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PAULDING COUNTY SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

By: **Caroline Wells Longardner**

This Eclipse is expected to begin in this area approximately 1:54 p.m. and last until 4:25 p.m. The total Solar Eclipse will be from approximately 3:09 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.

The Northern limit (line) of the total solar eclipse April 8, 2024 will go thru Paulding Co., thru Bowling Green, and thru Toledo, Ohio. The Southern line of the Total Eclipse will go thru Middletown (South of Dayton); North of Columbus, just South of Wooster and South of Akron. It has been 218 yrs. since the last total eclipse in Ohio & the next one will be in 2099.

This historic event is a once-in-a-lifetime experience - don't let it slip by. On April 8 the TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE will cut across a 124-mile wide band of Ohio. This means that the moon completely blocks the sun for a few moments and it can also reveal a thin circle of pink around the moon which is the sun's chromosphere and the sun's corona, which also appears as streams of white light. It is covering dozens of other Ohio counties, also.

Be sure to have a pair of solar eclipse glasses (approved ones) for each person who will be watching the event. (THIS IS IMPORTANT). The libraries have them and other places for

free. Our Paulding Co. Library is hosting an eclipse event from noon - 4 p.m. Glasses will be available. The Auglaize Canoe and Kayak is hosting a Total Eclipse Paddle event starting at 11:00 a.m. (unlimited time paddle trip on the river). Reservations necessary at 419-594-3456 or visiting Auglaize canoe.com.

Solar eclipses (total or partial) happen on earth somewhere on Earth about every 18 months with the location varying according on the alignment and location of the planets involved. It usually lasts no more than 4 minutes, 28 seconds (the longest recorded were just over 7

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PARKVIEW HEALTH SELECTED AS 2024 INSPIRING WORKPLACES FINALIST

Parkview Health has been selected as a finalist in the 2024 Inspiring Workplaces list by The Inspiring Workplaces Group.

Parkview was selected



Dena Jacquay

within the top 50 on the list of 100 North American workplaces, and a final ranked listing and individual category winners based on business size will be announced during an event June 18 in Chicago. Parkview was evaluated in six areas: Creating a people first workplace, including culture and purpose; leadership; well-being; inclusion; employee voice; and employee experience.

Inspiring Workplaces is headquartered in the UK and operates in North America, Africa and Australasia. Inspiring Workplaces believes in recognizing and shaping the new, forward-thinking organizations of the future. By shedding light on these innovative workplaces, Inspiring Workplaces helps to en-

courage positive change in workplaces as well as provide a source of inspiration and education for those who seek it.

"At Parkview, we are inspired by our co-workers and their continued commitment to delivering high-quality, excellent care to our communities. So, it is our job to nurture a culture that supports our co-workers, allowing each person to bring their best to work every day," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health.

In 2023, Parkview began introducing several new programs for co-workers, including an innovative, quarterly "lifestyle benefit" that co-workers can use for personal

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PAULDING FFA HOST TRACTOR SAFETY DAY!



Pictured here is Jen Wilson-Oechsle from Ag Credit presenting to the students about the dangers of grain bins. The presentation and goodie bags the students received were from Ohio Farm Bureau.

By: **Staci Miller, Paulding Ag Education Teacher**

In honor of National Ag Day which was March 19th, the Paulding FFA planned a Tractor Safety day to educate youth about tractors and farm equipment. The Paulding FFA Chapter held their annual Tractor Drive-in day on Friday, March 24th to celebrate National Ag Day. The chapter felt that with agriculture being the #1 industry in Paulding County that youth needed to know the proper safety proce-

cedure to take around farm equipment. The safety day was made up of three different stations that the elementary and FFA students traveled through. The first station was sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau and the presenters were Matt Adams and Jen Wilson-Oechsle from Ag Credit who talked to the youth about tractor roll over protection and did a demonstration with the students as well as grain bin safety and entrapment. The

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EARTH DAY PROGRAM CELEBRATES OHIO'S NATIVE PLANTS

April is native plant month. With Ohio being the first state in America to adopt this designation, it only makes sense that native plants take center stage at the April 22 Earth Day celebration by The Ohio State University's Environmental Professionals Network (EPN).

Titled "Eat This Earth Day!" the program will take place at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road on Ohio State's campus, from 4:45-7:30 p.m. and virtually, worldwide, through an EPN livestream production.

The EPN is a service of the School of Environment and Natural Resources in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Using native plants for food will take center stage at this year's event. Held in collaboration with CFAES' Chadwick Arboretum & Learning Gardens, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the edible flora of the Buckeye state and discover — over long periods of history through the tastes, smells, and eyes of diverse native wildlife and human cultures both ancient and present — how these plants have sus-

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

April 8

• Total Solar Eclipse 2024

April 10

• Senior Center on the Road @ GH Lions Club, 9:30a-1p

April 9-10

• GH Elementary Kindergarten Screening

April 12-13

• Charitable Sisterhood of the 2nd Trinity Victory Church @ Huber, 7p; Sun @ 2:30p

April 13

• Taylor Chapel Womens' Spring Bazaar, 9a-3p
• Men's Conference @ Faith Baptist, Defiance, 9a-4p

April 15

• WT school board meeting, HS lecture rm., 6:30pm

April 16

• PCCL trustee meeting @ conference rm, 5:30pm

April 16-19

• PCH Spring Health Fair @ Black Swamp Nat. Ctr, 7-9am

April 17

• Guest Speaker, Pam Stenzel @ Paulding HS, 7pm
• WBESC meeting @ Conference Rm, 5:30pm

April 18

• Evening w/Bill Hinsch @ Huber @ 7pm



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OBITUARIES



before diving into a lifelong career of farming.

Along with his father and twin brother, Bennett Ford Tractor Sales was opened the following year, 1959, Auburn, Indiana. This only reinforced his ongoing love of all things Ford! Mastering Mechanical Skills, Tom was known to be one of the premiere Ford Tractor Mechanics in area, even after the closure of the dealership in the mid 1960's. While working at the dealership, he met Nancy Brown, whom he would marry on November 13, 1965. Nancy worked at the pizza parlor next door and would deliver to the Bennett Brothers. In the meantime, Tom was called to serve his country, drafted to the United States Army from 1963-1967. Stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, Tom was part of the 557th Transport Company, driving 10 Ton trucks, hauling tanks all over the Western United States and Midwest during Reserve Duty.

Tom was a lifelong member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, as well as Golden Sheaf Member (50 years or more) of the Fairview Grange. Tom continued his career in farming and tractor mechanics throughout his lifetime. He would often receive phone calls and was able to diagnose various mechanical problems for those in need of assistance.

Tom will be sadly missed by his wife of 59 years, Nancy L. Bennett (Antwerp), and children; Tara (Jerry) Timbrook (Hicksville), Jama (Dave) Cline (Cecil), Tomi (Mike) Meyer (Cecil), and Thomas "TJ" (Lennie) of Northbrook, Illinois. Tom is also survived by his twin brother Tim (Ruth) Bennett (Antwerp), Elizabeth Flores, Garden Grove, California; Marian Schlagbaum, Monte Vista, Colorado, and Mark (Karen) Bennett (Payne); & 7 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Lucas Meyer.

Viewing is Tuesday, April 9th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Tom's funeral service is Wednesday, April 10th, at 11:00 a.m. with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home.

He will be laid to rest in Bethel Cemetery with military honors.

In keeping with Tom's charitable spirit, memorials are to the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com



Painting of Tecumseh owned by Caroline Wells Longardner.

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minutes).

Solar Eclipses have been important historic and noteworthy events down thru history. Even before 2,000 years ago in China and in 1375 B.C.E. Solar eclipses occurred and were written about on clay tablets. Babylonians could even tell when the next ones were coming according to their records. In the Middle Ages astronomical eclipses and phenomena were recorded like comets and planet positions.

Down thru the ages many superstitions were connected with solar eclipses and weather occurrences. Wars were predicted as well as death, destruction and signs of angry omens from the Gods. Many times it came true like the death of King Henry I of England in 1133 AD which came at the same time as a total solar eclipse on Aug 2. Then after his death, England went into a civil war.

TECUMSEH, the Shawnee, witnessed the Eclipse in Ohio on June 16, 1806 in Ohio and the surrounding area with many others. He predicted this event as he had been told about it by James Galloway sometime earlier. Tecumseh's reply was "Our elders know much of the (another?) Black Sun. They call it "Mukutaaweethe Keelswah". It is a sign of "war trouble". Tecumseh's brother, Tenskwatawa, and Tecumseh were living near Greenville, Ohio at the time of the eclipse. (They had then set up a town called Prophetstown on the border of the treaty line.) After the Prophet spread the news of the eclipse, more Native Americans came to Prophet-

stown. They then moved to Lafayette, Indiana.

When the Eclipse occurred in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Wm. Wells stepped outside the door of his house looked up and muttered, "Damn! There'll be hell to pay now."

During the eclipse, in hundreds of Indian towns throughout the Middle Ground from the Allegheny Mountains to the plains beyond the Mississippi, the people kept unusually quiet in all their Indian camps, hunting camps and fishing camps, although some were even traveling to the Great Lakes and the Prophet's Holy town in Ohio. Wildlife and birds were spooked by the sudden daytime darkness.

Tecumseh and the Prophet (his brother) prayed. Even during the day the sun was black with a shimmering halo around it and stars could be seen. People waled and demanded that he bring back the sun. The last total solar eclipse that happened in Ohio was referred to as "Tecumseh's eclipse" and it happened on June 16, 1806. His brother Tenskwatawa was considered "a false prophet", but it seemed odd that they both knew it was coming.

Tecumseh would eventually die in the Battle of Thames in October 1813. History says that Tenskwatawa lost his "spiritual influence" and died on a reservation in 1836 in Kansas.

Other reading materials available on this celestial event are: "The Fur Country" by Jules Verne; "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" by Mark Twain; and several other books available at the library. Hist. Novel by : by J. A. Thom-"Panther in the Sky".

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Ray Dusman

expenses of their choosing; volunteer time off to allow co-workers to give back to

their communities or take time off for mental health; and the Parkview Pups program that allows therapy dogs and their co-worker handlers to visit facilities and boost morale.

"We want all co-workers, including physicians and other caregivers, to be proud to work at Parkview," added Dr. Ray Dusman, president of physician and clinical enterprise, Parkview Health. "By introducing new programs and benefits - and serving as an inspiration to other workplaces in our community - we're able to ensure our teams are bringing their best selves

Scripture of the Week

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

— 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

to work and in turn, providing the best care to our community."

Parkview also has a dedicated well-being department tasked with supporting both physical and mental health among co-workers and a Co-worker Assistance, Retention and Engagement (CARE) team that helps with basic needs and other resources for

co-workers experiencing hardship.

Earlier this year, Parkview launched a "listening tour" that will continue through the fall to better understand how the organization can best support co-workers and remove barriers, all while gaining valuable perspective and hearing new ideas.

AGCREDIT DISTRIBUTES \$22 MILLION PATRONAGE DIVIDEND TO BORROWER-OWNERS



AgCredit - one of northern Ohio's largest lenders for farmers, rural homeowners and agribusiness - announced today that it will distribute \$22 million to its borrower-owners through its patronage program.

Each year, AgCredit's Board of Directors reviews the cooperative's net income and determines how much to return to the cooperative's borrower-owners in the form of patronage. Qualified borrower-owners will receive their share during events at their local offices, through the mail or through direct deposits into their bank accounts. This is the 37th consecutive year AgCredit has distributed patronage with a total of over \$444 million returned during that time.

"Our ability to return patronage dividends to eligible borrower-owners in our territory for 37 consecutive years demonstrates the commitment of our cooperative," said AgCredit President and CEO Brian Ricker. "I invite

all AgCredit borrower-owners to stop into their local office on Thursday, April 4, 2024 to celebrate with our team. Checks will be available for pick up and refreshments will be served."

How do patronage refunds benefit AgCredit borrower-owners? They reduce their cost of borrowing. AgCredit already offers competitive rates on loans, but on average over the past five years, the patronage program has reduced rates by an additional 1.67%. Dividends are distributed based on the amount of interest accrued on your loan with a patronage return of 20.46% for 2023. The more business you do with AgCredit, the larger your potential patronage refund!

Simply put, it pays to be a member of AgCredit.

AgCredit is a member of the nationwide Farm Credit System. For more information about the Association and its patronage dividend program, please visit www.AgCredit.net.

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A WINNER OR A WHINER?

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

We all have funny stories to tell either about ourselves or someone else.

One of my funniest memories was in the middle of the 2000s.

My husband and I decided to go to Atlantic City to try our luck with those greedy machines at the casinos. We wanted to have fun plus maybe hit a few dollars. The day after we arrived, we went to a big casino and we didn't have much luck. I am not a gambler, but I got busy putting \$ bills into a machine.

Hubby said, "You better stop now you are spending way too much money." Well I just had to have one last pull on that machine and all of a sudden, lights started flashing, bells were ringing and I was scared that I broke that one arm bandit.

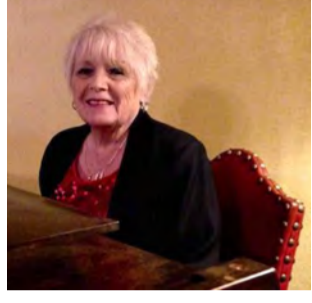
Well, I was so shocked because I had not hurt the machine but I was the winner of \$700. The attendants came and gave me my winnings in cash and took my picture. People were gathered around me and they all knew I was a winner.

This totally scared me as I thought I would get robbed. I grabbed hubby's arm and told him, "I am going to the hotel and stay because everyone knows I won money and I don't want to get mugged."

Well we went back to the hotel, I locked the door, and sat there clenching my winnings. After sitting 24 hours in the hotel watching my money luckily our flight was

to leave late that afternoon. We got on the airplane and sticking my sum of money in my shoe, we settled down for our trip home.

Ahhh. a nice relaxing flight. Well... no. All of a sudden the plane started rocking around and I was sitting by the window, I saw lightening flashing and yes I heard that roar which was no doubt thunder. Of course I got upset and started hyperventilating, got pale and started to holler.



A stewardess came over to me and told me to switch places with hubby so I could not see the lightning. They then handed me something to drink saying "This will help you calm down."

I started praying out loud, "Lord please don't let this plane crash. I would like to get home and spend my money."

Well we could not land in Fort Wayne because of the storm so the pilot just kept flying around here and there. It was close to 2 am before we got back home.

The next day I did give my Mama \$70 to give to her church as my tithe money. I wasn't at church, but my mom took that \$70, gave it to the preacher and announced, "This is kind of dirty money because my daughter won it gambling"

Well like I said I am not a big gambler, but I did make it home with my money, locked all the doors and windows and sat up the rest of the night counting my winnings till I could get to the bank. What a strange scary night, but looking back it was worth it.

Have you ever won money from a casino or a lottery ticket? Have you ever been in an airplane during a storm? Let me know your story and I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

HEARING AIDS NOW PROVEN TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE LONGER



A new study shows regular hearing aid use can reduce the risk of early death by up to 24%. The USC Medicine finding compared the lifespan hearing-aid wearers versus people with untreated hearing loss (never wearing hearing aids). Fort Wayne and Auburn, Indiana residents may wonder how this is the case, as hearing aids aren't often associated with longevity. But the patients at Fort Wayne and Auburn Beltone are benefiting from the use of hearing aids, noting that they feel safer and more steady when they wear their devices.

To understand how hearing aids can increase lifespan, it's important to note that untreated hearing loss is linked to other health problems. For example, withdrawing from social activities due to hearing difficulties results in self-isolation, which eventually can lead to anxiety and depression. This same scenario is true for cognitive decline; as people disengage from conversation, they are not stimulating the brain and it can atrophy more quickly, resulting in faster onset or progression of dementia. People with depression or dementia are known to have shorter-than-average life expectancies. At Beltone Fort Wayne and Auburn, we see these associations often among patients. Wearing hearing aids reduces the risk of these conditions, therefore reducing the mortality associated with them.

Another example includes the link between hearing loss and falls. Falling is the top

cause of injury death in people over 65 years old. Someone with untreated hearing loss loses spatial awareness when they cannot hear what's around them, and they use more of their cognitive resources to identify environmental sounds in reaction. Thus, the brain has less energy to focus on things like postural balance, which would prevent falling. By restoring the ability to hear environmental sounds through the consistent use of hearing aids, wearers use more of their brain's resources to stay balanced.

Among my hearing instrument specialist colleagues at Beltone Fort Wayne and Auburn, we see firsthand the engagement a new wearer has the first time they put on hearing aids. Patients newly realize they can hear every word, and they can now better participate in conversations with friends and family more comfortably. Our patients regularly comment about what they didn't realize they had been missing, such as the sound of the birds chirping, younger family voices and simply the sound of television at normal volumes. Hearing aids not only provide more longevity for patients, but also a better quality and enjoyment in all those years.

David Lowry is a Hearing Instrument Specialist at Beltone in Fort Wayne and Auburn, Indiana. He's practiced hearing care for years in Northeast Indiana and is seeing new patients among both clinic locations.

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second station was sponsored by Truland Equipment and its presenters Steve Doster and Jason Dunham. They brought in a utility tractor with a loader and mower and talked about the physical dangers of tractors and the importance of the slow-moving vehicle sign. Finally, the third station was sponsored by the Paulding FFA and it was "Touch a Tractor." The Paulding FFA members and the students who drove tractors showed the students their tractors and allowed them to climb up in the tractors and explore them. This year we had a record number of students drive tractors to school with 16 tractors coming in from small to large and every brand in between. Those students consisted of Tyler Schlatter, Blayne Pease, Alan Griffiths, Jesse Shaffer, Makenna Dunham, Jalyn Klopfenstein, Anna Clemens, Johnny Lipps, Quinton Burns, Mariah Klopfenstein, Kayleigh Dunham, Grady Barton, Jamy Hunt, Megan Manz, Nick Hatcher and RJ Wirts. The Paulding FFA Chapter has made Tractor Drive-In Day a tradition over the past few

years and we wanted to add to this event with a safety program this year. The chapter enjoys this day very much and they also enjoy learning about agriculture. National Ag Day is a day to recognize as well as celebrate the things provided by agriculture. The National Ag Day program wants people to recognize and understand how food products are produced, why agriculture is so important, and so much more. The students who drove their tractors to school were greeted by representatives from our local Beck's dealer who sponsored donuts, milk and free hats for all the drivers. At the end of the safety day students received shirts from Beck's Hybrids that said I survived Ag safety day along with a goodie bag of items from Ohio Farm Bureau. We are so thankful for the support of these local community organizations who made this day possible. We had over 400 students participate in our safety day. We plan to do this again next year. The Paulding FFA Chapter continues to learn and understands how important agriculture is to the world and gladly celebrates agriculture each day during our agriculture education classes offered at Paulding.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Crist Clarence Kimmel was born April 28, 1896 in Melrose, Ohio. The son of Clarence Burkey and Myrtle Kimmel. She was born October 17, 1882 in Paulding County. The daughter of Hugh Scott Kimmel and Mary E. Kimmel.

By 1900, Myrtle and Crist were living with her parents in Brown Township. On February 20, 1906, Myrtle married George William Straley. He was born December 29, 1872 in Ohio. This couple will go on to have children of their own. Rossie Raymond born 1902, Waldo George 1909. By 1910, Crist was living with his grandparents while in school. Myrtle and George along with Rossie and Waldo George were living in Brown Township. In 1911, a son Johnie E. was born. On August 14, 1917, Crist joined the National Guard out of Paulding. He served with Company B. 2nd Ohio National Guard. He was listed as tall, slender build, brown eyes, brown hair and working for Levi Brothers as a farm laborer.

On June 15, 1918, Crist boarded the ship, "Leviathan" at Hoboken, New Jersey and set sail for France. He was assigned to Company K. 146th Infantry as a private. Also boarding the ship, was a Haviland fella named Floyd Lininger. On August 1, 1918, Crist was promoted to private first class. He was then promoted to cook, September 1, 1918. On September 12, 1918, Crist's stepfather, George William Straley, registered for the draft. Short and slender build, black hair, brown eyes and a farmer, but he was not chosen. Crist served in the Muese-Argonne and Ypre-Lys defensive sector was honorably discharged April 13, 1919. After returning home, Crist married a gal named Rosa Mae Barker, in Paulding, April 15, 1919. Rosa was born, September 19, 1898. The

daughter of Lewis and Maude (Bell) Barker.

By 1920, Crist and Rosa were living on West Perry Street in Paulding, with his parents. On February 11, 1920, they became the proud parents of a son, Lewis Isaac Kimmel. Followed by Edwin Harold Kimmel, born August 2, 1921. Crist half-brother, Rossie passed away, June 17, 1927 in Jackson, Michigan due to an appendicitis burst. He was buried in Little Auglaize Cemetery. Crist other half-brother, Johnie, passed away October 13, 1929, and is also buried in Little Auglaize Cemetery. By 1930, Crist, Rosa and the boys, were living in Paulding.

Crist was working as a farm laborer, and the boys were in school. On April 15, 1931, Crist's mother Myrtle, passed away in Paulding. She was buried in Little Auglaize with her boys.

On February 15, 1932, Crist was admitted to the Veterans Hospital in Dayton, Ohio for appendicitis. On November 1, 1932, Crist's stepfather, George passed away. He too, was buried in Little Auglaize Cemetery. By 1935, the Kimmel family had moved to Scott, Ohio. By 1940, the Kimmel family was living on Biaine Street in Scott. Crist was working for the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) as a laborer.

On March 3, 1941, Crist passed away in Paulding. He was buried in Wiltsie Cemetery. On July 1, 1941, Lewis registered for the World War Two Draft, followed by Edwin on February 16, 1942. Both served with Lewis attaining the rank of Sergeant. Crist received his military tombstone June of 1941.

Sometime after 1957, Rosa remarried, she married Edward Heck, a widower from Payne. Rosa passed away April 21, 1973 and was buried with Crist at Wiltsie Cemetery.

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Pictured receiving the grant (L to R) is Josh Busch - President of Defiance Softball Association and Ed Caryer - Defiance Moose Lodge trustee.

Congratulations to the Defiance Baseball Association (DBA) on their \$1000 grant from the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant will be used for the tournament fees for 5 different Defiance baseball teams.

Congratulations to the Defiance Softball Association for the recent grant of \$5,000 re-

ceived from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This grant will be put towards their summer softball and Tball programs, to provide adequate and safe facilities and equipment for the children. Because of this generous gift, the Defiance Softball Association named the field after the Defiance Moose Lodge!

TAKE THE PLUNGE

By: Doris Applegate

Scribed by: Jessica Stevens

In church we often sing the following song about the blood of Jesus Christ: "I see, I see the cleansing stream, the fountain deep and wide, I plunge and on it cleanseth me, yes, cleanseth me." By seeing our need of cleansing we must first realize that we are dirty. As a sinner needing forgiveness of sin and cleansing we will find that the blood of Jesus Christ is the only cleansing agent.

Jesus Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life." Many folk try to find salvation some other way and do not realize that Jesus Christ is the

way to God. What a refreshing when we take a shower or a bath and come out sparkling clean. The rest of our day goes so much better. So it is when we, a filthy lost sinner, has the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ applied to our life, we are also refreshed and vibrant to walk securely and pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ.

From this wonderful spiritual "shower" the Lord Jesus has a friend who now can obey and love Him and bring forth beautiful fruit by doing the "good works" that he has planned for them to do. We now abide in Jesus Christ who is also called the vine and we the branches. This is how we bear the good fruit. If

we do not stay connected to the vine and lose touch with Jesus through our prayers and fellowship, then we will wither and dry up and the branches are cut off.

The Apostle Paul said, "We are grafted into the olive tree which is Israel and for us not to be high-minded because we can also be taken out. The day will come when Israel will be put in to its place in the olive tree.

The big question now: Are you grafted into the vine? Have you been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ for your filthy sins? "You must be born again (saved) by the blood and by the Spirit or you do not belong to Jesus.

Pray: "Lord Jesus I come to you now, please forgive my sins and lead me in the way that I should go."

Amen

GRIEFSHARE CONTINUES

When someone loved dies, there is no timetable to predict when your grief over their loss will end. There is no set amount of time that will predict when the tears will no longer come, or when you will stop setting that extra place at the dining table. But there is hope.

Grief recovery is gradual. Life will continue and you will laugh again. Time does not heal all the wounds of grief, but gradually the pain will begin to lessen.

GriefShare can play a significant part in grief recovery. This video-led program examines the many aspects of the grieving process. Sharing your own unique grief may help others as you may gain insight from their experiences. You do not need to grieve alone.

On Saturday morning, April 20, GriefShare will begin by offering a special session that deals with the loss of a husband or wife. Sessions on the following weeks deal with the general aspects of dealing with missing loved ones.

In our community the GriefShare program is offered on Saturday mornings in the library of the Leo Methodist Church on Hwy. 1. Sessions begin at ten each Saturday morning and conclude at noon. Some material is Bible based but non-denominational.

There are thirteen meetings in each program, and they are informal and friendly. Registrations can be made online at griefshare.org or by calling 260 627-2580. The only cost is the purchase of the workbook at twenty dollars. You may also just walk in any Saturday morning.

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tained life.

Headlining the program will be Nancy Linz, a leading actor in the effort to designate by law April as National Native Plant Month in Ohio; Debra Knapke, "The Garden Sage," who will share how to craft your garden for cultivated foraging; and Brad Lepper, senior archeologist, World Heritage Program, Ohio History Connection, who will present on the food-producing capacity of the ancient, indigenous Hopewell culture.

"The EPN is always thrilled to host our signature Earth

READY, SET, LIBRARY! CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH DPLS

First held in 1958, National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country, including Defiance County's, each April.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries and library workers' contributions, and to promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library," illustrating the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. All kinds of libraries—school, public, academic, and special—participate.

If you decide to celebrate with a trip to your local library, Defiance Public Library System has plenty to do and see.

At Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., stop in April 9 and pick up a take-and-make kit to create your own book page roses (ages 18+). Also April 9, the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities will drop in at 10:30 a.m. to share a story, "Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You," by Sonia Sotomayor. Visit on April 11 for the Readers' Circle (10 a.m.) or Mysteries and More (6 p.m.) book clubs. Plus, the Friends of Defiance Public Library will host a used book sale on April 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance, with proceeds benefitting the library.

In Hicksville, visit Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W. High St., on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. for Spring Storytime. Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N. Harrison St., will be celebrating in style April 8-13 with book-themed games, crafts, and activities for kids, available during open hours while supplies last.

Each year, National Library Week kicks off with the highly anticipated annual list of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books, as well as the State of Defiance Public Library 320 Fort St. Defiance, OH 43512. ph. 419-782-1456; fax. 419-782-6235; Johnson Memorial Library; 116 W High St., Hicksville, OH 43526, ph. 419-542-6200, fax. 419-542-1015; Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N Harrison, Sherwood, OH 43556, ph. 419-899-4343; fax. 419-899-3479.

www.defiancelibrary.org. Defiance's Libraries Report, both of which will be available to view at ala.org.

Day event, and this year is no exception," said Joe Campbell, director of the EPN. "Our ability to showcase these plants and leading experts and advocates of native plants for food at our annual celebration is a true gift."

There will also be opportunities to engage with interactive exhibits and experts from Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' statewide outreach arm; enjoy drinks prepared from Asimina triloba (American papaw), Acer saccharum (sugar maple), and Vaccinium pallidum (low-bush blueberry); and learn about the 2024 Ohio Native Plants of Distinction.

DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE DONATES TO DEFIANCE STUDENTS



Pictured receiving the grant (L to R) are Jenna Gibson - Spanish teacher at Defiance High School, Katherine McDonald - sophomore at Defiance High School, Ryleigh Anderson - sophomore at Defiance High School and Melvina Smith - Defiance Moose Lodge Chaplain.

Congratulations to the Spanish class students from Defiance High School who went on the Costa Rica trip

during spring break this year. The Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 has granted them \$1000 to help cover the trip cost.

VANCREST OF HICKSVILLE MOVES

Vancrest of Hicksville announced that they have changed locations.

They have moved from 401 Fountain St, Hicksville to 601 Defiance Ave, Hicksville, OH.

LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

Mowing

The grass is (or will be) growing shortly and we'd like to share with you a few guidelines on mowing. Many homeowners take mowing for granted not realizing how much impact it has on the health and appearance of the lawn. Each of the following tips plays an important part in your lawn's health and appearance.

1. Sharpen your mower blades. Do this at least once a year or as frequently as needed to keep them sharp for the best cut. Sharp mower blades give a clean even cut to your lawn. Additionally they help prevent tearing and shredding the grass blades, which can give your grass an off-color appearance.

2. Adjust the cutting height of the mower throughout the season. For spring and fall, mower settings should be at medium-height. By doing this in early spring, mowing at a medium-height, this will remove the top brown-part of the blades and let more sunlight reach the grass plants to encourage early green-up. Avoid mowing too low which causes stress to the

lawn. Mowing too low eliminates the leaf surface. Loosening leaf surface reduces the plants ability to perform photosynthesis. During summer or drought, higher adjustment settings should be used during the hotter months when the grass growth is slower. This also helps your lawn maintain better drought tolerance with hotter temperatures and less rain. Remember, the hotter and drier, the higher you should set your mower.

3. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass height. Cutting off more than a third creates a physiological shock that can make it more susceptible to disease. Frequent mowing with a regular mower or using a mulching mower will avoid the necessity of bagging your lawn clippings; however, you may catch the clippings if you prefer. The important thing is not to let the grass get so high that mowing removes more than one-third of the grass blade. For best results, mow your lawn approximately every five days.

4. Mow when your lawn is dry to avoid clogging your mower. Wet grasses stick to your mower and clogs can cause problems. However, if you absolutely have to mow when it is wet, make sure to wash out the cutting area of the mower immediately when you are finished. This makes it much easier to keep the mower clean and problem free.

5. Alternate mowing direction. This aids in achieving a quality appearance. For instance, if you mowed east and west last time, mow

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diagonally next time. Cutting in different directions tends to keep the grass blades more erect and ensures a more even cut.

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FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2023-24 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Chad Grote, assigned to Marion County, received a report of a harvested deer hanging behind a house. Officer Grote checked to see if the deer had been properly game checked and found it had not. Officer Grote also discovered carcass parts on the property from two other deer which had not been properly tagged. The suspect was found guilty in Marion Municipal Court and paid \$138 in fines and court costs.

In February, State Wildlife Officer Austin Levering, assigned to Knox County, and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Matt Hoehn attended the National Wild Turkey Federation National Convention in Nashville, Tenn. Officers Levering and Hoehn met with conservation staff from agencies across the nation and attended law enforcement presentations. Officers Levering and Hoehn also staffed a Division of Wildlife display and spoke with hundreds of convention attendees.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During the 2023 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Ryan Burke, assigned to Hancock County, and State Wildlife Officer Brock Williamson, assigned to Seneca County, investigated a landowner harvest anomaly. Officers Burke and Williamson discovered an individual had harvested an antlered deer early in the season, and the individual's wife had game-checked a second buck on behalf of the suspect later in the season. The husband was issued a summons for taking two antlered deer during a hunting season and his wife was issued a summons for checking a deer she did not harvest. They both pleaded guilty in Upper Sandusky Municipal Court. The wife paid \$275 in fines and court costs and her hunting license was revoked for one year. The husband paid \$375 in fines and court costs, lost hunting privileges for two years, and paid an additional \$3,939.08 in restitution. The buck was forfeited to the state and the meat was donated to a local food pantry.

In March, the 32nd Wildlife Officer Cadet Training Academy attended a waterfowl enforcement and identification training class at Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area. Each wildlife officer class since 2007 has been required to complete the training, which has now trained more than 90 officers. Officers learned to identify approximately 40 species of migratory waterfowl and game birds by wing and flight characteristics as well as dozens of nongame birds typically found in and

around wetland habitats. Other training topics covered include plant identification, state and federal migratory bird hunting regulations, waterfowl hunting history, and the process for setting migratory bird seasons. Officers also participated in field scenarios to replicate situations encountered by wildlife officers on patrol.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officers Mike Greer and Matt Madgar, assigned to Cuyahoga and Geauga counties, respectively, encountered a hunting party at Ladue Wildlife Area during the 2023 youth white-tailed deer gun season. The nonhunting adults accompanying a youth hunter failed to wear hunter orange clothing as required by law. The young hunter was compliant. The officers explained the importance of wearing orange during the deer gun seasons. The adults were charged for failure to wear a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls in solid or camouflage hunter orange.

State Wildlife Officer Scott Traver, assigned to Stark County, received a report of an illegal pet snapping turtle. Officer Traver retrieved the turtle and transferred it to Clover Field Wildlife Care, Inc. Unfortunately, the turtle could not be released back into the wild because it was kept in captivity for two years. The turtle now serves as a wildlife ambassador at Malone University, helping educate students about the importance of keeping wildlife wild.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In November 2023, State Wildlife Officer Benjamin Smith, assigned to Morgan County, spotted a hunter standing on top of an oil storage tank at Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area. Officer Smith contacted the hunter, who knew he was not permitted to be on the tank. Officer Smith explained that it is unsafe and unlawful to stand on top, or be in contact with, an oil tank or other oil and gas infrastructure on a wildlife area. The suspect was issued a summons for the violation and paid a fine of \$150 in Morgan County Court.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Houston Wireman, assigned to Shelby County, State

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT LONG-TERM CARE?

We all hope to remain healthy and independent throughout our lives - but life can be unpredictable. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, would you be financially prepared?

Long-term care encompasses everything from the services of a home health aide to a stay in an assisted living facility to a long residence in a nursing home. You may never need any of these kinds of care, but the odds aren't necessarily in your favor: Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of needing some type of long-term care services and support in their remaining years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And all types of long-term care can involve considerable financial expense. The median annual cost for a home health aide's services is more than \$60,000 per year, and it's more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Furthermore, contrary to many people's expectations, Medicare usually pays very little of these costs.

Of course, some people expect their family will be able to take care of their long-term care needs. But this may not be a viable strategy. For one thing, your family mem-

bers simply may not have the skills needed to give you the type of care you may require.

Also, by the time you might need help, your grown children or other family members might not live in your area.

So, you may need to protect yourself and your loved ones from the potential costs of long-term care. Basically, you've got two main choices: You could self-insure or you could transfer the risk by purchasing some type of long-term care insurance.

If you have considerable financial resources, you might find self-insuring to be attractive, rather than choosing insurance and paying policy premiums. You may wish to keep an emergency savings or investment account that's earmarked exclusively for long-term care to help avoid relying on your other retirement accounts. But self-insuring has two main drawbacks. First, because long-term care can be costly, you might need to plan for a significant amount. And second, it will be quite hard to predict exactly how much money you'll need, because so many variables are involved - your age when you start needing care, interest rates or inflation, the cost of care in your area, the type of care you'll require, the length of time you'll need care, and so on.

As an alternative to self-insuring, you could purchase long-term care insurance,

which can provide benefits for home health care, adult day care and assisted living and nursing home facilities. However, you will need to consider the issues attached to long-term care insurance. For one thing, it can be expensive, though the younger you are when you buy your policy, the more affordable it may be. Also, long-term care policies typically require you to wait a certain amount of time before benefits are paid. But policies vary greatly in what they offer, so, if you are thinking of buying this insurance, you'll want to review options and compare benefits and costs.

In any case, by being aware of the potential need for long-term care, its cost and the ways of paying for it, you'll be able to make the appropriate decisions for your financial situation, your needs and your loved ones.

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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)

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Hicksville: Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Red Angel Pizza, Johnson Memorial Library

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

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Scott: Scott Post Office

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

INDIANA LOCATIONS

Fort Wayne: Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, 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

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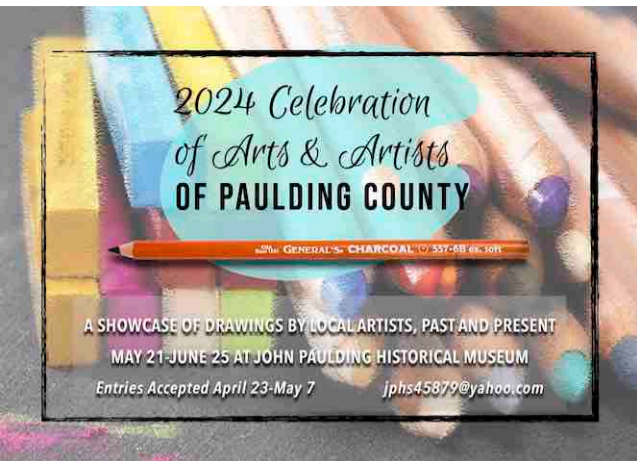
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MUSEUM ACCEPTING ART SHOW ENTRIES STARTING APRIL 23



John Paulding Historical Museum in Paulding invites artists to submit their artwork for Celebration of Arts and Artists of Paulding County exhibit from May 21 through June 25.

This year's event will feature drawings - including pastels, pen & ink, pencil/graphite, colored pencils and charcoal.

The show is open to current and former Paulding County artists, living or deceased. This year, a separate youth division has been created for students ages 14-18. Artists may be amateur or professional. Anyone who owns an eligible artwork may enter them in the show. Up to three works may be submitted.

Entry forms and complete guidelines can be found on the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum. Forms also will be available at the museum and county libraries, or can be requested by emailing jphs45879@yahoo.com. Artists are asked to include a brief biography when submitting

their artwork.

Entries will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays, April 23, April 30 and May 7, or by appointment. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive, across from the fairgrounds.

The public is welcome to attend the opening of the 2023 Celebration of Arts and Artists exhibit from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.

The exhibit will feature artworks from the museum's collection of past artists as well as those who have submitted their works to be displayed during this show.

The museum hopes to enhance and increase community appreciation of fine arts, to introduce the public to the county's rich heritage in the arts and to showcase the many talented artists who have resided here.

For more information, please call the museum at 419-399-3667 (leave message), email jphs45879@yahoo.com or text 419-769-3993.

Check the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum for updates.

home half of the sixth.

Ava Zartman and Logen Bland each had three hits to pace the Wayne Trace offense with Tianna Sinn, Katie Anna Baumle and Kaitlin Slade posting two hits apiece. Rae-gan McGarvey recorded the remaining red, white and blue hit.

Baumle scored three times for Wayne Trace while Sinn touched home plate twice. Sinn, Slade and Bland all drove in two runs to lead the Lady Raiders.

Emma Skinner and Melana Badea both finished with a single for Lima Central Catholic.

Bland got the win for the red, white and blue, tossing a complete game with six strikeouts.

Skinner took the loss for the Thunderbirds, fanning six in six innings of work.

RAMS, PANTHERS WIN QUAD TRACK MEET

The high school track season opened Thursday night at Antwerp High School where the Tinora boys and Parkway girls posted quadrangular meet victories.

Tinora took the boys portion of the meet with 102-1/4 points to easily get past second place Parkway's 77-1/2 points. Antwerp finished third at 35-1/4 points and Continental placed fourth with 35 points.

Tinora's 3200 relay team of Brennan Gentit, Noah Meyer, Logan Coy and Paul Westrick took first in 8:47.00 while the Ram 800 relay quartet of Joey Guisinger, Graham Askins, Owen Ackerman and Ryan Steingass took first in 1:35.88. Gentit, Westrick, Aiden Ritzenhouse and Steingass combined to place first in the 1600 relay with a time of 3:41.56.

Parkway's quartet of Ethan Pond, Zach Rogers, Trevor Stearns and Luke Booher also was victorious in the 400 relay, posting a time of 46.84.

Antwerp's Tavin Sholl was a double winner, capturing the 100 dash (11.68) and 400 dash (53.68). Ackerman won two individual events as well as the relay, taking first in the

long jump (19-7-1/2) and high jump (6-4).

Other individual winners included Continental's Tyson Clementz (110 hurdles, 17.65), Coy (1600 run, 4:52.12), Parkway's Thomas Hague (300 hurdles, 43.50), Westrick (800 run, 2:07.31), Stearns (200 dash, 22.50), Pond (discus, 109-5), Continental's Jonathan Etter (pole vault, 12-0), Tinora's Noah Meyer (3200 run, 10:49.99) and Tinora's Lucas Stein (shot put, 42-3).

Parkway (87-1/2) nipped second place Tinora (83-1/2) to win the girls meet with Continental (32) third and Antwerp (31) fourth.

Tinora won three of the four relay events on the girls side as well.

Addison Gerken, Emma Bailey, Nova Okuley and Julia Durfey combined to win the 800 relay (1:59.12) while Kaylee Dickinson, Bailey, Karli Okuley and Eowyn Blanchard were victorious for the Rams in the 400 relay (57.32). The foursome of Addison Gerken, Nova Okuley, Durfey and Blanchard took first in the 1600 relay (4:41.50).

Parkway was victorious in the 3200 relay (11:22.00) behind the efforts of Paige Williamson, Katie Trisel, Christina Tong and Alexis Berry.

Continental's Makenzie Shock was a multiple winner, taking first in the 100 hurdles (17.39) and 300 hurdles (51.37). Tinora's Tatum Creps captured both the discus (98-11) and shot put (31-8).

First place finishers individually included Antwerp's Emily Laker (14.20), Parkway's Taylor Muhlenkamp (1600 run, 5:39.81), Williamson (400 dash, 1:06.81), Parkway's Lexie Berry (800 run, 2:47.31), Durfey (200 dash, 28.62), Tinora's India Okuley (3200 run, 12:15.62), Dickinson (pole vault, 8-0), Continental's Rhaegan Marshall (long jump, 15-9) and Tinora's Nova Okuley (high jump, 4-10).

QUICK START PROPELS PANTHERS OVER PATRIOTS

Seven runs in the first inning proved to be more than enough as the Paulding Lady Panthers rolled to a 17-4 victory over Patrick Henry Thursday night in high school softball play.

The seven-run outburst by Paulding put the Panthers on top 7-3 at the end of one frame and the maroon and white extended the lead with two runs in the second to make it 9-3.

After the Patriots got one run back in the third, Paulding broke the game open with a six-run third to widen the gap to 15-4 before going on to record the 17-4 victory.

SHEPHERD COMPETES IN COLLEGE ROWING EVENT



Gracie Shepherd, a Wayne Trace graduate in 2023, is a member of the University of Kansas women's rowing team and recently participated in her first competition as a member of the Jayhawks squad. Kansas took part in the Sunshine State Invitation in Sarasota, Florida, on Friday and Saturday with the team posting a sixth-place finish overall in the 2nd Varsity Division. The Jayhawks took fourth in the preliminary heat on Friday with a time of 7:10.03. In the finals on Saturday, the Jayhawks recorded a

sixth-place finish but improved their time to 6:50.68. Congratulations Gracie and Good Luck the rest of the year! (Photo courtesy of Kansas Athletics).



Tia Mendez tossed the victory for Paulding, throwing three innings with three strikeouts. Riley Stork also fanned two Patrick Henry hitters in two innings of relief for the Lady Panthers.

Cadence Schwab topped Paulding with four hits while Jocelynn Parrett, Maci Kauser and Brooklynn Bakle all finished with three hits for the maroon and white. Mendez, Mariah Klopfenstein and Marley Parrett posted two hits apiece.

Schwab also scored four times and drove in four runs while Jocelynn Parrett and Mariah Klopfenstein both drove in three runners.

Kauser, Mendez, Jocelynn Parrett, Jalyn Klopfenstein and Marley Parrett each touched home plate twice for the maroon and white.

ACES FALL IN SEASON OPENER TO KNIGHTS

In season opening high school baseball action on Thursday, visiting Crestview broke open a tie game with six runs in the top of the tenth on its way to a 9-4 victory over Hicksville Thursday evening.

The Aces jumped in front 2-0 in the bottom of the third before the Knights plated two runs in the top of the fifth to knot the game at 2-2.

Hicksville went back on top in the bottom of the sixth with a single run but Crestview responded with a run in the seventh to even the game at 3-3.

The Van Wert County squad then broke the game open in the tenth with six runs in the visitors portion of the frame to open a 9-3 advantage.

Hicksville did get one run in the bottom of the tenth but it was the visiting Knights who went on to record the 9-4 victory.

Brayson Penix pitched four innings in relief to get the win for the Knights, allowing three hits, one run and two walks with seven strikeouts. Preston Kreisler started for Crestview, tossing six frames rendering four hits, three runs and two walks while striking out eight.

Owen Stuckey took the loss for Hicksville, allowing four hits, five runs and three walks with four strikeouts in three innings of work. Aidan Pollock and Brant Langham also saw action on the mound for the Aces.

Connor Sheets had two hits and three runs batted in for Crestview with Hunter Jones and Nolan Walls also driving in one run apiece. Evan Hart topped the Knights with three hits while Kreisler and David Cereghan each picked up two hits. Ayden Heytt, Hunter Jones and Nolan Walls all had one hit for the Knights.

Austin Sanders topped Hicksville with three hits and a run batted in with Stuckey adding two hits and a run batted in. Parker Bassett and Bronson Graber finished with one hit apiece for the Aces.

RAIDERS BLANK LCC

Wayne Trace pounded out 13 hits while limiting Lima Central Catholic to just two as the Lady Raiders recorded an 8-0 victory over the Thunderbirds in high school softball action.

The red, white and blue scored one time in the first and two more in the second to jump in front 3-0 after two innings.


Wayne Trace then extended the margin in the fourth with three more runs to push the lead to 6-0. The Lady Raiders wrapped up the scoring with two runs in the

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ABOUT SEDONA



Phil and Amanda Miller had two beautiful daughters, that were the talk of the Town, Goring, Missouri. Phil and Amanda were strict Methodists in a town of Baptists, Presbyterians and Lutherans. The oldest daughter Shelby, fell in love with a Methodist by the name of Loring Johnson, of the respected Johnson family. He was really a catch. He owned a hardware store. But problems started when Dona met and fell in love with a Presbyterian boy, T. C. Schnebly. TC had thoughts of moving out west someday, but because that Sedona's parents just could not get by the fact that he was a Presbyterian. They never did reconcile so their married life was difficult. They stayed in Going Spring for nearly four years before deciding it was time to move west. TC's brother Ellsworth had moved to Arizona because of his health, and he loved it.

breakfast, and also built a road to Flagstaff. Sedona began serving evening meals. They were sure that if people came for the day they would stay the night. Then if tourists came they would need a post office, so TC applied and was granted a post office inside of a general store, which was the practice of that time. The name of the new town would be called Schnebly Station. However it had too many letters for the post office stamping devices so they had to find another name.

TC came up with a brilliant idea, the name of the new town would be Sedona, Arizona. Theodore Carlton Schnebly had become a success. But that's not the end of the story. Loring Johnson, Shelby's husband died in jail, Leavenworth Prison no less. We'll leave this to the reader too discover what happened, perhaps he was trying too hard to please everyone. I don't believe Sedona's parents ever accepted TC.

Today if you go to Flagstaff, and take Schnebly Hill Road to Sedona, you will see the beautiful, peaceful land that TC and Sedona discovered. You will see the beautiful brass statue that was erected for Sedona Schnebly. There is one thing that is unique to their town. They have the only McDonald's in the world, that doesn't have golden arches. Their arches are turquoise so

Ellsworth kept saying it was the most beautiful place on earth. He was living in a canyon beside a beautiful river with high cliffs of limestone that glowing red each morning and evening. TC homesteaded 80 acres and a settled in to a peaceful lifestyle. By now TC and Sedona had three daughters. The view was breathtaking and the quiet peaceful lifestyle was to their liking. TC built a ten room stone house to use for a bed and

as not to interfere with the beautiful red sunrises and sunsets.

One thing that is interesting to me, Sedona's mother made up her name, by simply putting letters together. This was not even a word before her mother made it up. Why didn't I learn how to put together consonants and vowels in school. I guess we'll never know.

BLAZERS SCORE LATE IN BLANKING OF WARRIORS

Woodlan and Eastside battled through four scoreless innings before the host Blazers picked up a trio of runs late to post a 3-0 win over the Warriors in high school baseball action Thursday.

With the game scoreless in the bottom of the fifth and two outs, Ryder Reed singled and advanced on a Woodlan error to second. J McClain then reached on an error that allowed Reed to score for a 1-0 Eastside advantage.

The Blazers then added to the lead in the sixth.

Wyatt Davis tripled to start the inning before Nolan Steury singled one out later to plate Davis, putting Eastside on top 2-0. After Brayden Baatz walked, Loden Johnson hit a run-scoring double that extended the Blazer advantage to 3-0.

Woodlan put two runners on in the seventh, getting a single by Jordan Halsey and an Ashtin Jacquay walk. However, the Warriors could not get the key hit in falling by the 3-0 margin.

Baatz and Steury each had two hits to lead the Blazers with Davis, Reed and Johnson getting one hit apiece. Reed, Davis and Steury scored the Eastside runs while Steury and Johnson drove in runs.

Reed picked up the win on the mound for Eastside, tossing five innings in relief allowing two hits and two walks while striking out 11. Jace Mayberry pitched the first two frames, giving up two hits and a walk with six strikeouts.

Woodlan totaled four hits in the contest, getting a pair of hits from Halsey with Oliver Adams and Alex Piedra picking up one each.

Gavin Sheehan suffered the loss for the Warriors, tossing 5-1/3 frames with four strikeouts while surrendering six hits, three runs (two earned) and three walks. Nolan Meeks got the final two outs for the Warriors, giving up one hit as well.

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BLAZERS CRUISE TO WIN OVER WARRIORS

The Woodlan Lady Warriors opened their 2024 softball season on Monday with visiting Eastside outscoring the Warriors 7-1 for the victory.

The Blazers struck quickly, plating three runs in the first, before adding single runs in the second and third to open a 5-0 advantage.

Eastside scored one more time each in the fifth and sixth with Woodlan getting its lone run in the home half of the

ANTWERP STUDENTS RECEIVED ALL-OHIO STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD



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All-Ohio Student Leadership Award from the Ohio Association of Student Leaders. This award is given to students who represent a standard of excellence that puts them above the crowd. Their leadership and guidance have

brought new direction, insight, and imagination into Antwerp High School. In addition, their presence has made the difference because of their years of service in student council.

WOODBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 02/05/2024

Minutes for the Woodburn City Council Meeting on February 5th, 2024:

The meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Hileman, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Council Members Gerig, Gentz and Graber. Council Members Sarrazine and Watts not present.

Chief's Report: The chief was asked about the new PD vehicle. Nothing else to report.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent and crew will be remove Christmas light and hang banners. Water main break on Front Street and SR 101 has been repaired. Water Main break on Bull Rapids Road was repaired. The potholes on Stenger Street Will be patched once the weather is warmer.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelsey discussed what took place at the board of works meeting and the discussion of getting the IFA LSLI Grant Funding.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the February 5th meeting. After discussion, Council Member Gerig moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented, second by Council Member Gentz, all present in favor.

The warrants were presented. After discussion, Council Member Gerig moved to pay the warrants as presented, second by Council Member Graber, all present in favor.

Councilmen's Report: Council Member Gerig present an event that a church wanted to put on in the fall and asked for collaboration with the city.

Audience: Nothing to report, one present.

Council Member Gerig moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Graber, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

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

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/7/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, in the Hicksville Village Council Chambers. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

Hicksville Mayor Mike Barth updated the board on staffing for the Village of Hicksville EMS, and the Commissioners updated the Mayor on the status of various County projects in the Hicksville area including the newly completed MARCS Tower and plans for improvements at the Middle Gordon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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C.J. Leary wins at Paragon in the 410 Sprints. Christopher Pedersen photo



Michigan's Travis Stemier wins Late Model feature. Action Photos Ohio



Bryce Lucius #32 hangs on to win. Action Photos Ohio.

By: Ron Burt
Attica Raceway Park Opens

Northwest Ohio loves the 410-winged sprints, and their opening night feature was a nail-biter. Bryce Lucius was the 2023 national 410 rookie of the year and recently celebrated his 17th birthday, ran in the top 3 the entire feature. Lucius took advantage of a late race mechanical issue for Cale Thomas and led the final two laps to score his first career 410 sprint feature win to open the 2024 season. Nate Dussel led the first 22 laps of the 30-lap affair before Thomas took over, leading until lap 28 when Lucius drove into the lead and got the win. The top five in the Callies Performance Products 410 Sprints feature were 1st Bryce Lucius, 2nd Cale Thomas, Nate Dussel, 4th Max Stambaugh, and 5th Skylar Gee.

UMP Late Model feature saw Todd Brennan jump into an early lead but Ionia, Michigan's Travis Stemier powered into the top spot on lap eight, utilizing lapped traffic for the pass. Stemler was able to pull away for his second career Attica win over Rusty Schlenk, Devin Shiels, John Lee, and

Ryan Markham.

The 25-lap Fremont Fence 305 Sprint feature also came down to the closing laps. Dustin Stroup led the first 22 laps, but bouncing in a rut on the track allowed the four time and defending Attica track champion Jamie Miller to grab the lead and drive to his 40th career Attica win. Stroup, Shawn Valenti, Steve Rando, and Seth Schneider rounded out the top five.

In USAC News

The 2024 USAC Midget National Championship season officially begins on April 26-27 at Kokomo Speedway. Saturated grounds forced cancellation of last Friday's Jim Hurtubise Classic at Terre Haute Speedway. The USAC Sprint cars went to Red Hill Raceway Saturday, April 6. Logan Seavey will enter this weekend as USAC National Sprint Car point leader. He has a 38-point lead over C.J. Leary who won last week at Paragon Speedway in Brownstown, IN. USAC has been announced as the official sanctioning body of the newest endurance racing series in 2024. The 4-event Porsche Motorsport North America championship includes three 60-minute races & a single 6-hour race in its inaugural season.

Great Lakes Super Sprint News

April will be a busy month for the 360 Great Lakes Super Sprints. The year starts at Waynesfield Raceway Park, near Lima, on Saturday, April

13. On Saturday, April 19th they will be at I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa, MI. They finish the month with two race nights at I-75 Raceway in Sweetwater, TN on the 26th and 27th. This track is Southeast of Nashville. The GLSS will be racing against the USCS based out of Georgia. Look for great 360 racing and bragging rights for North vs South! Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out! ohioSPORTSBLITZ@yahoo.com

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Justin M. Kipker, Payne, OH; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; 180 jail days, 172 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; 20 hrs community service; Online classes; Write a letter of apology; Risk assessment; Evaluation at Westwood; Mental health evaluation

Jagjinder S. Sandhu, Brampton, ON; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Johnathan R. Wells, Antwerp, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Deonna A. Carroll, Van Wert, OH; Aggravated menacing; Guilty; 90 jail days, 89 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Placed on standard probation; Submit an evaluation; No contact with victims; No unlawful contact with village of Payne; Complete 40 hrs community service; Risk assessment; Online classes

Kyla M. Hoyt, Bowling Green, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Case dismissed at defendant's cost

George L. Waxler Jr., Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Patrick M. Elkins II, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

David M. Mohley, Antwerp, OH; Driving under FRA suspension; Guilty; 30 jail days, 30 days suspended; Placed on standard probation; Secure a valid operator's license; Complete 20 hours of community service

Destiny P. Hostettler, Paulding, OH; Driving under operator license forfeiture suspension, Count A dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Vladislav Golub, Dayton, OH; Marked lanes, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Permit violation, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Dillon B. Ringo, Montezuma, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Anthony C. Quartans, Ottoville, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Gary L. Jones, Paulding, OH; Prohibited turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Wenhao Wang, Monterey Park, CA; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dalton D. Wilcoxson, Brookhaven, MS; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mohammad A. Mohammad, Grove City, OH; Driving, texting, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Regis-

tration violation, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Jerry D. Goins Jr., Scott, OH; Marked lanes; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

I-69 CONSTRUCTION TO RESUME IN FORT WAYNE

INDOT announces alternating lane closures for continued work on I-69.

Starting on or after April 9, crews will be working between Branstrator Road and Coldwater Road on concrete patching and joint repair. Work will take place in both directions of I-69 throughout the construction season.

Work will begin on the inside lanes of northbound I-69 between approximately mile markers 300 and 302. Construction on this portion is expected to last for three weeks. Crews are then expected to move to the outside lanes in this area to complete the same work. Construction in this section is expected to be complete by mid-May.

Construction will continue to move north until work on this side of I-69 is complete. Work on the southbound side of I-69 is expected to begin mid-summer. All work locations and dates will be announced as construction advances throughout the season.

Overall, work on this project is expected to last until November. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL REMINDS MOTORISTS TO ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the Ohio State Highway Patrol is urging motorists to commit to eliminating distractions while behind the wheel.

Ohio's distracted driving law became a primary offense last April after Governor Mike DeWine signed SB 288. When the law took effect, motorists were given a six-month grace period before the law became enforceable. During that time, officers stopped motorists for illegally using an electronic device, educated them on the new law and warned them for the violation. The new law became enforceable in October and during the final three months of last year, troopers issued 3,575 citations for distracted driving violations. This was a 119% increase from the same time period in 2022.

Distracted driving was a factor in 55,857 Ohio crashes from 2019 through 2023. Of these crashes, 169 were fatal, resulting in 185 deaths. In addition, more than 29,000 people were injured in distracted driving-related crashes.

The distracted driving law change has made a clear and positive impact on the safety of Ohio roadways. In 2023, there were 28 distracted driving-related fatal crashes across the state. This was the fewest distracted driving-related deaths over the last five years.

"Ohio's strengthened law is saving lives by changing the culture around distracted driving, but we still need more drivers to commit to focusing

on the road," said Governor DeWine. "National Distracted Driving Awareness Month is a great reminder for drivers to put their phones down and limit in-car distractions."

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity with the potential to take the driver's focus from the primary task of driving, and increase the risk of crashing. Distractions can be visual, taking eyes off the road; manual, taking hands off the wheel; or cognitive, taking the driver's mind off driving. Texting while driving is an example of all three types of distractions at once. Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field when traveling at 55 mph.

"In 2024, distracted driving enforcement will continue to be a high priority," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "We must continue to educate the public on the dangers and consequences of distracted driving."

The Patrol reminds you to safely call #677 when you see unsafe driving or if you need assistance on Ohio roadways.

MERCY HEALTH OFFERS NEW TOOL TO ASSESS PAIN MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

For many, joint pain is a fact of life. Often these conditions create significant hurdles in the enjoyment of ever day living.

In fact, studies show 90% of Americans with osteoarthritis end up suffering with joint pain for extended periods when a knee replacement could vastly improve their quality of life. Additionally, a lack of mobility due to pain often leads to other health issues, including weight gain and depression.

"People often think that they should postpone getting a joint replacement because they believe that they will have to go through it again," said orthopedic surgeon Dr. Richard Miller. "But while these patients wait for the perceived right time, they could be living with unneces-

sary pain." More than 30 million adults in the US suffer from osteoarthritis, which is the most common cause of chronic joint pain and can be brought on by age, joint injuries, genetics or weight. Osteoarthritis is the result of the breakdown of the joint cartilage, causing the underlying bone to change. Because there is no cure, osteoarthritis is treated with physical therapy, medications, and possibly surgery.

Most joint replacements occur in patients between the age of 60 and 80, however, factors such as the severity of pain and level of disability influence the decision to undergo joint replacement surgery.

Dr. Miller noted that often patients who don't regularly visit their doctor are left to guess when their symptoms should lead to action. He suggested that a joint risk assessment can remove some of the guesswork.

To better help patients, and the community, understand the true impact of joint pain symptoms on their quality of life, Mercy Health is offering an online health risk assessment tool, which is available to anyone at no cost. The tool empowers users to explore their unique circumstances and offers possible options for treatment, self-care, and/or lifestyle changes.

Here's how it works: After collecting general data about the user such as age and activity level, the assessment will ask questions about the level and frequency of pain experienced while doing daily tasks and routine activities. The user will then receive a detailed recommendation tailored to their specific circumstance. There will also be follow up from Mercy Health if the user requests it, but personal medical information is never shared.

Visit mercy.com for more information on joint pain or take the Joint Risk Assessment at mercy.com/Toledo-JointQuiz

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FIND LOCAL EVENTS IN PAULDING COUNTY ON YODEL!

By: Erica Noggle

Are you tired of missing out on exciting local events happening right in Paulding County? Whether you're a resident or just passing through, staying in the loop with what's happening is essential. Fortunately, Yodel, a fantastic event discovery platform, is here to help you find and attend the best local events in Paulding County. In this blog, we'll explore how Yodel can connect you to a vibrant community and keep you informed about upcoming events in the area.

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DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES 3/11/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

The Board met with Tasha Eicher of Parkview Health to discuss the potential use of space in the current Vancrest building in Hicksville once Vancrest moves to their new building. She is looking for a space to use for a substance abuse recovery program that has shown success in other locations in Indiana, Inspiration Ministries. She also discussed the need for a backup clinical space for Parkview physicians who are currently leasing space at Community Memorial Hospital. Ron Goedde, CEO of Paulding County Hospital, was also present.

The Board met with Engineer and Landfill Director Warren Schlatter for a monthly update. He reported that the Mansfield Road bridge replacement is underway and on schedule. The Engineer's crew is currently replacing a culvert on Farmer Mark Road with more culverts planned in the coming weeks on Openlander and Kramer Roads. For the landfill, Mr. Schlatter reported that their intake was the second highest February on record.

The Board met with Arica Alvarez from the Maumee Valley Planning Organization to discuss an update to the Fair Housing Opportunity language for Defiance County as well as to discuss community training meetings on Fair Housing law. A new Fair Housing resolution was passed to update the County's policy with the following language to comply with state and federal law:

Defiance County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the designation of the policy promoting equal housing opportunity in the County of Defiance, Ohio to do all things necessary and proper to secure for all its citizens their right to equal housing opportunities, regardless of their race, color, national

origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, handicap, disability, or military status.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 3/14/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Conference Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Dana Phipps and Mick Pocratsky; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; HR Coordinator, Emily Meyer; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings.

Cecilia Parsons, Defiance County Recorder, met with the Commissioners to update them on a record scanning project.

Warren Schlatter, Defiance County Engineer, met with the Commissioners to open bids for the Banner School Road Connection and 2024 Widening of Various Roads. RG Zachrich Construction, Inc; Vernon Nagel, Inc; and Ward Construction submitted bids for the Banner School Road Connection and RG Zachrich Construction, Inc; Vernon Nagel, Inc; and Ward Construction submitted bids for the 2024 Widening of Various Roads.

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE BID NOTICE

The Village of Hicksville is looking for qualified individuals or companies to provide mowing services for nuisance lots and properties within the Village limits for the 2024 mowing season via a bidding process.

Bids should include a set price per hour. The best and lowest bidder will be awarded the project. The awarded contractor will then be responsible for mowing all nuisance properties as determined by Zoning Official.

Individuals or companies are invited to submit bids to the Village Municipal Building, 111 South Main St. Hicksville Ohio by **Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00am**. At such time, the Zoning Official will open and read aloud all bids received.

If you have any questions concerning this bid, please contact the Zoning Official at:

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NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: **LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

vs.

DUSTEN BLEEKE, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 182

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

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Jason K. Landers, Sheriff, Paulding County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction to the highest bidder of an amount sufficient to satisfy the judgment against each parcel on Thursday, May 2, 2024 by on-line bidding at:

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WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

APRIL SHOWERS BRING ...

ACROSS

- 5. A fragrant flower known for its clustered blooms in various colors.
- 6. A ruffled flower available in a wide range of colors, known for its spicy fragrance.
- 7. A large, fragrant flower with lush, layered petals in shades of pink, white, or red.
- 9. A tropical flower with large, trumpet-shaped blooms in shades of red, pink, or yellow.
- 11. A flowering shrub with large, rounded flower clusters in shades of blue, pink, or white.
- 12. A heart-shaped flower with dangling blooms in shades of pink or white.
- 15. A showy flower with distinctive, sword-shaped leaves and blooms in various colors.
- 16. A delicate flower with bell-shaped blooms and a sweet fragrance.
- 18. A bulbous plant with colorful cup-shaped flowers.
- 20. A large, showy flower with waxy petals in shades of white, pink, or purple.
- 21. A small, early-blooming flower with bright yellow, pink, or purple blooms.
- 22. A flowering shrub with

clusters of brightly colored blooms in shades of pink, red, or purple.

DOWN

- 1. A shrub with bright yellow flowers that bloom early in the spring.
- 2. A simple, cheerful flower with a yellow center and white petals.
- 3. A delicate flower with cup-shaped blooms in shades of white, pink, or purple.
- 4. A small, early-blooming flower often seen in shades of purple, white, or yellow.
- 8. A fragrant flower with funnel-shaped blooms in various colors, often used in floral arrangements.
- 10. The delicate flowers of cherry trees, often seen in shades of pink or white.
- 13. A trumpet-shaped flower with bright yellow or white petals.
- 14. A vibrant orange lily with dark spots or stripes on its petals.
- 16. A shrub with fragrant, clustered flowers in shades of purple, pink, or white.
- 17. A trailing plant with clusters of small, fragrant flowers in shades of purple, pink, or white.
- 19. A colorful flower with "faces" in shades of purple, yellow, and white.

solution on page 11

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

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Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

NOTICE OF ON-LINE SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Revised Code, Section 5721.19.1

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

In the Matter of Foreclosure of Liens for delinquent land taxes: **LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, TREASURER PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, Plaintiff,**

vs.

JOHN GIBSON, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 23 139

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

2845 Harrison Street, Cloverdale

Parcel Number: 31-25A-043-00 and 31-25A-044-00

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

The opening bid is Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-four and 46/100 (\$3,884.46) Dollars, sufficient to cover pro-rated taxes, assessments, penalties, costs and charges of this suit.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF PAULDING HOSTS COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County had the honor of welcoming multiple guests to the April 4, 2024, meeting which was their inaugural Community Luncheon. The group heard from Matt Miller, the club's Secretary, and Erica Noggle, its President. Matt delved into the origins of Kiwanis and shed light on its significance within Paulding County. While Erica

guided the proceedings, highlighting the distinctive aspects that make Kiwanis a profoundly charitable entity. Additionally, members present shared personal anecdotes about their journey into Kiwanis and the enriching experiences they've found as part of the organization. The Kiwanians would like to thank all of their guests that attended yesterday's meeting.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE-ARGUS, ANTWERP

1914-2001 Part 4

11-8-1962: The Republicans win every county election in record off-year balloting
 12-13-1962: Sub zero cold and drifting affecting entire area
 12-24-1962: The Bee Argus is now \$2.50 per year for Paulding, Defiance and Allen Co., IN \$3.00 elsewhere. Had not read that an increase was happening - just appeared in this issue.
 1-10-1963: News that a postal rate increase is going to happen (but no info on how much, when, etc)
 3-14-1963: New ad: Hotel Holland 351 W 42nd St., New York City. Double room is \$7.00 and every room has a

bath and shower.

3-21-1963: Paulding Co. Men's Chorus disbands after 38 years.
 5-16-1963: Series of articles in (1 each week) paper about the draft discussing what classification is, conscientious objectors and Standby Reservists. The military draft has been extended for 4 more years (until 7-1-1967) by the President.
 5-23-1963: Mother and daughter get B.S. Degrees at Defiance College. The commencement address is given by former President, Dwight Eisenhower.
 6-6-1963: Requiem Mass for Pope John XXIII to be held in local church.
 6-19-1963: John Cheney, 66, dies. Is the former publisher of the Bee Argus from

1947-51.
 6-27-1963: Antwerp's zip code to be 45813 effective July 1st.
 7-25-1963: Thousands lined the street for the D Day (Dedication Day) of the new \$32,000 firehouse. Parade with over 150 units and took an hour and 15 minutes to complete. Only a slight shower marred the event. An eclipse of the sun happened during the afternoon and precautions made by people not to look directly at the sun. Many county and state dignitaries were here.
 8-29-1963: U.S. Savings Bonds ad along with reasons people should invest took a full 1/2 page. A \$25 bond at maturity will cost \$18.75; \$50 bond is \$37.50; \$100 bond is \$75; \$200 bond is \$150; \$500 bond is \$375; \$1,000 bond is \$750; and a \$10,000 bond is \$7,500.
 10-3-1963: New 1964 cars being shown. 4 of the 5 ads from local dealers show convertibles.
 11-7-1963: Barbie (the doll) was introduced in 1959. Well... the local hardware store has set up a local official membership headquarters for girls to form "chapters" of 6 or more. Is free of charge and they will receive an official card and Barbie emblems.
 11-27-1963: President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, TX on Friday, Nov. 23. On Sunday, TV watchers were switched from Washington, D.C. to Dallas as the alleged assassin was murdered. Lyndon Johnson sworn in as new President on air flight from Dallas to D.C. (Paper contained 2 full pages of articles).
 FYI question: Who were the Presidents killed by gunfire? James Garfield, Abraham Lincoln, William McKinley and JFK
 — Submitted by Carol B.

and Wauseon.
 Taking part on the boys side of the district are Archbold, Bryan, Coldwater, Defiance, Delta, Elida, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Otsego, Ottawa Glandorf, St. Marys, Swanton, Van Wert and Wauseon.
 Lastly, Kenton and Spencerville are the only two local boys teams in Ontario with just the Kenton girls running at the home of the Warriors.
 The Division III districts will take place at Ada, Ayersville and Montpelier on May 16 and May 18.
 Local boys teams running at the home of the Pilots are Antwerp, Ayersville, Continental, Fairview, Fort Jennings, Holgate, Kalida, Leipsic, Miller City, North Baltimore, Ottoville, Patrick Henry, Paulding, Tinora, Van Buren and Wayne Trace.
 Those schools will be represented in the girls district less Paulding, which is in Division II.
 Schools making the trip to Hardin County for the boys and girls district include Ada, Arcadia, Arlington, Bluffton, Carey, Columbus Grove, Cory Rawson, Hardin Northern, McComb, Pandora Gilboa, Ridgemont, Riverdale, Upper Scioto Valley, Vanlue and Waynesfield Goshen. The Coldwater girls also will run in this district.
 Schools in both the boys and girls meets at Montpelier are Edgerton, Edon, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Liberty Center, Maumee Valley Country Day, Montpelier, North Central, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Pettisville, Stryker, Toledo Christian and Toledo Emmanuel Christian. The Delta girls will be taking part in the Montpelier district as well.
 Spencerville will be hosting a Division III district on May 15 and 17.
 Area teams taking part will come from Allen East, Crestview, Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Fort Recovery, Lima Central Catholic, Lima Perry, Lima Temple Christian, Lincolnview, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway and St. Henry for the boys district while the girls district also includes Spencerville.

DISTRICT TRACK LOCATIONS RELEASED

The Northwest District Athletic Board of the Ohio High School Athletic Association released the 2024 district track and field assignments recently as local squads found out their tournament locations.
 In Division I, district action will be held on Wednesday, May 15, and Friday, May 17, at Clay High School while the Findlay district will take place on Thursday, May 16, and Saturday, May 18.
 No local teams will take part in the district at Clay but a few do run at the Findlay district.
 Local boys teams running at the home of the Trojans will include Celina, Lima Senior, Lima Shawnee and Wapakoneta while girls squads at Findlay will be those four schools along with Defiance and Elida.
 In Division II, district tournaments will take place at Oak Harbor on May 16 and 18 along with Defiance on May 15 and 17. Ontario is slated to host a Division II district as well on May 16 and May 18.
 The Evergreen boys are the only area school running at Oak Harbor with no area girls teams taking part.
 At Defiance, 14 boys teams will battle in the district with 11 girls teams at the home of the Bulldogs.
 Running on the girls side will be Archbold, Bryan, Lima Bath, Napoleon, Otsego, Ottawa Glandorf, Paulding, St. Marys, Swanton, Van Wert

RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR "GLADYS IN WONDERLAND"



Reservations opened Monday, April 1st for members and Wednesday, April 3rd to the public for Off Stage Productions' next dinner theatre show "Gladys in Wonderland", a two-act comedy written by Rosemary Frisino Toohey. Show dates are **April 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27 & 28, 2024.** Saturday and Sunday performances will be dinner theatre shows. For Saturday performances, doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m. For Sunday matinee performances, doors will open at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 1:00 p.m. and show at 2:00 p.m. Rockford Carry Out and Catering will once again provide the buffet meals.
 For both Friday performances we will again be doing "Popcorn Night" with no dinner included, but popcorn will be included with the cost of the show. Water and pop will also be available for purchase. Doors open for the Friday performances at 7:00 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m.
 Performances will again be held in the Commons at Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio. Enter door 133 off the back parking lot where plenty of parking is available.

THE SHOW: 87-year-old Gladys' days of munching donuts and scouring the obituaries seem numbered when Death himself comes knocking on her door one morning. Ready to whisk her off into the great unknown, her cheerful grim reaper (Mort) is startled by Gladys' stubborn refusal to expire. In order to push Gladys toward the light, he ushers in a parade of obnoxious friends and relatives who nitpick and whine. He also gives her a taste of nursing home life from an inmate's point of view. Suddenly, the afterlife doesn't look so bad...
 CAST: Gladys Overmeyer - Stephanie Wagner; Doris - Emily Smith; Mort - Travis Nihiser; Frank - Ed Eichler; Karen - Yessi Lau; Dennis/Henry - Matt Rau; Mildred/Ethel - Lisa Eichler; Lillian - Dolores Foreman; Myrna - Jami Sons-Beard
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of food products they might want to make and sell, said Emily Marrison, OSU Extension educator, FCS, and course development team member.
 "This course is designed for anyone wanting to start a packaged food business," she said. "Navigating food regulations, establishing a new business, and applying best practices for food safety can be challenges for food entrepreneurs as many people interested in starting a food business aren't sure where to turn first.
 "Additionally, this course can help you develop a food business action plan and learn what you need to start off organized, safe, compliant, and strategic."
 The self-paced course

contains 10 modules — five of which focus on Ohio food laws, food safety basics, legal startup and insurance, and marketing and economics. The other five modules focus on foods including cottage foods and baked goods, canned foods, meat, poultry, eggs, and other foods such as beverages, dairy products, syrups, and more.
 "Throughout the course, participants will consider key questions and develop action steps to take on their journey to start a food business," Marrison said. "As food entrepreneurs complete the course, they'll be able to complete a business plan with help from their local small business development centers."
 The course development

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PARKVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER NAMED COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR CARDIOVASCULAR CARE

Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC) was named as one of the best community hospitals for cardiovascular care in the 2024 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals list compiled by Fortune/PINC AI.

It's Parkview's first time making the cardiovascular care list, which recognizes community hospitals and teaching hospitals both with and without residency programs. PRMC was selected as No. 8 overall among 307 community hospitals reviewed by Fortune/PINC AI this year.

"Good heart health starts at home with the decisions we make every day, including a healthy diet and exercise," said Dr. Roy Robertson, president of the Parkview Heart Institute and physician executive of specialty service lines. "Taking good care of your heart can not only help you live longer, but also can greatly improve your quality of life. For patients who need that higher level of care, our many specialists at the Parkview Heart Institute are ready to create a treatment plan to get them to the level of activity and energy that they desire."

Parkview received five-star ratings from Fortune/PINC AI for heart attack care, coronary artery bypass grafts and percutaneous coronary intervention, as well as a four-star rating for heart failure care. Parkview and the other top-rated hospitals outperformed peers in all 23 measures scored in this year's ranking. PRMC was the only Parkview facility graded by Fortune/PINC AI.

"This recognition from Fortune/PINC AI is a testament to the great care patients receive every day at Parkview Regional Medical Center," said John Bowen, president of PRMC and Affiliates. "Our cardiovascular physicians at the Parkview Heart Institute are an incredible resource to have on

the PRMC campus and we celebrate their commitment to high-quality, patient-centered cardiac care."

The Parkview Heart Institute is a dedicated cardiac care hospital located on the PRMC campus. The heart institute provides a one-stop location for cardiology care, genetics counseling, surgery and rehabilitation services, offering numerous specialists, advanced technology and emerging medicines and protocols to serve patients with high-quality heart care. Parkview Heart Institute is also allied with the Cleveland Clinic Heart, Vascular and Thoracic Institute, one of the nation's top cardiac care facilities, offering local physicians and patients additional support and resources.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in America, and although life expectancy has increased due to improving medication and health technology, heart disease is still responsible for nearly 700,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/18/24

Several guest speakers highlighted the agenda when Hicksville Village Council met in regular session on Monday, March 18. Mayor Michael Barth presided over the session. Council members present included Eric Bassett, Ron Beverly, Toni Egly, Kent Miller, Robert Bailey and Charlie Martin.

Bruce Silcott addressed Council on behalf of the EMS Department, requesting that it be made a priority to hire more EMTs to cover the local department. He is currently interviewing prospective candidates however it is necessary to publish notification for the positions and that was just done on Monday. Currently there are three full time EMTs and he has four candidates who are able to run parttime. Additional squad members are needed in order to keep the department viable. Councilman Martin presented the idea of hiring Silcott as Deputy Chief and EMT Coordinator in order to promote from within and negating the need for advertising the EMT Coordinator as a new position. Fire Chief Bruce Hart made that recommendation from the floor. Council discussed the salary which had already been discussed in Finance Committee and Police, Fire Committee and Council approved hiring Silcott by 5-1 vote. Additional EMTs will be considered when advertising stipulations have been met.

Community Memorial Hospital's new CEO Bill Cherry addressed Council to assure the community that the hospital remains open and is working through options which will ensure operations continue. They hope to have options in place in the next 15 to 30 days to share as to what are the best ways for the hospital to continue operations. He noted that currently staffing shortages have caused emergency department to be unable to staff the department on the weekends which has made it necessary for divergence of emergency services. They continue to recruit staff to alleviate this problem. He thanked Council and the community and asked for the continuing support as they work through the efforts to keep the facility open.

Craig Nelson, ODNr Supervisor of Groundwater Division of Geological Survey, presented a request to establish a test well in the Village as part of an ongoing study to map and monitor groundwater levels throughout the state. Currently the department is working with Rep. Jim Hoops on a study for water study north of the Maumee River. There are already 141 wells in place in the project and the ODNr has identified the Hicksville area as one of 10 new well sites for the study. The well will be drilled and maintained in the future by the ODNr at no cost to the community. The findings will be collected and reported by the program. It is a long term project that will continue to be maintained by ODNr. Council approved the measure, pending review of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

Reports from the Planning Committee, HIX-TV Board, Finance Committee, Street/Light/Property/Sidewalk Committee, and Police/Fire/EMS Committee were reviewed with brief discussion.

Discussion was held on the Splashpad cost increases, which have been determined were mostly incurred due to not

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moving ahead with the pool. The Finance Committee determined the extra costs should be paid by the Village. Council approved the costs.

Councilwoman Toni Egly noted that during the Police, Fire, EMS meeting the idea of a West Side EMS Department was presented to the Village. It has been discussed many times throughout the years and now the discussion is being presented again. She said those spearheading the program are now gathering information and ideas from the towns and townships affected. They will present information in the future.

Two proposals concerning sidewalk repair work done by the Village from the Street/Light/Sidewalk committee were presented by Chairman Kent Miller. Two citizens were present to ask about the situation. Following Council discussion, make billing adjustments and monitor progress forward.

Administrator Cory Wann reported the Village is still seeking a full time general laborer and applications are available at the Village offices. A sink hole was recently discovered in the Elm Street area due to a six-inch line. It has been repaired. Beginning April 15 there will be CSX work on East Smith Street on the tracks for a three week period. When finished there, they will move to East High to work on that overpass. There will be detours.

Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith presented first readings for Ordinance 2024-07 and Resolution 2024-06. Both were emergencies and passed after suspension of the rules. First readings were held for Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024-08.

Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith presented her regular reports. Council voted to approve an agreement for Technical Assistance for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Mayor Barth reported the Village has designated the Fairgrounds and the local park as official Eclipse watch areas on Monday April 8. The event will be in full view from approximately 2-4 pm.

Council adjourned into executive session with no action being taken. Council's next regular meeting will be Monday, April 1 at 6 pm

CARBON INTENSITY SCORE

Farmers, starting in 2025, will get paid for corn delivered to ethanol plants based on a carbon intensity score (CIS). This is part of the Biden's Inflation Reduction Act (BIRA) which has to do with trying to reduce climate change impacts. The BIRA program starts in January 2025 and runs for 3 years. Farms with a lower CSI may get higher premiums while farms with higher CSI may not even be able to sell their corn to an ethanol plant. Farmer's need to start planning, collecting data, and even change some farming practices to lower their CSI if they want to take advantage of the program.

BIRA pays ethanol plants and biofuel companies (biodiesel and sustainable aviation fuels) to collect the data

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and they are the ones that get paid the tax incentives and tax credits. According to Mike Estadt, OSU Extension Educator, "The government decided it was easier to work with close to 100 ethanol plants and pay them to conduct the program then to try to collect data from 100,000 farmers." Mike is a leading expert on CSI ratings and how farmers and these biofuel plants can take advantage of the new program.

The goal of BIRA is to reduce greenhouse gasses. Your CSI or carbon foot print is based on the greenhouse gas emissions and takes into account all your fuel practices and farming practices that may contribute to greenhouse gasses. Currently grain contributes 1/3 to 1/2 of the CSI of a gallon of biofuel. For an average farmer, their CSI is about 29.1 gram of greenhouse gas (GHG) per Mega Joule (29.1 g GHG/MJ) of energy. If a farmer can lower their CSI, they may get a premium. If it is higher, they may get a discount or even get rejected from selling their grain to a biofuel plant. How the premiums get split between the farmer and the company is still a question mark. Farmers will have to prove their lower CSI by collecting additional data and they may have to shop around for the companies that pay the best CSI premiums.

What's it worth? Dropping your CSI to zero or a neutral level is worth about \$1.57 per bushel. On 200-bushel corn that is \$314 per acre; 250-bushel corn, about \$392. A tax credit of about \$.054 per bushel is given for every 1-point drop in the CSI. However, that tax credit has to be divided between the biofuel company and the farmer. It will probably not be an even split because the biofuel company has to collect a lot of data.

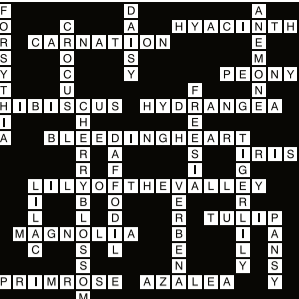
What data will a farmer need to collect? Yield data is important because the higher the yield, the lower the CSI because it is spread over more bushels. Cover crops, reduce

tillage or no-till, and lower fuel usage will lower your CSI. Reducing fertilizer, especially nitrogen-based fertilizers, will reduce your CSI. As Mike Estadt says, "Reducing fuel and fertilizer while achieving high yields go back to good management and are good for the environment." Less fuel and tillage lower GHG emissions but also build soil organic matter (SOM) which is a source of carbon and carbon dioxide. Cover crops and no-till build SOM and reduce soil erosion while conserving and keeping fertilizer nutrients on the land.

While carbon dioxide is a major GHG, nitrous oxide is an even larger GHG multiplier. Nitrous gas is associated with agriculture and comes from nitrogen fertilizer. Nitrous oxide is the gas that is emitted under wet compacted soils and from excess nitrogen fertilizer. Compared to carbon dioxide, the global warming potential of methane (CH4) is 72x higher and nitrous oxide is 310X.

Mike Estadt says farmers can calculate their own CSI score by using two different calculators. The American Coalition for Ethanol (ethanol.org) and Argonne National Laboratory (What's Your Carbon Footprint?). Ohio is a big ethanol producer, ranking 7th and producing about 750 million gallons per year. With about 2.8 gallons of ethanol per bushel of corn, that's about 268 million bushels of corn. Every one-point drop in CSI is equal to \$.054/bushel of corn and on 268 million bushels, that equals about \$14.4 million dollars to be shared by biofuel companies and the farmer. A 10-point drop is worth about \$144 million dollars.

Water vapor is still the biggest contributor to greenhouse global warming, however; it's needed for growing crops. Carbon dioxide con-



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tributes more to global warming when it reaches the upper atmosphere. Most carbon dioxide for crops comes from the carbon stored in the soil, not the upper atmosphere. No-till, cover crops, and less fertilizer per unit of yield give farmers the most return and is better for the environment.

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his own business.

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NEMCO FOOD EQUIPMENT ANNOUNCES EXPANSION TO HICKSVILLE FACILITY

Nemco, a leading innovator in food preparation and warming equipment for the foodservice industry, is excited to announce a significant expansion of its manufacturing facility located in Hicksville, Ohio. The expansion, encompassing an additional 40,000 square feet, is a testament to Nemco's commitment to innovation, quality, and the growing demand for its products.

This expansion, which being built and managed by Briner Building, will enable Nemco to enhance its manufacturing capabilities, increase production efficiency, and incorporate new technologies into its processes. It also marks a significant investment in the local community, promising to create numerous job opportunities in the Hicksville area.

"Today marks a milestone in the history of Nemco Food Equipment," said Luke Moffatt, President at Nemco. "This expansion is not just

about growing our physical space; it's about reaffirming our commitment to quality, innovation, our employees, and our customers. By increasing our manufacturing capabilities, we are ensuring that we can meet customer demands with the same high standards we've upheld for years. This expansion will help fuel our long-term growth goals over the next 10+ years."

The expansion project is scheduled for a groundbreaking ceremony on April 16 at 1:30pm at 301 Meuse Argonne St, Hicksville, OH. The expected move in date for the new space is September 30. Once completed, the facility will not only feature state-of-the-art manufacturing and warehouse equipment but also environmentally friendly practices, aligning with Nemco's commitment to sustainability.

Nemco's investment in its Hicksville facility is a clear signal of its dedication to the economic growth of Hicksville and the surrounding communities. "We had humble beginnings in this town back in 1976 when Nemco was started, and we are proud to still call this place home," stated Luke Moffatt.

EMERGENCY REPAIR ON FORCE SEWER MAIN IN NEW HAVEN

Beginning on April 2nd, until April 12, 2024, there will be an emergency road closure at the intersection of Hartzell Road and Seiler Road for emergency repair on Force Sewer Main. No detour provided. Please find an alternative route, drive safely, and pay attention to the crews. If you have concerns

2024 PASS 24-HOUR BASKETBALL MARATHON



The 44th Annual P.A.S.S. 24-Hour Basketball Marathon took place last weekend. There are still a few invoices out, but it is estimated that the proceeds will net over \$7,200.00 for this year's Marathon. Money raised helps to fund the Paulding Area Support Society. Their mission is to help disabled individuals with medical assistance as well as therapy and medication cost. The plan-

ning committee wants to acknowledge the entire community for their continued support of this long running charity fundraiser which is held on Easter weekend at the Payne Elementary gymnasium.

The first place winners from the marathon were as follows:

MINI-TOTS: Paulding Ace Hardware with 30 points
TOTS: Panther All Stars

with 21 points

MINI-YOUTH: Bricklayers with 54 points

YOUTH: K&K Insulation with 61 points

CO-ED: True Vine Tree Service with 79 points

MENS: Walnut Street Warriors with 91 points

The traveling plaque was awarded to marathon committee member Clint Reinhart for his years of dedication to make the Marathon a success.

about your sewer line regarding this matter, please contact Public Works Superintendent, Dave Jones at 260.749.4611.

TOLEDO OPERA ON WHEELS RETURNS TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Toledo Opera on Wheels will return to Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on April 30 at 5:30 p.m. to

present "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?"

Using Mozart's music from Don Giovanni, this take on the classic fairytale finds the Pigs, the Boy Who Cried Wolf, and the Big Bad Wolf himself still having conflict in the forest. The Wolf attempts to huff and puff and blow their houses down; however, the Pigs work together to solve their immediate housing situation. Will they be suc-

cessful? Through careful explanation, teamwork, and patience, all parties come to a peaceful and friendly resolution.

This special free event is open to all, sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. The show is geared to children in grades K-6. No tickets or registration are needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

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