil's competition, students must figure out a wide variety of things such as soil type, and soil texture, and complete a general knowledge test.

If the students chose to be in rural soils, they also had to answer questions about nitrogen, phosphorus, and

potassium levels in soils and whether the soil would be good for farming or not. If students chose urban soils, they would answer questions such as is the soil suitable to have basements dug in that area or not and determine whether it is a good area to construct buildings on.

The top 4 members on each team will move onto districts October 3rd, in Tiffin Ohio. The top four members for the rural team are Anna Clemens, Jamy Hunt, Brooke Kilgore, and Sam Reinhard. Top four

members for the urban team are Kobe Foor, Brooklyn Schlatter, Tori Schlatter, and Tyler Schlatter. Great job to all, we are very proud of this group and excited about the district contest!

PIANIST STEVEN GLASER BRINGS POPULAR FAVORITES TO OHIO STATE LIMA OCTOBER 19



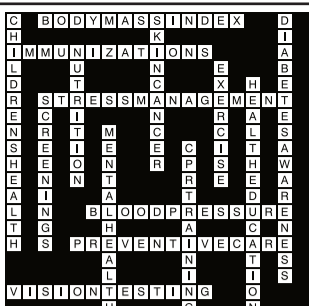
The Ohio State University at Lima will host "Encores, and more encores" with pianist Steven Glaser at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2023, in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts in Reed Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

"Encores, and more encores" is a program of popular audience favorites by Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy and more.

Glaser is a professor of piano in the School of Music at Ohio State, where he has taught since 1994, and is also a faculty member of the Melton Center for Jewish Studies. As a well-known chamber musician, he has collaborated with many leading artists and ensembles. Glaser has concertized widely in the United States, including acclaimed debut recitals in Chicago's Orchestra Hall, on the prestigious Allied Arts Series in Merkin Concert Hall in New York City, and abroad in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Israel, New Zealand and East Asia.

THE VAN WERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HAS FOUR OPEN DIRECTOR SEATS

There are currently four open seats on the Board of Directors of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society. These seats consist of York Township, Jackson Township, Hoaglin Township and the Southern Region of Van Wert County, Ohio. Per Article IV of the Van Wert County Agricultural Societies Constitution, these seats are now to be filled by appointment of the Van Wert



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County Agricultural Society Board of Directors. Any current member of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society may apply for the open seat. While being a resident of the open townships and/or region would not be a requirement, residency in those areas would be given preference. Anyone who is interested in fulfilling an open seat on the Board of Directors is asked to contact the Fair Office to confirm their qualifications for appointment on or before October 23rd, 2023. The names of those interested will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and a decision on the appointment will be announced at the Annual Meeting on November 11, 2023.

WOODBURN LEAF PICKUP/HALLOWEEN

The City of Woodburn will begin leaf pickup on October 9th for City residents and will continue as needed for approximately a month. On Mondays and Wednesdays throughout pickup, the East/West roads will be priority and on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout pickup, the North/South roads will be priority. Given the number of locations to consider, please understand that you may not be collected on the day that you expect. If you have questions or concerns, call City Hall at 260-632-5318.

The City of Woodburn will be participating in Trick-or-Treating for Halloween this year on Saturday October 28th, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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The results are in: One year after opening the roundabout at the intersection of U.S. 127, U.S. 224, and Marsh Road, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 reports a dramatic decrease in crashes at the intersection.

Between January 2019 to May 2022, the U.S. 127/U.S. 224/Marsh Road intersection had 13 crashes, with 3 injury crashes, and 10 that resulted in property damage only. Since opening in August 2022, there have not been any crashes at the roundabout intersection.

The roundabout was funded through Ohio's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Under Governor DeWine the fund grew to become one of the largest traffic safety programs in the country through an increase in the motor-user fee. The initial round of funding following the increase specifically targeted 150 intersections, which included this location.

HSIP funds are available to both ODOT and local governments to make improvements that reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries on all public

roads. The program recently funded additional signing on U.S. 30 to reduce wrong-way driving. HSIP funding has been awarded to construct another roundabout at the U.S. 224 and Lincoln Highway intersection in Van Wert County. Construction is anticipated in 2027.

Roundabouts dramatically reduce the severity of crashes by causing all legs of the intersection to slow down and travel in the same direction. Nationwide, Federal Highway Administration statistics show that converting a two-way, stop-controlled intersection to a single-lane roundabout can result in a 40% reduction in total crashes, 75% reduction in injury crashes, and 90% reduction in fatal crashes.

Visit transportation.ohio.gov/roundabouts to learn more about roundabouts.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS SIGN-UP

Christmas for Kids is a fundraising effort sponsored by iHeartRadio station Mix 98.1 and volunteers from Ma-

riner Corp League Detachment #758. Each year for the past 29 years, this campaign has provided Christmas presents for children of need in Defiance, Williams, Henry, Paulding and Fulton counties. Over 5,000 children are beneficiaries of Christmas for Kids each year. Starting in the first week of November through the first week in December, we work to collect toy donations and monetary donations to help the cause.

We, along with volunteers, again hope to raise thousands of dollars which will be used to provide toys, books, and other gift items for our children in need. We believe every child deserves a Christmas, and with your help we can ac-

complish this very special goal. Monetary donations or un-opened toys are accepted as gifts. Help make a difference in a child's life this holiday season!

This year the Paulding County sign up location will be at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp on October 21st from 9am to 4pm. Please enter doors on the east side of the building.

Please remember to bring proof of Paulding County residency as well as your child's social security card or birth certificate and if necessary, custody paperwork. Without this information we will not be able to assist you.

SAVE THE DATE! SIBERIAN SOLSTICE CONCERT BENEFITTING CARING & SHARING FOOD PANTRY



Experience the magic of the holidays in Trans-Siberian-Orchestra style as Siberian Solstice comes to Paulding for the first time to present a musical Christmas concert at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, November 18, 2023.

The performance will be a fundraiser for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund. The concert will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, 601 Flatrock Drive. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Before the show, enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, and see the many baskets, gifts and items that will be raffled. Admission is by free-will donation.

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is building a new facility at 318 North Walnut in Paulding to better serve the county and its people. The money raised at this concert will cover any remaining construction expenses for the new building as well as inter-

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: MATT MOORE OF THE UPPER NINE



Our new guest on Paulding County Business Weekly is Matt Moore. Matt and his wife Mandy are the owners of The Upper Nine golf simulator. The new business is located in the upstairs of a downtown Antwerp building.

Listen in to hear how the business came about and the discussion of what entrepreneurship can look like in a rural community. Hear about some of the funding

and grant opportunities that can be provided through your local economic development office.

Thanks to OhioMeansJobs, you can tune in Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available in podcast form through Apple, Google & Spotify. #paulding-countystrong

nal finishings and market furnishings. It will also help jumpstart the funding for a future installation of a walk-in cooler and freezer.

Siberian Solstice is a 10-members touring group that reproduces the TSO style performance. The members from northwest Ohio include founding member Dave Coonrod on bass, Dave Deal and Isaac Cox on keyboards, Chuck Mauk on percussion, Jamie Blank as narrator, Garnet McGladdery on guitar and vocals, Kevin Peters on

guitar and Mary Jackson, Tina Mae, Rebecca Mansel and Jennifer Plante on vocals. All are accomplished musicians with extensive recording and performance experience. For more information, visit siberiansolstice.com/.

Follow the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry on Facebook at www.facebook.com/caringsharingfoodpantry. Or for more information, contact the pantry at (419) 399-9562 or pauldingfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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