

## RIBBON CUTTINGS FOR NEW PARK PAVILIONS: NEW ROCHESTER & CECIL BRIDGE



Ribbon Cutting at the new pavilion site at New Rochester Park. Pictured here are Erica Nogle, Gary Mabis, Glenn Troth, Linda Hodges, Aaron Timm, and Judy Cosey.

On Wednesday, November 29th, the Paulding County Parks District held a Ribbon

Cutting for two new park pavilions that were erected at New Rochester Park and Cecil

Bridge Park. These pavilions were constructed and made

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## OHIO'S WEEKLONG DEER GUN HUNTING



Ohio hunters checked 19,359 white-tailed deer during the opening day of gun hunting season on Monday, Nov. 27, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Ohio's seven-day gun season is open until Sunday, Dec. 3, and a two-day gun season is open on Dec. 16-17.

This year's opening day harvest total includes 7,676 antlered deer and 11,683 antlerless deer, a category

which includes does and button bucks. In 2022, hunters took 17,197 deer on opening day of the gun season, which traditionally falls on the Monday after Thanksgiving. From 2020 to 2022, hunters checked an average of 16,616 deer during the gun season opener.

The top 11 counties for deer harvest on the opening day of the weeklong gun season were:

- 1 Coshocton (858)
- 2 Tuscarawas (712)
- 3 Muskingum (630)
- 4 Ashtabula (618)
- 5 Knox (587)
- 6 Carroll (573)
- 7 Guernsey (537)
- 8 Harrison (518)
- 9 Holmes (475)
- 10 Licking (437)
- 11 Ashland (437)

In the 2023 deer season, archery and firearms hunters have taken a total of 116,995 deer through Monday, Nov. 27. The archery harvest so far includes 87,369 deer, while youth hunters took 10,039 deer in the youth gun season.

Ohio's fantastic deer hunting opportunities are a popular fall tradition which draw both residents and nonresi-

## TRAIN SEMI ACCIDENT AT STATE LINE CROSSING



An east bound Norfolk Southern Freight Train struck a south bound semi tractor trailer, at the State Line Crossing, east of Edgerton, Indiana, at 3:48 p.m., on Thursday, November 30,

2023. The driver of the semi, saw the train and realized he was going to get hit. He exited the cab of his truck, prior to impact to the semi box trailer. The driver was (Continued on Page 2)

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Paulding County Carnegie Library Children's Room is presenting "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on December 7, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stop by the library for a visit with Santa, have a cookie, make a craft and get a treat. Hope to see you all there!!!



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**Community Calendar**

**MON & WED**

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

**December 4**

- Antwerp Christmas Display Lighting @ Greenway Park by tennis courts, 6pm

**December 5**

- Social Skills Group @ Foundations Behavioral Health, Paulding Recovery Clubhouse, 4-5pm

**December 6**

- OPERS meeting @ PC Senior Center, 10am

**December 7**

- Kingdom Warriors Women @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
- PC Business Advisory Council Meeting @ Baughman Tile Co., 1-2pm

**December 8-10**

- White Christmas @ The Huber, 7pm; (2:30p, 12/10)

**December 9**

- Breakfast w/Santa @ GH Library, 9-11am
- Holiday Culinary Camp grades 2-5 @ PHS, all day

**December 11-13**

- Antwerp Manor Festival of Trees, 12-6pm

**December 13**

- Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast @ Paulding School, 8:30am
- Christmas @ The Huber, Hicksville, 7pm

Add your event to the calendar  
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**OBITUARIES**

WOODBURN, IN:  
**Donna Mae Kneubuhler**, 93, of Woodburn, Indiana passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne, Indiana. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W. RIVER STREET, ANTWERP, OHIO 45813.

Henry leads an idyllic life — until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith.

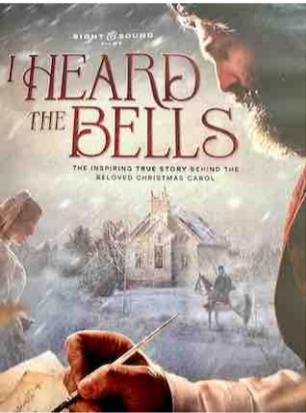
Bible Fellowship Church is located at 1040 W Wayne St., Paulding, OH 45813 (across from Paulding County Hospital).



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WREATH CEREMONY**

Wreaths Across America will host its annual wreath ceremony at noon on December 16th at St Paul Cemetery on Rd 114, Paulding, OH. Please come out to help place wreaths for our fallen Veterans. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**I HEARD THE BELLS PLAYING AT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**



Bible Fellowship Church will have a free showing of "I Heard the Bells" on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. "I Heard the Bells tells the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas Carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Known as America's Poet,

**THE SECOND COMING**

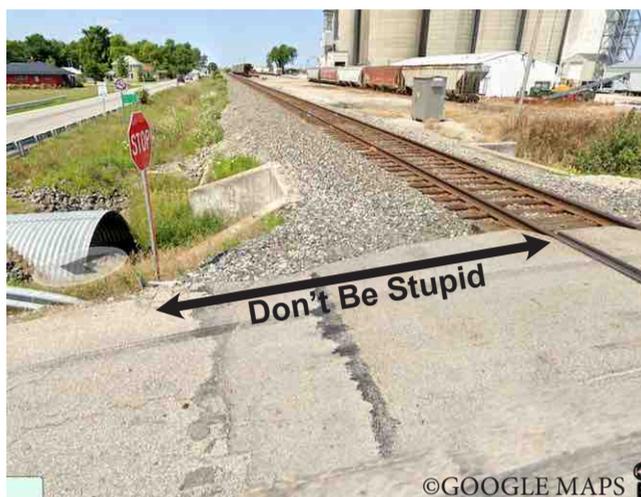
By: Doris Applegate  
 Scribed by: Cynthia Nichelson

As born again believers (saved) in Jesus Christ the son of God we are commanded to look for the second return of Jesus Christ to this earth. At the time of his return in the sky the dead will be raised and get new bodies and the living believers will get their new bodies also. We are told in God's Holy word to watch and pray for this awesome event which will surprise many people but be a wonderful tie for those looking for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

To be ready is essential as we see in the story of the Ten Virgins. These virgins were all waiting for the bride groom to come and usher them into the marriage ceremony. Five of the virgins had their lamps full of oil (which is a type of the Holy Spirit) and were ready when the bride groom called them but the other five wanted to borrow oil for the lamps. The wise virgins said; "We can not give you our oil, you must go and buy some."

As they went to buy oil the bride groom came, when they got back from shopping, they wanted into the marriage, but the bride groom said: "No, I know you not"

Being ready is so important for us also because we do not know the day or the hour when Jesus Christ will return. We do not want our



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not injured. The semi-trailer was empty. The railroad crew was able to get the train stopped east of Twp. Rd 11. The engineer and conductor of the train, were not injured. The rear half of the semi-trailer was on the northside of the crossing and the semi and other half of the trailer was on the southside of the crossing.

The Payne Fire and EMS was dispatched to the scene.

The Allen County, Indiana Sheriff's Office and the Norfolk Southern Police Agency were handling the scene. Paulding County EMA assisted as well. The crossing west of the state line, the state line and Twp. Rd. 11 were blocked for some time, due to the investigation, repairs needed to the train engine and to the railroad crossing signals. This is the third such accident at that crossing in three years.

Savior to not know us.

The big question is: "Are we burning with Holy Spirit oil for the Lord?" Are we doing the will of God or are we watching and praying as commanded? "Are we wise or unwise believers?" Amen

**PARSON TO PERSON**

By: Dr. James Bachman

*Dear Parson,*  
 If it is true that the Bible teaches divorced people are not to marry as long as their first mate is still living, why does I Corinthians 7:9 say, "But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn."

Your first statement is correct: divorced people are to remain single or be reunited with their first mate. I Corinthians 7:11, 39 - "But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." V. 39 - "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord." Romans 7:2-3 - "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her

husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." Mark 10:11-12 - "And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Luke 16:18 - "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." There is, however, one exception given in the Bible, which is "fornication," where the woman defrauds her husband by declaring she was a virgin prior to marrying him, and he then discovers she was not (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). But even in such a case, divorce and remarriage is not the plan of God, but only permitted because of the hardness of the husband's heart, not being willing to forgive her and keep her (Matthew 19:3-9).

I Corinthians 7:9 is not a contradiction of that principle, because the "they" is referring to unmarried people who have never been married, and to the widows (see verse eight). If that were true, Paul would be contradicting Christ and himself. Notice verses ten and eleven: "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, LET HER REMAIN UNMARRIED OR BE RECONCILED TO HER HUSBAND (emphasis mine): and let not the husband put away his wife."

**Scripture of the Week**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

— John 1:1-2,14

**MATT'S MISHAPS**



Here is a main traffic corridor near my home overseas, a million people living in less space than a typical rural county. Small-town America is largely very blessed to have great road systems with a smaller population that allows us to avoid massive traffic problems.

"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



**When is it my turn**

I think we might start out in life with more patience than we get when we are older. Waiting seems harder for adults, except when it comes to Birthdays and Christmas, and then kids win. It is amazing how impatient adults get as they wait their turn to get out of the parking lot after a high school game or when behind a half dozen people at a four way stop.

We have it pretty good in small-town America compared to many of the very densely populated places on the planet. Where I live now overseas, one section of road that is a half hour drive, becomes a one to two-hour journey in sluggish traffic when traveling at the wrong time.

I think it is hardest for me to wait on airport runways for our turn to take off. The hottest wait I remember was at a huge airport runway on a Boeing 747 in the hot mid-day sun in July. Someone had checked-in their bag, but didn't end up getting on the very full flight. For some reason or another, they didn't figure this out until on the runway. We had to wait in the progressively heating

airplane as they unloaded nearly an entire cargo hold of luggage to find the bag.

Our most embarrassing wait was in yet another full airplane on that same runway in the mid-day sun in July. However, this time it was our fault, indirectly, as we were flying back overseas from Indiana. My wife was around 7 months pregnant, but looked 10 months along. We had gotten all the proper required paperwork signed to fly with a rotund pregnant wife. However, the flight attendants went in shock at her size. The head stewardess didn't want to be responsible for her, so she called back to the airport terminal for someone to bring yet another waiver form for my wife to sign. It took at least an hour to get the form, have a vehicle drive it out to the runway, sign it, and then wait our turn for a new spot to take off. The others on the airplane knew who was to blame for their sweaty brows and shirts. They glared at me with angry looks, but looked sympathetically at my wife, like I had somehow coerced her to fly in that condition.

Waiting your turn, usually means we are blessed enough to have a car, can take a trip, have money to purchase something or can be attended to by a doctor. Waiting is often a sign that we have been blessed, but it doesn't feel that way when waiting.

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

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## T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

### Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

T'was the night before Christmas,  
God glanced over the earth.

He looked to and fro,  
All over its girth.  
They missed it again, He said with a sigh,  
A heavy heart and tear in his eye.

I gave them my son,  
So they could be free.  
My greatest gift,  
To them from me.  
They traded me in,

For a man in red.  
A little tree,  
And horse drawn sled.  
How do I save them,  
And make them see.  
My love is complete,  
My grace is free.  
How do I help them,  
When all they know.  
Is a talking snowman,  
And a box with a bow.  
Maybe next year,  
they will stop and see.  
The biggest gift of Christmas,  
Is the little child from me.



## HERITAGE LIONS CLUB DONATES TO LOCAL FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS



As a Christmas project, the Heritage Lions have donated \$500 to adopt a needy family from Heritage High School. The Heritage Lions will present the check to Rebecca Christensen, the Heritage principal, before the Christmas break. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

## USING AGRICULTURAL DRONES

Agriculture drones offer farmers the potential for addressing several major challenges. Drones help farmers optimize inputs (seed, fertilizer, chemicals), react faster and more efficiently to pests (weeds, insects, diseases), save time scouting, improve variable rate applications, and estimate yields. They are fast, reliable, fairly inexpensive compared to traditional machinery, and can give very precise information instantly. Drones help farmers from planting through harvest.

Drones are being used in several major ways. First, small drones analyze crop fields for soil analysis. Drones provide 3-Dimensional (3D) maps of fields which help farmers with planting decisions and fertilizer needs. Drones monitor crops in real time and can identify crop nutrient defi-

ciencies which can be corrected quickly before crop yields decline. Crop sensors are good at identifying nitrogen and water deficiencies in a crop field, especially where irrigation is used extensively.

Drones are even being used to plant some small seeded crops, especially cover crops. With the current limit of 55 pounds, large seeds are not economical yet. However, the legal limit may be increased to 450 pounds in the near future, which will greatly increase drone usage. Drones this spring were being used to apply red clover to wheat, hairy vetch and lupins to cereal rye, and last fall cover crops; crimson clover, Balansa clover, oats, radish, rape, and kale. One local drone applicator applied 3500 acres, another close to 10,000 acres (seed, fungicides, herbicides). Both applicators are planning to increase their acreage by a factor of 3X using multiple drones this year.

Agricultural drones are being used extensively is for crop spraying. Herbicides to kill weeds, fungicides to disease control, insecticides for insects, and foliar feeds for micronutrients applications are becoming common. Large applications for lime, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are limited because the pay loads are too small until larger drones become legal. Drones can cheaply and quickly monitor crops, quickly spray the crops, and then monitor the crop response to the applications which improves crop growing efficiency.

Drones have numerous sensors including cameras, visible light, infra-red sensors, and distance measuring equipment called LIDAR which helps the drone sense

## CHANGING FOOTPRINTS DONATION



Lisa Knox, MPH, Ambulatory Care Transitions Coordination Supervisor for Parkview Population Health organized a shoe drive within her department this week for Changing Footprints. Each of the 25 members of her team were asked to bring in their used shoes on Tuesday Nov. 28th. A representative from Changing Footprints was on hand to collect the donations and to personally thank each donating member. It only took 30 minutes to receive 177 pairs of shoes.

Changing Footprints will take those shoes, pair them, and sort them into the 42 categories, such as male/female, sandals, etc. They will then place them into banana boxes with a label. Social service agencies all over Northern Indiana request these shoes for the poor and homeless within their area. No one is ever charged for the shoes. Changing Footprints is an entirely volunteer organization, with no paid staff. To date over 22,000 pairs of shoes have

been collected and distributed, with at least 80% of them staying in Northern Indiana. The rest were sent to wildfire and flood disaster areas in America.

The website [changingfootprints.org](http://changingfootprints.org) under "shoe drops" lists the location of all donation bins in Allen County. Every YMCA and most of the public libraries have one, as well as all Indiana Physical Therapy and Steppin' Up Physical Therapy locations. We encourage all other Parkview and Lutheran hospital departments to do what Lisa Knox has done and hold a shoe drive. Your staff simply drops off their donations when they come in to work on the designated day. Changing Footprints will be there to take away the donations. Every pair of shoes donated helps one person live a better life. Margaret Mead said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

the topography and sensors that help it avoid buildings, electrical poles, trees, and other obstacles. Drones can scan the ground and spray the appropriate amount of liquid to give even coverage or even variable rate coverage on the fly. This saves the farmer money by reducing input costs and may even improve water quality by using less chemicals.

Drones have proven to be better than satellites when it comes to crop monitoring. Satellites are more expensive, the data has to be down loaded, usually they pass by 1X per day, and clouds can obscure the vision. Drones can be limited by high winds and hard driving rains, but they are more flexible in gathering data instantly, they are cheaper, faster, reliable, and more precise than satellites.

For disease and crop health assessments, drones

identify fungal or bacteria diseases quite easily. Most drones hover from 20 feet to 160 feet above the crop canopy. Using the difference in visual light compared to infra-red light, they monitor plant health throughout the growing season. Drones can compute vegetation indexes, crop density, and crop height which is used to estimate crop yields. For insurance purposes, they can document yield losses or yield gains from different types of management.

For irrigation, drones use thermal sensors and multi-spectral imagers to estimate moisture deficiency. Using the right amount of irrigation water reduces costs and saves water, especially in dry regions using water from dwindling aquifers. Drones use much less fuel and most use electrical batteries compared to traditional farm equipment. Another advan-

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Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024.

If you join the ranks of successful deer hunters, use the free HuntFish OH app to game check your harvest, even without a Wi-Fi connection. Hunters can also use the app to view public hunting area maps, buy hunting licenses and deer permits, check county big limits, and much more. Beyond the app, hunters can check game by visiting [ohiogamecheck.com](http://ohiogamecheck.com), calling 1-877-TAG-IT-OH (1-

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## MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY

By: Mark Holtsberry

Hosea Gerald Hummell was born in Antwerp, Ohio January 25, 1897. The son of Leroy, born in Ohio, Novem-



ber of 1873 and Catherine (Doyle) Hummell, born in Ohio, December of 1874. This couple was married June 30, 1894 in Paulding, Ohio.

By 1900 the Hummell family was living in Antwerp. The family consisted of three children, daughters Marie M. born in December of 1895, Hosea in 1897 and Ester V. born in August of 1899. The father, Leroy was a barber. The family was living with Catherine's parents, Michael and Catherine Fox.

By 1910, the Hummell family had their own home. Living on West Washington Street in Antwerp. The couple was blessed with the birth of a son, Leroy M. in 1902. And a daughter, Mildred, in February of 1909. Now, Catherine's parents were living with the Hummell family. Hosea was in school, as well as his sisters, Marie and Ester.

By 1918, with the World War 1 draft going on, Hosea joined the Navy, May 18,

1918. He was sent to Detroit, Michigan to serve with the United States Naval Reserve Force Recruiting Station. He was assigned to the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, May 18, 1918 after being called to duty. He served until June 14, 1918. He was then shipped to serve at the Naval Operations Base in Norfolk, Virginia and served on the U.S.S. Arkansas until November 11, 1918. He was Seaman 2nd Class for 177 days and was released from duty, January 23, 1919.

By 1920, Hosea found himself living on Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan working as an inspector in a Rubber works factory. Hosea was living in a boarding house with a fellow Antwerp and World War 1 Veteran, Ralph O. Brattain. (I posted an article on him months ago.) Hosea was Honorably Discharged, from the Navy, September 30, 1921, due to lack of funding. In 1926, Hosea's father, Leroy passed away.

It is unclear what happened to Hosea between 1926 and 1935, I could not trace his whereabouts. By April 1, 1935, I found where Hosea was living at 709 Thieme Drive in Center Township in Grant County, Indiana. He was staying at a United States Veterans Administration Facility.

He was still living there on April 10, 1940. On November 18, 1944, after living at this facility for nine years, seven months and 23 days, he passed away. Hosea was buried in Maumee Cemetery. His mother, Catherine Hummell, signed for his military tombstone in August of 1945. He was never married.

...Until Next Time!

tage is reduced soil compaction and less crop damage, since they are flying over the crop rather than traveling through it.

Most drone experts say drones are up to 5X more efficient and faster at applying inputs (seed, fertilizer, sprays, chemicals) than tra-

ditional farm equipment. By using variable rate technology and sensors, they can use inputs only where they are needed, reducing costs. Recently on 40 acres, it cost \$14 per acre to apply cover crop seed (red clover) to wheat compared to at least

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(Continued from Page 1) Josh Sinn and Joe Burns, along with Crane Twp. Trustees, Friends of the Parks District, and generous donations from Potter Bros. Farms, and Virginia Paulus.

## ANTWERP VFW MAKES DONATIONS



Antwerp VFW representatives Shawn Gribble and Veronica Jasso donated \$5,000 to Paulding County Sheriff's office with Officer Cierra Moran accepting the donation. The department plans to use these funds to purchase portable scene lights & batteries/chargers, as well as crime scene barriers according to PC Sheriff Jason Landers.



Antwerp VFW representatives Shawn Gribble and Veronica Jasso donated \$7,000 to Antwerp Police Dept. Bryan Elkins of the department accepted the donation.

Antwerp VFW recently made donations to local organizations - Christmas For Kids, Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Antwerp EMS & Fire Dept., and Antwerp Police Dept. Antwerp VFW is always willing to support the local organizations and entities that are quality of life improvements to the community.

## PAULDING FFA CHAPTER COMPETED AT DISTRICT JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST AND MEMBERS ADVANCED IN THE STATE PRELIM CONTEST!

By: Grace Goyings, Paulding FFA Reporter

Recently, five Paulding FFA members competed in the District Job Interview CDE. We had members representing Paulding FFA in every single division! They were able to compete at the district level after placing 1st or 2nd in the sub-district job interview at Wayne Trace on October 17th. Paulding had the following members compete at districts held at Paulding: Seniors Jamy Hunt and Sarah Lewis, Junior Grace Goyings, Sophomore Addy Hunt, and Freshman Mariah Klopfenstein.



Jamy Hunt

These members prepared a formal cover letter, created their own resumes, and gathered references. The students then picked out a job position for which they wanted to apply. The students had to fill out a job application, then had a formal interview and completed the contest by writing a follow-up letter. This contest prepares students for future job interviews they will face and gives them a great opportunity to gain experience. The members did a great job at this competition with Freshman Mariah Klopfenstein finishing in 1st place, Sophomore Addy Hunt in 6th place, Junior Grace Goy-



Mariah Klopfenstein

ings in 2nd place, Senior Sarah Lewis in 3rd place, and finally Jamy Hunt placing 1st as well. Great job representing the Paulding FFA Chapter. Jamy Hunt and Mariah Klopfenstein competed in the State Job Interview Prelim Contest on November 18th virtually!

The results are in and both Mariah and Jamy placed 7th in the state. The Paulding FFA Chapter is very proud of all of you!

## PAULDING FFA MEMBERS RECEIVES FFA JACKET FROM BECK'S BLUE JACKET PROGRAM



Pictured here is Jayla Griffith with a Paulding FFA Jacket she received from the Blue Jacket Program.

By: Staci Miller, FFA Advisor

On November 14th, the Ohio Foundation announced the list of members who received an FFA jacket through the Ohio FFA Foundation's Blue Jacket program.

The Paulding FFA had several first-year members apply to receive a jacket by filling out a few essay questions about their future plans in the FFA program. Jayla Griffith was selected from the Paulding FFA chapter to receive her blue jacket from Beck's. Jayla was one of the 343 jackets that were donated to first-year Ohio FFA members!

Opportunities like this are not possible without the generous support of our donors. Jayla was very excited to be selected and is looking forward to wearing her FFA jacket throughout her high school career at Paulding. Congratulations again to Jayla and a special thanks to Beck's Hybrids for sponsoring this program.

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tilizer, chemicals) with some larger and more sophisticated agricultural drones costing over \$20,000. However, drones are highly regulated and require FAA licenses to operate. Compared to other farm costs, drones are fairly inexpensive.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services



Antwerp VFW representatives Shawn Gribble and Veronica Jasso donated \$7,000 to Christmas For Kids with Jennifer Ramsier accepting the donation.



Antwerp VFW representatives Shawn Gribble and Veronica Jasso donated \$7,000 to the Antwerp EMS and \$8,000 to the Antwerp Fire Dept. Pictured here with Shawn & Veronica is Fire Chief Bob Addis.

## PAULDING FFA MEMBERS COMPETE IN STATE AQUARIUM MANAGEMENT CDE



Pictured left to right is the Aquarium Management team made up of Xander Bartley, Addy Hunt, Jamy Hunt and Clayton Manz who placed 7th in the state contest as a team.

By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Grace Goyings

On November 14th, the Aquarium Management team, consisting of senior Jamy Hunt, and sophomores Addy Hunt, Clayton Manz, and Xander Bartley, competed at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the State Aquarium CDE.

The members had to identify different types of freshwater and saltwater fish, aquarium equipment, take a written test, and complete practicums on aquarium care. This year's practicums included bagging fish and aquarium cleaning.

The team placed 7th in the state of Ohio and the team will receive a plaque at the State FFA Convention in May. The top placer was Jamy Hunt scoring 9th out of 100 individuals. She will also receive a state plaque at the Ohio FFA State Convention.

The Paulding FFA would like to congratulate this team for all of their hard work and a special thanks to former FFA member Carter Manz for coming in and helping the team prepare. We are so thankful for our community support of the FFA Chapter.

## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

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

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

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

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Our Loser President**

I realize many of you are conservative Christians just as I am. You also don't believe Biden is worthy of being our president. For the moment let us try to concentrate on what Biden might be thinking. Being in Congress for forty plus years he had the nick-name of 'Do nothing Biden.' Then a very smart Muslim chose him for running as his vice-president. I think he was

chosen by Obama because he thought Biden could best follow his way of evil thinking. He found Biden the perfect patsy. As V.P. Biden made many trips to China, taking his son Hunter with him. They soon started getting rich as a family with money from communist China. Today they are all multi-millionaires.

Your mom said, "Close the door, you are letting flies in." Biden says, "Keep the back door open until we have enough illegals to ensure our future elections." I wish to get rid of my "Do nothing Biden" nick-name. I now want to be known as the one who took America down.

Biden started his evil drive by killing Keystone XL Pipeline on his first day, thus putting thousands out of work and forcing us to buy oil from an enemy nation. He also made a big hit against our coal industry.

Biden's administration worked to defund police, weaponized a government agency to go against parents and I believe is a big supporter of transgenderism. Biden also went along with the United Nations in trying to force abusive and illegal vaccine mandates.

Don't forget Biden's disastrous Afghanistan pull-out getting 13 of our military killed only so he could claim he ended the war. He didn't think anything about leaving hundreds of our citizens left there unprotected and leaving millions of dollars worth of new military equipment that the enemy got.

Biden bragged about his "deficit reduction" but in reality he added \$10 trillion in new spending. His "American Rescue Plan" has given us our

highest inflation in 40 years. It also was a Democrat president back then. Democrats just love spending non-existent money. You do it all the time with your credit cards.

Ask yourself this, why does Biden hate girls so much that he chose to destroy their sports? What? You didn't even know he did that? He gave queer men the right to participate in girls sports which goes to prove he has no idea what a girl is. For your information, only God can make a girl. Any one that thinks a boy saying he is a girl will make him one is stupid beyond belief.

If you don't believe this idiot president did dirty evil deed against girls, look into the Riley Gains story. In her senior year at University of Kentucky, she had to swim against a 6'4 queer man just because his senior year at another school he changed his name to Lea and claimed he was a female. This was for a national title. They finished equal, right down to the hundredth of a second. The very idiot NCAA officials told Riley they had to give the trophy to Lea, who was 100% a man.

In this fake's first three years of college swimming he swam against other males, his best performance was 462<sup>nd</sup>. I believe he was plain tired of being a loser, now he can show off his trophy for being our country's top girl swimmer.

Personally, I see Biden as much of a fake as the male who now calls himself Lea. But I like the country song "A boy named Sue." At least it was funny - Biden isn't.

—Richard Mastin  
Antwerp, OH

**OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF SHOP THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN BOLSTERS LOCAL ECONOMY**

**By: Erica Noggle**

Paulding, OH: The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to express its deepest gratitude to the incredible individuals, businesses, and organizations that rallied together to make Shop the Village an outstanding success.

Since the launch of this event the outpouring of support for local businesses throughout the community has not only strengthened the economic fabric of the community but has also demonstrated the tremendous spirit of unity that defines Paulding County. The positive impact of Shop the Village extends far beyond the economic realm. The event fosters a

sense of community pride, encouraging residents to explore and appreciate the unique offerings of our local businesses. The commitment of the Paulding County Community to shopping locally plays a crucial role in preserving the distinct character and charm of our beloved county.

As the Chamber Director, Erica Noggle stated that she is "profoundly grateful to the community for the overwhelming support shown during Shop the Village as well as all the other support local campaigns in the neighboring communities. The commitment to shop locally not only boosts the economy but shows the power of community support. Shop the Village was a booming success, and I look forward to continuing the Chambers efforts to strengthen and uplift our Paulding County Community."

The Chamber extends its appreciation to the dedicated entrepreneurs and business owners who form the backbone of the community. Their hard work, resilience, and commitment to providing exceptional products and services have not gone unnoticed. The success of Shop the Village is a testament to the strength of our local businesses.

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to continue supporting local businesses year-round. The ongoing support of the Paulding County Community ensures that the benefits will be felt long into the future.

**ANTWERP COMMUNITY BAND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Antwerp Community Band would like to invite the West Bend News' readers to our annual Christmas concert to be presented at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at the Huber Opera House, Hicksville.

On the program: "A Symphonic Prelude on Admeste Fidelis", "Silver Bells", "A Charlie Brown Christmas", "Christmas Fancies", which is a medley of European carols, Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival", the jazzy "A Fireside

**THE PAULDING FFA FOOD SCIENCE TEAM IS STATE BOUND!**



**Pictured here left to right are the Paulding FFA members who competed in the District 4 Food Science Contest: Xander Bartley, Jamy Hunt, Grace Goyings and Maci Kauser.**

**By: Paulding FFA Reporter, Grace Goyings**

The Paulding FFA Chapter's Food Science and Technology career development event (CDE) team did a tremendous job at the district competition.

The Food Science and Technology CDE requires students to have an in-depth understanding of food product development, presentation, and food safety issues. Participants use their sensory skills to solve problems and make sound decisions.

The members also memorized countless conversions to complete the math portion and answer food industry-based problems. After many

hours of early-morning practice and preparation, the team came out in the top 2 in the district.

The team placed 2nd to advance to the State Competition on January 13th in Columbus, Ohio at OSU. Team members are seniors Jamy Hunt and Maci Kauser, junior Grace Goyings, and sophomore Xander Bartley. Individually, Jamy placed 1st, Grace placed 6th, Xander placed 10th, and Maci placed 12th.

This team of go-getters has made the Paulding FFA Chapter very proud. Congrats to all of these members, and good luck at the state competition!

Christmas" and other pieces which include many of your favorite holiday selections.

The Christmas concert is the highlight of the Antwerp Community Band's year. We delight in rehearsing and then performing music that

defines the holiday season. Please join us for a musical celebration of this most wonderful time of the year. As always, there is no charge for admission. We look forward to seeing you at the Huber on December 19!

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

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**Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H2O, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Ties & Bows  
**Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General  
**Cecil:** 127 Maramart  
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**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, Defiance Public Library  
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**Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library  
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**Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree  
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**Grabill:** Save-A-Lot, Grabill Hardware, Grabill Country Sales  
**Harlan:** Marathon, Harlan Donuts, Dollar General, Harlan Cafe, Antwerp Exchange Bank  
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# CHRISTKINDL MARKET OF BRYAN OPEN FOR THE SEASON



The Christkindl Market of Bryan is now open for the season. It runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4-8 p.m. through December 16. It is located on the square in downtown Bryan, Ohio, and includes a European-style outdoor market, hot food and beverage options, visits with Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides and nightly entertainment.

This year's market features 14 vendor chalets with products ranging from locally-produced honey and hand-poured candles to specialty Christmas décor items imported from Europe. New this year is St. Nick's Snak Haus, a food and beverage chalet that serves hot cocoa, coffee and traditional German treats to enjoy while strolling through the market.

"Coming out of the pandemic, the market provided a safe, magical environment to come together again. The market also spoke directly to our community's desire and investment in a healthy, active downtown," committee member Russ Davies said of the event's origins. "If you're looking for a unique, high-quality Christmas experi-

ence, The Christkindl Market of Bryan is the answer."

Each night of the market, guests can enjoy free activities and entertainment. Some of this year's highlights include live reindeer (November 30 & December 14), an ice carving demonstration (December 7), live music on multiple evenings, and free holiday movies at the Bryan Theatre. See the complete schedule at [bryan-development.org/market](http://bryan-development.org/market).

Now in its third year, the Christkindl Market of Bryan has become a community tradition under the beautiful lights of the courthouse square. There is no admission fee, and many businesses around the square offer specials and extended hours on market nights to enhance the visitor experience.

The Christkindl Market of Bryan is a project of Bryan Development, which focuses on economic activity, preservation and growth. This non-profit event is made possible through the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, including 2023's presenting sponsor, Bryan Area Foundation.



## GH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: A STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS

With all of the elves hard at work preparing for that one Christmas night, Felix and Georgeanne make it nearly impossible to finish in time. They are in charge of narrating and illustrating all the picture books for children. Georgeanne is tired of writing the same old stories year after year and Felix just wants to create the pictures. Come experience this Christmas musical that will surely put you in the mood for the Holiday.

December 7 at 2pm and 7pm. Grover Hill Elementary Gym, 101 N. Monroe St. Grover Hill, OH.

## ARCHERS PICK UP SECOND STRAIGHT WIN

Antwerp hit the road to Williams County for a non-league girls basketball contest Monday night where the Lady Archers posted a 49-41 victory over Edon.

After the two teams played to a 14-14 tie through one quarter, it was the Lady Archers who dominated the second stanza with a 20-point period. Antwerp also limited Edon to six points in the quarter as it opened a 34-20 half-time advantage.

The Bombers made things interesting in the third quarter, picking up a dozen points compared to five for Antwerp as Edon closed within 39-32 entering the final stanza.

However, the Lady Archers held off any Bomber rally by outscoring Edon 10-9 in the fourth quarter to seal the 49-41 victory. Antwerp connected on eight three-point field goals in the contest with Aewyn McMichael totaling six three-point field goals in recording a game high 24 points for the Lady Archers.

Caroline Rohrs added 16 markers for Antwerp and Emma Townley added the other two three-pointers for the Lady Archers to post six points.

Faith Clem picked up the remaining three points for Antwerp.

Edon picked up 19 points from Natalie Wofford to pace

the Bombers with Nevaeh Smith adding eight markers. Jaycea Craven and Addison Briner both recorded seven points for Edon.

The Lady Archers are now 2-0 on the season.

## LADY ARCHERS OPEN WITH WIN OVER FJ

In the girls basketball high school season opener, the Lady Archers of Antwerp held off visiting Fort Jennings for a 59-52 win Saturday night.

Leading the way for the blue and white was Aewyn McMichael, who connected on 11 foul shots and three treys in totaling 26 points for Antwerp.

Caroline Rohrs added 17 points for the blue and white while Madisyn Peters and Emma Townley both chipped in five markers. Briley Bagley picked up two points as well for the Lady Archers with Maylynn Phlipot and Faith Clem both connecting on a free throw.

Antwerp was on top 10-9 at the end of one period before the Musketeers came from behind to post a 27-24 advantage at the midway point of the contest.

The third period saw the Lady Archers respond, scoring 16 points in the stanza to take a 40-35 lead entering the final period. Each team then scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to wrap up the 57-52 Archer win.

Fort Jennings had a trio of players reach double digits, led by 21 markers from Maggie Pothast while Autumn Calvelage added 14 points. Picking up ten points for the Musketeer cause was Abigail Browning.

Morgan Siefker (five) and Tenley Sarka (two) completed the scoring for Fort Jennings.

## BRAVES CRUISE PAST WARRIORS

Host Belmont used a dominating defense in the first two quarters as the Braves pulled away from visiting Woodlan for a 54-35 victory in non-league boys basketball action Saturday evening.

The host Braves held a slim 9-7 lead at the end of one period before taking control in the second stanza. Belmont outscored Woodlan 12-4 in the period to expand the margin to 21-11 at the intermission.

In the third period, Belmont picked up 18 points compared to 11 for the Warriors as the Braves widened the margin to 39-22 entering the final stanza.

Trey Yoder led the way for Woodlan with 14 points and Braden Smith chipped in nine markers.

Mason Moore (five), Drew Fleek (four) and Lincoln Sparks (three) completed the Warrior scoring.

Dylan Velez topped Belmont with 15 points while Kord Fuelling and Gavin Krull both finished with a dozen markers.

Other scorers for the Braves were Jack Scheumann (seven), Andrew James (six) and Will Baker (two).

## WARRIORS DROP ACAC OPENER

In its ACAC opener on Friday, Woodlan came up short to visiting Jay County as the Lady Patriots recorded a 60-

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# AGCREDIT AWARDS \$120,000 IN MISSION FUND GRANTS TO 13 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Pictured is AgCredit Lending Manager Matt Adams presenting check to Anna Gurney of Paulding SWCD.

AgCredit, one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, rural homeowners and agribusiness, today announced that it is awarding \$120,000 in Mission Fund grants to 13 community organizations in support of their efforts to improve the quality of life in communities primarily within the cooperative's 18-county service territory.

Now in its sixth year, the Mission Fund supports AgCredit's commitment to investing in the future of agriculture and positively impacting the quality of life in rural Ohio. Recipients were selected based on their proposals to meet criteria in one or more of four key areas: Education, environment, technology and quality of rural life.

Following are AgCredit's 2023 Mission Fund grant recipients:

- Agricultural Education Department—Carey Exempted Village Schools, Wyandot County, \$12,000
- Cardington Fire Department, Morrow County, \$10,000
- Ft. Jennings Volunteer Fire Department, Putnam County, \$10,000
- Marion County Agricultural Society Inc, Marion County, \$7,500
- Marion County Jr. Fair Building Improvement Committee, Marion County, \$7,500
- Morrow County Fair/Fairboard, Morrow County, \$15,000
- New Riegel Joint Fire District, Seneca County, \$4,795
- Ottawa Elementary, Putnam County, \$4,835
- Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District, Paulding, \$6,000
- Portage Fire District Firefighters Association, Ottawa County, \$9,690
- Putnam County Calves Keepers, Putnam County, \$15,000
- RV Farm (River Valley Local School District), Marion County, \$12,000
- Whetstone Volunteer Fire Department, Crawford County, \$5,680

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"We're proud to support organizations that make our communities better, safer and healthier places to live and work," said AgCredit President and CEO Brian Ricker. "All of us at AgCredit congratulate these incredible organizations, each of which reflect the vision, service and innovation of rural communities

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distributed by Dec. 31. For more information about the lending cooperative or the Mission Fund, visit AgCredit.net.

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53 victory over the Warriors. Brooke Kneubuhler and Taylor Kneubuhler paced Woodlan with 17 and 16 points, respectively, while Alix Jacquay added seven markers. Mariah Thullner chipped in six points for the Lady Warriors followed by Alyssa Anderson (five) and Reagan Widenhoefer (two). Jay County was paced by Hallie Schwieterman and Molly Muhlenkamp with 15 markers apiece while Sophia Saxman added 13 and Breanna Dirksen chipped in ten. Isabella Denton posted four markers for the Lady Patriots and Danielle May finished with three.

Saxman topped Jay County with seven rebounds while recording two assists and two steals with Muhlenkamp posting six boards and three steals. Schwieterman added five rebounds and three steals for the Lady Patriots while Denton had four steals. Dirksen totaled three assists and four steals for Jay County.

Anderson and Taylor Kneubuhler picked up eight and seven rebounds, respectively, while Jacquay finished with six and Brooke Kneubuhler hauled down four.

Brooke Kneubuhler dished out six assists and picked up a pair of steals for Woodlan with Taylor Kneubuhler recording four assists. Thullner also finished with two steals for the Lady Warriors.

**WARRIORS WIN LATE OVER NH**

Trey Yoder scored late in the fourth quarter to lift the Woodlan Warriors to a season

opening 66-64 victory over New Haven in the boys high school basketball season opener for both schools Wednesday evening.

The Bulldogs, who trailed 64-61 in the final period, used a three-point field goal to tie the contest at 64-64 before Yoder's heroics lifted Woodlan to the victory.

New Haven scored 20 first quarter points to take a 20-14 lead after eight minutes of action and the Bulldogs added to the margin in the second stanza.

The Bulldogs picked up 15 points in the second quarter compared to 11 for Woodlan, expanding the margin to 35-25 at the midway points of the contest.

However, Woodlan cut into the lead in the third period by outscoring New Haven 18-14 to trim the deficit to 49-43 entering the final stanza.

The Warriors then completed the rally by pouring in 23 fourth quarter points and holding the Bulldogs to 15, setting the 66-64 final.

Yoder topped the Woodlan effort with a team high 26 points while teammate Braden Smith chipped in 22 markers. Drew Fleek added nine points for the Warriors followed by Mason Moore (six), Luke Meyer (three) and Lincoln Sparks (one).

Ajani Washington scored a game high 31 points to pace New Haven and Jeremiah Cottrell posted ten points.

Other scorers for the Bulldogs included Jadrien Ezell (seven), Devin White (five), Lavel Ledbetter (three), Tarvar Baskerville (three), Da'marcus Wright (three) and Chris Stewart (two).

**MOELLER'S JORDAN MARSHALL TAKES HOME MR. FOOTBALL**

By: Mike Dyer, Cincinnati WCPO-TV

Moeller High School senior running back Jordan Marshall kneels at the 40-yard line before every football game and prays.

The prayer includes three priorities of God, family and everyone associated with the high school.

"I'm at peace when I'm out there playing the game I love with those three things in my mind and my heart," Marshall said. "When I think about those three things and who I'm playing for - it's bigger than yourself at the end of the day."

So it's no surprise why the 37th Ohio Mr. Football recipient said the prestigious statewide award is a way to honor Moeller and his teammates from the past four years.

Marshall, a Michigan verbal commit, was named Ohio Mr. Football by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. Cleveland Heights junior running back Marquise Davis was the runner-up.

Marshall, a 2022 Ohio Mr. Football finalist, is the third Mr. Football winner from Greater Cincinnati in the past five seasons. Former Roger Bacon running back Corey Kiner (2020) and former Wyoming quarterback Evan Prater (2019) earned the award, which has been given the state's top individual football player since 1987.

Marshall said he is grateful and at the same time humbled by the award.

"It's a blessing," Marshall said. "There's only been four in Cincinnati so to just be up there with those names is just special. And to honor my school and the people here is what's most exceptional about it."

Marshall played with heart throughout his senior season. It was a campaign that saw him break the school's all-time rushing yards record in late September.

Marshall, rated the nation's No. 6 running back by the 247 Sports Composite, helped to lead the Crusaders (10-5), who were a Division I state semifinalist for the third consecutive year.

Marshall, 18, rushed for 1,550 yards and 17 touchdowns this season in 13 games. He had 30 receptions for 394 yards and four touchdowns. He completed his high school career with 4,787 yards rushing.

Marshall, who is 6 feet and 205 pounds, said he has a great deal of respect for the game of football and the life lessons it teaches throughout the year.

Marshall, who twice

**ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS SCHOOL AGERS PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT APPLE CRUNCH**



Shown here are some of our school agers crunching on their apples: Wyatt Wilhelm, Garrett Wilhelm, Savannah Coil, Everett Wilhelm and Eli Hernandez.

Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers and school agers all participated in the Great Apple Crunch in October. We tasted three kinds

of local apples and voted on which one we liked the best! We joined crunchers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan,

Iowa and Ohio in celebrating! Our votes determined that we liked red Gala apples the best!

**ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS ARE READY FOR THANKSGIVING**



Ann's Bright Beginnings preschoolers recently spent two days making turkey headbands and vests. They are all ready and decked out for their Thanksgiving feasts at home. Shown here in their turkey finery are from left: Brynleigh Adams, Lakelynn Sauber, Mateo Ash, and Van Snyder.

backer Dominic Purcell and West Muskingum senior running back Rashid SeSay.

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**Sawyer Stout in his Outlaw 350 Supermodified.** Jim Davidson Photo Credit

**By: Ron Burt**  
**Outlaw Supermodifieds**  
**At Plymouth**

Saturday, May 11th the Outlaw 350 Supermodified Series makes its debut at the Speedway. The cars run a crate motor. The car body can run the standard off-set mid-engine, rear engine, or an outlaw sprint style. All the cars run a rear wing to hold them down on the track. The Outlaw 350 Supermodifieds will headline the show that also features asphalt UMP type Modifieds, Midgets, and the Michiana Vintage Racers. Plymouth Speedway is west of Fort Wayne off I-30.



**Quarter Midget Racer TJ headed to the Winter Nationals**

**Fremont Speedway Awards**

410 Sprint Car driver Cap Henry is back on my page. He's had an outstanding 2023. Last week I mentioned he was the Attica Raceway Park Champion, but he also won his first track championship at Fremont Speedway, and the Attica/ Fremont Championship Series. Cap competed in all 15 A-mains in 2023, featuring 6 wins at Fremont Speedway to run his career total at the track to 18. Besides the wins, Cap scored four runner-up finishes: that's 10 top two finishes in 15 A-mains. Rounding out the Top 10 in the 410 Sprint Class, Travis Phlio, Stuart Brubaker, Byron Reed, and Chris Andrews.

The Fremont 305 Sprint Championship was won by hometown driver Paul Weaver. He won track championships in 2005, 2006, 2020 and 2023. Weaver earned his fifth track title by racking up 7 A-main feature wins in 15 A-main starts. Weaver took over the top spot on the track's all-time win list and now has 78 career feature victories at Fremont Speedway. Other than a 20th place finish on Sept. 9, Paul never finished out of the top six all season, posting 13 top five finishes. Chasing Weaver in the points was Jamie Miller, John Ivy, Kody Brewer, and Dustin Ivry.

The Dirt Trucks, like the 410 Sprints, had a close battle separating the top two spots in the points. Toledo's Cory McCaughey took the 2023 Championship by 12 points. This was his first title at the speedway. McCaughey battled in 12 of the 13 A-mains in 2023, missing only the season ending stock-truck battle that he helped promote. Other than a mechanical issue that had him finish 18th on Aug. 4, Corey never finished out of the top five all season. He recorded his eighth career Fremont Speedway win on Aug. 5 to go with three second place finishes and four third place showings. He finished on the podium in eight of the 12 features. In points behind the champion was Dustin Keegan, Keith Sorg, Dana Frey, and Dave Gumby Jr.



**Cory McCaughey #36, Battles Dave Gumby Jr. Action Photos Ohio**

### Young And Fast

Let me introduce you to TJ. This youngster fell in love with racing at an early age in North Carolina. Mom's side of the family was into racing and his father raced go karts. It's only natural to get behind the wheel. Now living in Northern Ohio, his career started 18 months ago. He loves racing

so much he's only taken one month off since he started. TJ races in three Quarter Midget Classes, Heavy Honda(120 motor), Heavy 160(160 motor), and Unrestricted Animal. His home track is the Lucas County Rec Center in Maumee. He also races the Quad City Series, and the Midwest Thunder Series, both series race in the tri-state. This is a real family sport where parents work with other parents to help the youngsters learn how to get better and develop skills and sportsmanship. This winter TJ and many of his fellow racers are competing at the Winter Nationals at the Ohio State Fairgrounds until February. For more information on Quarter Midgets, visit my Ohio Sports Blitz Facebook page. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron Out!

## VWCT TO HOLD PLAY AUDITIONS

# MISERY

Van Wert Civic Theatre announces auditions for Misery, a thriller written by William Holfman based on the novel by Steven King. Director Kedryn Roether will hold auditions on December 10 and 11 at 7 PM at the Civic Theatre located at 118 S. Race Street in Van Wert. The play calls for 2 men and 1 woman.

Misery is a thrilling stage adaptation that follows the story of Paul Sheldon, a successful author. After a car accident, he is rescued by his self-proclaimed "number one fan," Annie Wilkes. However Paul realizes that Annie is not the caring nurse she appears to be. Trapped in her secluded home, he must navigate her twisted and obsessive behavior while plotting his escape, leading to a gripping psychological battle.

Performances will be February 8-11 and 15-18, 2024. Misery is sponsored by Schroeder Roofing.

## BUDGETING TIPS FOR WINTER HOLIDAY SPENDING

While increased expenses that can occur during the winter holiday season can make it hard for some consumers to avoid overspending, higher costs this year have more consumers looking for ways to stretch their budgets while still enjoying the festive season.

In fact, 61% of shoppers said sales and promotions are more important when buying gifts and other holiday items this year compared with last, according to the 2023 Holiday Shopping Outlook released by the National Retail Federation. And many consumers said they plan to begin holiday spending earlier than previous years, with 39% reporting they began holiday shopping before November, the NRF found.

"A large part of why shopping starts so early is because consumers are spreading out their shopping to cover the costs that come with the holiday season," the Washington, D.C.-based retail trade organization said in a written statement. "Consumers remain in the driver's seat, and are resilient despite headwinds of

inflation, higher gas prices, stringent credit conditions, and elevated interest rates."

That's why it's so important that as you plan for the holidays, you make sure you have a spending plan and are financially prepared and comfortable with your holiday spending, said Beth Stefura, educator, family and consumer sciences, Ohio State University Extension. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

"Festive commercials, emails, and text messages may put you in the holiday spirit, but also affect your holiday budget," Stefura said in a recent blog post on live-healthyosu.com. The website, Live Healthy Live Well, is a free information resource that offers science-based consumer information and insights written by OSU Extension educators and specialists in family and consumer sciences who promote health and wellness.

"The continuous exposure to festive commercials, fantastic bargains, or limited-edition gifts encourages you to spend money," Stefura said. "Marketing techniques trigger spending, which quickly ruins your holiday budget."

Some holiday spending triggers can include special prices on gift sets, marked-up prices that are then discounted with holiday coupons, signs that say an item is "back in stock," or offering "2 for 1" deals, she said.

One way to effectively manage your money this holiday season is to unsubscribe from marketing emails and text messages, and to be aware of holiday ad triggers. Another is to make a holiday spending list that includes food, baking, decorations, entertainment, travel, holiday cards, charity, and gifts—and then stick to your list, she said.

"Black Friday and Cyber Monday may be spending triggers. Often, we forget we are buying gifts and will purchase items for ourselves," Stefura said. "Nothing is a bargain if you do not need it, or it was not on the list."

Here are some other consumer tips to help you formulate a holiday spending plan that avoids financial pitfalls:

- Make savings automatic. Set aside a portion of your paycheck. Start saving now. Transfer to your savings a set amount of money from each paycheck.

- Start with a list of everything you'll be spending money on during the holidays. Include all gifts, foods, drinks, decorations, and charitable giving.

- Set reasonable expectations. Take a look at your monthly budget, decide how much you can really spend on those holiday extras, and plan your budget accordingly.

- To determine your holiday spending plan, review what you spent last year. Then, use that amount as a guide for this year. Remember to include all money spent on gifts, foods, drinks, decorations, and charitable giving.

- Once you've created your spending plan, stick to it.
- After your spending plan is made, prioritize where and how you'll spend. Be sure to account for everything: gifts, decorations, donations, a new piece of clothing, groceries, and baking.
- Prioritize. If you come up

## MOOSE LODGE FAMILY CENTER MAKES DONATION TO LIFEWISE ACADEMY - TINORA



Lifewise Academy - Tinora recently received a generous donation of \$2,000 from the Moose Lodge Family Center to support their Lifewise programs. Pictured (L to R) are Valerie Gerdeman - Social

Quarters Manager, Pam Schroeder - Tinora Lifewise Director, and Ben Polzin - Poplar Ridge Pastor.

## DAF AWARDS FUNDS TO DEFIANCE CHORAL SOCIETY



The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) recently awarded \$5,000 to the Defiance Choral Society through the Defiance Community Cultural Council for the 50th Anniversary performance of Messiah. This event will be held Sunday, December 3rd at St. John's United Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. Pictured (L to R) discussing the event are Jim Williams - Defiance Area Foundation Board President, and Andrew Schultz - Messiah Committee Member.

short, determine where you can do some trimming. Can you forgo new holiday decorations this year? Can you pledge to avoid spending money on yourself when you're out shopping?

- If your money is tighter this year than usual, think about starting new traditions that don't require you to spend as much money. For example, instead of buying for everyone in your family, you can opt for a family gift exchange that will allow you to buy for one person instead of the whole gang. That way, everyone still gets to be involved in the holiday experience. If you need to, adopt a new tradition that requires no money spent at all, such as watching a holiday movie together or taking a festive holiday walk.
- Don't wait until the last minute. That's one of the best ways to go into debt during the holiday season. Take advantage of pre-holiday sales and free delivery while online shipping.

Lastly, focus on what's important to you and your family, Stefura said.

"No matter which holidays you celebrate, many feel pressured to make them perfect,"

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she said. "Social media images of picture-perfect holidays can create unrealistic expectations that are impossible to live up to."

"Remember, your decorations, your traditions, and your happiness are more important than photos posted on social media sites."



**ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS**

On November 12, an assault was reported that had occurred at a downtown business. A report was prepared and sent to the prosecutor.

On November 16, a resident reported that a telephone wire was laying across River St. Officer responded, removed the wire from the roadway and secured it to the telephone pole.

On November 16, a resident of Park Ave reported he believed someone had put scuff marks from paint on the side of his truck. Officer responded, documented the incident and prepared a report.

On November 17, officers were called to a residence on E. River. The caller indicated a drunk woman had fallen and hit her head. Officer responded, the Antwerp EMS was contacted and transported the individual to the hospital.

On November 17, the police department received a report that an intoxicated man had fallen down twice on Cleveland St. and then approached a residence with a privacy fence and it appeared that he had fallen through the fence. Officer responded, determined the individual was okay, but also determined there was a warrant for his arrest. The individual was arrested and transported to

Paulding County Jail

On November 18, a resident of CR 43 reported a vehicle parked backward on S. Main St. Officer responded, asked the driver to park their vehicle legally.

On November 18, while on patrol an officer observed a resident of Canal St. burning leaves. The officer stopped and explained that open burning was illegal in the village and the fire was extinguished.

On November 22, officers were called to a business downtown in reference to a juvenile shop lifter. The case was investigated, the juvenile was located, the stolen items were located, charges will be forwarded to the juvenile court.

On November 25, an officer heard on the radio that a deputy was at Park Avenue Villa. When the officer responded he was told by the deputy that the deputy had heard there was an individual there with a warrant for their arrest, but prior to the deputy's arrival the individual had left.

On November 25, while on patrol an officer observed a pile of leaves burning at a residence on Oak St. He went to the individual and requested that they extinguish the fire and explained there was no open burning in the village.

On November 26, officers responded and assisted the Paulding County Sheriff's Office in attempting with locating an individual who was driving a stolen car, wrecked the car and took off on foot. Officers patrolled village in attempt to locate the individual.

On November 27, Antwerp Police Department received a report from the Antwerp school in reference to a citizen making a harassing phone call.

On November 27, an unlock was requested. Officer responded and performed the unlock.

On November 27, an officer responded to a call for a suspicious person at Canal St near the intersection of Erie St. The individual was located, arrested, taken to the hospital to be medically cleared, charges are pending in reference to being in possession of stolen property.

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

**STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED/ SUSPECT APPREHENDED**



On Sunday, November 26, 2023, around 8:35 P.M., Deputies were searching for a stolen vehicle on Kroos Drive in the Village of Antwerp. The vehicle was stolen from Waterford, Michigan, and its location was reported to the State Highway Patrol.

A deputy sheriff observed the vehicle and attempted to stop it on Kroos Drive. The driver fled after the deputy ordered him to stop. Approximately 1/2 mile later the driver crashed the stolen vehicle into some landscaping, coming to rest at the front porch of a private residence on East Canal Street. The vehicle suffered disabling damage as a result of the crash.

The suspect fled the scene and a search ensued for a few hours. The male driver was not located.

At 8:00 A.M. November 27, 2023 a resident on East Canal Street, near last night's crash site, called 9-1-1 reporting a strange male was on her porch. The caller indicated

the man said he was cold and lost. The Antwerp Police Department responded to the residence and identified the man as the driver who fled from the stolen vehicle last night.

Charged this morning is 31-year-old Ramon Richard Nadeau from Keego Harbor, Michigan. Nadeau is initially charged with Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of Police Officer, a Felony of the Third Degree, and Receiving Stolen Property, a Felony of the Forth Degree. Nadeau should be arraigned in Paulding County Municipal Court Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Paulding County Prosecutor Joseph Burkard will review reports from the Sheriff's Office and Antwerp Police Department for any additional charges that may be presented to the December Grand Jury session.

Agencies assisting the Sheriff's Office with this investigation were the Antwerp Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Any anonymous tips can be sent from the Sheriff's Office website [www.pauldingohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldingohsheriff.com). There is a link at the bottom of every page. Or, download the Paulding County Ohio Sheriff's App on your smartphone to submit an anonymous tip, connect with staff members or utilize several links and receive push notifications.

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORINDA L. ALLEN aka LORINDA ALLEN, ET.AL. DEFENDANTS,

Case No. Cl-23-161

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Lorinda L. Allen aka Lorinda Allen; Unknown Spouse of Lorinda L. Allen aka Lorinda Allen; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Lorinda L. Allen aka Lorinda Allen; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Lorinda L. Allen aka Lorinda Allen; Unknown Spouse of Phillip J. Fleming

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 206 N. Maple Street, Grover Hill, Ohio 45849

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Lorinda L. Allen aka Lorinda Allen to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 595 Page 0418; Volume 405, Page 1028 of the Paulding

PAULDING COUNTY ANN L. PEASE CLERK OF COURTS  
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County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Auditor's Parcel #26-06S-026-00; 26-06S-025-00

Property Address: 206 N. Maple Street, Grover Hill, Ohio

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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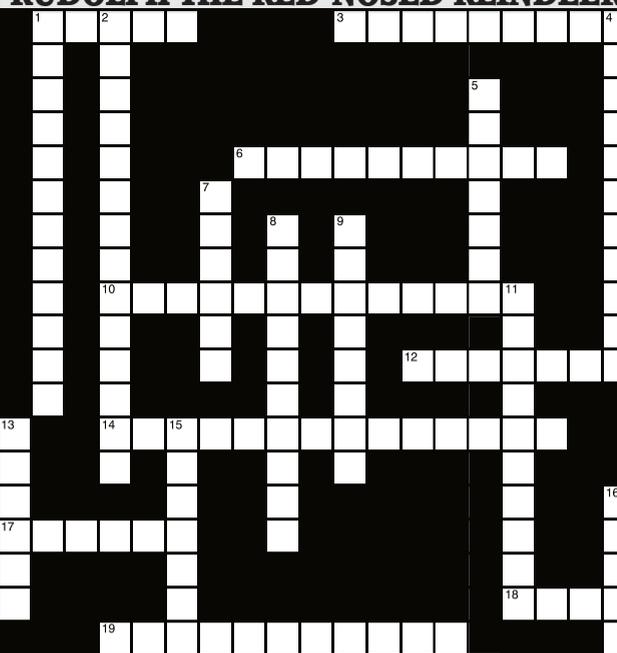
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Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
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**WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**



**Across**

- 1. The name of one of Rudolph's mentors in the reindeer community.
- 3. Rudolph resides in Santa's village HERE.
- 6. Rudolph guides Santa's sleigh on THIS around the world.
- 10. Rudolph is excluded from these initially due to his red nose.
- 12. Rudolph's distinguishing physical characteristic.
- 14. The creator and author of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.
- 17. Rudolph is initially considered THIS due to his glowing red nose.
- 18. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" became a famous Christmas WHAT.
- 19. A song Rudolph sings in the TV special.

**Down**

- 2. The department store where Rudolph was first introduced in a booklet in 1939.
- 4. Hermey doesn't want to go to this because he wants to fix dolls teeth instead.
- 5. The name of Rudolph's love interest and friend in the story.
- 7. Rudolph's family name featured in the story.
- 8. Rudolph becomes the leader of Santa's THIS.
- 9. Voiced the snowman narrator, Sam the Snowman, in the TV special.
- 11. Rudolph is chosen to lead WHOSE sleigh on Christmas Eve.
- 13. A misfit elf who wants to become a dentist, Rudolph's friend.
- 15. One of the other reindeer on Santa's team.
- 16. Rudolph's bright nose guides Santa's sleigh in what kind of Christmas night.

*solution on page 11*

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

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

Said premises appraised at One Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$120,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the December 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

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

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

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

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Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

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# STARNER SPEAKS AT KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Jeff Starner, (Chief Financial Officer, Herbert E. Orr Company) as the guest speaker at the November 30, 2023, club meeting.

Jeff came at the invitation of George Carter (Kiwanis member). Jeff spoke to the Kiwanians about the history of the Orr Company, how they have evolved over time and the outlook of the company.

# DONATION MADE BY HERITAGE LIONS



As a Christmas project, the Heritage Lions have donated \$500 to adopt a needy family from Heritage High School. The Heritage Lions will present the check to Rebecca Christensen, the Heritage principal, before the Christmas break. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

ing, OH; Theft, Guilty, 90 days jail, 88 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, No contact with victim, Pay restitution in the amount of \$15.10; Theft, Count B dismissed; Theft, Guilty, 90 days jail, 90 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, Pay restitution if requested, Submit an evaluation, Mental health, Drug and alcohol, No contact with any DG in Paulding County, Online classes, 40 community service, Letter of apology

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# PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

**Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report**  
**Rhonda K. Stahl**, Paul-

duct with persistence (count C), Guilty, 30 days jail, 29 days suspended

**Dallas L. Solis**, Napoleon, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, Operator license suspended from 7/28/2023 - 7/28/2024, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; OVI/refusal, Count B dismissed; Driving under OVI suspension, Guilty, 3 days jail, Operator license suspended from 7/28/2023 - 7/28/2024; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; 81/55 speed, Count D dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count E dismissed

**Mark Allen Johnson**, Antwerp, OH; OVI suspension, Count A dismissed; Fictitious registration, Guilty, 30 days jail, 28 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Shenia F. Branham**, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**David A. Rupert**, Antwerp, OH; Confine of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Lonnie Williams III**, Defiance, OH; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

**Peyton D. Shirk**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Daniel A. Spala**, Leicester, NC; Permit violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

# OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HONORS DELAPENA



Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatcher Amy L. DeLaPena has been selected as the 2023 Dispatcher of the Year at the Bowling Green Dispatch Center.

DeLaPena, 45, was honored in recognition of outstanding service over the past year at the Bowling Green Dispatch Center. Sworn officers and dispatchers chose DeLaPena based on technical job knowledge and ability, enthusiastic work attitude, teamwork, and prompt and courteous response to the public's requests for information and assistance.

Dispatcher DeLaPena is now in contention for the District and State Dispatcher of the Year Award to be announced at a later date.

Dispatcher DeLaPena joined the Highway Patrol in 2015 and has served at the Bowling Green Dispatch Center. Originally from Genoa and a graduate of Genoa Area High School, Dispatcher DeLaPena attended Owens Community College. Dispatcher DeLaPena was awarded Post and District Dispatcher of the Year in 2021 and has been nominated for a Gold Star Award.

Dispatcher DeLaPena and her husband Steve reside in Genoa with their dog Nini.

# HUMATES? WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

This revised article comes from Larry Tombaugh (2023). So, what's the big deal about humates? Humates reconditioned the soil around Chernobyl after the nuclear reactor had a melt-down. Humates give us fulvic acid which is used to treat medical patients more effectively. Humates have a CEC (cation exchange capacity) of over 600, contains 65 micronutrients, and has both positive and negative sites. So, humates are a great soil conditioner and plant biome facilitator! Humates are a big deal!

A teaspoonful of dry humic eaten about 4 or 5 times a week will feed your gut microbes (over 8,000 bacteria and fungi strains in a healthy gut). Humates is a broad term for the carbon-based product formed after the Ice Age all around the world. Potency depends on the amounts of Humic and Fulvic acid. Russia claims about 75%, New Mexico and North Dakota 80% and Canada about 85%. Where the ore was formed determines its purity. The reason Canadian ore is superior is because it was formed from 30-foot-tall Reeds, Sedge and Peat plants (Alberta plains) in freshwater. New Mexico ore comes from a salt-water sea that had impurities because of forests. Mining the Canadian ore (RSP) means removing 40 feet of soil to get to a pretty even 8-foot deposit of humates. Canadian ore deposit is the youngest and most pure, it breaks down more readily.

Humates comes in dry humate, liquid humic acid and liquid fulvic acid. Dry humate can be bulk spread, applied in strips and metered into planter furrow through insecticide boxes. The world record dryland corn was set in Missouri in 2 consecutive years about 10 years ago by applying 400 pounds dry humate over 6 tons of chicken litter/acre. Homic gave the soil microbes the power to more quickly mineralize nutrients. Nutrients can only be used by plants in a liquid form. Humic has both positive and negative sites to process all plant nutrients. Humic ties up magnesium (Mg) in our high Mag soils and reduces compaction. It makes nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K) and calcium (Ca) more available. We all know N, P and K are needed by plants. Humic unlock the big molecule Ca to flocculate (loosen) the soil, reduces compaction, and creates more spaces for air and water.

Soil tests from fields treated with humic will show more available nutrients. A penetrometer will show less compaction. Farmers will see "wet holes" disappear. After tiling much of my farm in 2017, I decided to apply 100 pounds of dry humic over all the newly tilled fields to break down the clay streaks over the tile runs. I put a 100-foot test strip through a wet hole on a neighbor's farm. I asked the neighbor in the Fall of 2018 if he had seen any yield results, and he said no. In the wet Spring of 2019, he was able to plant through that 100' wide strip while the rest of the "wet hole" was too muddy!

Applying 12-15 pounds of small pelleted humic (RSP

# FCC RECEIVES DONATION



The Family Christian Center recently received a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund through The Defiance Area Foundation. This donation, made in memory of Keith Hubbard, will be used to support Night to Shine to be

held Friday, February 9, 2024. Night to Shine is a prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs. Pictured (L to R) presenting the check is Steve Hubbard to Eli Tracy - Family Christian Center Associate Pastor.

turf grade) through insecticide boxes is the most labor intensive, but the highest ROI. At about 40 cents per pound, a material cost of \$6 has returned a 3.5-6 bushels soybeans/acre. I apply 40 pounds per acre (material cost of about \$16 plus application) with P and K in strips in the Fall. Medium cost with a very good return. Bulk spreading 100 to 200+ pounds per acre alone or with P&K costs more but will pay off long-term.

Concentrated fulvic acid and 24% liquid humic are derived from the ore. Unfortunately, the extraction process sometimes uses acids that negate them from being completely organic and makes them less effective. Concentrated forms can be shipped and diluted with water at the farm. Concentrated fulvic costs about \$360 per gallon, and we use a 0.5 ounce per acre application which costs about 65 cents per acre. I use

diluted fulvic (using rainwater) every time I spray green. Fulvic acid is what is used in chemotherapy because its low molecular structure allows it to deliver medicine right through the tissue membranes, same process in human and plants.

Concentrated humic acid is shipped at 24% concentration. Dilution can be to 12% or 16% concentration depending on you operation and preferences. I prefer 12% because it is a simple 1:1 dilution with rain water and 800 Fahrenheit and is hard to dilute in cold conditions. I use 1 gallon per acre with all of my side-dress applications. Liquid humic provides a carbon band-aid around the N molecules to prevent degradation and evaporation. Humates including fulvic and humic acids are great assets to enhancing farm productivity.

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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# CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



When our children were young, they each hung a stocking on the mantle, and before we went to bed Christmas eve, we would fill them with an orange, candy, or small toys. When I grew up we had a similar tradition that I always assumed to be German.

Our ancestors came from Alsace Lorraine, and I wonder to this day if they were French or German. On Christmas Eve we would put our plate out at the place we sat at the table. In the morning we would have an orange, perhaps some nuts, and a small toy. These were the days when oranges were quite a prize.

I would like to share the true meaning of Christmas which was told to me by a lady some years ago. She had two little girls, I would guess they were still in single digits. Her husband and she decided they would make a list and share Christmas duties.

He would put up the outdoor lights, and the tree. She would decorate the tree, the living room, prepare for the Christmas party, bake cookies, and generally everything else that needed to be done. She had decorated the tree, the living room, and placed the fresh on the table.

Later as she was coming to the living room she noticed that baby Jesus was missing. The only possibility were her two daughters. She called the girls and gave them a lecture. "This isn't funny, mama works hard to get ready for Christmas." The girls finally fessed up.

"Baby Jesus hasn't come yet, so we put him in the drawer. The wise man haven't arrived, but they are on the way, so we put them on the shelf. We will put baby Jesus out Christmas Eve." Mama's only reply was, "When can we put the wise men out?"

Don't leave Jesus out of Christmas  
—James Neuhouser

## LATTA & COMMITTEE SLAM TIKTOK FOR SPREADING PROPAGANDA, ANTISEMITISM

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined Reps. Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (R-GA1) and Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA5) in sending a letter to TikTok CEO Shou Chew demanding action to combat the platform's spread of terrorist propaganda and antisemitic content surrounding Hamas' attack on Israel.

The letter, signed by 25 members, comes as videos on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)-connected platform with the hashtag #freepalestine received 946 million views in a 30-day period. More than half of those views came from young adults ages 18-24. At the same time, a trend glorifying Osama Bin Laden and the September 1, 2001, attack on Americans garnered millions of views, demonstrating the app's influence over young users.

In the letter, the members write: "On October 7, the Palestinian terrorist organization, Hamas, brutally attacked Israel and killed more than 1,400 people. Since this terrorist attack, disinformation related to the conflict has run rampant on your platform, stoking antisemitism, support, and sympathy for Hamas... Many of the younger generations are turning to TikTok rather than search engines and other verifiable sources for their news. You have led these generations to believe that TikTok is an "unfiltered" news source."

The members continue: "This deluge of pro-terrorist content is driving hateful antisemitic rhetoric and violent protests on campuses across the country. The CCP has already co-opted your platform, and it seems TikTok and TikTok's employees are resigned to becoming a mouthpiece for antisemites, terrorists, and propaganda."

The letter was signed by Reps. Troy Balderson (R-OH), John Joyce (R-PA), Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), Kat Cammack (R-FL), Larry Bucshon, M.D. (R-IN), Tim Walberg (R-MI), Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL), Rick W. Allen (R-GA), Gary Palmer (R-AL), Greg Pence (R-IN), Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), Randy K. Weber (R-TX), Russ Fulcher (R-ID), Richard Hudson (R-NC), Marianne Miller-Meeks, M.D. (R-IA), Bill Johnson (R-OH), Neal P. Dunn, M.D. (R-FL), August Pfluger (R-TX), Diana Harshbarger (R-TN), and John Curtis (R-UT).

## BUTLER CO. SHERIFF RICHARD JONES ENDORSES FRANK LAROSE FOR U.S. SENATE

Republican U.S. Senate front-runner Frank LaRose today announced the support of one of the nation's leading law enforcement professionals on the front line of the fentanyl crisis, Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones.

"Frank LaRose is the fighter we need in the U.S. Senate. He's the only candidate with a clear plan to fight the fentanyl crisis, secure our border, and stand up for conservative values. He's a family man, a conservative champion, and a combat veteran who always puts the needs of Ohio and our nation first. I'm proud to endorse him as our next United States Senator." - Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones

Sheriff Jones has served the Butler County Sheriff's office honorably for over 25 years, combatting crime and taking on the drug crisis head on, seizing hundreds of thousands of lethal fentanyl to keep his community and Ohio safer. He's a law and order conservative leading the fight for border security. His endorsement adds to the well over 250 endorsements of Ohio conservative leaders who support Frank LaRose for U.S. Senate.

## KLOPFENSTEIN INTRODUCES ETHANOL TAX CREDIT

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House Bill 324 awaits its first hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee.

## FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

### Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County, and Wildlife Management Consultant Justin Coffman recently assisted in a Learn to Deer Hunt program with Fayette County Fish & Game, the Fayette County chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, and a private landowner. Participants were selected from a hunter education course Officer Coffman taught in October. Hunters harvested their first white-tailed deer during two hunts.

State Wildlife Officer Jade Heizer, assigned to Fairfield County, received information that a wild turkey hunter purchased a hunting license and turkey permit after the harvest. Officer Heizer investigated further and issued the individual a summons for unlawfully hunting a wild turkey on the lands of another without first obtaining an annual wild turkey permit.

### Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Charles McMullen, assigned to Sandusky County, and State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, patrolled Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area during the CWD surveillance area's early white-tailed deer gun season. The officers contacted an individual wearing an orange vest and holding a shotgun to check the hunter's license and deer permit. Officer McMullen discovered that the suspect was hunting deer with buckshot. Officers McMullen and Smith issued the suspect a summons for hunting deer with illegal ammunition and the suspect paid \$215 in fines and court

costs. This past summer, State Wildlife Officer Matt R. Smith, assigned to Henry County, and State Wildlife Officer Craig Barr, assigned to Allen County, attended the annual Walleye for Wounded Heroes event on Lake Erie. The officers helped two veterans from Oklahoma who had never experienced Lake Erie learn to fish for walleye. The fishing was fantastic, and the event was a huge success. Each veteran who attended the event returned home with 20 pounds of walleye fillets to share with friends and family.

### Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

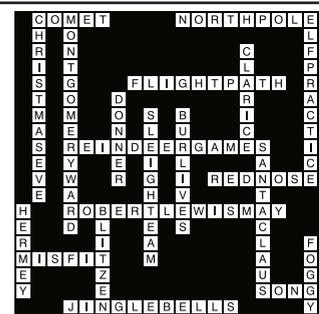
In October, State Wildlife Officer Matt VanCleve, assigned to Pike County, received a complaint concerning hunting without permission on property belonging to the Scioto Land Company. Lease holders for the property had trail camera photos of an individual carrying a rifle, who later tried to cover the camera's lens with leaves and tape. Officer VanCleve identified the suspect, interviewed him, and issued a summons for hunting without permission. The suspect pleaded no contest and was found guilty of the charge in Pike County Court. He was ordered to pay \$330 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Berry, assigned to Muskingum County, received a complaint about someone snagging fish at the Dillon Lake dam. Officer Berry responded to the complaint and set up surveillance. He watched an individual snag a black crappie and place it in a bucket. Officer Berry contacted the individual and issued a summons for using an illegal method to take fish.

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The individual paid a \$250 fine plus court costs in Muskingum County Court. Anyone observing illegal wildlife activity can call the Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) hotline at 1-800-POACHER (762-2437) and make an anonymous report.

### Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Jeff Wenning, assigned to Darke County, attended the Downing's Fruit Farm youth white-tailed deer hunt. Officer Wenning answered questions and highlighted safe hunting practices for the participants. The event is sponsored by Downing's Fruit Farm, Darke County Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters, the Western Ohio Coon Hunters Association, and A. Brown & Son's Nursery. One lucky hunter harvested a deer.

State Wildlife Officer Isaiah Gifford, assigned to Clinton County, and Law Operations Manager Eric Lamb worked the opening day of waterfowl season at Cowan Lake. The officers checked 18 hunters for licenses and stamps. One hunter was issued a summons for not having a federal duck stamp and another hunter was issued a summons for taking a grebe. Migratory bird hunters aged 16 and older must possess a signed federal duck stamp, along with state licenses and permits, to hunt waterfowl.

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# ANTWERP CHAMBER DONATES TO NEW BASKETBALL COURT PROJECT



Pictured here is Scott McMichael with Christy DeLong and Angel Steiner from Antwerp Chamber of Commerce.

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cox St. Heading up this project is Scott McMichael. These funds were raised from the recent Wine Bus Tour sponsored by Antwerp Chamber of Commerce.

# STATE REP (OH-82) ROY KLOPFENSTEIN ANNOUNCES 2024 RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN



State Representative Roy Klopfenstein announced the launch of his reelection campaign to retain his seat in the

Ohio House of Representatives and continue serving the citizens of the 82nd House District, which consists of the northwest Ohio counties of Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and the southern half of Defiance.

"It has been an honor and a privilege representing the 82nd Ohio House District in our State Legislature", stated Representative Klopfenstein. "I pledged to preserve and protect the shared core values of faith, family, and freedom the people of my District hold so dear. There is not a day that goes by since I took office that I do not see the importance of that pledge and what it means to our children and grandchildren", he added.

Representative Klopfen-

stein was appointed to serve as vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and has also been serving on the State and Local Government, as well as the Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. He is focused on working on productive, common-sense initiatives that support and strengthen agriculture, including the Agriculture Appreciation Act which promotes Ohio's top industry and encourages future generations of Ohio farmers.

He is also spearheading efforts to protect real estate from being owned by foreign adversaries. "Legitimate concerns have been raised by my constituents about foreign entities owning property within our State", he said. "Just look at the recent example of a foreign adversary acquiring property in North Dakota next to a U.S. Military Base. We cannot allow that same thing to happen here in Ohio."

Drawing upon his years of public service at the local level, Klopfenstein is pushing legislation to help local government be more effective and efficient. One of the first things he worked on after entering office was Force Account legislation to help give County Engineers across the State more ability to properly manage and stretch tax dollars to construct road and bridge projects.

Fiscal responsibility and economic development are additional priorities for Representative Klopfenstein. He is committed to supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones that provide quality jobs that benefit the people and the communities within his District.

"Armed with the experi-

ence I have gained during my first term serving in the Ohio House of Representatives, I am more dedicated and determined than ever to protect and preserve the priceless values that make the counties of Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, and Defiance such great places to live and raise a family. I look forward to earning the vote of the people of the 82nd Ohio House District during the 2024 elections so I can continue working on their behalf", said Representative Klopfenstein.

For more information about Roy Klopfenstein's reelection campaign for State Representative, 82nd Ohio House District, please visit his campaign website at [www.RoyKlopfenstein.com](http://www.RoyKlopfenstein.com)

## SANTA IS COMING!

On Saturday, December 9, 2023 Santa will be at Paulding Eagles Lodge.

A free lunch for kids will be served at 11:00 a.m. with Santa arriving at noon. Every child will get a gift!!

For more information call 419-769-1458.

## ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES CONTINUES AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will continue its free education series at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., with three more sessions aimed at helping attendees learn how to navigate life with Alzheimer's and dementia.

All informational sessions begin at 3 p.m. Upcoming topics include:

Strategies for Surviving the Holidays (Dec. 12), Risk Re-

# THIS WEEK ON PCBW: PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



What can Paulding County Economic Development do for you? Listen in on this week's PCBW episode to learn from the Director, Tim Copsey, and Office Manager, Kristen Schilt, about the programs, incentives, grants, and other resources their office can provide for Paulding County businesses. We invite you to follow along as we continue to highlight businesses

in our area by tuning in on My102.7FM every Tuesday & Thursday at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or listen online at [www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/](http://www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/). This episode is also available on several podcast platforms including Apple, Google, and Spotify. Thank you to our incredible sponsor OhioMeansJobs. #pauldingcountystong

duction and Early Detection (Jan. 9), and What is Hospice and How Can it Help? (Feb. 13). Registration is required. Those interested in attending

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