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PC WORKSHOP'S LIMITLESS HOSTS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE TO EXHIBIT NEW LOCATION!



Limitless, a retail store run by PC Workshop, held an Open House to celebrate the opening of their new location at 118 North Williams Street, Paulding OH, on the corner of Williams & Jackson St. in downtown Paulding. The new location has been renovated & looks fabulous - complete with custom painted walls and trendy exposed finished brick! The morning of the open house

had a line up outside the door and down the sidewalk of excited guests ready to support the local organization's efforts. Once inside, the guests were in awe of the transformation of the building space and enjoyed visiting with the Limitless workers and fellow shoppers. The outside of the building had been painted by a Mural Artist earlier in the

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PC TREASURER, LOU ANN WANNEMACHER IMPLEMENTS MORE ADVANCED ELECTRONIC BILL PAY SERVICES

Paulding County Treasurer, Lou Ann Wannemacher announces that the Treasurer's office has teamed with Invoice Cloud to launch a new online

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People from all over the area descended to the outskirts of Sherwood at a beautiful tree-covered location called Crystal Fountain Park. Previously, it was owned by the Village of Sherwood, up until brothers, Luke and Levy Kuhn, made an investment to

revitalize the area and save the historic land and structure, The Wentworth, from the fate of so many older buildings in the northwest Ohio communities. Not only is there an incredible history that surrounds this land, but the future has bright prospects

with this family's endeavor for a wedding, event center and open air venue!

The community embraced the new business at the Ribbon Cutting that took place on Thursday evening, November 10. There was a large crowd in

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
- November 13**
- Senior Day @ 4-County, bus leaves Hicksville Summit 60 @ 9am
- November 14**
- NA Meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church, 5pm
- November 15**
- United Way of Paulding Co. Shiphewana & Wine Tasting Bus Tour, 9a-7p
 - Living Free meeting @ Cecil Comm. Church 6-7:30pm
- November 16**
- Thanksgiving Lunch @ Defiance Summit 60, bus leaves @ 10am
 - Oakwood Library Carry out Dinner, 4-6:30pm
- November 18**
- Antwerp Chamber Wine Bus Tour, 9a - 4p
 - Holiday Craft Fair @ Woodlan HS, 9a-3p
 - NRL 22 Rifle @ Antwerp Cons. Club, 9am
 - Siberian Solstice @ St. Paul Luth. Church, 5:30pm
 - Divine Mercy School Open House & Chili, 5-6:30p
 - Food Distribution @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm
- November 19**
- Ham & Turkey Dinner @St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 11a-4p
 - Jonathan White @ Auglaize Chapel Church of God, 6pm
 - Thanksgiving feast @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12:15pm
 - Movie Night @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm

We wish to thank you all for your continued support over the years!

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I Cor. 10:31 - whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

OBITUARIES



MONTPELIER, OH:

Donald G. Laney, age 78, of rural Montpelier, Ohio, passed away at 7:20 P.M. on Friday, November 3, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family. Don lived the majority of his life in the Antwerp area where he worked at Tri-Wall Container in Butler and Crook-Miller in Hicksville; and as a farm hand with local farmers. He enjoyed being outdoors watching wildlife, hunting, fishing or gardening. Don was a simple and humble man that was deeply loved by his family.

Donald G. Laney was born on March 10, 1945, in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of James E. and Olive J. (Swann) Laney.

Don is survived by brothers, Larry Laney of Cecil and Dan Laney, of Colton, Michigan; sisters, Jean Robinson, of Bryan and Doris Clemens, of Continental and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack, Bobby, Ron, Dick, June, George, Bill and Ken Laney and sisters, Betty Williams, Mary Smith and Sue Mansfield.

Honoring Don's wishes, there will be no visitation or services held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Krill Funeral Service, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit <http://www.krillfuneralservice.com>.

ONE MORE VALLEY ONE MORE HILL

By: Doris Applegate
Scribed by: Cynthia Nicholson

The person that wrote the following song had a real idea of the circumstance that we go through in life and I'm trusting that this song will encourage you. Both good and bad things happen to all God's children.

"Life is like a mountain trail that's brave. We must make the run successful. From the cradle to the grave. Watch the curves, the hills, the tunnels. Never falter, never fail. Keep your hand upon the rail. Blessed Jesus, you will lead us till we reach that blissful shore. Where the angels wait to join us. In our praise forever more."

This is a good example of our journey on this earth as we walk out our Christian life with Jesus Christ as our engineer. Sometimes we experience wonderful and pleasurable things with Jesus and God the Father and sometimes it seems as if they have hidden their face from



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fall and spans both sides of the exterior with vibrant colors and 3D imaging.

Whether you attended the Open House to take a look at the new business or

us. They are not playing "hide and seek" but want us to seek them in a greater way.

Those who seek the Lord with all their heart will find Him. It pleases the Lord greatly when we love and want Him so much. Many times a person trying to seek Jesus Christ in a greater way find others coming against them with persecution with family members or friends.

This is where we "stand up" for Jesus Christ and keep walking with Him.

Amen

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman

Dear Parson,

My pastor keeps saying every Christian should witness, but I am afraid and a poor talker. Is it O.K. if I just pray and give so others with more speaking ability can witness?

Your pastor is right. God expects all Christians who can speak at all to witness and teach (Matthew 28:19-20). The end of the world has not come and the apostles are not here. The Lord was speaking to us and not just the apostles.

Moses used the "poor talker" excuse when God commanded him to go and speak for Him. The Lord knew he was slow of speech because He made him that way (Exodus 4:10-11). However, in verse 12 God said, "...go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." He has made the same basic promise to you and me in Matthew 28:20, after He gave us the great commission. He said, "...lo, I am with you always." Eloquence is not required, but willingness is. You are merely the instrument and He is the musician. Don't resist His

were able to check some items off your Holiday shopping list, Limitless was the place to be on November 4th.

PC Workshop is a non-profit 501(c) 3 work training program for people with de-

velopmental disabilities. Clients get paid to work in a work place setting. Learn more about PC Workshop, the services offered, and the people served on their Facebook page or website: pc-workshop.org

desire and ability to speak through you.

Paul learned his weakness, given over to God's grace, made him stronger than if he had no weakness (II Corinthians 12:7-10).

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

ANTWERP GLOBAL METHODIST THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

On Thanksgiving Day, Antwerp's veterans, seniors, and individuals who are without family are invited to a free, sit-down Thanksgiving meal at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church at 202 East River Street. Doors will open at 11:45, and the meal will be served at noon.

PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet in regular session at 5:30pm on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. This will be held in the conference room of the Library in Paulding, Ohio.

DPLS BOARD CALLS SPECIAL MEETING NOV. 20

The Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m. at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., for the purpose of reviewing documents related to property acquisition. The agenda is available to view at defiancelibrary.org/board-11-20-23 and inside the DPLS libraries. Meetings of the board and its committees are open to the public.

ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of November 13, 2023. All outlined work is weather permitting.

DEFIANCE COUNTY: U.S. 127 PROJECTS

U.S. 127, over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, closed on May 8 for approximately 365 days

for a bridge replacement. Visit the project page: PID 102669

TRAFFIC IMPACT

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

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

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

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

PAULDING COUNTY:

U.S. 24 PROJECT

U.S. 24 eastbound at County Road 11 will be restricted to one lane for guardrail work.

U.S. 24 westbound between U.S. 127 and County Road 87 will be restricted to one lane for guardrail work.

State Route 49 between Buffalo Street and Canal Street in the village of Antwerp will close Monday, Nov. 6 for five days for storm sewer installation.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: U.S. 24 to U.S. 127 to County Road 424, back to SR 49.

State Route 111 in the community of Junction will be restricted to one lane for guardrail work.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

State Route 108 just south of the village of Miller City closed on Monday, Oct. 16, for approximately five to six 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. 30 westbound between the U.S. 127 interchange and Dutch John Road will be restricted to one lane for bridge work.

Know Before You Go!

For more detailed traffic information, and to get personalized traffic alerts for your commute, download the OHGO app or visit OHGO.com.

Scripture of the Week

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'"

— Job 37:5-6

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



The second mishap is the one that gets you

It is so easy to give advice and so hard to remember your own advice you've given when it's needed for yourself. I have always told my sons, don't worry so much about the first mishap, but rather the second one you make. It is like driving on a narrow country road with just a bit of gravel on the shoulder. When you feel your passenger side tires slipping down the asphalt onto the gravel, that is not good. However, far worse is yanking the steering wheel hard left to get it back on the road and the vehicle comes flying across the center line with oncoming traffic. It is the second mishap we take to compensate for the first mishap that gets us in trouble often times.

On traveling from small-town America to overseas, the Covid-19 pandemic created additional problems and our family had to separate on our flights— I had one flight itinerary and my wife, and a son had another itinerary. We left at different times for our first flights from the Fort Wayne International Airport, caught up with each other for a half hour in an airport after our second flight, and then I got to our overseas apartment four hours ahead of my wife and son after our third flight. My wife had been concerned that if someone broke into our apartment, we should make it hard on them to find our vehicle keys, so she made sure they were well hidden. The only problem is that she

forgot where, so I couldn't pick them up at the airport (to avoid a taxi) after their last flight until I found the keys. Going with little sleep and much jetlag after two days of travel didn't help jar our minds to remember.

She was about to leave for her last flight when I inadvertently found the keys, not so sneakily hidden in our nightstand. Probably the first place a thief would look? Well, I grabbed the big ring full of keys, zipped out the front door and down the steps to our underground garage, to make sure the vehicle started -"Yes, it started!" I zipped back up to our apartment to call my wife and let her know that I could pick them up, before she got on her last flight. I then realized that I had separated the key to the house from the big ring of keys (as I didn't want to lose all the keys on a trip, so just brought the house key, which I had just left in the apartment). I was now locked out with no phone and my wife would be arriving in four hours. Our front door has 10 bolts, yes, 10 bolts, so no slipping the door open without a battering ram from medieval times.



Our front door has four bolts in the center and three on the top & bottom. We have a set of sleighbells from a small-town American leather shop on the inside of the door for added security.

I tried to be productive during those four hours and went shopping, washed the dirty vehicles, etc., but it was all the same – my second mishap of being locked out was probably a bigger mishap than the first one. After a mishap, be extra vigilant for the second one.

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

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WWII BAT BOMB FIASCO

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

In another previous column, I wrote about different funny bat stories.

However, I did not know they were almost used in WWII. Any World War II veterans may recall what I am talking about.

After the devastating Pearl Harbor attack, America was working on the atomic bomb, and wanted another plan of attack. And a dentist who was just returning from a vacation in New Mexico had observed many wing tailed sort of these critters in the caves. He got an idea. His idea? To use bats as bomb carriers. Perfect thinking? Timely thinking or a scatterer brained plan. (What an imagination).

The dentist whose last name was Adams, went back to New Mexico and to the bat caves where he researched a plan. The plan was to get the bats into a hibernation state and attach small but powerful bombs to them.

It seemed like a foolish thought, but an idea that may just work. Adams, then, wrote a letter to the White House and explained his bat bomb idea.

Of course it is rumored that Adams was friends with Eleanor (the president's wife) and that is how the letter with the plan arrived on FDR's desk.

The go ahead was given by the president and heads were put together to make the project work.

A compartment styled box which held over 1000 bats with little canister shaped bombs on them were put into a hibernation state.

The bats were to be dropped over a Japanese City where they would be released and hoped they would hide in the city's buildings. Then all the bombs would detonate.

Can you even imagine all of these bats being released?

Before the main event, however, the idea was tested here in the United States.

To much disappointment, the bats flew towards a barrack and into it. In turn it caught on fire where it was engulfed in flames.

Lacking funding as money was all being put into the atomic bomb project, the plan was scratched.

This story I had never heard, but a show was broadcast on the History Channel telling about it.

We do have and still have ingenious minds here in the USA.

I am sure that other defensive programs were thought of, but the bat bomb idea turned out to be a "batty" but perhaps a good idea.



Through the years, bats have been associated with fear and death. But now if you see a bat, salute it because they almost became weapons and almost served our country.

I was wondering if any WWII veterans remembered the bat bombs or are you as surprised as I was.

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

CREATE A MEMORY WITH A CHILD



Christmas in the Library is a free festival sponsored by Christ Child Festival and held at ACPL-Main, 990 Library Plaza in Fort Wayne. Discover the invisible Crimson Thread woven throughout the biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation.

Attending the Downtown Night of Lights? We invite you to come November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve, for a short walk-through rooms A, B, and C on the first floor of the library between 3:00-8:00 p.m. or to unwind for a few minutes while out shopping on the Day after Thanksgiving. Open 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Featured will be:

- 7 Beautiful displays with a coordinated craft for families to work with the child who is significant in your life to add the final touches before placing the craft in a bag to take home. (Some materials are durable enough to use Christmas ornaments for years to come.)

CANINES FOR VALOR RECEIVES DONATION FROM FOUNDATION



Pictured (L to R) supporting the fund with their generous gift are Don and Ann Hange (also founders of the fund), and Ginny Sterling (fund founder).

The Defiance Area Foundation recently received a generous donation of \$1,500 for the Canines for Valor Fund. In partnership with the Defiance County Veterans Office, these funds will

be used to assist veterans in need by helping them to secure therapy/service animals. For more information or to support the fund contact 419-782-3130.



- One of the crafts will be to make a gift bag from the beautiful used Christmas cards that have been collected from our community. You select the paired cards to customize your bag.
- An opportunity to gift others without expending funds: bring your used shoes in good condition to be cleaned and recycled by Changing Footprints and distributed to the needy
- Enjoy listening to our stuffed bears sing the anthem

of the military branch they represent while you write a note to a veteran.

- A drawing every 1/2 hour for selecting a book by a popular author (need to be present to make your selection).
- Grand drawing at 4:00 p.m. on 24th (winner will be notified by email to have 2 tickets to the Creation Museum mailed).
- 40-page booklet written by Suzie Sallee in 4-line rhyming style which can be previewed at LHM.ORG/KIDS.
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- ChristChildFest.org Facebook.com/CCFestival, Christmasintheparkfw@gmail.com

FIVE PARKVIEW HOSPITALS AWARDED 'A' IN FALL 2023 HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADES FROM LEAPFROG GROUP

Five Parkview hospitals received "A" grades in the fall 2023 Hospital Safety Grades released by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit focused on patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

Parkview's Indiana hospitals all received "A" grades for the fall report card.

Leapfrog assigns an A-F grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and

infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC) improved to an "A" once again this fall after posting a "B" grade in the spring 2023 grade, which reflected performance primarily during the height of the pandemic, from the fall of 2021 through the spring of 2022. PRMC has scored an "A" on 19 of 21 Leapfrog report cards dating back to 2013.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital and Parkview Wabash Hospital are not graded because the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade does not assess critical access hospitals due to limitations on publicly avail-

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The due dates for the 2023 pay 2024 taxes will be February 7th., 2024 for Real Estate and March 1st. for Mobile Homes.

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Burton Rowland Hoaglin was born May 21, 1891 in Paulding, Ohio. The son of George McClellan, born July 23, 1861 in Van Wert, Ohio, and Geneva C. (Schnorf) Hoaglin, born March 5, 1870 in Preble County, Ohio. This couple was married March 28, 1889 in Paulding, Ohio.

By 1900, this couple along with Burton and daughter, Georgia Knowles Hoaglin, born in 1894, were living in Paulding on Main Street. George was working as an engineer, the children were in school.

By 1910, George, Geneva and children had moved to Benton Township, Paulding County. George took a job working as a processor for the Payne School system. Burton, a high school graduate, was working for the Grain Company in Payne as a bookkeeper.

On June 5, 1917, Burton went to the Payne North Precinct and registered for the World War I draft. He was listed as medium and stout build, light brown eyes, light brown hair. He was working for the Union Grain and Coal Company in Payne as an accountant, and that he was single.

On July 13, 1918, Burton married a gal named Marie Carrie Brune, born November 4, 1897 in Auglaize County, Ohio, the daughter of John Henry and Wilhelina Eliza

Brune. Her brothers, Oltie Edwin and Henry David also served in World War I. On August 2, 1918, Burton joined the National Army out of Paulding, he was assigned to the 339th Guard and Fire Company. He promoted to Private First Class August 6, 1918, promoted to Sergeant September 20, 1918, Sergeant First Class November 4, 1918.

He was Honorably Discharged, January 5, 1919 and by 1920, Marie, Burton and newborn son, George, born in 1919, were living in Payne on Oak Street. Burton was working as a bookkeeper at the Grocery Store.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born in 1921. A son, Burton Rowland Jr. was born in 1922 He passed away in 1925. A son, David Brune Hoaglin, was born in 1928 and died seven months later in 1929, and by 1930 a daughter, Carol Gene, was born.

The family moved to Blue Creek Township, where Burton had taken a job as a manager of a local grain elevator. A daughter, Eleanor A., was born in 1934, and a son, William Jerome, was born in 1935. Burton's mother, Geneva, passed away December 31, 1937. Burton's father, George, passed away, October 3, 1938. They were buried in Woodland Union Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio.

By 1940, the family had moved to Scott, Ohio living on Sharon Street, and Burton was working as an elevator manager for the Scott Equity Exchange Company. In 1942, Burton registered for the World War 2 draft. He was not selected, but his son, George Frederick Hoaglin, was selected. He served in the Army, October 22, 1941 - December 26, 1945.

Burton passed away November 10, 1949 in Van Wert, Ohio. He was buried in Woodland Union Cemetery with his parents and children. Marie passed away May 13, 1993 in Franklin County, Ohio. She was buried with Burton.

able data from those smaller facilities. Parkview Orthopedic Hospital is also not graded by Leapfrog because it is a specialty hospital. The fall grading period also ended before Parkview's Ohio hospitals joined the health system on Oct. 1. Parkview Bryan Hospital received a "C" in the fall 2023 report, while Parkview Montpelier Hospital is not eligible for grading because it is a critical access

hospital. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections and injuries. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated semiannually in the fall and spring.

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Last week 10 members of the Wayne Trace FFA Chapter attended the 96th annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN along with members from Crestview, Lincolnview and Parkway High schools. This year's convention theme was "Evolve" and we helped set a new record with over 72,900 members from all over the United States attending.

We left bright and early on Tuesday morning and traveled to Platt Show Pigs and Upper Hand Genetics in Roanoke, IN, where we learned about their swine breeding operation. They house over 50 boars and sell semen across the US, as well as, several other countries. Their veterinarian was there so we also had the opportunity to watch a vet procedure on one of their prospective show pigs.

From there, we traveled to Moline, IL and got a chance to visit the John Deere Pavilion. The pavilion houses some of the first John Deere tractors and other equipment made. We learned about the history of the company and picked up some cool John Deere souvenirs.

After spending the night in Moline, we put on our nice, new quarter-zips, sponsored by Harting Farms and CCT Co., and traveled across the river to Davenport, IA to visit the John Deere Development Works. We toured the factory and learned about the various construction and forestry based equipment they build there. They use over 75,000 gallons of paint a

year and have over 500,000 pounds of steel delivered every day.

On Thursday, we got dressed in our finest official and traveled to Lucas Oil Stadium for the opening session. During the session we listened to the keynote speaker, Juan Bendana. He spoke about facing your fears and his adventures in Hawaii with poisonous snakes, crocodiles and his miniature horse, Pepe. We also listened to the National Officer's retiring addresses and helped the National FFA Choir celebrate their 75th anniversary. Following the session, we traveled to the convention session and spent time visiting the Expo and FFA Shopping Mall. We also attended the 2nd session and watched multiple members from Ohio receive recognition for their hard work. Later in the evening, we went Fowling – football bowling. It was a new experience for everyone and we had a great time.

Friday morning, we got up early, checked out of our hotel and headed back to Lucas Oil Stadium for one last session. We listened to Corey Flournoy, the first African American and urban National President. He spoke on diversity and fitting in when you don't fit the "norm". One last trip to the Expo and Shopping Mall and we were ready to head home, tired but glad we got the chance to attend.

On Saturday, three of our graduate members traveled to Indianapolis to receive their American FFA Degrees –

Faith Meraz, Ethan Noggle and Tianna Cooper. The American FFA Degree is earned by less than 2% of the national membership and we are proud of their accomplishments.

FARMLAND VALUES AND CASH RENT

Every two years, Ohio State conducts a survey of farmers on cropland values and cash rent. Barry Ward, OSU Economist conducts this survey of professionals including ag business, farm managers, farmers, rural appraisers, and ag lenders. Western Ohio cropland values and rental rates are significantly different than the eastern and southern values. The type of soil, fertility, productivity, and generally higher returns result in higher prices in Western Ohio. Also, larger squarer fields, flatter soils, and access to crop markets add value to the cropland and to rental rates. In 2022-2023, Barry Ward surveyed 190 participants and the results were just released in August 2023. The numbers are reported for top, average, and bottom farmland with only the average farmland and cash rent values reported.

For all of Western Ohio, average producing cropland produced 185.3 bushels corn per acre and had a projected value of \$9,672/acre in 2022 with a projected value of \$10,329/acre in 2023 for a 6.8% increase in land values expected. For cash rents, the average was around \$221/acre in 2022 rising to \$233/acre in 2023 with a 5.7% increase in value. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.26 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Western Ohio, top producing cropland produced 221.1 bushels corn with a projected value of \$11,913/acre in 2022 rising to \$12,992/acre in 2023 for a 9.1% increase in land values. For cash rents, the average was around \$274/acre in 2022 rising to \$288/acre in 2023 with 5.1% increase in value. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.30 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Western Ohio, bottom producing cropland produced 153.1 bushels corn with a projected value of \$7,553/acre in 2022 rising to \$8,165/acre in 2023 with 8.1% increase in land value. For cash rents, \$166/acre in 2022

rising to \$177/acre in 2023 with 6.1% increase in values. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.16 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

Barry Ward also divided the numbers out for Northwest Ohio and Southwest Ohio. For Northwest Ohio, average producing cropland produced 180.1 bushels corn and 55.9 bushels soybeans per acre. The projected value was \$9,881/acre in 2022 with a projected value of \$9,529/acre in 2023 with 8.5% increase. For cash rents, \$205/acre in 2022 was the average rising to \$218/acre in 2023 with 6.4% increase. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.21 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Northwest Ohio, top producing cropland produced 216.4 bushels corn and 67.9 bushels soybeans valued of \$10,943/acre (2022) rising to \$12,112/acre (2023) for 10.7% increase in land values. For cash rents, average of \$256/acre (2022) rising to \$270/acre (2023) with a 5.4% increase. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.25 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Northwest Ohio, bottom producing cropland produced 147.9 bushels corn and 42.5 bushels of soybeans with a projected value of \$6,687/acre (2022) rising to \$7,286/acre (2023) with a 9.0% increase in land values. For cash rents, \$153/acre (2022) rising to \$164/acre (2023) with a 6.7% increase in value. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.11 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Southwest Ohio, average producing cropland produced 193.6 bushels corn and 59.5 bushels soybeans per acre. The projected value was \$11,063/acre (2022) with a projected value of \$11,733/acre (2023) or 6.1% increase. For cash rents, \$243/acre (2022) average rising to \$255/acre (2023) with 5.0% increase. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.32 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Southwest Ohio, top producing cropland produced 229.3 bushels corn and 69.7 bushels soybeans valued of \$13,771/acre (2022) rising to \$14,733/acre (2023) for a 7% increase in land values. For cash rents, average of \$300/acre (2022) rising to \$316/acre (2023) with 5.3% increase. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.38 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For Southwest Ohio, bottom producing cropland produced 162.1 bushels corn and 48.4 bushels of soybeans on average with a projected value of \$9,211/acre (2022) rising to \$9,945/acre (2023) and a 8.0% increase in land values. For cash rents, \$189/acre (2022) rising to \$201/acre (2023) with a 6.3% increase in value. Cash rent in 2023 was \$1.24 per bushel of expected corn produced per acre.

For the full report and more information on ranges and standard deviations, look up Barry Ward at the Ohio State Farm Office and look for Farm Land Values and Cash Rents for 2022-23 with a new survey to be conducted this winter. Every parcel of land is different but this information can help landowners and tenants determine fair prices.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

Crystal Fountain Park Through The Years



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attendance with camera crews presenting the facility in an exquisite light on this cool autumn evening. People from all over Defiance, Paulding and other counties were in attendance to witness the excitement surrounding this new event center.

Following the ribbon cutting, the people were invited inside The Wentworth to see the changes made by the Kuhn family that weren't visible from the front steps. The facility has been returned to much of its former glory with remodeling while keeping its character from the days of yore. There are many small pavilions in various locations on the grounds to give the magic location a bride may want for her and her hus-

band's most special day.

Samantha Kuhn stated that the excitement is spreading quickly and they are already booking events well into next year. "We have shown the campus now nearly every night this week!"

Weddings can be indoors or outdoors. They might be in the evening along the softly lit trails in the woods, or maybe sit beautifully over the reflective waters by the new pond.

To find out more information visit CrystalFountainPark.com or email admin@crystalfountainpark.com. The Kuhn family will be more than happy to make your wedding or group event incredible!

The fact is, Defiance County has stepped up the game with the new Crystal Fountain Park!

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

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A few months back, I watched on YouTube, shiny new busses being filled with Chinese military aged men in southern Mexico and bussed up to the U.S. border. As I understand it, it is the program major countries militaries to preposition soldiers and military equipment in the target country prior to war or invasion. How is it that this program appears to be happening right in front of our faces, yet no one, not even the military,

does anything about it? I believe that the answer could be found in the documentary "D.C. Street Sorcery" by Pastor Peter J. Stets on youtube.
—Phillip Piersma
Antwerp, OH

THE SMALL BUSINESS KEEPS US GOING

By: Bryce Steiner

Every day I drive through small towns, going from one place to the next working on jobs, talking with customers, creating art that works for a new promotion, or attending another government meeting. One thing that stands out in our small towns like Hicksville, Antwerp, Grover Hill, Woodburn, and many others is the town rises or falls on the small business. It's true.

Why is that? Look through your school sports programs. It's rare for there to be big business sponsoring your school events. There generally is no Amazon, Walmart, Dollar General, Family Dollar - etc. that come to the aid of our ball associations. It's the churches, community organizations, and small business that see the need and do the deed.

Empty store fronts? That is a problem in small towns, but the ones that are filling them aren't your foreign national companies. It's the small business owners who are also your neighbor. Once again the need is filled.

While large business all around are constantly begging for backroom political favors - and many times will be granted, the small business won't receive such perks. The tax abatements generally discriminate to those that make big promises on hiring and do

they lose the abatements if they don't follow through? Most of the time it's a different set of elected officials by the time it needs to be reviewed.

While the wheeling and dealing takes place behind closed government doors, it's the small businesses that keeps things going. Even in cities like Fort Wayne where Amazon received a massive abatement it was expected that the taxes will be made up by the workers. How fair is it that the workers must bear the tax burden for the large companies' ever increasing profit margin? You can guarantee the small guy will never get discounts on taxes - after all - the roads for the Amazon trucks must be repaved with money from somewhere.

It really is a sad state when large corporations really don't pay "their fair share". They come and go like the wind but your mom and pop (now grandpa & grandma) flooring store is still in business after many years, always supporting the community. It's your local pharmacy, flower shop, or water store that keeps jobs in our community. It's the local printer that manufactures, your community bank that lends, and your local hardware store is what is needed to support the other community business. All of this happens and none get the tax breaks, abatements or the discounts. In my opinion, it is the small business who is the most discriminated organization in America, yet it pays for most everything that happens.

Next time you approach your small downtown area think about how much each of these business owners have invested to make your small town a great place to live!

MERCY HEALTH - TOLEDO HOSPITALS AWARDED FALL 2023 'A' HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADE FROM LEAPFROG GROUP

Two Mercy Health hospitals - Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital and Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital - earned an 'A' grade in The Leapfrog Group 2023 Spring Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog that sets standards for excellence in patient care.

This is the fourth consecutive 'A' earned by Defiance Hospital while Tiffin Hospital elevated its grade from a 'B' in spring to an 'A'.

"A top grade from The Leapfrog Group once again reflects the commitment to quality care that our Mercy

Health teams provide to those we serve. I am proud to celebrate these teams for their tireless efforts of caring for our patients in a safe, healing environment," said Bob Baxter, president, Mercy Health - Toledo.

"For the past two years, Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital has been listed among the top in the nation for our commitment to patient safety, which is a reflection of the team's commitment to excellence," said Sonya Selhorst, president, Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital. "I am proud of the Mercy Health - Defiance campus team, who supports the health and well-being of our community and consistently excels in patient safety and quality."

In addition to a Leapfrog 'A,' Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital was also recognized this year with the prestigious 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 2023 Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings as well earning a spot among healthcare providers and insurers in Modern Healthcare's 2023 Best Places to Work award program for a second consecutive year.

Similarly, Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital appeared on Modern Healthcare's 2023 Best Places to Work award program for five consecutive years and was one of 20 facilities identified on the Small Community Hospitals as a 100 Top Hospitals® according to an independent quality analysis provided by PINC AI™ and reported by Fortune.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program exclusively based on hospital prevention of medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually in the fall and spring.

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ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY

An estate plan is not just for high-net-worth individuals, it's for everyone who is single, has a spouse, has a partner, has dependents, owns a business, has investments, has retirement funds, owns property, or has material possessions of value such as a car. An estate plan may reduce estate taxes and shield your beneficiaries from having to go through probate. It means your last wishes will be heard. You can name a guardian for any young children and can even direct how you wish a beloved pet to be cared for after you are gone. Having an estate plan can also prevent a mess by bringing clarity to your beneficiaries, and it can protect assets from unforeseen creditors.(1)

The estate plan(2) may contain a will or living trust, the names of your beneficiaries, the appointment of an executor, a letter of intent that tells a beneficiary or executor what you wish to be done with specific assets, funeral details, and special requests. It should contain a healthcare directive with a power of attorney appointing a trusted person to make medical decisions for you when you can no longer voice your opinion, and a durable power of attorney appointing a trusted friend or relative to make financial and legal decisions for you, if you become incapacitated. It may also contain a trust or trusts for passing on assets to your beneficiaries. Life insurance can be an important component in the overall estate plan.

You should update your estate plan whenever a major change occurs in your life,

such as purchasing a home, moving in with a significant other, getting married, having or adopting a baby, selling your business, getting a divorce, retiring, or having a beneficiary die before you do. Review your plan when federal and state laws on estate taxes change.

If you should die without a will (which is called "intestate"), (3) the state and federal governments will have standard procedures for distributing your assets, and they may not be in line with your wishes. Your beneficiaries may have to pay more in estate taxes, and probate may take considerably longer than it would if you had a will in place.

Consult a professional financial advisor on tax and estate planning. Trusts can be complicated to set up, so consult a professional trusts and estates attorney or certified public accountant before you begin.

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

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Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library **Payne:** Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, Library **Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank **Scott:** Scott Post Office **Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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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 Chevrolet, McDonalds, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's

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

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OAKWOOD ELEM. PRACTICE FOR VETERAN'S PROGRAM



Oakwood Elementary students have been practicing for their Veteran's Program scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10th. Shown are first graders Jakob Stahl and Jayden Schlatter as they practice one of their songs.



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GROVER HILL STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS PLACE FLAGS



Pictured here is (l-r) Carter Noffsinger & Kolson Stoller.

On Friday, Student Council members, Carter Noffsinger and Kolson Stoller, placed flags around the outside of the Grover Hill school to honor local veterans before the Veterans Day Program.

LADY WARRIORS WIN SEASON OPENER

In his first game at the helm of the Woodlan girls basketball program, former Warrior boys coach Dave Randall posted a victory over rival New Haven last week as the Lady Warriors rolled to a 70-43 win.

Leading the way for Woodlan was sophomore forward Alyssa Anderson, who bucketed a game high 22 points to top the Warrior attack.

Senior forward Taylor Knuebuhler chipped in 21 points for the Lady Warriors while junior Brooke Kneubuhler posted 13 markers for Woodlan.

Sophomore Mariah Thullner also posted double digit points for the Lady Warriors, finishing with 11 markers to aid the Woodlan cause.

Woodlan will battle East Allen County Schools rival Leo on Friday, November 17, outside of Woodburn before the Lady Warriors travel across the Ohio State Line to take on Hicksville on Monday, November 20.

Woodlan opens ACAC play the evening following Thanksgiving as the Lady Warriors welcome in Jay County on Friday, November 24.

SNYDER TABBED AS ACAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The ACAC all-league volleyball honors were announced recently with Woodlan senior Lauren Snyder earning the Player of the Year honors in voting by the league's coaches.

Joining Snyder on the all-conference first team were South Adams' Macy Pries,

Adams Central's Hilary Tobias, Jay County's Sophie Saxman, Adams Central's Mati Henry, Bluffton's Maryn Schreiber and South Adams' Shea Alberson.

Second team awards went to Heritage's Lainey Simmons, Woodlan's Makenna Smith, Heritage's Gabby Roussey, Jay County's Brenna Haines, Adams Central's Macy Smith and Bluffton's Haley Gibson.

Those garnering honorable mention included Jay County's Maggie Dillon, Woodlan's Alyssa Harvey, South Adams' Reagan Bollenbacher, Woodlan's Marissa Smith and Heritage's Lexi Walter.

Woodlan was the regular season champion of the ACAC while Adams Central claimed the conference tournament championship.

DECLINING FERTILIZER PRICES

Fertilizer prices this fall have started to decline since this time last year. Overall, fertilizer prices have dropped almost 66% since their all-time highs but are still about 20% higher than pre-COVID levels in 2019. For farmers this is good news because fertilizer is a major cost. However, grain prices and fertilizer prices tend to correlate which means they travel in the same direction. Grain prices are declining also. Generally, fertilizer prices follow the grain price, so it is not all good news.

Why are fertilizer prices falling? Fertilizer production is a global industry. Russia is a major exporter of fertilizer, and the Ukraine-Russia war caused fertilizer prices to soar. For the United States, we had to find new supplies and new input sources. Canada stepped in and started producing more fertilizer, especially potash or potassium fertilizer, so prices have declined.

Russia and Belarus are major exporters of fertilizer. Although government sanctions were imposed on their exports, they were allowed to keep exporting some fertilizer, mainly because consumers benefit from lower fertilizer prices. Everyone wants cheap food. Russia and Belarus are finding ways to get around the sanctions and now we have some new fertilizer supplies. If the sanctions get lifted, expect fertilizer prices to go even lower. Most countries want lower food prices for their people.

For nitrogen (N), the source of the N comes from natural gas, urea, and ammonia which are much cheaper than the last several years. If fuel prices price again significantly, this could change quickly. However, these prices have decline overall, so farmers may benefit this next year.

Food prices have remained high but may start to decline. When fertilizer prices got high, farmers cut back on fertilizer applications. Weather was also a factor. Dry weather in the USA is resulting in much lower soybean yields. Wet weather in China and India reduced rice yields. Less fertilizer and poor weather resulted in lower crop yields, causing food prices to rise.

For almost all farmers, there have been shortages and reduced availability of replacement parts, equipment, and timely delivery. With supply chain issues, less parts, and large labor shortages

DEFIANCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ILLUMINATED GREEN IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS DURING 'OPERATION GREEN LIGHT'



The Defiance County Courthouse was illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort by counties, the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. Through November 12, county buildings and landmarks across the country were illuminated green to show support for veterans and raise awareness around the resources available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its second year, Operation Green Light is expected to draw hundreds of counties to participate. The county role in administering services for veterans includes County Veterans Service Officers helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year, as well as other services supporting the approximately 200,000 service members who transition into civilian communities annually.

"As you are driving through town, you will notice the Defiance County Courthouse is lit up in GREEN," said Commissioner Kern. "This is a small gesture of appreciation and a show of support for all the commitment and sacrifices our Veterans and their families have given

for our everyday freedoms. Please join Defiance County in shining a green light at your homes or businesses to honor our Veterans and let them know their sacrifices do not go unnoticed." In addition to lighting county buildings, bridges, and other meaningful landmarks, residents, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their home to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

"Operation Green Light is a gesture of support and appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACO Executive Director Matthew Chase. "With hundreds of counties coming together to light everything from bridges to courthouses, we know veterans across the country will see and feel the gratitude we all feel for their service and sacrifices." Counties and residents across the country are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight. Visit www.naco.org/operationgreenlight for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

throughout the USA, this caused production problems for farmers causing food prices to remain high. As these issue get sorted out, hopefully, food prices will start to decline once the farmers get another crop planted and harvested. However, weather and other factors throughout the world can always change.

For farmers, lower nitrogen fertilizer prices are welcome news. Anhydrous ammonia (82% N or 1640# N/ton) is a major nitrogen (N) source for grass crops like corn. The price in 2022 was \$1,387/ton and now in the year 2023 its \$680 or a decline of 51% or \$707/ton with N priced at \$.41 for each actual pound of N. Liquid N sources like UAN 32 (32% N, 640#N/ton) declined 42% from \$679/ton to \$391 today, a \$288 decline. UAN28 (28% N, 560#N/ton) declined 40% from \$592/ton to \$355 today, a \$237 decline. For urea (46% N, 920# N/ton), a dry white fertilizer, the cost in 2022 was

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ANTWERP ELEMENTARY OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Antwerp Elementary's October Students of the Month are: Front Row: Al-lura DeVault and Duke Wiesehan. Second Row: Micah Mendez, Melody Bid-lack, Saylor Billman, Talyn Burget, Stella Gaisford, Deana Miller, Whitney Miller, Amelia Dunham, and Juliet Dillon. Third Row: Wayne Zielke, Mason Ganger, Ensley Parisot, Julian Karas, Lyric Smith, Benson Slattman, Addie Straley, Hadley Bissell, and Carter Taylor. Back Row: Landyn Hermiller, Riel Gonza-

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB AWARDS SUPERINTENDENT HISSONG WITH THE 'DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER AWARD'



During the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees meeting on Tuesday, November 7th, State Representative Dave Heine and Senator Tyler Johnson surprised and presented the Governor's Distinguished Hoosier Award to Superintendent Marilyn Hissong.

fifty (50) years to recognize outstanding Indiana residents. The Distinguished Hoosier is meant for those who distinguish themselves by significant contributions to their communities, and whose qualities and actions endure them in the hearts and minds of Hoosiers. Representative Heine stated, "Superintendent Hissong was very instrumental in getting the 'Transi-

tion to Teaching' program passed at State level. She's respected by all of us down at thenState. We are very proud of her and so glad she's, our Superintendent." Superintendent Hissong was overwhelmed with joy and appreciation. She said, "It takes all of us working together for all students. Thank you, Governor Holcomb, for this prestigious award."

WT GROVER HALL ANNOUNCES OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



WT Grover Hill Elementary announced their October Students of the Month. Pictured here are (front, l-r) Mason Stoller, Owen Dens-

PAULDING ELEM. OCTOBER MINDSET MARVELS



Paulding Elementary 2023-2024 October Mindset Marvels left to right: Front row: Avianna Manz, Ryker Showalter, Lydia Reinhart, Ramona Burtch, Hendrix

Carlisle, Essie Deel. Middle row: Liam Jones, Aylene Schlegel, Harmony Mullins, Kaylee Powell, Everett Wilhelm, Kenley Miller, William Arend. Back row: Kinsley

Pease, Cierra Smith, Abel Worman, Nolan Rosalez, Bentley Munoz, Ronan Phlipot. Missing from picture: Efrain Melo Posada, Harlow Kipfer

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



October Students of the Month were rewarded for displaying the character trait "Respect" this month. Eight of these students were also given movie passes to Van Wert Cinemas. Congratulations on a job well done. Pictured above are (front row) Silas Dempsey, Bennett Gerardot, Evalynn Pierce, Mary Gerardot, Clara Sinn, Miranda Valdez, Maxwell Wright, Brooke Phlipot, Beauden Strahley; (back row) Dylainee Carr, Mailey

sources of P are DAP (18-46-0) and MAP (11-52-0). DAP has 18% N or 360#N/ton and 46% P or 920#P/ton. MAP has 11% N or 220#N/ton and 52% P or 1040#P/ton. Prices for DAP went from \$1,003/ton and declined 27% (\$273) to \$730. For MAP, the price in 2023 was \$1,036 and declined 29% (\$300) to \$736 today. If we assume the N is worth about \$.60 per pound, in DAP, the value of the P is about \$.56/pound and in MAP, the value of the P is about \$.58/pound.

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\$812/ton and declined to \$730, a 31% decline or \$249 less expensive. On a per pound basis, the cost per pound of N is \$.61/pound UAN32, \$.63/pound UAN28, and \$.79/pound for urea. Nitrogen prices vary and change almost daily.

For potassium and phosphorus fertilizer prices, the trend has been the same. For potassium or potash (K), prices in 2022 were \$883 a ton with a 41% decline (\$365) to \$518 a ton in 2023. Potash is 0-0-60 or 60% K or 1200# per ton worth about \$.43 per pound of actual K. For phosphorus (P), the two main

Overall, adequate fertilizer and plant nutrients support higher crop yields. With fertilizer prices declining, farmers will probably put on more fertilizer in 2024. However, in 2023; inflation, lower crop prices, and possibly lower or stable yields depending on rain; might continue to have farmers tightening their belts as margins and profits remain tight. Watch out for our Farmers on the road and have a Safe Harvest!

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Hoorman Soil Health Services

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#19 Carter Murday, Rookie of The Year. *Charlie Orns Photo.*



#51 Devin Shiels Late Model Season Champion. *Charlie Orns Photo*

By: Ron Burt

The past two weeks the weather has stopped racing for the year in our area. A few drivers took their cars to Kentucky and Tennessee for high dollar races. Some of the Sprint and Midget drivers are getting ready to race indoors for Midget and Micro races. The youth will have Quarter Midget Racing coming up in Columbus, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds at "The Hog Barn". There will be 6 Winter National events starting November 18th and the last race in the series will be February 24th. Quarter Midgets are a great way to introduce your children to the sport of racing. Locally Quarter Midgets race in Toledo at the Lucas Co. Fairgrounds in the summer.

Area racetracks are getting ready for their awards banquets. Oakshade Raceway will be handing out awards November 18th at the Fulton Building at the fairgrounds from 1-4PM. They award the top 10 in each class. Here are the top 3 in each. UMP DIRTcar Late Models 1st Devin Shiels 2nd Colin Shipley and 3rd Casey Noonan. UMP DIRTcar Sportsman 1st Josh Robertson 2nd Carter Schlenk and 3rd Kolin Schilt. Dominator Super Stocks 1st Justin Gamber 2nd Bubba Cundick and 3rd Adam Noonan. Sport Compacts 1st Eric Carr 2nd Brandon Paskan 3rd James Stamper. Rookie of The Year Awards go to, UMP DIRTcar Late Model Carter Murday, UMP DIRTcar Sportsman Kolin Schilt, Dominator Su-

per Stocks Alex Krall and Sport Compacts Mark Prather.

Area Late Model Ace, Rusty Schlenk debuted his newest #91, but it's not a Late Model. He's built a beautiful fast UMP Modified and it already has found it's way to victory lane on a recent trip to Kentucky's Mountain Motor Complex.

FloRacing announced that High Limit Racing, founded and owned by NASCAR champion Kyle Larson and five-time World of Outlaws champion Brad Sweet, is expanding in 2024. The formerly named High Limit Sprint Car Series is adding events and increasing driver payouts while broadening its partnership with FloSports. The mid-week race series will evolve into a 50-plus race night schedule across the country and increase driver payouts to more than \$5 million.

To support the series, High Limit Racing entered a multi-year media agreement with FloSports, which has taken a minority equity stake in the new venture and will continue to stream live race events while also producing original content on FloRacing, its Motorsports vertical.

The new season of the High Limit Racing will reward drivers with bigger payouts and unprecedented flexibility with no restrictions on the amount of non-High Limit races they can compete in. The series also will set dedicated "off-weekends" to allow teams to continue to participate in sprint

car racing's crown jewel events.

High Limit Racing will award a point fund of \$1 million with the champion team and driver winning \$250,000. Similar to its 2023 season, High Limit Racing will have a Midweek Money Series within the national tour awarding a separate \$100,000 total point fund.

Sweet will compete in every event and pursue his first High Limit Racing championship with the Kasey Kahne Racing NAPA No. 49 team. Larson, crowned the midweek series champion earlier this month, will continue to compete in select events while also pursuing a NASCAR Cup Series championship and an Indianapolis 500 victory in 2024.

Until next week, keep your wheels down! You can contact the The Left Turn at www.ohiosportsblitz@yahoo.com

NEW WEED RESISTANCE

Farmer have a new type of weed resistance to worry about. Farmers have been using herbicide or chemical weed control for many years. Weeds have learned several ways to get around herbicides in order to survive. While it is recommended that farmers rotate different groups of herbicides and use full rates, sometimes that does not happen and weeds become herbicide resistant. That has been the main way weeds like pigweed, water hemp, and marestail have become weed resistant. Some weeds have become resistant to one or several groups of herbicides and now some weeds have even learned to become resistant to almost any herbicide. That is a scary proposition!

Often farmers use several passes of herbicides with different modes of action (MOA's) to control weeds. The goal is to reduce the weed population down to zero so that no survivors pass on any genes that are resistant. The problem is that there are millions of weed seeds in an acre of land, stored over many years. So weed seed is always present somewhere. With good weed control, the weed seed population can be reduced greatly.

Most weeds develop target site weed resistance which is based on herbicide MOA. Herbicides disrupt different pathways in a plant so the plant cannot grow. These usually involve disrupting different proteins and enzymes or growth processes. Here are some examples of different MOA's and different herbicide groups

Group 2 or ALS herbicides like Pursuit, Scepter disrupt certain amino acids. Group 4 herbicides like 2-4D and dicamba (Banvel) disrupt cell membranes and growth. Group 9 herbicides like glyphosate (Roundup) also disrupt amino acids like the ALS herbicides but at different sites. Group 10 herbicides like Liberty disrupts a key enzyme to put ammonium or nitrogen into amino acids to make proteins. Liberty has been a good herbicide to control

many weeds.

Group 14 herbicides are call PPO inhibitors which causes cell wall damage. Herbicides like Sharpen, Resolve, Valor products and Cobra are good examples. The Group 15 herbicides inhibit cell wall division (Mitosis) and include herbicides like Harness, Dual II Magnum (Metochlor) and Zidua.

Typically, weeds will become resistant to one MOA then over time they might become resistant to another MOA or group of herbicides. Farmers keep rotating herbicides until they run out of options. However, now weeds have developed a new way to get around MOA's. They have developed something called metabolic resistance. With target resistance or traditional weed resistance, the plants developed an enzyme that would target almost all the herbicides using a certain MOA or a certain group of herbicides. With metabolic weed resistance, the weed can destroy any herbicide. It simply uses natural enhanced biological processes to break up any type of herbicide, even if it has never been used before. Plants have several hundred enzymes that can perform this function to detoxify unnatural foreign substances within the plant.

For example, in corn which is a grass plant; atrazine can be used because the corn plant has a natural defense to break down the atrazine before it causes any harm. Soybeans are a broadleaf, so they do not tolerate atrazine the same as many other broadleaf weeds. In corn, this is called metabolic resistance. This is not anything really new, however, it is troubling because some weedy plants are learning or developing genes to take out almost any herbicide. Metabolic weed resistance versus target weed resistance is becoming more common.

For example, a relative of barnyard grass has been found that is resistant to 16 different herbicides and 6 different MOA's or groups of herbicides even though none of the 16 herbicides had ever been applied to this plant! Water hemp can cause up to 70% decline in corn yields. Some areas now have water hemp that is resistant to seven different MOA's or seven groups of herbicides. Illinois researchers are now investigating about 60 different gene regions or two small area on weeds where weed resistance occurs. Researchers want to develop a simple test or bioassay to determine which herbicides a plant is resistant to in that plant. Farmers, in the near future, may need to do a bioassay before they spray so they can determine which herbicides will work.

Farmers have been battling weeds for centuries and it looks like the battle will continue. Many herbicides are still valid but farmers can also use crop rotation, mulches, cover crops, and mechanical means to control weeds. The source for this information came from the Kevin Bradley, University of Missouri and No-till Farmer.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

PAYNE DUPLEX FIRE



The Payne Fire and EMS were called to 707 Johnson Dr. , in the village of Payne at 2:15pm. Upon arrival, smoke and flames were showing along the southwest corner of the soffit area. Automatic mutual aid, from Antwerp and Paulding fire departments responded as well. Firefighters were advised once on scene, that no one was in either structure of the duplex.

The Paulding Fire department's Aerial Ladder Truck was set up to attack the fire as it had self-ventilated the roof. Once the fire was knocked down, firefighters once again

made entry and extinguished the remaining, body of fire and hot spots.

Scott EMS was called to the scene to be on stand by and latter took a firefighter to Paulding County Hospital for a hand injury. The Northern Indiana Red Cross was notified for assistance for the residents of the duplexes. Van Wert County CERT was called to the scene to provide canteen service for the firefighters and the residence.

Fire crews remained on scene to continue to extinguish hot spots and investigate the cause of the fire.

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WINTER COULD BRING RISK OF ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY IF OHIO EXPERIENCES EXTREME COLD



Last Christmas, Ohio came within minutes of experiencing blackouts over the holiday due to electricity demand exceeding available power supply. The close call came during a stretch of extremely cold days over Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Thankfully, Ohio avoided blackouts, but states just south of Ohio weren't so lucky.

This winter, Ohio, and nearly the entire eastern half of the United States is "at risk of in-sufficient operating reserves under extreme conditions like those experienced during a severe December 2022 winter storm that caused natural gas production to plummet," according to the just released assessment by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, or NERC.

Ohio and surrounding states have seen more coal-fired electricity generation plants close in the past year.

In addition, the supply of power available from natural gas plants remained the same. In the December 2022 event, natural gas plants, some considered "peaking plants" designed to provide extra electricity generation during high demand, experienced challenges because of the extreme cold temperatures. They could see those same challenges this winter.

That scenario makes Ohio and other states in the eastern United States vulnerable to power shortages. "A similar type of event would cause energy emergencies and lead to significant operating measures to try to maintain bulk power system reliability," said Mark Olson, NERC's manager of reliability assessments.

The United States is seeing increased risk to electricity reliability over the past several years because electricity supply is dwindling as demand is growing. "Dispatchable resources (coal, natural gas, and nuclear plants) are not keeping up with demand growth and that's increasing risk for periods where demand remains high and solar output is near zero, which occurs over much of the winter peak period," Olson said.

When the sun isn't shining in Ohio, electricity generation from solar is nearly non-existent. Wind power generation in the region and state is also impacted by extreme cold and cannot produce enough electricity to fill the gap. This is why these power generation resources are considered intermittent resources. Coal, natural gas, and nuclear power generation resources are considered dispatchable, or on-demand resources, but Ohio has seen coal plants dwindle from 21 in 2009 to just four in the state in 2023. The early retirements were largely due to restrictive energy industry regulations forcing closure.

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives President & CEO, Pat O'Loughlin, testified twice on Capitol Hill this year, along with other industry experts, about his concerns over the reliability of electricity due to the rapid decline of on-demand generation resources in Ohio, many of which have shuttered prematurely due to unreasonable environmental regulations. O'Loughlin has said risk to the reliability of electricity presents a public health and safety issue.

"We must not move too fast towards eliminating coal

and natural gas in power generation, we need a balance of power generation resources, or we risk the reliability of electricity when people need it most, on the coldest days of the year," said O'Loughlin.

The 13-state PJM Interconnection — the region of the electric grid that includes Ohio and surrounding states — anticipates a 39.8% reserve margin of power under normal winter operating conditions, but the margin could fall to just 4.2% under extreme conditions, according to the NERC

maintain general good behavior
Robert G. Mann III, Defiance, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, suspended; Provide proof of insurance by 11/3/23
Joshua D. Kuhn, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kimberly K. Pitser, Antwerp, OH; Traffic control light; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Dina O'Brien, Toronto, ON; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Hudson M. Myers, Van Wert, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Nicholas M. Schroeder, Ottawa, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Destiny R. Baumert, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Abiodun S. Odufuwa, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Case dismissed at defendant's cost
Domynique N. Bielser, Paulding, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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"We must not move too fast towards eliminating coal

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Sean P. Miller, Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence; 90 days jail, 86 days suspended; Defendant to complete all requirements; Removed from diversion; Placed on standard probation; 40 hours community service; Risk assessment; Complete on line classes
Katherine J. Gross, Antwerp, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Fines and costs to be taken from bond money; Defendant to shall

KRICK SPEAKS TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Melinda Krick (President of the John Paulding Historical Society) as the guest speaker at the November 9, 2023, club meeting. Melinda came at the invitation of Dave Burtch. Melinda spoke to the Kiwanians about the Festival of Trees and all the programs associated with the event.

STAHL & JOHNSON SPEAK TO THE KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Michelle Stahl and Chris Johnson as the speakers at the November 2, 2023, club meeting. Michelle and Chris spoke about the state of the Kiwanis organization as we move into 2024.

The West Bend News
Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

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U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS4 C/O RUSHMORE LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BETH ANN DAVENPORT, AKA, BETH A. CARPER, ET AL. DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-23-072 Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

Defendant(s), Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper And John Doe, Real Name Unknown, the Unknown Spouse, if any of Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper, whose last known address is 5774 SR 500, Payne, OH 45880, Carma J. Doctor, whose last known address is 5774 SR 500, Payne, OH 45880 And John Doe and/or Jane Doe, Real Names Unknown, The Unknown Heirs, Devises, Legatees, Administrators, Executors and Assigns of Carma J. Doctor, Deceased, whose Identities and Addresses) Unknown, will take notice that on August 15, 2023, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2021-GS4, C/O Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC, filed its Amended Complaint in Case Number CI 23 072, Paulding County, Ohio, alleging that the defendant(s), Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper, John Doe, Real Name Unknown, the Unknown Spouse, if any of Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper, Carma J. Doctor And John Doe and/or Jane Doe, Real Names Unknown, The Unknown Heirs, Devises, Legatees, Administrators, Executors and Assigns of Carma J. Doctor, Deceased, have or claim to have an interest in the

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real estate described below:

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The Plaintiff demands that the defendants named above be required to answer and set up their interest in said real estate or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshaling of any liens, and the sale of said real estate, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of Plaintiffs claim in the proper order of its priority and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

The defendants named above are required to answer on or before 11th day of December, 2023:

Publication Dates are as follows: October 30, 2023; November 6, 2023; November 13, 2023.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2021-GS4, C/O Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper, John Doe, Real Name Unknown, the Unknown Spouse, if any of Beth Ann Davenport, aka, Beth A. Carper, Carma J. Doctor And John Doe and/or Jane Doe, Real Names Unknown, The Unknown Heirs, Devises, Legatees, Administrators, Executors and Assigns of Carma J. Doctor, Deceased, have or claim to have an interest in the

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Paulding County Unofficial Election Results for November 7, 2023

Election Day Precincts Reporting (of 16)	16
Registered Voters Total	12,455
Ballots Cast Total	6,309
Voter Turnout	50.65%



Antwerp Village (Council 2 seats)	
Mayor - Jan Reeb	452
Council - Bill Boylan	320
Council - Bryan A Smith	352
Broughton Village	
Mayor - Donna Greear	30
Grover Hill Village	
Mayor - None	
Council - None	
Haviland Village	
Mayor - Edwin L Ruger	12
Mayor - Non-validated	4
Council - Neil A Stoller	16
Council - Catherine Jewell	11
Non-validated	5
Latty Village	
Mayor - Shawn R Gerber	48
Council - Kathy Hebern	41
Melrose Village	
Mayor - no petitions	
Council - no petitions	
Oakwood Village (council 2 seats)	
Mayor - Joshua Duslak	131
Mayor - Brian D Ripke	34
Council Tami AuFrance	96
Council - Jamie Clemens	79
Council - Karisa J Long	84
Paulding Village (council 2 seats)	
Mayor - Greg A White	742
Council - Lois E Beamer	574
Council - Dan Workman	631
Payne Village	
Mayor - Lora Lyons	274
Council - Bradley J Bohland	23
Council - Non validated	11
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Mayor - Jeremy Akom	20
Council - Nancy L Miller	23
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Jerrold Hawk	420
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Sue A Becher	414
Benton Township Trustee	
Randy W. Noggle	323
Benton Township Fiscal Officer	
Racheal Head	326
Blue Creek Township Trustee	
Calvin Sinn	193
Blue Creek Township Fiscal Officer	
Chris Laukhuf	206
Brown Township Trustee	
Martin Adams	340
Dan J Haller	282
Brown Township Fiscal Officer	
Kevin A Hornish	525
Carryall Township Trustee	
Joseph B Barker	646
Nick Bragg	387
Carryall Township Fiscal Officer	
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Jason Sheets	238
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Susan Hinchcliff	244
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Mike Kauser	914
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Jane Buchman	851
Washington Township Trustee	
Lonnie C Lytle	188
Washington Township Fiscal Officer	
Neil Beining	179
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Kevin Wannemacher	2,516
Member of Governing Board of Educational Service Center (District 1) Antwerp LSD	
Hazen Kennedy	1,114
Member of Governing Board of Educational Service Center - Putnam County (Vote for 2)	
Cindy Erickson	0
William Goecke	0
Virgil P Hohlbein	2
Member of Board of Education - Antwerp LSD (Vote for 2)	
Dennis G Recker	947
Sara Schuette	917
Member of Board of Education - Defiance City SD (Vote for 3)	
Wesley C Moats	7
Christine M Oberlin	10
Member of Board of Education - Ottoville LSD	
Barbara I Hoersten	2
Ausslin Markward	3
Member of Board of Education - Paulding Exempted Village SD (Vote 3)	
Matthew Stoller	1,699
Aric Mericle	1,110
Joseph A Manz	1,775
Julie L Arend	2,155
Member of Board of Education – WTLSD (Vote for 2)	
Patrick Baumle	1,073
Clint Sinn	1,157

Issue 1	
Yes	1,800
No	4,443
Issue 2	
Yes	2,797
No	3,431
Auglaize Township Proposed Zoning Plan	
Yes	135
No	400
Auglaize Township Local Liquor Option	
Yes	405
No	130
Benton Township/Village of Payne Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	
For the Tax Levy	160
Against the Tax Levy	229
Crane Township Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	
For the Tax Levy	282
Against the Tax Levy	132
Harrison Township Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	
For the Tax Levy	145
Against the Tax Levy	100
Jackson Township / Village Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	
For the Tax Levy	348
Against the Tax Levy	273
Paulding Exempted Village School District Paulding & Putnam Counties	
For the Tax Levy	1,852
Against the Tax Levy	1,216
Paulding County Board of Health Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	
For the Tax Levy	3,963
Against the Tax Levy	2,149
Pauldign County Library Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	
For the Tax Levy	3,821
Against the Tax Levy	2,300
Paulding County Enhanced 911 System	
For the Tax Levy	4,389
Against the Tax Levy	1,751
Antwerp Village Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	
For the Tax Levy	300
Against the Tax Levy	205
Village of Haviland Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	
For the Tax Levy	24
Against the Tax Levy	7
Paulding Village Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	
For the Tax Levy	510
Against the Tax Levy	382
Payne Village Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	
For the Tax Levy	206
Against the Tax Levy	116
Scott Village Van Wert and Paulding Counties Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	
For the Tax Levy	16
Against the Tax Levy	8

THE LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD



On a sunny November day I decided to take a drive to see the town of Antwerp, Ohio. Mrs Google says it is a 21 minute trip, 15 mi. Looks to be nearly the exact same size as Grabill. We love driving through the Indiana countryside and surprisingly most of the corn is not picked yet. There is talk about some kind of problem with the corn..

I had meant to come this summer, to see the West Bend Newspaper headquarters. I also hear there is an iconic root beer stand. Maybe I can catch that next summer. The trip brought back many memories. When I was a lad my folks took us to visit the Toledo Zoo every summer.

We traveled on Old US 24 which followed the canal nearly the entire trip. I have never studied the Wabash-Erie Canal but it does intrigue me. Then following the wide Maumee River and stopping at a rest park beside the river and eating cold fried chicken. The long bridges as many as 7 spans. There is just something magical about that trip.

I had been to Antwerp years ago but this trip was something special. I had to marvel at a shell of a town, that years ago had been a bustling living town. But those were different days, when a high percentage of the people lived on a small farm, and traded at the nearest town. Either that or the Montgomery Ward Catalog. Today even our cities are just a bombed out shell.

We are scattered on farmland that has been turned into houses. Most of our new sub-

divisions are all young families, so the children are all in close proximity. In Allen County Indiana, nearly the entire county has been "developed."

But I did find a bustling town with several prosperous businesses. A thriving newspaper where many large towns don't have any. When I was a lad we always took a daily paper and there were 2 published each day. I was impressed by their tribute to our soldiers. I've always been amazed how large the cemeteries are. There must have been more people living in that area in the past than there are now.

But, the small towns are still the backbone of our country. I look at Harlan, Indiana, and the pride their citizens have. The many volunteers they get for Harlan Days and the pride they take keeping up their park.

I appreciate the coverage that the West Bend Newspaper gives to the local high schools. I feel a small school has so much more to offer then the huge schools we have in so many places. When I was at Leo HS, the Fort Wayne schools got all of the press and Leo was just hanging in limbo.

I do enjoy reading letters to the editor, because at least somebody is paying attention and taking the time to discuss it. I would gladly defer to anyone who takes the time to write. I wish the West Bend and the Antwerp area and schools all the honors that they deserve.

—James Neuhauser

SORRY! WRONG CHIMNEY! COMING TO VWCT



Sorry! Wrong Chimney!, a hilarious mix of holiday chaos and mistaken identities, will start Van Wert Civic Theatre's holiday season. Set to be performed November 30, December 1-2, 7-10. For more information how to see this performance visit vwct.org or call the box office at 419-238-9689.

Moonlighting as Santa, a fur coat surprise, a suspected other woman – David Tuttle has quite the festive adventure on his hands. Add some hypnotism, the notorious

Santa burglar Kris Kringle, his gun-toting fiancée, and a confused police officer and you have an evening of laughter and holiday merriment.

Jan Miller, in her directorial debut, has put together an outstanding cast featuring Nick Long as David Tuttle, Reese Horstman as Samantha Tuttle, Gabrielle Emerick as Natalie Weldon, Austin Sheets as William Weldon, Laura Ridenour as Shelia, Ed Eichler as Kris Kringle and Taylor Hesseling as the police

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3rd Wednesday of each month
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The Paulding County Carnegie Library is accepting applications for the position of part-time Library Clerk for our Payne Branch. The position is available immediately. We are looking for applicants who:

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- Enjoy creativity
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- Have dependable transportation
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The Paulding County Carnegie Library provides an excellent working environment with friendly and helpful co-workers. The library clerk assists library patrons, performs circulation duties, locates and takes requests for library materials, shelves returned materials and keeps collection orderly and organized. The library clerk assists the branch manager in planning and implementing programming for all ages. Entry level wage is \$14.04 per hour. This job requires some evenings and Saturdays. To be considered, applicants must submit a resume and a cover letter to: Ali McCauley, 205 S. Main Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879. Deadline is Monday November 20, 2023 by 6:00 p.m. NO PHONE CALLS. Prior applicants must reapply to be considered. Applicants who fail to follow application instructions will not be considered.

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JPHS RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FESTIVAL OF TREES



A Storybook Christmas is in the books for the 2023 season at the John Paulding Historical Society museum in Paulding. Over a thousand guests visited the festival to marvel at the Christmas trees and holiday decor on display. From the decorations and

food and entertainment to the valuable fellowship shared by all involved, it was a great way to get the holiday season started. The museum's main building as well as barns 1 & 2 were lit up with a large array of decorations and lights to enjoy.

Many volunteer hours went into this event and do each year. These efforts do not go unnoticed. All who visited the festival are thankful for the service of John Paulding Historical Society.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT HUBER OPERA HOUSE

White Christmas, the Musical will be performed by the Opera Lane Performers at the Huber Opera House on Dec. 8, 9, & 10. A Dinner Theater experience is available on Friday and Saturday evenings, catered by Grant's Catering. Additional information about the performances are available

at huberoperahouse.org. Soldiers Bob Wallace (played by Jason Williams) and Phil Davis (Sean Findlay) served under General Henry Waverley (Dan Bulau) in World War Two and, ten years later, they are still working together in a popular song and dance duo, Wallace and Davis. When they meet the singing sisters, Betty (Jennifer Ankney) and Judy Haynes (Aria Clem), Phil becomes

enamored with the beautiful Judy, while Bob is more reserved about his feelings for Betty. The two men follow the sisters up to their seasonal engagement at The Columbia Inn in Vermont. They discover the inn is owned by General Waverley but, unbeknownst to him, the inn is struggling to survive. With the help of Martha (Nichole Robinson), the concierge, and the General's granddaughter,

Susan (Anna Wiechart), Bob, Phil, Betty and Judy decide to put on a big show to draw in business.

Bob arranges for his old friend Ralph Sheldrake (Mike Kennedy) to bring the General's former troops up to Vermont to support the show. Betty overhears Bob's plans and misinterprets his intentions, believing that he wants to buy the inn instead. Confusion ensues as Betty leaves to go back to New York alone. Bob follows her to attempt to reconcile but, believing he has lost her, he goes on the Ed Sullivan Show to reach out to his former comrades. Back in Vermont, the rehearsals are coming to an end and the General is convinced to wear his uniform to watch the show. He is moved to see his former men return to support him and decides to put his efforts into making the inn a success. Betty returns to apologize to Bob and the couple finally declare their love for each other. With the show a huge success, Bob leads the whole theater in a rendition of "White Christmas".

Throughout the show, the talented cast of singers and dancers bring Irving Berlin's delightful songs to life. Along with a couple of show girls, Rita (Jordys Vance) and Rhoda (Aleyah Mack), the stage manager (Kathy Kennedy), and the stagehand Ezekiel (Dusty Harris), the cast consists of the following people: Ashton Barnhouse, Benson Brown, Lofton Brown, Bridgette Bussing, Carrie Bussing, Allison Carnes, Dani Frame, Titus Garmater, Alex Harris, Ben Harris, Clara Harris, Earlee Harris, Emma Huber-Whitman, Kaden Kennedy, Emma

GRANT GIVEN TO HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY FUND FOR SPLASH PAD



Pictured here are (l-r) Jim Rensi - Hicksville Rotary Foundation, Chris Yoder - Defiance Area Foundation, and Kirk Collins - Hicksville Splash Pad Committee.

The Defiance Area Foundation awarded an additional \$5,000 grant to the Hicksville Community Fund to assist with the Hicksville

splash pad project. This Hicksville Rotary Foundation will be making a \$5,000 matching donation to support this initiative.

Randall, Drake Rittenhouse, Kris Rumble, Anna Saunders, Melina Schroeder, Summer Schooley, Peggy Sisco, Jennifer Thomas, Elizabeth Vance, Alison Wiechart, Joel Wiechart, Katherine Whitman, and Kelly Wilson.

Join us at the Huber on Dec. 8, 9, or 10 for White Christmas, a festive celebration of romance, friendship, and the magic of Christmas.

OPEN HOUSE AT DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Catholic School will host an open house & chili dinner Nov. 18th at 5:00-6:30.

The open house is open to the public: Come see the upgrades made to the school and gym and hear from our teacher and student ambassadors about all the great

things happening at Divine Mercy. A free-will donation chili dinner will be served in the gym.

MERRY & BRIGHT PARADE

On November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The Merry & Bright Parade will be held in Paulding.

Line up will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church (601 Flat Rock Dr.) at 5:00 p.m. Parade steps off at 6:00 p.m. and goes down W. Jackson to the Post Office.

Any questions or issues, please contact Dave Burtch at 419-670-5702 or valley-phoneguy@gmail.com

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