

ANDRES O'NEIL & LOWE INSURANCE AGENCY ACQUIRES KING-KREG INSURANCE AGENCY



Hicksville, Ohio - Andres O'Neil & Lowe Insurance Agency, an insurance broker with locations in Archbold, Bryan and Wauseon, has added its fourth office. The company has acquired King-Kreg Insurance Agency of Hicksville, Ohio.

"After 50 years at King-Kreg Insurance Agency, the decision to retire and sell did not come without careful consideration. The priority in this process was finding an agency that would ensure my clients would continue to receive a high level of service," said Pat King, previous owner of King-Kreg. "With that in mind, it led me to handpick Andres O'Neil & Lowe Insurance Agency. I am nothing but impressed with their service model and know my clients will feel the same. Thank you to everyone

who placed their trust in King-Kreg over the years." King retired on December 31, 2023, and the acquisition became official on January 1, 2024. Andres O'Neil and Lowe will maintain the existing office located at 136 E. High Street, along with all of King-Kreg's service offerings and insurance carriers. Hillary Guilford, insurance advisor at Andres O'Neil and Lowe, will oversee the Hicksville location.

"I am thrilled that Andres O'Neil & Lowe will now have an office in Hicksville so I can serve my community in a new capacity," Guilford, who is also a Hicksville resident, said. "I look forward to working with familiar faces and hopefully some new as well."

The Hicksville office is now operating under the Andres O'Neil & Lowe name

and with new hours. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and can be reached at 800-636-0983, 419-636-0132 (fax), and agency@andresins.com.

"We currently have many clients who live and do business in Hicksville. As a result, we have had our eye on Hicksville as a logical place to expand if the opportunity presented itself," said Kevin Morton, president of Andres O'Neil & Lowe. "Our relationship with Pat began a few years ago and when it came time for her to retire, we were honored with the opportunity to continue serving her clients. We are excited for Hillary Guilford to lead the team in Hicksville and build on the legacy King-Kreg has left in the community."

NEW REPUBLICAN CHAIR TAKES THE PARTY HELM



Roy Klopfenstein holds the swearing in of Laurie Lucas.

Last fall Jerry Zielke announced he would resign at the beginning of the year as chairman and have another qualified person come to take the helm of the party. The new chair selected by the committee is Laurie Lucas at the January fourth meeting at the Cafe & Deli at Holly Wood.

At the Republican meeting there were several agenda items in addition to the transfer of chairman that included

upcoming fundraisers, raffle, and the Paulding County Fair that runs from June 8-15.

Elected officials also spoke. County Commissioner Lisa McClure stated that Mike Wieble was selected as president of Commissioners for 2024. Auditor Claudia Fickel stated that the tax bills are now online but printed copies were delayed at the printer. Stan Harmon stated there are

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PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Paulding County Carnegie Library will meet in regular

session at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. This will be held in the conference room of the Library in Paulding, Ohio.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JANUARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is anxious to start the new year! The library will begin opening January 2nd with our new hours. The Main branch will begin opening at 9:00 a.m. every day. The library will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. "Reading is Snow Much Fun" winter reading program

will begin January 1st and run through March 1st. Stop by any location and sign up and receive your reading log. Prizes to be awarded at the completion of the program. Winter is upon us be sure to call your library during inclement weather for programming.

MAIN BRANCH
The Adult Sections Black Swamp Bookworms meet on the second Tuesday of the month in 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The club is reading *The Time Between* by Karen White. Call the Main library to reserve your copy. Coffee Talk continues every Thursday at 1:00

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GLEANER LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY PUTS MONEY BACK INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE ARBORS

In the first quarter Oakwood Gleaner Arbor #759 helped 4-H campers thru a donation. They also donated to Hands of Hope and Paulding After Prom. They prepared and held a Quarter auction to support Oakwood homecoming as well.

In the second quarter they started 1 of 4 roadside pick ups 2 miles North of Oakwood on S.R. 66. They made the Post Office look better by weeding and planting flowers. They helped

place Flags on Veteran graves, treated 3rd graders to ice cream coupons for their Memorial Day Program and delivered meals for the Cooper Library three times. A donation was made to a Cancer patient and Relay for

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p
 - January 8**
 - Munchkin Club story-time @ GH Library, 10:30am
 - Great Escape Bookclub meets @ Antwerp library, 6p
 - January 9**
 - Black Swamp Bookworms meeting @ PC library, 5:30p
 - January 10**
 - Retirement Workshops @ PC Library 11am & 5pm
 - January 11**
 - Inspirational Leadership Training @ Defiance College, 8a-4p
 - Senior Bingo @ Oakwood Library, 11:30am
 - Coffee Talk @ PC Library, 1p
 - Knitting, Purl & Simple @ PC Library, 2pm
 - Artisan Bread class @ Payne library, 1pm
 - January 12**
 - Inspirational Leadership Training @ Defiance College, 8a-4p
 - January 16**
 - PCCL board meeting @ conference rm, 5:30pm
 - January 17**
 - Beeswax Wrap @ Payne library, 1pm
 - January 18**
 - Chamber Energy Program Webinar, 12-1pm
 - Cookbook Club @ Oakwood Library, 5:30pm

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OBITUARIES

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Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com

PAULDING, OH: R. David



"Dave" Stouffer, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at his home in Paulding, OH.

Dave was born on February 19, 1936 in Paulding County, OH to the late J. Russell and Alice (Wiedman) Stouffer. On November 19, 1966 he married Dianne E. Heller, who preceded him in death on May 10, 2011. Dave served his country in the US Army National Guard. Dave was a life long self-employed farmer. He was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Paulding and a lifetime member of the John Paulding Historical Society. Dave was also a member of the Flat Rock Creek Gas and Steam Tractor Association, the Cedar Creek Tractor Club, Auglaize Village Tractor Club, Farm Power Tractor Club, Black Swamp Tractor Club, and the Maumee Valley Tractor Club.

Dave is survived by his children: Neal (Kelly) Stouffer, Payne OH; Jill Engle, Weston, OH; sisters: Jane Stouffer, Paulding, OH; Louise (Doyle) Johnson, Paulding, OH; grandchildren: Jordan (Morgan) Engle, Morgan (Ryan Blaser) Engle, Matthew Stouffer, Jacob Stouffer, Luke Stouffer, Emma Stouffer; great grandchildren: Emmarie Engle, William Engle, and Carter Blaser.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 5, 2024 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township, OH with military rites accorded by the Paulding V.F.W. Post 587.

Visitation will be from 3:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services on Friday at the church.

Family requests no flowers or funeral memorabilia, instead please send contributions in Dave's memory to Lifewise (Paulding), Lifewise (Wayne Trace), or Elara Hospice.

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

PARKVIEW BRYAN HOSPITAL WELCOMES FIRST BABY BORN IN 2024



The first baby born at Parkview Bryan Hospital in 2024 was a boy. Holden Michael was born on January 2, 6:49 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 2.8 oz. and was 19 inches long. Pictured here with Holden Michael are his parents, Chelsea and Lyndon.

PARSON TO PERSON

By: Dr. James Bachman
*Dear Parson,
How did Bible-time farming methods differ from today's methods?*

Obviously the equipment differed greatly. One of the major differences was not using all the artificial chemicals for weed and pest control. Though chemicals often seem to improve the profit, they often have bad side effects on helpful soil creatures and people.

God had other ways to increase crop production, mostly based on His blessing for obedience and sacrifice. Leviticus 25:18-19 - "Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land safely. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety." He also required them to let the land rest every seventh year. Leviticus 25:3-4 - "Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard." They still had enough because of God's promise to bless the sixth year with a double-sized harvest to see them through (Leviticus 25:20-21).

Today most farmers push and deplete their land for ongoing annual crops. They try then to build it back up by adding more artificial chemicals instead of trying to live all out for God and by trusting Him to bless their crops.

Another recent trend is no-till farming. Lack of aeration, greater use of burn-down chemicals and more soil

compaction are all contrary to God's tilling plan. Genesis 2:5 - "And every plant of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground." Genesis 3:23 - "Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." See also II Samuel 9:10 and Proverbs 12:11. Proverbs 13:23 - "Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment." Proverbs 28:19 - "He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough."

Who could know more about farming than the Creator of the land, plants and environment?

Send questions and comments to: jamesbachman@juno.com

CITY OF WOODBURN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/18/23

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Council Members Sarrazine, Martin, Gerig, and Watts. Chief Parker and Council Member Thompson were not present. Herb Anderson with the New Allen Alliance was also present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.
Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on the lift station project and the difficulties herein. New bulbs were ordered to replace the light on main street that is not working.
Mayor's Report: The Mayor gave an update on the County arrangement for payment for the lift station project. The Mayor offered to swear in at this meeting, any and all elected officials that were serving in the coming term. All of the upcoming Council members and the new Clerk-Treasurer were present to be sworn in by the Mayor, along with their families and friends. The current Clerk-Treasurer then swore in the Mayor for his upcoming term. The Mayor thanked Councilman Martin for his time with the City as he was retiring at the end of the year. The Mayor also thanked Clerk-Treasurer Cummins for his time served as well.
Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting

House for a vote to override the veto. There were enough votes the first time that would override the governor's veto as long as the representatives vote the way they did. Roy said he was surprised the governor didn't sign the legislation and he is hoping the representatives keep their votes for the bill and not swayed by big money interests. There is a lot of money behind those trying to strike this down as it would guarantee a large income stream for hospitals and big pharma as it makes constant medical attention necessary along with drug treatments for the patients life.

Scripture of the Week

"Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

— Isaiah 1:16-17

MATT'S MISHAPS



I think the worst misplacement I have regularly experienced overseas is in the men's bathroom for medical staff at a retirement home where I help at each week. The urinal is placed at the same height and about four inches away from the sink.



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

—Matt

Misplaced Mishaps

It is an unspoken pride that we small-town Americans are pretty good at practical and well thought through placement. Placement of things is a big deal. Whether it is putting the stack of plates at the start of a potluck line (not the end) to good companies like Wayne Johnson Homes in Grabill, Indiana who know the ins and outs of placement in drafting up a home.

However, overseas the intuitive ability to place things

well doesn't happen like we small-town Americans think it should. Let me give some examples. In our apartment building's shared hallways, doorbell buttons are near light button and are the same shape, size and color (meaning you inadvertently ring your neighbors door when you want light). The door-knobs for the front doors of people's home are not placed at the side that opens away from the hinges, but in the middle of the door. Breaker (fuse) boxes are right inside the front door of the home and often the first thing you see. Light switches for bathrooms are often placed outside the bathroom in the hallway. It is not uncommon to see outlet plugs in the middle of walls with electrical cables crawling up the wall (not the bottom of the wall like in America).

Good placement avoids a lot of mishaps.

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

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minutes were presented from the December 4th meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to accept the minutes from the December 4th meeting as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. The warrants were presented. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Separately from the warrants, a bill was presented. For the CCMG Pay Application #2 totaling \$196,307.10, the Clerk-Treasurer asked Council to approve. Councilwoman Sarrazine moved as proposed, second by Councilman Martin, all in favor. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the need to read Ordinance 23-1421 (Re-Establish Trash Rates) at this meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Ordinance 23-1421 by title only, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance 23-1421, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. The public hearing and adoption is scheduled to take place at the January 2nd meeting. The 3rd quarter financials were presented for the Board's consideration. This included expenditure and revenue guidelines, fund balances, and bank statements for this period. Resolution 23-280 (Transfers w/In Fund) was presented to Council for their consideration. After discussion, Councilman Gerig moved to read Resolution 23-280 by title only, second by

Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to accept the first reading of Resolution 23-280, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Resolution 23-280 as presented, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: The Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Council about Ordinance 23-1420 (Amend Current Floodplain Zoning) that was introduced at the previous meeting. After discussion, Councilwoman Sarrazine moved to read Ordinance 23-1420 by title only, second by Councilman Martin, all present in favor. Councilman Gerig moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-1420 as presented, second by Councilman Watts, all present in favor. Councilman Watts moved to adopt Ordinance 23-1420 as presented, second by Councilwoman Sarrazine, all present in favor. Ordinance 23-1420 is ratified as presented.

Audience: Herb gave an update on New Allen Alliance matters. In particular he mentioned a grant that the County could apply for and possibly obtain. The director position will be considered to be filled in the 2024 calendar year at this point.

Councilman Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Gerig, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Go to www.cityofwoodburn.org to see previously approved minutes and recent community news.



ANTWERP, OH:

Raymond Gross, 92, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Friday, December 29, 2023 at The Manor, Antwerp.

Ray was born in Dry Hill, Leslie County, Kentucky on January 13, 1931, a son of the late Verna (Callahan) and Clayton Gross.

Ray was a friend to everyone he knew. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Ray was never without the love of his life, Grace and his family. He was a meticulous house painter, who also worked at Phelps Dodge.

Ray was an avid fisherman and a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Grace (Jordan); children, Raymond, Jr. (Julia) Gross, Sharon (Dale) Hicov, Gary (Carolyn) Gross & Marsha (Bob) Cross; siblings, Dorothy Throne, Virginia (Ernie) Dickey, Winston (Rita) Gross, Lowell (Teresa) Gross, Gar (Carol) Gross, Sally Gross, and Steve (Wanda) Gross.; 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren.

Ray is also preceded in death by his son, Ronald and siblings, William, Frank & Lawrence Gross and Christine Corwin & Sandra Metz.

Viewing is Wednesday, January 3rd, 4 to 6:30 PM with a Masonic Service at 6:30 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp.

Ray's funeral service is Thursday, January 4th 10:30 AM, with viewing 9:30 to 10:15 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 126 W. River Street, Antwerp.

He will be laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery Antwerp.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, PO Box 396, Antwerp, Ohio 45813 or The Manor Activity Fund, PO Box

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p.m. Join us for a snack and some lively conversation! Bring a friend or meet some new friends while you are here. Following Coffee Talk every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., join Eva Sharron Kober for "Knitting, Purl and Simple". She will help you with your knitting skills and entertain you with her wit and wisdom. All supplies provided. The Cookbook Club meets on Monday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room. Bring a prepared dish and a copy of your recipe to share. January's theme is "Comfort Foods". Every Tuesday starting on January 10th stop by for a "make and take" craft project. Do it here or take it with you! All materials provided. Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, January 29th at 4:30 p.m. All supplies are provided. Retirement workshops are being held on January 10th at 11:00 a.m., the topic will be "Retirements you Can't Outlive" and at 5:00 p.m. will be "Estate Planning". Come and let the experts answer your retirement questions! Be sure to watch for new programs beginning in January and February! Call us at 419-399-2032 for details as they are available, or watch our facebook page, Paulding County Carnegie Library.

The Children's room is still offering story time on Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. Come on in for a story, craft and snack. A fun exciting time for all. January will be filled with "All About Snowflakes", stop in anytime and see what exciting things are happening. We offer games, the Wii, movies and crafts all month long.

ANTWERP BRANCH
The Antwerp branch will be having story time every Wednesday starting with a new time of 11:30 a.m. Craft Fridays all day, stop in and make a craft to take home. Book Club is on Monday January 8th at 6:00 p.m. Cookbook Club is on Monday January 22nd at 5:45 p.m. Adult Wood Painting will be featured all month. Stop in anytime and paint a winter scene. Frozen Story time January 25th at 6:00 p.m., all ages! Stories, crafts and giveaways.

GROVER HILL BRANCH
The Grover Hill branch on January 2 will bring in the New Year and month with a new monthly drawing. Enter for your chance to win a chilly cool gift basket freezing over with frosty goodies simply by

signing up each day you visit the library. Monday, January 8th and January 22nd at 10:30 a.m. are our munchkin club story times. Enjoy the story of *Olaf's 1-2-3* and *The Perfect Snowman* read aloud with a coordinating activity and treat. These events are designed for children 6 and under. Thursday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. is the Senior Bingo aged 50+, you will enjoy a light luncheon, bingo, fun and laughs. This event is already fully booked. Thursday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m., teens and adults can get frosty, crafty and candlelit with mason jars. Please call ahead to reserve your seat for the program. Space is limited and all supplies will be provided. On the Last Wednesday of the month, January 31st, the GHBL Book Club will meet at 4:00 a.m. fir a discussion of "Winter Solstice" a tale of love loyalty and rebirth by Rosamunde Pilcher.

OAKWOOD BRANCH
The Oakwood branch has plenty of activities to keep you busy this January. Mondays at 11:00 a.m. are children's story time. Tuesday, January 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. is the Good Morning Book club. Stop in the week of January 8 and pick up a children's crystal snowflake kit, while supplies last. January 11 at 11:30 a.m. will be Senior Luncheon Bingo. Watch facebook for the monthly trivia questions. The winner will be announced January 16. Families call and sign up for designing winter mugs and making hot cocoa bombs on January 20, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Let's kick off the New Year with our Quilt Block of the month starting January 23, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., we will be learning a new 12x12 quilt block. You will go home with step-by-step instructions. Call and sign up for our beginning cake decorating class on January 25 at 5:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up. We will be learning the basics on how to write on cakes. The library will be hosting a winter bingo on January 27 at 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-12, an adult must be present, call to sign up.

PAYNE BRANCH
The Payne branch will be hosting another Artisan Bread Class on Thursday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring any herbs you would like to add, sign up is required. Beeswax Wrap by Jamie Clemens will be on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m., sign-up is required, and all supplies are provided. Don't know what to cook for supper? Come to Cookbook club on Thursday,

January 26 at 6:00 p.m. We will have the cookbook out all month for you to look over and pick out a recipe to share. A great way to try new foods and have fun. Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., join us for a story and a craft. Coffee Talk is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., coffee and meeting place provided, bring a friend and join us. Every Friday we have Movie Night Buckets. Check out three (3) or more movies and the popcorn and candy is on us. Follow us on facebook for more of what is happening at PBL.

FRIENDS OF PCCL
Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library would like to thank everyone for the support of our used bookstore this year. Buy the Book will be open 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. during 2024. Open registration for the Friends of the Library began December 1, 2023. Everyone is welcome to become a Friends' member of the Paulding County Carnegie Library. The next meeting will be held January 8th at 6:00 p.m. upstairs at Main.

SAVOR FORT WAYNE 2024: FORT WAYNE RESTAURANT WEEK JANUARY 17-28

Taste the best cuisine the city has to offer during the 12 days of dining deals this January 17-28. Over 60 Fort Wayne restaurants will be providing special three-course meals at value prices to encourage diners to taste all that our city has to offer!

So far, the over 80 participating restaurants include the following - and more are signing up every day:

- Acme By Full Circle, Arbor, Banh Mi Barista, Banh Mi Pho Shop, Beer Barrel Pizza & Grill, Biaggi's, Birdie's, Bistro Nota, Black Canyon, 2Toms Brewing Co. - Brew Two Sixty, Catablu Grille, Chance Bar, Charlie's Place, The Charlie Horse, Charlow's Grill, Chop's Steaks and Seafood, Chop's Wine Bar, Club Room at the Clyde Theatre, Club Soda, Conner's Kitchen + Bar, Copper Spoon, Davey's Delicious Bagels, Don Hall's Factory, Don Hall's Old Gas House, Don Hall's Takaoka, Don Hall's Tavern, Dunbar's BBQ, Eddie Merlot's, el Azteca Mexican Restaurant and Tequila Bar, Elmo's Pizza & Subs (7 locations), Gibli Middle Eastern Fare, Giordano's - Famous Pizza, Fresh Italian, Herculean Meal Prep, The Hoppy Gnome, Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Kanela, Blended Drinks, Coffee, and Bites, Kekionga Craft Company (2 locations), Kilwins, The Kitchen and Company, Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Marquee at the Landing, Mercado, Mitchell's Venue, Nawa, Nori Asian Fusion Cuisine, O-Cha Thai, Oh Five Scoop Shop, The Oyster Bar, Pasta di Guy, Penny Drip, Pikoso Burrito Co., Proof, Rmy's Restaurant, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Ryu's Kitchen, Salvatori's Italian Eatery (4 locations), Seoul Garden, Shigs In Pit (3 locations), Solbird Kitchen & Tap, Steady Eddy's Station, Summit City Brewerks, Summit Grill Kitchen and Cocktails, Teds Beerhall, Three Fires Pizza, Tolon, Trolley Steaks and Seafood, Umi, Ziffles

Restaurants will offer special menu items and three-course pairings that you can only find during this special event, and many will offer out-

door dining and carry out options.

In coming weeks, each restaurant's special menu will be added to the site so that diners can peruse the special offerings and choose their restaurants to try!

Learn more at SavorFortWayne.com

2023 OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE'S YEAR IN REVIEW

COLUMBUS - Building on the successes of 2021-2022, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose continued to innovate and hold Ohio to its gold standard when running efficient and secure elections throughout 2023. With a focus on security, accuracy and accessibility in our elections, and supporting entrepreneurs through cybersecurity, Secretary LaRose and the Ohio Secretary of State's Office achieved continued success.

The following year in review highlights some of the accomplishments Ohio enjoyed over the course of 2023.

- Election Integrity Improvements in HB458 included:
 - Requiring photo ID for voting
 - Extending voting hours the week before Election Day
 - Extending the absentee ballot request deadline to ensure voters get their ballot in time
 - Allowing any 17-year old to serve as a poll worker
 - Passage of the DATA Act
 - The DATA Act is landmark legislation that will modernize and clarify the way Ohio defines and archives election records. It represents the first-ever substantive effort by any state to address the antiquated, disjointed methods of election data retention in more than 60 years.
- Senate Bill 98 passes Senate
- SB 98 makes it easier for businesses victimized by scammers to seek remedial resolution. It also creates a complaint process against the scammers, limits reinstatements for old businesses, eliminates agents' ability to hide their identity behind a fraudulent address or a post office box address.
- Poll Worker recruitment
- Poll worker recruitment was at an all time high as over 28,000 Ohioans signed up for three successful elections.
- Three successful statewide elections
- A successful election was held in May, August, and November. During 2023, 8 million Ohioans were registered to vote. 49% came out in the November 7th General Election. A record high for a non-presidential year.
- Clean operation audits for the Secretary of State's office both from the state auditor and federal government.
- Record business filings
- 169,442 new businesses have been created so far in 2023.
- Election Integrity Agreements with three other states
- LaRose signed the new agreements with chief elections officers in Florida, Virginia and West Virginia. Each state will implement state-specific data sharing and security protocols to allow for the secure exchange of voter information, giving both states in the agreement the ability to analyze records for evidence of cross-state voter fraud and duplicate voter registrations.
- Public Integrity Division

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Harry Harrison Kerns was born in Antwerp, Ohio July 30, 1888, the son of Mathew Allison born July 1844 in Ohio and Margaret (Grosco) Kerns born February 1850 in Ohio. Thomas was a Civil War Veteran who served with Company A. 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served October 25, 1861 to July 1, 1863. This couple was married February 26, 1868 in Indiana. They became the parents of Cynthia Anne born February 5, 1869, Thomas L. June 29, 1871, Moses Edward May 15, 1875, Ellen Barbara January 7, 1880, Carrie August 1883, John January 1886, and Harry H. July 1888.

This family lived in Antwerp, Ohio throughout the 1880's and 1890's. Mathew worked as a laborer in Antwerp. By 1900, the Kerns family, except for Cynthia, Thomas and Moses Edward whom all married, were still living in Antwerp and surrounding area. In 1898, Moses Edward joined Company B. 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish American War. The other children were in school. By 1910, Ellen Barbara married and moved out of the home. John and Harry were still at home, and Mathew was working odd jobs. They lived on Perry Street in Antwerp. In 1914, Mathew passed away and was buried in

Maumee Cemetery. On June 3, 1917, Harry joined the National Guard out of Paulding and served in Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard. He served until July 28, 1917, was Honorably Discharged. He was given a surgeon's certificate of disability and labeled as, "almost totally disabled"

On September 12, 1918, Harry's brother John, registered for the draft. He was listed as medium height and build, blue eyes and brown hair. He was a farm laborer for Harrison Farms. John was not selected to serve, but Thomas's sons, Theodore Allen and William M. also registered for the draft. On June 5, 1917, Theodore was listed as tall and slender build, gray eyes and light hair, he was missing a leg, so he was not chosen.

William was listed as medium height and build, blue eyes and light hair, and served with Company I. 77th infantry. He was Honorably Discharged, January 31, 1919. By 1920, Harry and brother John were living with their mother, Margaret on River Street in Antwerp, and were working as laborers.

Margaret passed away in 1929 and was buried with Mathew in Maumee Cemetery. By 1930, Harry was living with brother John at 667 East River Street in Antwerp and was working as a laborer on the Railroad, John was working as a laborer on a road crew.

On January 19, 1934, Harry passed away due to heart disease and was buried in Maumee Cemetery in Lot 505, grave 3. John passed away December 4, 1939 and is buried with parents, brothers Harry, Edward, Thomas, sister Ellen and also Avery Harrison Kerns. Avery is the son of Thomas, born in 1902 and he served in World War Two with Coastal Artillery Headquarters, 222 Anti-Aircraft Battery. He passed away in 1977.

- Public Integrity Division has operated a full year and continues to be part of an ongoing effort to build on Ohio's record as a national leader in maintaining secure, accurate, and accessible elections.
- A new directive to help assist counties with cyber defenses
- Security Directive 4.0 outlined extensive security standards for vendors, strengthens physical security

- requirements, and modernizes cybersecurity capabilities.
- VerifyOhio continued to be the true source for factual information
- VerifyOhio is a digital initiative launched to educating Ohioans on two of the core functions of the Secretary of State's office: elections and entrepreneurship.

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PURDUE FORT WAYNE READY TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND, COMPLETE NEW FINANCIAL AID FORMS



FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The much-anticipated release of a new and improved Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, or FAFSA for short, began with a soft launch on Sunday. The U.S. Department of Education announced in November that the form will help 610,000 new students from low-income backgrounds receive Federal Pell Grants and 1.5 million more students receive the maximum Pell Grant.

The changes are the result of the FAFSA Simplification Act. Typically, the 2024-25 FAFSA form would have been available by October 1.

Locally, leaders from Purdue University Fort Wayne say the number of Pell-eligible students in Indiana will more than double, rising from 14,175 to 30,249. Purdue Fort Wayne also anticipates a significant increase in its Pell-eli-

gible students. Applying the new criteria, the university expects an increase of approximately 27%.

To help students, their families, and the general public better understand the new form and also assist in its completion, PFW's Office of Financial Aid has scheduled 24 FAFSA support sessions on campus over the next two months. All sessions will take place in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The dates are January 10 and 18, and February 7 and 20. Visit <https://apply.pfw.edu/portal/fafsa-nights> for specific times and to register.

These opportunities are open to the entire community, not just PFW students.

Applicants can call the Office of Financial Aid at 260-481-6820 or email finaid@pfw.edu for additional assistance.

PREMIER FINANCIAL CORP. TO RELEASE 4th QUARTER EARNINGS & HOST CONFERENCE CALL & WEBCAST

Premier Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: PFC) announced today that it intends to report fourth quarter results on Tuesday, January 23 after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on the company's investor relations website at www.PremierFinCorp.com and at major financial information sites.

At 10:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, Premier Financial Corp. will host a conference call at which Executive Management will discuss the fourth quarter results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-833-470-1428, Access Code: 540476.

Internet access to the call is also available (in listen-only mode) at the following URL:

<https://events.q4inc.com/attendee/656800446>.

The webcast replay of the conference call will be available at www.PremierFinCorp.com for one year. For those without internet access, the earnings release will be available by fax or mail upon request. To receive a copy, please call Premier Financial Corp. at 330-742-9857.

EXPLORE 40 QUILTS AT SCIENCE CENTRAL'S NEXT EXHIBITION

Science Central's next temporary exhibition will use the medium of quilts to explore a variety of interesting science concepts.

Opening Saturday, January 13, Quilts: Light the World will feature 40 quilts of varying styles. Through these intricate pieces of art, visitors will explore the connection between light, color, chemistry, geometry, and textiles.

On Friday, January 12, Sci-

ence Central will host Lois Levihh, quilt expert and owner of Born Again Quilts, for a pair of programs. Set for 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the center's Demonstration Theater, these programs will see Levihh define what a quilt is and describe the different ways they can be made. She will also have a hands-on activity that will give visitors the opportunity to assemble and color a quilt-like pattern.

Quilts: Light the World will be located in Science Central's Temporary Exhibitions Gallery. Entry is included with general admission. The exhibition will run through May 26.

TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC FARMING

With low corn, soybean, and milk prices and high input prices for fertilizers and chemicals; some farmers are considering transitioning to organic farming. It's a big step and not one easily taken. Organic farming is not a get rich quick proposition. Prices for organic corn are around \$8/bushel, soybeans \$20/bushel, and milk about \$23-\$25 per hundred pounds. Organic farming takes a completely different mind-set but there are successful organic farmers. Before you make the jump to organic, do some research.

To go organic, you have to be efficient at recycling nutrients and controlling pests, especially weeds. Usually, you'll need to grow organic forms of nitrogen. Start your education by visiting some organic farmers to see how they manage their farms. Look at their entire farming operation and ask questions about farming history. Ask about soil types, crops, livestock, crop rotation, tillage practices, when do they plant, where do they get their nutrients, and how do they handle pests (weeds, insects, diseases) and equipment. Organic farmers often use rotary hoes and cultivators to mechanically control weeds.

Some farms are easier to transition than others. Old dairy farms with hay and pasture fields tend to have excess nutrients and higher higher fertility and less weeds. The soil may already be biologically primed for the transition. Hay, pasture fields and even CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) land may already be organically eligible for certification. Organic certification rules require that land be farmed organically without chemicals and pesticides for 36 months. That 3-year transition can be tough economically for most farmers till they receive premium prices.

Grain farms may be more difficult to transition. While they may have less weeds, ex-

tensively tilled soils may have poor soil structure and lower soil organic matter (SOM) levels. Poorly drained, compacted soils, low in fertility and fields with pests (weeds, insect or disease) are the worst soils to try to organically transition. These fields tend to be a recipe for disaster if trying to convert to organic farming. When farmers go organic, farmers have to use conventional seed or non-GMO (genetically modified seed) without the use of chemicals to control pests.

If you decide to go organic, get a good soil test and test for all your nutrients, including macro and micro-nutrients. Test for SOM and bulk density to gauge your soil compaction. Organic fields should be well drained and have good soil tilth (fluffy and friable soil). Organic fields need good soil health in order to biologically supply adequate nutrients and to have good soils for plants to grow. Many farmers start out with poor soils and poor soil health and they are setting themselves up for failure.

Look for alternative fertilizer sources. Organic farmers tend to use compost, poultry manure (solid manure), hog, and dairy manure. Solid manure tends to have more nutrient density. Liquid hog manure is 95% water and dairy manure is 98% water. Manure may be high in weed seed unless composted, so be careful on your source of manure.

If you are new to organic farming, often it is easier to experiment with 1-2 fields and slowly transition to organic farming. It's a lot less risky because farmers can learn from their mistakes. If possible, start with a hay field, pasture, or even CRP field. Alfalfa, red clover, or white clover pastures fields have extra nitrogen for good corn production. If high grass or CRP land is used, try soybeans, especially if N is lacking. A good initial hay/grain crop rotation is three years of hay, followed by corn, then fall planted to cereal rye followed by soybeans and wheat. For vegetable farmers, there are many options. Almost all organic farmers will use cover crops to help control the pests (especially weeds), add nutrients (especially N), and to build SOM, and to improve soil tilth. Most organic farmers plant a little later in the growing season to help control the first flush of weeds and also plant earlier maturing crops so they can get a cover crop planted in the fall.

Many organic farmers utilize livestock to both graze their crops or to feed hay. Livestock farming helps conserve farm nutrients reducing the need for purchased or-

PAULDING JH ANNOUNCES DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Chase Manz (Grade 7), Sophia Speelman (Grade 6), and Trevor Durham (Grade 8).

ganic fertilizer. On tough fields described earlier, you can put those fields to pasture or use them for hay production to get the soil back in shape. During the three-year transition, many organic farmers will grow their own cover crop seed on transitioning acres. Oats, cereal rye, wheat, barley red clover, alfalfa, buckwheat, sunflower, and others can be grown for seed or sold to neighbors. Organic farming is not an easy option, but it can be done successfully.

—James J. Hoorman,
Hoorman Soil Health Svcs
Hoormansoilhealth.com

JESSICA SCHEINER NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

Jessica Scheiner of Payne has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universi-

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

(Gleaners ... continued from Page 1)

Life. The Girl Scouts worked with us to clean up the Charloe Park.

The 3rd quarter: Received promo items from Gleaner to use at the Singo Bingo on Labor Day. Mary walked for Alzheimer's which we donated to as well. They also set aside money for a new flag at the Charloe Park.

The 4th quarter: Delivered meals for the Library three times and hauled 150

wreaths and placed them on the Veteran's graves in the Prairie Chapel Cemeteries on December 16 for Wreaths Across America. Made donations to: Wreaths, P.C. Economic Development and Hospital Foundation. – Girl Scouts Troop #1274.

Oakwood Arbor meets at Twin Oaks Fellowship hall on The 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members donate a snack at the meeting. We often have speakers on local issues. Public is welcome.

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE THREE STOOGES

I chose that title for a couple of reasons. First of all, I recently received some important information from a nationally respected person who spoke of three present day individuals who I agree fit the definition of "stooge" perfectly. He even called them "The Three Stooges." First, let me tell you about the three stooges that existed when I was growing up in

Hicksville in the 1940's - 50's. Those three guys: Curly, Moe and Larry could bring laughter to almost any situation. They got started in the 1930's with one always getting the butt end of a joke. Over all, six different men played the parts but you wouldn't know it from their broken english and slapstick comedy.

You should see some of their old movie skits. Be careful though if you do as there is no crime, swearing or sex — noting but just plain clean laughter.

Now that I have your attention, I want to tell you about today's stooges. I am only going to name the ones I believe are Satan's top leaders, ones that could easily fill Hitler or Stalin's shoes.

The Three Stooges or my youth couldn't do anything right. They bungled everything they touched. Today's elected Democrat leaders can't do anything right either. The problem now is that too many Americans are so blind they can't distinguish between a sour apple and a sweet peach. I believe the top four sour apples or stooges, if you prefer, are Obama, Biden, Pelosi and Schumer.

Were you aware that Schumer threatened our Supreme Court Justices if they voted to reverse Roe vs. Wade. Well, they did and a short time later all of their names and addresses were released to the public. Which Democrat scum did that?

The Democrats waged a small verbal war against Justice Thomas because he didn't inform them of his one week vacation with a

multi-billionaire. First off, it wasn't any of their business but they have been trying to get him removed from the Supreme Court so they can replace him with an ultra anti-God paid goose stepper of their picking.

I know many of you may not see things the way I do, but your so-called socialist Democrats are not socialist. I claim they are just plain old communists. I accepted Jesus in 1949 and have never backed down. If I didn't have Jesus I wouldn't have started writing letters to the editor 22 years ago. I've spoken on many things but mostly against those attacking my God or my America. You had best speak up too before that right is taken from you.

Now, if you don't believe that can or will happen, you had better pay extra close attention to what I say next because these have already happened and I don't believe most Americans have a clue. Satan's warriors don't want you knowing this either. I've already named four that are what I call Satan's generals.

You probably don't know that Democrats had all pastors censored as to what they can and cannot say. That has been so for about 75 years now. Starting with "Big Chief Obama", our military pastors (chaplains) are not allowed to pray in Jesus' name outside of chapel. Today we are way behind on Christians enlisting in our military because people like those I've named make their life a "living hell".

Remember this also: Why do you think Democrats had prayer, bibles, and anything Christian removed from schools? It was mostly because those brought up knowing about and believing in God were usually better informed and better able to think for themselves. They were better able to provide and help others.

One last thing before I end this. Why do you think President Trump has been a target of Satan's American Warriors since before he first officially announced he was going to run for President? Satan's Washington Generals had been attacking President Trump for five years before January 6th. They hated this man who believed in God.

If you want to blame the true evil behind Trump's problems since January 6th, look towards the crooks that gained control after what I still say was a very crooked election. President Trump had officially asked for mili-

tary protection for January 6th but the one person in charge, Pelosi, refused his request. I believe she had so much of Satan's evil in her that she dreamed of this day. She and her goose-stepping partners were so well organized, I believe they thrived for this day. They want total control with no God believing Christians involved.

If we permit Democrats to win in 2024, America will only see make-believe elections after that, imitating Russian elections. America and you will become a nothing.

If you call yourself a Democrat, please read this again and give it serious thought. I've studied this a long time and I never say anything that I don't believe is true. Let God and your conscience be your guide.

—Richard Mastin Hicksville, OH

OH GOVERNOR BETRAYS KIDS, WOMEN, FAMILIES IN SAFE ACT VETO

The following quote may be attributed to Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Matt Sharp regarding Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's veto of H.B. 68, the Saving Ohio Adolescents from Experimentation Act, legislation designed to protect parents and children from the pressure and administration of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and identity-driven surgeries for minors. The bill includes the Save Women's Sports Act, which requires single-sex teams and sports at schools, state institutions of education, and private colleges:

"Gov. DeWine betrayed Ohio's children, women, and families by vetoing H.B. 68. This critical legislation protects vulnerable kids from harmful and experimental puberty blockers, hormones, and sterilizing surgeries, and it safeguards a fair and level playing field for women athletes. By vetoing the bill, Gov. DeWine ignored the growing body of evidence about the damage that these drugs and surgeries inflict on children's minds and bodies. And he dismissed the harm to women athletes who are losing spots on the podium and having their

athletic opportunities stripped away by policies that allow men to compete on women's teams. We hope the Ohio legislature will put the state's children, women, and families first and promptly override this veto."

RIEDEL GIVES STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR DEWINE'S VETO OF HOUSE BILL 68

"I am disheartened by Governor DeWine's decision to veto House Bill 68, a common-sense initiative aimed at preserving the integrity of women's sports and putting safeguards in place to prevent irreversible medical procedures on our children, sponsored by Representative Gary Click."

"I believe that men should not compete in women's sports, and permanent transitioning procedures for children should be off the table. I call on everyone to promptly contact their local State Representative and State Senator. We must urge them to override the Governor's veto, standing firm for conservative values that prioritize fairness and the well-being of our youth.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS CALL FOR PROJECTS NOW OPEN

The Indiana Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the spring 2024 call for projects for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. The application window is open now through Wednesday, January 31.

Community Crossings grants are available to cities, towns and counties in the State of Indiana.

- Cities and towns with a population of fewer than 10,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.
• Cities and towns with a population of greater than 10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.
• Counties with a population of fewer than 50,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match.

• Counties with a population of greater than 50,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match.

Since 2016, the state has awarded nearly \$1.5 billion in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects across Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the Indiana legislature and signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb in April 2017.

All application materials must be submitted by Wednesday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. ET to be considered. Communities receiving awards will be notified in the spring.

For more information, visit the INDOT website.

DEREK MYERS CONDEMNS GOVERNOR'S VETO AS PEDOS RUN AMOK IN OUR SCHOOLS

When it comes to our children, the Republican Party has a duty and a responsibility to be the party that protects children, unlike the pedos in disguise that are infiltrating our schools and running amok.

Look at all the mass school shootings in our country. How much hormone medications like testosterone was the transgender Nashville school shooter taking? Everyone can stop blaming guns for causing mass shootings. If the next transgender student who shoots up a school happens in Ohio, the blood is on the Governor's hands.

Governor DeWine's decision today reaffirms my decision to run in this race. Today, Governor DeWine sided with perverts and pedos in disguise, and abandoned women statewide in favor of men who want to play dress up. We need strong leadership at home and in Washington. As your next Congressman I will fight every day to protect our children and push back against the left. We should treat these issues for what they are: a mental health issue.

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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

Charloe: Charloe Store

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

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

Hospital, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

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

Sherwood: Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank, Sherwood Library

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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KIMMEL & TROTH PLACE ON PODIUM AT DEFIANCE TRI-STATE BORDER WARS



Corbin Kimmel defeating Alex Gonzalez for 3rd place. Photo by Carrie Kimmel

Several local schools competed at the Defiance Tri-State Border War Tournament on December 28th and 29th. Fifty-seven teams competed in the two-day tournament, and only the top eight of each weight class earned a spot on the podium.

Wayne Trace sent four wrestlers to represent the school. Corbin Kimmel, the 120-pound wrestler, ended the day in 3rd place for the weight class. Kimmel had a bye for the first round of the day. For the second round of championship matches, Corbin won by pin over Matthew Dunno of Van Wert in 1:46. In the third round of championship rounds, Kimmel won by pin over Gabe Stevens of Swanton in 3:17. Kimmel then ad-

vanced to the Quarterfinals where he defeated Alex Gonzalez of Napoleon by pin in just 1:31. On the second day of competition, Corbin lost in the Semifinal to Lane Snyder of Eastside with a score of 5-2. Kimmel battled back through the consolation semifinals and defeated Collin Herring of Berkshire with a score of 12-0. For the third-place final match, Kimmel faced Alex Gonzalez of Napoleon again. Kimmel defeated Gonzalez 3-0 to secure 3rd place.

Graiden Troth, the 150-pound senior for Wayne Trace, also ended on the podium. Troth received a bye for the first round. For the second round of championships, Troth defeated Dillon Welling of Tinora by pin in 2:47. Troth advanced to

the third round of championships, where he won by major decision over Syler Ringler of Otsego with a score of 10-0. In the Quarterfinals round, Troth was defeated by pin in 1:15 by Czar Dickson of Indian Lake. Troth opened the second day of competition by pinning Caiden Maize of Eastwood in the Consolations. Evan England of Mohawk then defeated Troth by pin in 2:37. Graiden wrestled for the 7th place match and defeated Ben Hartzell of Homestead in just 0:56, securing his position on the podium.

Wayne Trace also sent Nate Osborn, the 190-pound senior. Nate finished the tournament with two wins and two losses. Key wins included pinning Eli Berner of Ayresville and an ultimate tie breaker over Rhein Hottinger of Fremont Ross. Dakota Densmore also attended the tournament in the 215-pound weight class. Densmore went 0-2 for the tournament.

Antwerp sent six wrestlers to compete as well. Gage Clevinger weighed in at 126 and went 0-2 for the tournament. Kamren Johnson weighed in at 132 pounds. Kamren's record for the tournament was 2-2 with staple wins over Ethan Harris of Homestead and Zaryion Bradley of Maumee. In the 144-pound weight class, Zac Salas wrestled with a tournament record of

3-2. Salas had memorable wins over Jackson Runyon of Taylor, Zak Iobe of Mendon, and Raymon Farris of Columbia City. Weighing in at 150 pounds, Skyler Octaviano had a tournament record of 4-2. Octaviano won over Levi Ankney of Ayresville in the first round. Additionally, Octaviano defeated Sebastian Faust of Woodlan, Samual Mattox of Elida, and Adam Smith of Evergreen. In the 157-pound weight class, Miles Doster had a bye round one and ended the tournament 2-2 with a win over Xavier Rodriguez of Taylor and a pin over Caleb Hollingsworth of Homestead. Griffin Kosch weighed in at 165 pounds. Kosch went 0-2 for the tournament.

Eleven wrestlers from Paulding High School competed in Defiance for the two-day tournament. Jesse Shaffer and Josh Lemieux went 0-2 for the tournament. Nick Moreno, Matthew Carpenter, Landon Dasher, Adan Zazaras, Karson Mudel, and Trenton Bail, and Michael Clifford all went 1-2 for the tournament. Thor Etter, the 126-pound wrestler, went 2-2 in Defiance with key wins over Lincoln Kirian of Findlay and Myer Kirian of Mohawk. Kobe Foor weighed in at 215 pounds and also had a tournament record of 2-2. Significant wins for Foor include pinning Jake Heckerman and Josh Harrison.

Congratulations to all wrestlers who competed in the Defiance Tri-State Border Wars and good luck as the season continues.

BULLDOGS SNATCH WIN FROM PANTHERS

Tuesday January 2nd, New Haven boys basketball beat Snider, 65 - 61

Score by the Quarter:
 NH - 6 23 17 19 = 65
 Snider - 18 8 11 24 = 61
 New Haven Scorers:
 J. Hardy 17; J. Cottrell 14;
 T. Baskerville 10; J. Ezell 9; C. Stewart 8; D. Wright 5; L. Ledbetter 2
 Snider Scorers of the Game:
 Hogue 16; Cloplen 11; Griffin 9; Langas 7; Conley 6; Paschall 6; Fertil 6

CADETS HOLD OFF WARRIORS FOR WIN

FORT WAYNE - Woodlan made the trip to Fort Wayne in non-league girls basketball action last week as the Lady Warriors traveled to Concordia where the Cadets held off the Warriors for a 60-54 victory.

Taylor Kneubuhler topped the Woodlan effort with 18 points while grabbing seven rebounds. Alix Jacquay chipped in 17 markers and nine boards for the Lady Warriors and Brooke Kneubuhler posted nine points, four rebounds, two assists and four steals.

Alyssa Anderson totaled eight points, 16 rebounds and four assists for Woodlan while Reagan Widenhoefer and Karina Peppler both connected on one free throw.

Makenna Smith hauled down four rebounds and dished out a pair of assists with Widenhoefer picking up three boards and three assists for the Lady Warriors.

Chloe Gaff also had three assists for Woodlan.

ARCHERS CRUISE TO ROUTE 49 TITLE



Archer Carson Altimus attempts a jump shot. Photo by Harlee Moore



Archer Landon Brewer goes up for an epic dunk that added to his 24 game points. Photo by Harlee Moore.

HICKSVILLE - Antwerp captured the Route 49 Holiday Classic boys basketball tournament championship on Friday with a 56-40 victory over Edgerton at Hicksville High School.

The Archers, who improved to 8-0 on the season with the victory, were led by Landon Brewer with 24 points and Carson Altimus chipped in 18 markers.

Reid Lichty chipped in seven points for the blue and white with Zaine McMichael posting six while Ben Savina connected on a free throw.

Scottie Krontz paced Edgerton with nine points while Maddox Baker and Cory Harker chipped in eight markers apiece.

Joel Walkup, Kellen Sanchez and Noah Weaver recorded five points apiece for the Bulldogs, who fall to 2-6 on the season.

The two squads played even through three quarters as Antwerp led 15-11 at the end of eight minutes of action before the Williams County squad cut the deficit to 24-22 at the intermission. The Archers then extended the margin to 39-33 at the end of three periods.

In the final period, Brewer scored eight points and Altimus added six to aid the Antwerp cause with the blue and white totaling 17 points in the period.

Antwerp out-rebounded the Bulldogs 26-16 in the contest while the Archers had only ten turnovers compared to 15 for Edgerton. Brewer topped the blue and white on the boards with 11.

Antwerp's junior varsity also was victorious, defeating the Williams County squad 27-20.

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ROHRS LEADS ARCHERS OVER PANTHERS



Caroline Rohrs is fouled on the shot and scores one for the Archers! More pictures at the westbendnews.net



Freshman Tori Schlatter attempts to contain Aewyn McMichael from getting back to the Archer side of the court. More pictures at westbendnews.net

Caroline Rohrs scored 18 points and Aewyn McMichael chipped in ten markers to lead the Antwerp Lady Archers to a 35-32 win over county and Green Meadows Conference rival Paulding Thursday night in girls basketball action.

Emma Townley added six points and Madisyn Peters picked up one for Antwerp, which improved to 7-3 overall with the victory.

Antwerp led at every stop, posting a 9-7 lead at the end of one period before

widening the margin to 21-16 at the midway point. The Lady Archers expanded the gap to 29-21 entering the final period.

Kayleigh Dunham scored a dozen markers to lead the Lady Panthers, who dropped to 3-4 in all games on the year.

Tori Schlatter added six markers for the maroon and white followed by Addison Pease (five), Brooklyn Bakle (four), Lucy Breier (three) and Brooklyn Schlatter (two).

BIG SECOND HALF PUSHES WT OVER OTTOVILLE

OTTOVILLE - The Wayne Trace Lady Raiders limited host Ottoville to eleven points in the second half as the Lady Raiders rallied from a four-point halftime deficit for a 45-34 victory over the Big Green in non-league girls basketball action.

The red, white and blue jumped in front 15-11 at the end of eight minutes of action but the second belonged to the Big Green. Ottoville bucketed a dozen points in the second stanza with Wayne Trace scoring just four, giving the Putnam County squad a 23-19 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, the Raider defense limited the

Big Green to just two points while the Wayne Trace offense poured in 13 to put the red, white and blue on top 32-25 entering the final quarter.

The Lady Raiders then put the game away in the last eight minutes, outscoring the Big Green 13-9 to wrap up the 45-34 victory.

Wayne Trace got a balanced scoring effort with five players scoring at least seven markers in the contest.

Careen Winans led the way for the Lady Raiders with ten points while twin sister Caroline Winans bucketed nine markers. Tianna Sinn and Lexi Moore both chipped in eight points for Wayne Trace and Harper Myers scored seven. Amber Stoller (two) and Kathleen Stoller (one) provided the remaining points for the red, white and blue.

Moore also grabbed a game high 21 rebounds to lead Wayne Trace with Careen Winans hauling down six boards as the Lady Raiders posted a 45-26 advantage over the Big Green. Carly Thorbahn had eight for the Big Green and Jessa Burgei picked up six.

Carly Thorbahn topped the Big Green with 16 points and Jocelyn Langhals added six markers for Ottoville. Other scorers for the Putnam County squad were Jessa Burgei (three), Isabella Furley (three), Brooklyn Koester (two), Kendall Schnipke (two), Paige Turnwald (one) and Erica Thorbahn (one).

Ottoville took the junior varsity contest, defeating the Lady Raiders 30-18.

Amber Stoller scored six points for Wayne Trace followed by Aubree Miller (three), Olivia Zartman (three), Caitlyn Mead (two), Kathleen Stoller (two) and Elizabeth Graham (two).

KNEUBUHLENER'S LEAD WARRIORS PAST WT

HAVILAND - The Woodlan sister duo and senior Taylor Kneubuhler and junior Brooke Kneubuhler proved to be the difference Thursday night as the Lady Warriors outlasted a pesky Wayne Trace squad 51-46 in non-league girls basketball action at the 'Palace.'

After the two teams played to a 9-9 tie at the end of one quarter, the visiting Warriors grabbed a slim 26-24 halftime advantage.

Woodlan then broke the open in the third stanza, putting together a 14-point stanza while limiting the Raiders to four markers in expanding the margin to 40-28 entering the final quarter.

Wayne Trace did make things interesting, trimming the deficit to 46-44 before Woodlan's Reagan Widenhoefer hit a huge three-pointer to push the margin to 49-44. The Indiana squad held on from there as Woodlan improved to 9-7 overall on the season with the victory.

Brooke Kneubuhler led the way for the Allen County squad with 18 points while also adding seven assists and six rebounds. Sister Taylor Kneubuhler chipped in 15 markers and eight boards for Woodlan while Alyssa Anderson finished with a double-double after totaling ten points and ten rebounds.

Widenhoefer (three), Chloe Gaff (three) and Alix Jacquay (two) also scored for the Lady Warriors.

Careen Winans topped Wayne Trace with ten points in the contest and also finished with five rebounds. Harper Myers added nine markers and seven boards for the Lady Raiders while Ava Zartman bucketed seven points.

Lexi Moore posted six points and ten rebounds to aid the red, white and blue cause with Tianna Sinn and Caroline Winans both scoring five points. Kathleen Stoller and Amber Stoller picked up a pair of free throws apiece as well for Wayne Trace, which falls to 7-3 on the season.

Wayne Trace's junior varsity improved to 6-2 on the season with a 28-24 win over the Lady Warriors.

Olivia Zartman and Amber Stoller topped the Lady Raider efforts with ten points and eight points, respectively. Elizabeth Graham and Addison Stoller both picked up four markers for Wayne Trace while Kathleen Stoller connected on a pair of free throws.

McKenna Goble scored seven points to pace Woodlan in the contest while Addison Klotz chipped in five and Mariah Thullner posted four. Kyra Elwood (three), Grace Martin (two), Layla Hodson (two) and Emma McDaniel (one) also scored for the Lady Warriors, who fall to 10-6 overall.

SCHINDLER CARRIES PILOTS OVER WT



Wayne Trace Sophomore Caroline Winans on defense stops Ayersville sophomore Kendra Waldron from getting near the basket. Photo by Harlee Moore.

Visiting Ayersville led at every stop as the Lady Pilots recorded a 40-34 victory over Wayne Trace in GMC girls basketball play at the 'Palace' Thursday evening.

Ayersville took a 10-9 lead at the end of eight minutes of action before widening the gap in the second quarter, outscoring WT 12-9 in the stanza for a 22-18 halftime advantage. Ayersville then took a 34-29 margin into the final quarter.

Ally Schindler led the way with 20 points for Ayersville, which remains unbeaten on the season at 8-0.

Waldron and Craft both chipped in six markers for the Lady Pilots while Manon posted four points. McGuire and L Sheets each recorded a basket as well for Ayersville.

Caroline Winans bucketed 13 points to pace Wayne Trace as the Lady Raiders drop to 7-4 on the season. The contest was the first for both schools in GMC play.

Lexi Moore added ten markers for the red, white and blue with Careen Winans posting eight and Ava Zartman chipping in three.

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The USAC Midwest Thunder Midgets looking for a busy 2024. Photo by Campbell Photography.



The DIRTcar Summer Nationals return to Oakshade Raceway July 13th. Photo by Charlie Orns Photos.

By: Ron Burt

I want to thank all of you that follow The Left Turn here in the West Bend News and my daily sports blog on Facebook, Ohio Sports Blitz. I want to wish you and yours a great New Year.

My sources tell me 2024 will be a breakout year for Midwest short track racing here in the Tri-state. Different National and regional racing series will be expanding to new racetracks in our area. I personally am looking forward to the World of Outlaw Sprint Cars coming to Fremont Speedway. The track has new owners and a promotional team. That same team will be helping with the reopening of Millstream Speedway in Findlay with its new owners. Excitement is building in the racing community guessing what classes and series might be racing at Mill-

stream when it opens. At the Rumble In Fort Wayne, I ran into Barry Marlow who has the Great Lakes Sprints and NRA Sprint Invaders. He's excited about having shows at some new tracks. New tracks for the series might include Indiana. Once things are finalized, I will have his announcement here.

Drew Jack and the Midwest Dirt Compact Touring Series announced this week, The 5th Annual Nightmare on Bowie Street will be at the Hartford Speedway on September 21st, at 6:00 p.m. The event will feature the Midwest Dirt Compacts, 2nd Annual Kory Conner Stock Car Race, Crown Vics, and 100 Lap Nightmare on Bowie Street Enduro. This event will feature kids' events such as Coin Toss, Power Wheels Races, and more.

The Chili Bowl Nationals are coming up this week. Non midget drivers from other types of racing are still scrambling to get rides for this huge event in Tulsa that really kicks off 2024 for racing. Darin Naida a 4th generation local Sprint car driver, found out due to last minute problems the Binks Motorsports Team wouldn't be able to compete at the Chili Bowl. It took less than 24 hours before he found a ride for the classic. He will be driving the Morton #10m for Blane, Kade and Chance Morton.

If you're a racing fan and didn't make it to the Rumble in Fort Wayne you missed out on two great nights of racing.

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7 REASONS TO GET STARTED WITH YOUR FITNESS PROGRAM

(NAPSI)—Because physical activity and healthy aging go hand in hand, getting started with a fitness program included in your health plan can do more than help you maintain your health as you age.

“Movement truly is medicine,” says Dr. Jaynie Bjornaraa, physical therapist, fitness professional, adjunct professor, and senior vice president of rehabilitation services and digital fitness solutions at American Specialty Health (ASH).

Dr. Bjornaraa oversees the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program for ASH, ensuring that its members get evidence-based recommendations when starting their fitness routines. She helped develop the program's onboarding feature, which sets members on individual fitness journeys based on their needs. Fitness levels, exercise goals, and personal preferences all factor into a tailored 14-day workout plan.

“Research has shown that active movement is the best way to prevent and improve chronic disease. And the great thing about exercise is that it benefits your cognitive health—memory and mood—as much as it affects your physical well-being,” according to Dr. Bjornaraa.

She offers this short list of other benefits a thoughtful fitness program can provide:

- 1. Improved Health** Being physically active can reduce your risk of disease, strengthen your bones and muscles, help you manage weight, and boost your mental well-being.
- 2. Preventive Care** Physical fitness can help prevent certain high-risk scenarios such as serious injury from falls, which is the leading cause of accidental death in older adults.
- 3. Social Interaction** Some programs offer links to connect with clubs and free group fitness classes online for various types and levels of workouts.
- 4. Health Rewards** Incentives for tracking your activity through a fitness program can earn various awards as well help you work with your medical provider to better manage any chronic disease.
- 5. Personal Coaching** Connecting with a health coach during regularly

NH WRESTLERS BATTLE IN HOLIDAY DUALS



New Haven wrestlers pose with their 1st place trophy they earned at the Holiday Duals hosted by North Manchester High School. Photo by Melissa Amstutz.

New Haven HS wrestling team traveled to North Montgomery High School for the Holiday Dual recently. New Haven wrestled 5 matches that day and went 5-0 to earn 1st place in

the Duals. On the second day of the tournament, New Haven had 3 grapplers win their weight class. 113lb - Karrison Cooper, 1st place; 120lb - Timmy Rocha, 1st

place, 138lb - Lucas Barkley, 4th place; 150lb - Aiden Ek-lins, 1st place; 157lb - Ian Amstutz, 4th place; 175lb - Vince Lepera, 5th place; 285lb - Matt Poiry, 3rd place

ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNERS LEARN ABOUT WINTER ANIMALS



Anna Gurney from the Paulding SWCD office visited to teach us all about winter animals and how they survive the cold, winter months. She brought along many animal furs and then we did a bear craft together. Shown here with their awesome bears are in back with Miss Anna, Johanna Federighi, Brynleigh Adams, Savannah Coil, Wyatt Wilhelm, Everett Wilhelm, and Eli Hernandez. In front are: Lakelynn Sauber, Ariyah Lockwood, Levi Lockwood, Amelia Thrasher, Garrett Wilhelm, Mateo Ash and Van Snyder.

PAULDING JH DECEMBER POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Chase Manz (Grade 7), Sophia Speelman (Grade 6), and Trevor Durham (Grade 8).

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LATTA JOINS SPEAKER JOHNSON AT SOUTHERN BORDER TO SEEK SOLUTIONS, SPEAK WITH BORDER PATROL



BOWLING GREEN, OH - This week, Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) joined Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA4) and more than 60 Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives in a visit to Eagle Pass, Texas, located at the southern border. Members spoke with Border Patrol agents and discussed possible solutions to stem the humanitarian and national security crisis at the southern border.

"I've been to the southern border four times, and I wish I could say it's getting better, but unfortunately, it's getting much worse," Latta said. "In the month of December, U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported apprehending a record shattering 302,000 illegal migrants crossing our southern border. Yet, there was no outrage or condemnation of this alarming news from the Biden administration. House Republicans have been consistently working on solutions to address this crisis, which includes advancing the Secure the Border Act, the strongest border security bill in decades, and passing

my HALT Fentanyl Act to stem the flow of deadly fentanyl. The Senate must immediately take up both bills and send them to the President's desk to be signed into law."

Latta continued, "The crisis at the southern border is urgent and deserves our full attention. I'm going to continue working with my colleagues on solutions in Congress to secure our southern border. My sincere hope is that Democrats in Congress, our counterparts in the Senate, and the Biden administration does the same."

Southern border statistics and information:

- In 2023, CBP confiscated almost 230,000 pounds of drugs, including 22,000 pounds of illicit fentanyl, being smuggled across the southern border.

- In 2023, CBP encountered 2,542,056 illegal migrants attempting to cross the U.S. southern border.

- In December of 2023, CBP encountered 302,000 illegal migrants attempting to cross the U.S. southern border - shattering the record of illegal

southern border crossings in one month.

- In December of 2023, CBP announced they would be temporarily suspending railway crossings in Eagle Pass, Texas, and El Paso, Texas, to redirect personnel to assist with the processing of an influx of illegal migrants.

Legislative solutions:

- Last year, Latta supported the Secure the Border Act, passed by the U.S. House, that would increase the number of Border Patrol agents, deploy technology to our nation's borders, and resume physical barrier construction along the southern border.

- In May of 2023, Latta and Rep. Morgan Griffith's (VA-9) HALT Fentanyl Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill would permanently schedule fentanyl-related substances as a Schedule I narcotic to help crack down on the scourge of fentanyl poisoning tens of thousands of Americans.

MAXIMIZING CORN PHOSPHORUS

Phosphorus (P) is an expensive nutrient but critical for good crop production. Phosphorus is the backbone to the plants genetic code, for ATP (energy transfer/storage) in plants, and for cell division and enlargement. When P is severely limited, plants turn a purple color, which is common on cold wet soils in the spring. However, plants often have a hidden hunger for P which may limit yields.

Chad Penn, Research Soil Scientist for USDA from West Lafayette, Indiana at the Ohio No-till conference; shared recent research on corn P nutrition. Available P in soil varies by soil type and weather conditions. Farmers try to optimize P application, but it varies so much, even within a few inches or feet. Even with extensive soil testing and grid soil sampling, P is often either under applied or over applied. The ARS-USDA research is trying to find a way to put on just the right amount of P so that it maximizes yield.

Chad discussed the two main sources of soil P. The first fraction is the smallest which is the Labile or available P that is not held quite as tightly. This P is what the plant uses. The most common P type is the Non-Labile P which is tightly held but can become Labile slowly. Chad discussed three main processes for P soil cycling. First, soil P is released into solution which means it's in a form that plants can utilize. Second, when it's in solution it has to diffuse to the surface and third, P is taken up into the plants by the roots. Often, soil P gets deleted near the roots because it's being absorbed so quickly, even though their may be more labile and plant available P just a short distance away.

Chad did some interesting experiments in a greenhouse. He used inert sand with no biology and fed the corn with nutrients. The corn was fed and watered and produced a good crop, just like ordinary corn. Using this method, Chad and his team of researchers discovered some interesting facts about corn and P fertilization. He fertilized the corn at various rates.

To maximize corn yield, corn needs 580 milligrams

(mg) of P per day per plant. However, corn will take up more P than it needs to maximize yield. This is called luxury consumption. If corn takes up too much P, yields may start to decline. The corn puts the excess P in the stems, stalks, and leaves. From 0 to a maximum of 580 mg/day for each corn plant; the P was distributed to maximize yield. From 580 - 730 mg/day, the excess P went to corn stalks and leaves and not yield.

Chad also looked at what happens to other nutrients. Once corn got above 580 - 730 P mg/day, the potassium (K), magnesium (Mg), manganese (Mn), and boron (B) also stopped going to corn yield and were stored in the leaves and stalks. Chad's analysis is that if farmers over apply P, it can cause corn plants to tie up other nutrients (K, Mg, Mn, B) in the corn tissue. Getting P nutrition right is important for maximizing crop yield and utilizing soil nutrients efficiently.

Chad also looked at Nitrogen (N), Sulfur (S), and Iron (Fe). All these elements maxed out in the corn grain when P levels reached 580 mg/day/corn plant. When the level got above 580-730 P for corn, all the extra N, S, and Fe was put into the stem. These elements did not increase in the corn for grain so excess soil P seems to cause plants to stop producing higher protein (N, S) in the grain. Too much soil P can thus put a lid on grain quality

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

or keep corn from increasing its nutrient value for feed. The excess nutrients are stored outside the grain. If used for cattle as silage, these nutrient may still be used, but hogs and chickens and non-ruminants may not get the advantage.

The last category was the impact on zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu). Both Zn and Cu maximized in the grain just like the other nutrients at the critical 580 P mg/day level. Above 730 P mg/day, Zn and Cu and the excess were all stored in the roots and none

extra in the grain. It is well known, that excess P ties up Zn and Cu. The plant needs Zn and Cu because they are co-factors to turn proteins into enzymes. Here's where soil biology comes in to help plants in the field. Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi (AMF) supplies crops (corn, soybeans, wheat) with balanced plant available nutrients so that plants can achieve higher yields and higher levels of crude protein.

—James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Svcs

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

Erin Ryan Shober, plaintiff

-VS-

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IN THE MATTER OF AVA WEHBY ALLEGED DEPENDENT CHILD

Case No. 2023 3016 To: Carly A. Mienzenger, mother of Ava Wehby LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 339 Chestnut Street, Pottstown, PA 19464-5509

Please take notice that a Complaint, Summons, Judgment Entry regarding Emergency Ex Parte/Shelter care hearing and the Adjudicatory hearing have been filed in the above-captioned matter. You may attend the Hearing scheduled for: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. This hearing will be held at the Paulding County Juvenile Court located at 115 N. Williams St., Suite 202, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

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By: Jessica Schultz Deputy

Respectfully submitted, [Signature]

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AI IN HOMEBUYING: SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION



(NAPSI)—The homebuying journey has undergone a radical transformation in the digital age. Long gone are the days of sifting through stacks of paperwork, replaced by a streamlined, tech-driven consumer experience. As part of this progression, artificial intelligence (AI) is being woven into the fabric of daily life and has the potential to have a massive effect on the path to homeownership, offering tools that make finding and purchasing a home easier than ever before.

How AI Changes Homebuying

AI has the power to streamline the mortgage process—often the most daunting part of homebuying. A 2023 report by LiveVox found that AI-driven customer experiences scored 20% higher in satisfaction than traditional human-led approaches. Companies such as Rocket Mortgage are now automating document collection, verifying information instantly and even showing

loan officers the best mortgage products for their clients. This efficiency speeds up the process and increases confidence for consumers.

“AI is not just a technological advancement, it is a transformative force reshaping the homebuying landscape,” said Brian Woodring, Chief Information Officer for Rocket Mortgage. “AI is the compass guiding us toward a future where homeownership is accessible and stress free for everyone.”

Beyond the financing, remote home tours—powered by AI—can virtually transport shoppers to a prospective home, letting them explore every nook and cranny with 360-degree views. AI-driven platforms can also sift through mountains of listings to recommend homes that match a buyer’s preferences, budget and lifestyle, creating a personalized experience and saving countless hours of manual search.

The Importance of Human Involvement with AI

While AI is certainly

transformative, it is not a one-size-fits-all solution. When it comes to such things as credit decisioning, humans still take the lead. Credit decisions are complex and nuanced, requiring a deep understanding of a person’s financial history and current circumstances. AI can provide data and options, but the final call should always be made by a human who can interpret the subtleties and make an informed decision.

Moreover, AI cannot replace the personal touch of a real estate agent or the reassurance and expertise of a loan officer. These human interactions and relationships are vital to the homebuying experience, providing knowledge, negotiation skills and emotional support that AI simply cannot replicate.

This combination of AI with the human touch is already showing results. In fact, over the last year, Rocket Mortgage saw it help shorten the amount of time it takes their clients to close on a home purchase by nearly 20%. AI can handle the heavy lifting of data processing and provide valuable insights, but it takes a backseat where humans perform best—building meaningful connections.

The Future Of Homebuying

As consumers embark on their homeownership adventure, AI will open doors while the professionals will help them cross the threshold into their new home.

Learn More

For further facts and stats on buying a home, visit www.rocketmortgage.com.

THE TRANSFORMATIVE VALUE OF HEALTH COACHING

(NAPS)—If you’ve ever tried to make a healthy lifestyle change, you may have found that your initial excitement fades quickly, and you return to your old habits. Well, you’re not alone.

In fact, going into this new year, more and more health plans are including a helpful program benefit that helps members transform their own health and stick to new behaviors—health coaching.

Health coaching is a dynamic and impactful approach to health care. It has the potential to change lives in numerous positive ways. The collaborative partnership between a trained health coach and a health plan member is rooted in several key principles and strategies including personalized guidance, behavior change, and empowerment. Some of the key aspects of coaching include enhancing well-being, learning, social support, instruction, and the development of improved habits.

“The reason I love coaching so much—and why I say it’s transformative—is because it is so rare for someone to come into a space where the focus is completely on them, where a coach wants to know about their hopes, empathizes with their struggles, and knows how to help them find their way,” said Emily Adams, a national board-certified health and wellness coach, who manages coach performance at American Specialty Health (ASH).

While promoting health through lifestyle changes is

nothing new, it was only in the past 30 years that health coaching has become a widely accepted activity, one that’s designed to help people convert their wellness goals into effective actions.

Today, with refined coaching processes and behavior-change techniques, an entire industry has evolved to empower a lot more individuals to live healthier. And in this post-pandemic era, virtual health coaching and well-being programs are burgeoning in modern health care.

Physical health is not the only thing that health coaches address. They recognize the connection between fitness, mental health, and emotional well-being.

“Some people start working with a coach thinking they want help with their diet but realize that the reason they are eating poorly is because they don’t have tools to cope with stress,” Adams said. “Many are surprised when they start to recognize their own strengths, improve their confidence, and start to take ownership of their thoughts—recognizing how they are working for and against their goals.”

Adams works with well-being coaches in the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging & Exercise program to ensure quality member support through coach training and oversight. Silver&Fit members can be paired with certified health coaches to work on their fitness, nutrition, and lifestyle goals during scheduled phone or video sessions.

“We’ve had members come into the program completely defeated and unsure if they will ever be able to improve their health,” Adams said.

“We’ve also had members who are very close to reaching their health goals and just need a little extra support to get there.”

Health coaching holds immense potential for health plan members. According to Adams, the benefits a member might gain from working with a health coach could include:

- Clarity about their hopes, values, and goals
- Confidence in themselves, their strengths, and their abilities and how to advocate for themselves and their health
- Tools for self-accountability, positive habit forming, and proactively managing stress
- Knowing how to break big changes into small, manageable steps
- Awareness of thought barriers and how to overcome them
- Learning how to find what they need and use their resources

“As coaches, we get to walk alongside people as they grow, learn, discover, and utilize their strengths to be the healthiest versions of themselves,” said Adams.

It’s important that your health plan supports your long-term health and well-being. If you want to make healthy lifestyle changes in the coming year, check with your health plan on coaching program benefits. And if you find you have this benefit, make the most of it. The transformative power of working with a coach can have a lasting impact and help you take control of your health and maintain your well-being.



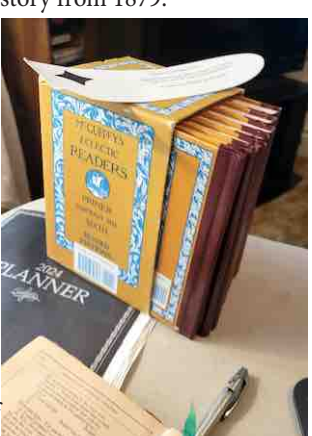
THE GOOD SON

By: James Neuhouser

Christmas is gone. The candy has been eaten, the Chex Mix, and only two Lebkuchen cookies left. Three of our four were home and many grandkids. Our daughter came from Atlanta and stayed nearly a week. It was capped off the day after Christmas by a package on the porch.

It was about a cubic foot, quite heavy, and had the return address of a business I didn't recognize. My daughter opened it with caution. It was a set, seven volumes, of grades one through six of McGuffey Readers. It had a note inside. It was a gift from my son's high school friend, which he hasn't seen since high school.

I had mentioned, tongue-in-cheek, in an article that I always wanted a full set of McGuffey Readers. There are some people keeping in touch with their hometown through the local paper. In honor of Duane, I would like to relay a story from 1879.



A story so short it is scarce worth the telling. But it has a great moral and perhaps two. A story offered to fourth graders in a different time. It makes me want to study all the stories in the Bible Jesus told and extract the moral of each.

One day the Jewish elders were working on the garment



for the high priest. They needed some diamonds to add to the ephod of his garment, so they sought out a well respected jeweler, and offered him a fair price for the jewels they needed. He told them he cannot sell them now, and that they should return in the afternoon.

However they needed them now. They offered him twice what they were worth and he still would not sell. They believed he was holding out for a higher price, so they offered him three times what the fair price would be, and he still would not sell. A few hours later he went to them and placed the jewels before them, at which time they offered him the final price they had offered him before.

However he would not take that price. He would only take the fair price that had been offered him in the beginning. Then why is it you would not sell us the diamonds when we were there in the first place. You see my father was sleeping, and he had the key. I would not for all the gold in the world deprive him of a single minute of sleep. At his age I would not be willing to take from him a single comfort.

At this the elders placed their hands up on his head and said, "You shall be blessed by Him who said, honor thy father and mother. One day your children will pay you the same respect that you have to your father."

At my age, I can think of things I could have done for my parents which I didn't think of when I was young. Was I like the Pharisees, the keepers of the law, who said, "What we would have given to you (our parents,) we have given unto God." Perhaps time invested is worth more than all of gold in the world. Are we spending time in church rather than visiting, or taking the gospel to someone that needs it. Thanks, Duane wherever you are.

PS... The diamond shown is offered for sale at over \$66,000. Quite a few widows mites.

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WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT RSV

(NAPSI)—You may remember the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." That's never been more true than it is right now about good health and older adults, especially when it comes to protecting yourself during what is commonly known as respiratory disease season (fall through early spring).

Last year saw the devastating effects of an increase in COVID, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and pneumonia on the wellbeing of older Americans. Fortunately, most people had access to vaccines for all but RSV last year. And in good news for this year, for the first time ever, there is a vaccine approved by FDA for preventing RSV in older adults.

The Problem
RSV is a seasonal respiratory virus whose full toll on seniors is just now being recognized. Each year, RSV results in up to 160,000 hospitalizations among people aged 65 and over and leads to as many as 10,000 deaths in older people in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It can also prove serious for anyone with chronic conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart or other lung problems, certain autoimmune conditions and those receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments. It is easily spread from contact with a contaminated surface as well as through the air (when someone infected sneezes or coughs), so anyone at any age can get it.

A Solution
RSV vaccines are now ap-

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proved and available throughout the U.S. and the cost is covered fully for Medicare beneficiaries. These vaccines can truly protect your health across your lifespan as they are now available for adults aged 60 years or older, as well as for infants through maternal immunization.

What Else You Should Know
It is always a good idea to review your health plan. When contacting Medicare, make certain that you are contacting the actual government agency itself. Only government agencies can use the .gov ending and the best number to use to reach trained Medicare experts is 1-800-633-4227. It's easy to remember—it's 1-800-Medicare.

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) created a resource outlining the five things to know about RSV to help get the word out about this important opportunity to protect the health of older adults. English and Spanish versions can be found at <https://www.nanasp.org/vaccines>.

It's a good idea to talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider about whether you should get the RSV vaccine, and any other recommended vaccines.

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This post closes on January 24, 2024.

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ROOP SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Doug Roop as the guest speaker at the January 4, 2024, club meeting. Doug came at the invitation of

Traci Koenig (Board Member, Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services). Doug spoke to the Kiwanians about the Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center.

ECLIPSE SCIENCE SERIES SHINES A LIGHT ON MANY SIDES OF THE UPCOMING TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

The Ohio State University at Lima in conjunction with Rhodes State College will host an Eclipse Science Series leading up to the total solar eclipse coming this spring. The speakers will dig into different aspects of the phenomenon during the series of science-based lectures and presentations. The Eclipse Science Series events will be held on four Thursdays in January, February and March and is generously supported by the Charles River Laboratories. All events are free and open to the public.

Discovering Animal Behavior During an Eclipse

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts in Reed Hall

Marie Walton, naturalist from the Johnny Appleseed Metroparks District

JAMPD naturalist and Ohio State Lima alumna Marie Walton kicks off the series discussing some of the things we already know about animal behavior during an eclipse, the historical challenges to recording animal data during an eclipse, and ways the audience can help contribute to the scientific knowledge gathered during an eclipse. Walton will highlight a citizen sci-

ence initiative funded by NASA that is still taking applications for citizen scientists to receive science-grade equipment to record animal behavior on April 8.

Why Eclipses Enthrall Us

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2024, in the G. Gilbert Cloyd Commons on the lower level of Galvin Hall

Dr. Wayne Schlingman, director of the Arne Slettebak Planetarium at The Ohio State University

Eclipses happen all the time and we have a chance twice a year for them so why are they so special to us? What happens during an eclipse and what should I prepare for? Dr. Schlingman will answer these questions and more about the upcoming "Buckeye" eclipse on April 8. He will address why eclipses enthrall us and the science that researchers do during eclipses. He will also give a peek behind the curtain of the years of planning to make this event much smoother across the state and region than the eclipse in 2017.

Total Eclipse of the Sun 2024

7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024, in the Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts in Reed Hall

Craig H. Williams, Senior Aerospace Engineer at NASA Glenn Research Center

Williams' presentation explains the total solar eclipse that will span the continental United States, approximately from Texas to New York. The path of maximum totality will cut across Ohio, including the Lima

area. The physics and geometry of an eclipse will be explained, including the relative motion of the moon, Earth and sun. Also covered will be the continued importance of eclipses to the scientific community, as well as the importance of this particular eclipse. Safe watching sources of information will be provided.

Total Eclipse's Impact on our Weather and Other Interesting Atmospheric Phenomena

7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the Life and Physical Sciences Building 100

Dustin Norman, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Northern Indiana

Eclipses change the world around us, however briefly, including the weather. Meteorologist Dustin Norman will talk about what we can expect on April 8 and will also delve into some of the other interesting weather phenomena that pop up in the Midwest.

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2024 Spring /Summer softball and baseball registration is open for Antwerp Ball Association. Jr. High registration is open until mid January. T-ball thru 12u registration is open until mid-February.

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LEARN THE WARNING SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DEFIANCE, OH - The U.S. State Department estimates there are 27.6 million human trafficking victims worldwide at any given time. Traffickers prey on people of all ages and backgrounds, exploiting them for their own personal gain.

Tara Rex from the Center for Child & Family Advocacy will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on January 25 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss some of the warning signs of human trafficking, as well as how to spot red flags to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

This informational session is free and open to all adults. No registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Championship for Boys and Girls Ages 9-14 and sponsored by the KofC Paulding Council #2584 will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at Paulding HS gym. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. and competition at 1:30 p.m.

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EBT PAYMENTS ACCEPTED HERE!

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

PRICES GOOD 1/9-1/14
SALE PRICES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

ASSORTED
FRENCH FRIES

2.5 LB BAG

\$4.49

FAMILY SIZE
CHEERIOS

100% WHOLE GRAIN

\$3.99

CENSEA
COOKED SHRIMP

PEELED & DEVEINED
32 OZ

\$14.95

STOUFFER'S
LASAGNA

PARTY SIZE

\$12.99

NUTELLA
SPREAD

13 OZ

\$2.99

OREO
CAKESTERS

5-2PACKS

\$2.95

GOLD MEDAL
FLOUR

5 LB BAG

\$3.49

ZAP 'EMS
PIZZA ROLLS

40 CT

\$2.49

9 CT FROZEN
HASHBROWNS

\$3.29

PER PK

TYSON
CHICKEN BREAST SLIDERS

8 CT CHICKEN BREAST

\$6.99

WHEAT THINS

2 - 20 OZ BAGS

\$5.49

CHEF PIERRE
BLACKBERRY COBBLER

5 LB

\$9.99

SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

FILET MIGNON

FROZEN 6 OZ

\$6.89

EACH

DAILY CHOICE SMOKED PEPPERED BACON

\$3.99

PER LB

ECKRICH
NASHVILLE HOT-STYLE CHICKEN BREAST

HOT STYLE CHICKEN BREAST

\$3.99

PER LB

KING CRAB LEGS

\$19.99

PER LB

IGIOP D'GIORNOS
ULTRA-THIN VEGGIE LOVERS

\$5.49

EACH