

PAULDING COUNTY TEACHER BOOT CAMP SUCCESS



The third annual Paulding County "Teacher Boot Camp" event completed here recently. The week culminated with the educators sharing their required presentations to their peers and an adjunct professor through Western Buckeye Educational Service Center

(ESC) with Ashland University. This year nine Paulding County educators participated in the program.

The educators received CEU credit through Ashland University for their participation. This includes a final presentation of a lesson plan that

will incorporate the knowledge learned into future classroom curriculum. The hope for all is that students might be better matched in the future with local employers, which is a win-win for the county.

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PAULDING COUNTY FAIR RESULTS CONTINUED

Wednesday, June 12, 2024:
Market Rabbit Show:



- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 1 - Addilynn Gerardot
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- 1 - Maddox Treece
- 1st Place Singler Fryer Class
- 2 - Camryn McAlexander
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 2 - Civil Pumphrey
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 3 - KatieAnna Baumle
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- 3 - Liam Jones
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- 4 - Drake Ankney
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- 4 - Merrick Wolfe
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- 5 - Boston McGarvey
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- 5 - Falynn McAlexander
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- 6 - Boston McGarvey
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 6 - Mallory Barker
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class

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BRANDON WEIS TO APPEAR AT PC CARNEGIE LIBRARY



"Have you ever thought about hiking across the country? What about doing it 3 times in one year?"

On June 27th at 12:30, the Paulding County Carnegie Library will be hosting Brandon Weis, author of "This is Gonna Hurt".

He will be also presenting this program at 3 PM on the same day at the Antwerp

Branch Library. His presentation is about the journey of hiking over 8,000 miles in 2021 on the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Continental Divide Trail, and Arizona Trail. This is a challenge in the hiking world known as the Calendar Year Triple Crown. When he set out to do it, only 10 other

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPEN HOUSE

Habitat for Humanity of Paulding County will be host a dedication and open house on Friday, June 28th, 2024 at 613 N. Water St, Paulding, OH at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to Celebrate with Habitat for Humanity! RSVP to Laurie Lucas, 419-789-8902.

KLOPFENSTEIN ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO SUPPORT COUNTY FAIRS

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) is pleased to announce that the

Defiance, Paulding, Putnam, and Van Wert County fairs will receive funding as part of the Ohio County and Independent Fairs Grant Program.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

June 24-28

- VBS "Life of Moses" @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6-8:30pm

June 26

- PC Sen. Ctr. On the Road @ Antwerp Manor, 9:30a-12p
- Woodburn Comm. Hist. Soc. Meeting @ Woodburn Comm. Ctr., 7pm

June 27

- Brandon Weis @ Paulding Library, 12:30pm
- Brandon Weis @ Antwerp Library, 3pm

June 28

- Habitat For Humanity of PC Dedication @ Paulding, 3pm

June 29

- Ice Cream Social @ Cecil Comm. Church, 4-7pm

June 30

- Bluegrass Praise Concert @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6pm
- Art in the Park @ Fort Grounds, Defiance 10a-4p

July 8

- PC Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting @ Paulding Pancake House, 9:30am

July 9

- Antwerp Chamber Patriotic Kid Parade & Bingo, 6:30pm, starts @ Antwerp Manor
- Cryptids of the Corn @ Defiance Library, 6pm

July 10

- PCHF Golf Outing @ Auglaize GC, 10am



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OBITUARIES



(Lana) of Oakwood, Jim of Defiance, and Lance (Nicole) of Oakwood, and his sister Amy of Columbus. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce; grandparents, Charles and Lucille Estle and Austin and Marguerite Bair, as well as a niece, Christie Estle.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Free Christian Church in Continental, Ohio. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 21st at 10:00 am at the church, with Pastor James Fry officiating. One additional hour of visitation will be held before the service from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Bob will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, with Military Honors conducted by VFW #3360.

Schaffer Funeral Home was honored to assist the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Youth For Christ of Defiance County, or Defiance Area YMCA. Online condolences can be given at www.schafferfh.com.

He was born June 23, 1959 to Marvin and Joyce Estle of Oakwood, Ohio. He graduated from Paulding HS in 1978 where he was an outstanding football player, and joined the workforce. He enlisted in the US Army in 1981 and served on the DMZ in Korea.

In 2012 Bob became the owner of Estle Chevrolet-Cadillac (formerly Beckman Chevrolet) and soon after, he bought the Chevrolet-Buick dealership in Bryan, OH. He would also become the co-owner of Hamler Chevrolet in Hamler, OH. He loved working with and for people and his employees and customers became like family. Bob was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. He took great pride in his work and will be remembered by many for his kind and compassionate nature and his great business sense.

He was a member of the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association (OADA), National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), Fraternal Order of Eagles Defiance Aerie #372, VFW #3360, Defiance Rotary Club, Defiance Chamber of Commerce, Defiance Elks Lodge #147, Bryan Moose Lodge #1064, Pheasants Forever, National Turkey Federation, YMCA of Defiance, and was a Youth for Christ sponsor.

Bob is survived by his father, Marvin "Doc" Estle of Defiance, his daughter, Erika of Chickamauga, Georgia, his son, Ben of Defiance, and his daughter, Sadie of Oakwood. He also leaves behind his grandson, Jacob, brothers: Michael of Defiance, Rick

nature. Though a man of few words, John's kindness spoke volumes, and his love for his family and daughters was unwavering and profound.

He will be sadly missed by his daughters, Tabitha (Austin) & MaKenna (Peyton) Jones; step daughter, Samantha (Kelsey); brothers, Dan (Pat) & David (Lisa); nieces and nephew, Gini, Krystal, & Matthew; & great nephews, Landon, Garrett, & Fred.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael, & nephew, Christopher.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the Antwerp Community Church on June 29th at 10:30 AM with visitation one hour prior.

John will be laid to rest privately in Maumee Cemetery.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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This collaboration project, is a product of Western Buckeye ESC, Ashland University, and the Paulding County Economic Development office. Lt. Governor Jon Husted is a great supporter of the program that is designed to help bridge the gap between what educators are sharing with students about workforce and college opportunities, and what high school graduates may experience once they get out into the business world. In providing this opportunity to the educators, it may help them better prepare students by being able to comprehend how bookwork and soft skills exercises learned in the classroom will pertain to the student's real-life experiences after high school.

"For a third consecutive year this program has been inspirational for Paulding County. The in-depth communication, and discussion shared between our educators and our business leaders is game changing. The knowledge gained on both sides, as we make these connections, share struggles, and collaborate on new outcomes to try, is truly enlightening. It is heart-warming to watch the educators gain knowledge about products manufactured here locally, and how the employees, some even former students, develop these products. Paulding County provides unique products to the state, region, national, and even international markets. It makes you proud every time you hear these historic business stories, but it really hits home when you hear the educator presentations and what they learned about the history and manufacturing methods of to-

day," explained Tim Copsy, Director, Paulding County Economic Development.

Business leaders that presented to the group this year included: Commissioner Chairman Mike Weible; OSU Extension Emma Horstman; Brad Harsha with First Financial Bank; Megan Sierra with PC Workshop; Foundations Behavioral Director Jackie Carr; PC Foundation Director Lisa McClure; Sheriff Jason Landers; Tiffany Rockhold with Paulding/Defiance County OMJ office; Lisa Becher with the State of Ohio Small Business Development office; and Eric Davis with Wessler Engineering.

Industry partners that participated this year included: all three county school systems; Paragon Tempered Glass; Paulding Village Water Department; PC Hospital; North American Stamping Group; Cooper Farms; Baughman Tile; Vantage Career Center; and Mercer Landmark. Mercer also allowed the quarterly county Business Advisory Council meeting to be held on site.

One of this year's education participants summarized the event, "I drive by some of the businesses/factories we visited on a regular basis; and I had no idea what was going on inside their buildings.. what was being produced, how many employees they had, what skills were being utilized, or the variety of levels of training/education needed to run the entire facility. There truly is a place in our workforce for all types of careers, skills, and education here in Paulding County!"

ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION BOARD HOLDS JUNE MEETING

Directors of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization charged with helping distribute Ohio's opioid settlement funds to advance substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts, held its monthly board of directors meeting on June 12, 2024, at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce offices in Columbus.

Chair Don Mason (Region 12) expressed his appreciation for the work of the OneOhio 19 Regional Grant Review Committees as they begin the first-ever grant proposal review process.

"With more than \$581 million in grant requests received for the \$51 million available this cycle, we're encouraged by the number of organizations across the state that share our dedication to fighting this epidemic head-on," Mason said. "While we certainly won't be able to fund all of these great ideas in 2024, this is just the first of many opportunities to come and we're confident our strong focus on evidence-based investments can make a significant impact on the lives of those impacted by the opioid crisis."

As the first matter of business and to honor Ohioans impacted by addiction, OneOhio Board Director Robert Radcliff shared the story of Gracee Poorman, who currently serves as chair of the OneOhio Region 12 Board. As the daughter of parents with substance use disorders, Poorman endured numerous personal struggles throughout her youth. She successfully emerged from her troubled childhood with a deep understanding and empathy

Scripture of the Week

"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."

— Psalm 18:30

I'M WALKING IN VICTORY



I am victorious in life. I am more than a conqueror. I am a world overcomer. I overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of my testimony. My faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

The favor of God surrounds me like a shield. I have favor in sight of all men. God goes before me making the crooked places straight and opening doors that no man can shut.

I have the mind of Christ and hold the thoughts, feelings and purposes of His heart. I have the mind of the Holy Spirit which is life and peace. I am spiritually minded. I am living the life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells within me and directs me.

I have an unction from the Holy One and I know all things. The Holy Spirit is leading me and guiding me into all truth. He is revealing things to me and showing me

things to come. I have been born again of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God which lives and abides forever. I am a new creation in Christ. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. I have the nature of God. I am created in His image and in His likeness. I am seated with Christ in heavenly places.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am in right standing with God. I am accepted in the beloved. God loves me and nothing can separate me from His love. I am sanctified, consecrated and separated from the world. I am one with God.

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I am empowered through my union with Him. I am anointed. I have been created by God to prosper and make a difference in this world. I am a success. I am the head. I am above only. I am blessed.

I am the redeemed of the Lord. I am redeemed from sickness and disease. I am the healed of the Lord. Sickness, disease, viruses and infections cannot live on my body. My body is the temple of Holy Ghost. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus flows throughout every cell, organ and tissue of my body. By His stripes I am healed.

In Jesus' name, Amen.
Peace and Love,
—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

needed to help those affected by drugs and alcohol, and regularly speaks to young people about the importance of substance use prevention.

The Board then welcomed special guest LeeAnne Cornyn, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Director Cornyn discussed the agency's funding priorities and investments in mental health and substance use disorder programming and services across Ohio communities, including \$88 million for opiate treatment and the distribution of \$97 million in State Opioid Response funding to implement tailored approaches in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery supports for opioid use disorder, stimu-

lant use disorder, and/or co-occurring disorders.

Following Director Cornyn's remarks, the board then:

- Heard from Chair Mason regarding the Audit and Finance Committee's proposed revisions to the Foundation's Fiscal Policy. Following a thorough review of the proposed changes, the new Fiscal Policy was approved by the board.

- Heard a finance report from Finance Manager Jim Quinn, who presented the unaudited monthly financial report for board approval. In his update, Quinn also noted that OneOhio expects to receive the Janssen Settlement Payment 4 (estimated \$16.5 million) in June and the Distributor Settlement Payment 4

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cultural Society were awarded approximately \$106,831.54 for improvements; the Putnam County Agricultural Society, \$101,000.

"County fairs are at the heart of every community," said Klopfenstein. "We are investing in our county and independent fairs to ensure they continue to be fun and safe places for everyone to enjoy."

In total, \$10 million was awarded to support Ohio's 94 county and independent fairs across the state.

ANTWERP, OH:

John Charles Jones, 63, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024, at his home.

John was born on June 5, 1961 in Hicksville, Ohio, a son of the late Patty (Vandermark) & William Jones.

John dedicated much of his life to his work as a security guard. A devout member of the Antwerp Community Church, he found solace and community within its walls. John had a deep passion for the Ohio State Buckeyes, and he cherished watching his daughters play volleyball, always their biggest supporter. He found joy in the simplicity of fishing and camping, connecting with



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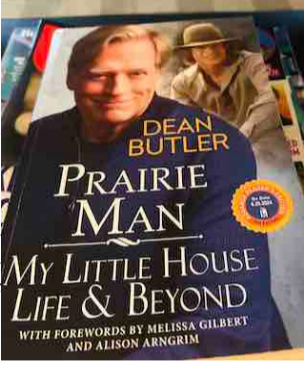
Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I was always told that "Pride goeth before a fall" I am not much of a bragger, but in this column I am proud and want to tell about The West Bend News and the column I wrote a few weeks ago about Little House on the Prairie being 50 years old.

To me who has been a Little House TV watcher and a book reader I was pleased to hear about the remaining cast members reunion.

The article which is my baby "Penny for Your Thoughts" was written about a month ago and told about the various celebrations around the US where you can meet the cast, see Mr. Olsen's Store and be a part of this Little House celebration.



One day a few weeks ago, Angel from the West Bend called me and said, "We have a package here for you."

Of course I said "Who is it from?" "What is it?" I told Angel to go ahead and open it because I was curious.

After opening the package Angel said "It's a book from Dean Butler" (Dean happened to play Almanzo Wilder on the TV Show.

The book people and those in charge of the Little House celebration read the West Bend News and Penny For Your Thoughts and I believe the book came from California. All of you readers should be impressed with how far this Antwerp newspaper does travel.

Kudos to The West Bend News and thanks to The Steiners who publish the paper, This paper is reaching out to people across the US.



Also a big thank you to the staff and Mr. Dean Butler for sending me this wonderful book.

By the way the book doesn't come out in print until the end of June, so I guess I got it "Hot off the Press."

We never know where or what is going to happen in our lives, but thanks to all the cast of Little House, TV watchers and book readers.

May this 50 years of celebration bring lots of people, laughter and memories.

I would love to go to one of the Little House get togethers, however, I am not much of a traveler. But if you happen to go to one I will give you a Penny for Your Thoughts. Well I am grabbing a cold tea, my glasses and read some more of this gift of a book.

HOT WEATHER PRESENTS DANGER TO THOSE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S



Caregivers should make a plan to keep loved ones safe and healthy

TOLEDO, OH—June 20, 2024—As summer brings rising temperatures across the country, extreme heat can have a significant impact on everyone's safety, but they can be especially for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Alzheimer's disease causes a number of changes in the brain and body that may affect their safety and make them vulnerable to dehydration, heat exhaustion, or heat stroke.

Extreme weather and temperatures can be of particular concern for dementia caregivers. Of individuals living with Alzheimer's, 60 percent or more will wander at least once, and many multiple times. Becoming lost in unfavorable weather conditions can be dangerous. Taking measures to plan ahead for weather changes like extreme heat can prevent heat stroke and injuries.

Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio and Northwest Ohio Chapters, offers important tips for families and caregivers throughout the hot summer months:

- Schedule regular check-ins. Family and friends should frequently check in on a person living with Alzheimer's during extreme temperatures. Spend time in cooler indoor spaces whenever possible and dress in loose, light clothing.
- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and air conditioning. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees, making for difficult sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation. Sleep interruptions may increase wan-

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



Amrose & Belle (Price) Mouser

By: Mark Holtsberry

Ambrose Henry Mouser was born in Larue, Ohio November 23, 1866. The son of Dr. Justice Austin Mouser born in Marion, Ohio December 13, 1835. He served in the Civil War as Acting Assistant Surgeon of the United States Army.

Ambrose's mother was Sarah Eleanor (DeLong). She was born May of 1841 in Hardin County Ohio. This couple was married March 1, 1864 in Marion, Ohio. This couple had nine children with Ambrose being number four.

By 1870, Dr. Justice and Sarah were living in Marion, Ohio along with children May, Ambrose and Grant. By 1880, while still living in Marion, the family had grown with the addition of George, Maud, Lloyd, Howard and Roy. Ambrose was 13 years old and going to school.

In 1889, Ambrose graduated from Columbus Medical College.

Ambrose also met a gal named Belle Price. She is the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Holtsberry) Price. On September 10, 1890, Ambrose and Belle married in Paulding.

By 1900, Ambrose and Belle were living in Paulding with children, Justus Ambrose, Ray Henry and Nellie M. On May 23, 1900, Ambrose's father, Dr. Justice Austin Mouser passed away in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Ohio.

On July 18, 1908, Ambrose's mother, Sarah, passed away and she was buried with her husband, Justus, in Marion, Ohio. By 1910, Ambrose,

Belle and children were living in Latty on Alexander Street.

As World War One occurred, Ambrose found himself serving as a doctor in the United States Army. Given the rank of Captain, he served with the Officers Reserve Medical Corp. On May 3, 1918, he transferred to serve with Medical Corp at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, until he was Honorably Discharged December 10, 1918. His son Ray also serve as a doctor overseas.



By 1920, Ambrose and Belle, along with Ray and Nellie, were still living in Latty. Ambrose contracted septicemia and on January 21, 1925, passed away. He was buried in lot 370 grave 6 in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. His legacy was passed on in sons Justice and Ray, as they continued as doctor's serving in Paulding County.

Belle passed away May 20, 1936 in Latty and was buried alongside Ambrose in Live Oak Cemetery. My uncle Justus was named after the doctor who gave him birth, Dr. Justus Ambrose Mouser.

... Until Next Time!

(estimated \$21.6 million) in July.

• Heard an update on the grant application review process from the Grant Oversight Committee Chair Tom Gregoire and OneOhio Grants Manager Laura Spires. In the first cycle, 1,442 applications were submitted by 777 different organizations, totaling \$581 million in funding requests. More than 400 proposals focused on recovery supports, more than 300 on prevention and nearly 300 on treatment and healthcare services. As of the board meeting, six regions have begun the grant proposal review process, while the remaining regions are working to complete the preliminary steps necessary to safeguard the integrity of the process. Announcement of approved

grants will be made on a rolling basis and are expected to begin later this summer.

• Heard an update from Chair Mason on board member terms, and recognized Board Director Christopher Smitherman as he ends his first term of board service with OneOhio.

• Received a Personnel Committee report from Director Julie Ehemann, who provided an update on the employee handbook drafting process. The committee also discussed the Foundation's insurance policy and future needs.

The board's next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the State Library of Ohio, 274 E. 1st Ave., #100, Columbus. Moving forward, all OneOhio board meetings will be held at this

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CFAES STUDENTS EMBARK ON A COSMIC CULINARY QUEST

By: Tracy Turner
COLUMBUS, OH — Fuanyi Fobellah, a fourth-year senior majoring in food business management with a minor in business at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), is about to take his passion for food to new heights — literally.



Fuanyi Fobellah, a fourth-year senior majoring in food business management with a minor in business.

As part of a select team of CFAES students, Fobellah is diving into the NASA Deep Space Food Challenge, a cosmic culinary quest that aims to revolutionize how astronauts are nourished during long-duration space missions.

Fobellah's journey began on the wrestling mat in high school, where he grappled not only with opponents but also with questions about the quality and origins of the food he consumed. And his fascination with space exploration fueled dreams of a future where he could contribute to sustenance beyond our planet.

Little did he know that his path would intersect with the cosmos, thanks to his decision to attend CFAES.

Fobellah, a native of Columbus, is part of a four-member CFAES student research team known as the "simunauts." This group is testing novel food production technologies designed to withstand the rigors of space travel developed by four U.S. teams selected as finalists in the challenge.

Their mission? To run each technology or food system through a simulation of space travel, much like a crew of four embarking on a three-year, round-trip cosmic journey without the ability to resupply. But the simunauts' work extends be-

yond the stars; it holds promise for addressing earthly challenges as well.

The simunauts are challenging food production technologies that:

1. fill food gaps. The production solutions must ensure astronauts receive adequate nutrition throughout their mission.
2. have an earthly impact. The technology developed should enhance food accessibility in urban centers and harsh environments here on Earth.
3. are efficient. Maximizing food output with minimal inputs and waste is crucial.
4. make good food. Create palatable, nutritious, and safe foods that require minimal processing time for crew members.

CFAES students and innovations were driving forces in the decision to have the college participate in this final phase of the Deep Space Challenge, said John Trzinski, who serves as the mission and payload systems manager for the George Washington Carver Science Park (GWCS) Starlab terrestrial analog facility commercial space station team. Starlab is currently housed within the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE).

"CFAES was chosen to help with the challenge because of their excellence in the field of novel food production, as well as the quality of our student researchers," Trzinski said.

Angela Herblet, NASA lead challenge manager for the Deep Space Food Challenge, agrees.

"NASA is excited for Ohio State to host the final phase of the Deep Space Food Challenge," Herblet said.

Meet the other CFAES team members:

Sakura Sugiyama: From kitchen to cosmos

Sakura Sugiyama, a 2024 food science graduate from Athens, Ohio, brings her love for cooking and baking to the table. Her childhood fascination with turning ingredients into delectable dishes led her to CFAES. Now, she envisions a career in food industry research, and her simunaut experience will propel her toward that goal.

"The technology developed isn't just for space," Sugiyama explains. "It addresses issues like climate change and food insecurity right here on Earth."

Charlie Frick, a fifth-year senior majoring in animal sciences from New Concord, Ohio, grew up on a dairy farm. His expertise in animal sciences uniquely positions him to tackle the challenge of sustaining life beyond our planet. His eyes light up as he contemplates the intersection of agriculture and space exploration.

"Who would've thought my farm upbringing would lead to a chance at being part of space history?" Frick muses.

Hailing from Pakistan, CFAES graduate student Mehr Un Nisa's curiosity about food science propelled her to become an Exchange Scholar. Her childhood wonder at the alchemy of ingredients transforming into meals now fuels her quest for cosmic cuisine. As she fine-tunes food technologies, she recognizes their potential impact back home.

"Solving space-related problems," Nisa reflects, "may hold the key to solving Earth's challenges too."

The CFAES simunauts will conduct their research in a pilot plant at the Wilbur A. Gould Food Industries Center in the CFAES Department of Food Science and Technology.

The NASA research challenge will continue through August, with the winners announced by Aug. 16. The winning team will be awarded \$750,000, and the two runner-up teams will receive \$250,000 from NASA.

Even though they aren't competing for the prize money, the CFAES team says they've already won because of the experience they'll gain working with NASA.

"Contributing to a NASA project is a unique experience that not many people have the opportunity to participate in," Fobellah said. "Some people aren't really familiar with what's going on in CFAES, so I think it'll open a lot of eyes and help people see all the cool and amazing work that we're doing in this college."

"The CFAES motto of 'we sustain life' is perfect for this situation because the work that we're doing in this challenge is not only helping to sustain life here on Earth, but hopefully on other planets. It's just one step closer to us becoming a multiplanetary species."

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

By: Doris Applegate

Words spoken to us either make us feel good or bad. We need encouraging, positive words because negative words bring us "down" As "life and death are in the power of the tongue, we are told to choose life" (Proverbs 18:21) We enjoy today what we spoke previously, either life or death. In Proverbs 15:1 we read that a "soft answer turns away wrath but grievous words stir up anger" and Proverbs 15:4 says "a wholesome tongue is a tree of life but perseverance in it crushes the spirit: Words are so important. We must be willing to say "I'm sorry" for wrong, evil words and show our love with words that encourage a weaker person. To be strong and full of the "right words" we must open God's word and be adept in words "fitly"spoken,

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The Bible is full of promises for us. Do we know what they are? No, unless we read and study "When we speak the words of God, they will accomplish what they say for God's word will not return void" (Isaiah 55:11) Watching our words and guarding our tongue (speaking only words of life) we bless many people by our speech. We must speak what God says! That is when faith arises in our life and we are onto the path of life.

Choosing life is a 'no-brainer' so let's examine this subject and see what we have been saying.

It will take disciples to reverse our speech but we can do it with determination and God's help. Whenever a negative word comes out of your mouth - quickly removes it and say the positive. You will see a change. So for a good start I will say to you. "God loves you unconditionally. If you handle a matter wisely you will find good and if you trust in the Lord you are happy." (Proverbs:16:20). "The prayer of the upright is God's delight" (Proverbs 15:18). And finally: "A friend loveth at all times!" (Proverb 17:17) What a treasure of wonderful positive words in the Proverbs. Are you willing to go there? By reading and absorbing these wonderful sayings you are on the path of life!

"Let the words of our mouths be acceptable to the Lord" (Psalm 19:14). Amen

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AWARDS \$6 MILLION FOR 22 PROJECTS TO REVITALIZE ADULT DAY SERVICES IN OHIO

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy announced the award of over \$6 million in grant funding for 22 projects that will revitalize and expand adult day services in several communities across the state.

"By offering recreational and educational programming, meals, health monitoring, skilled therapy, transportation, and more, adult day services empower older Ohioans to age in their preferred environments, while remaining connected to their peers and engaged in their communities. Through

this grant funding, we are eager to reinvigorate this vital service throughout Ohio," Director McElroy said. "With over 90 applicants, we were pleased to see such energy for this funding opportunity. After a thorough review process, we feel confident that these awardees will make a great impact in every corner of the state, helping restore a service that lifts communities and ensures families that their loved ones' needs are being met."

Funding will support projects in 16 different counties throughout Ohio. Work will include the construction of new adult day facilities, renovation of existing facilities, expansion of services offered, workforce recruitment and retention, transportation and equipment upgrades, and more.

Four of the providers selected will be entering the adult day services market for the first time or re-entering the market.

The awardees are: Acacia Place Adult Day, Cuyahoga County, \$39,240.00, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations; transportation purchases

Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities Inc., Brown County, \$145,501.92, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; workforce recruitment and retention

Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Services, Lucas County, \$173,064.75, Intended use of

funding: Expansion of offerings at current facility; opening of new facility in Wood County

Buckeye Adult Day Care, Franklin County, \$153,297.60, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations; workforce support; transportation purchases

Complete Adult Day Service, Franklin County, \$161,538.00, Intended use of funding: Facility expansion and remodeling; workforce recruitment

Day Share LTD, Hamilton County, \$130,616.88, Intended use of funding: Workforce recruitment and retention; transportation purchases

Daybreak, Vinton County, \$291,510.04, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; workforce recruitment and retention; transportation purchases

Easter Seals Society, Mahoning County, \$327,000.00, Intended use of funding: Facility expansion in Mahoning County; new program in Columbiana County; workforce recruitment and retention

Erie County*, Erie County, \$377,585.59, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and expansion; startup expenses to enter the adult day market; workforce recruitment and retention; transportation purchases

Family First Adult Day Services, Mahoning County, \$208,040.70, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne , (Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp , (13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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

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

and upgrades; transportation purchases

Gallia County Senior Resource, Gallia County, \$113,567.10, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and expansion; transportation purchases

Gilcrest Senior Wellness & Fitness Center Inc., Wayne County, \$601,560.32, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; transportation purchases

Jennings Center for Older Adults, Cuyahoga County, \$160,230.00, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations; transportation purchases

Jin Huo Community Inc., Summit County, \$265,440.52, Intended use of funding: Workforce recruitment; facility renovations and upgrades; transportation purchases

Margaret's Heart Senior Day Center*, Hamilton County, \$405,381.90, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; workforce recruitment; transportation purchases

Open Arms Healthcare LLC*, Franklin County, \$297,929.70, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; transportation purchases; workforce recruitment

Otterbein Lebanon, Warren County, \$78,649.39, Intended use of funding: Facility upgrades; transportation purchases

Private Duty Services Inc., Van Wert County, \$555,900.00, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; workforce training and retention

Senior Centers of Ohio

Inc., Cuyahoga County, \$632,153.78, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations, upgrades, and expansion; workforce recruitment and retention

St. Leonard, Montgomery County, \$180,160.11, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations; transportation purchases

Vebcom LLC*, Butler County, \$662,346.35, Intended use of funding: Building renovations and upgrades to enter the adult day market; workforce recruitment and retention; transportation purchases

Willow Brook Christian Services, Delaware County, \$43,085.52, Intended use of funding: Facility renovations and upgrades; workforce retention

TOTAL FUNDING: \$6,003,800.17

The funding opportunity was announced in January and made available on the Ohio Grants Portal from Jan. 9-Feb. 4, 2024. All qualified organizations seeking to become adult day providers – as well as existing adult day providers seeking to expand their services – were eligible to apply.

ODA received 93 applications, and eligible applications were scored on a rubric. The highest-scoring applications were selected for funding.

Funding for this revitalization effort originated in House Bill 45 of the 134th General Assembly and was later amended via House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly. Signed by Gov. Mike DeWine, H.B. 45 allocated federal ARPA funding for numerous purposes in response to the COVID-19

pandemic, including adult day services.

The goal of the initiative is to make adult day services available to more Ohioans. In addition to being more cost-effective than institutional long-term care settings, benefits of adult day include increased social engagement, improved overall physical and mental health, early detection of health issues, family support, caregiver respite, and more.

Awardees are eligible for technical assistance support, provided by LeadingAge Ohio in collaboration with ODA.

For more information, visit Aging.Ohio.gov/Adult-Day.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS ACROSS NORTHWEST OHIO

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers for initiatives across Northwest Ohio, including community education, support groups, fundraisers, advocacy and Walks to End Alzheimer's. The chapter serves 24 counties including Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Knox, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot.

"Millions of Americans are impacted by Alzheimer's disease, which is a public health crisis with no current cure. The good news is, you can do something to help by becoming an Association volunteer," according to Vince McGrail, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association and Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters. "Our ability to reach and support those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia depends on people in our communities who are dedicated to the fight against this disease."

Through the tireless efforts of volunteers to spread awareness in the community by leading and delivering education programs, participating in advocacy efforts, and driving fundraising efforts, the Alzheimer's Association is able to help many more families and provide hope and assistance throughout Northwest Ohio.

Individuals can use their unique talents to make a meaningful impact in their local community, while connecting with others who

share their passion.

Opportunities might include:

- members of the chapter board of directors
- committee members for fundraisers including Walk to End Alzheimer's
- and The Longest Day
- Walk team members and Walk team captains
- community educators
- support group facilitators
- state advocates
- event volunteers
- fundraisers and special events
- community representatives

"We are grateful for every person who dedicates their time as an advocate or volunteer," said Pam Myers, senior director, programs for the Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio chapters. "We are lifted by the strength of the community that surrounds us, and we truly couldn't achieve our vision of a world without Alzheimer's without our volunteers. Every dollar we raise through our fundraising events directly supports the Association's free educational programs and support groups, Alzheimer's care services and advancements in treatment and research."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your community, fill out a volunteer interest form or call the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999.

There are 236,200 Ohioans 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease according to the Alzheimer's Association 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. A total of 414,000 Ohio caregivers provide 624 million hours of unpaid care each year, valued at \$11.4 billion.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to free local resources.

To learn more about Alzheimer's or other related dementia, or to access free tools and resources, visit alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE 'REVERSING' YOUR RETIREMENT

If you've retired, you may have thought you closed the book on one chapter of your life. But what happens if you need to "reverse" your retirement?

Due to higher inflation and rising interest rates, many retirees are taking out more money from their retirement accounts than they had originally anticipated. As a result, some are headed back to the workforce. If you're thinking of joining them, you'll need to consider some factors that may affect your finances.

First, if you've been taking Social Security, be aware that you could lose some of your benefits if you earn over a certain level, at least until you reach your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. Specifically, if you are under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which, in 2024, is \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit, which, in 2024, is \$59,520.

Social Security will only count your earnings up to the month before you reach your full retirement age, at which point your earnings will no longer reduce your benefits, regardless of how much you earn. Also, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amounts to credit you for the months your payments were reduced due to your excess earnings. Social Security also allows you to pay back early benefits received if you withdraw your application within 12 months of starting benefits. This move could help you receive substantially higher benefits at full retirement age.

Your Social Security isn't the only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning more

money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

Nonetheless, you can certainly gain some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously, you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance — which could be particularly valuable if you haven't yet started receiving Medicare.

In addition to the potential financial advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow workers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of going back to work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

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

Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

Defiance: Newmar's Marathon Carryout, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General (Clinton St), Junction Dollar General, Senior Center, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Marathon Main Stop, Rite Aid, Defiance Public Library

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

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

Hicksville: Sailors, Vancrest, Shell Station, Citgo, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center, Village offices, Johnson Memorial Library, Red Angel Pizza, McDonalds,

Ney: Marathon

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

Paulding: Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa Do It Best, Bargain Bin, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros, Courthouse, VFW Post 587, PC Sheriff's Office, Board of Elections, Gardens of Paulding, PCH, Kwik Mart, PC Carnegie Library

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

New Haven: ACPL Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, CVS, Clips, NH Bakery, Chamber of Commerce (Old City Hall), Richard's

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

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ANTWERP BOY SCOUT TROOP 143'S RECENT ACTIVITIES



Trop is headed to Camp Lakota in Defiance for the week-long camp June 16-22 Front: Garrett Robbins. Back Row: Mark Wolf, Al Manella, Brennen Miller, Jackson Cook, Karsen Donat, Waylon Barker, Bryceton Barker, Mark Greenwood. The boys will be working on merit badges in Environmental Science, Emergency Preparedness, Search and Rescue, Swimming, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Pottery, Insect Study, Leatherworking, Geocaching, Rowing, Wood Carving, Fish/Wildlife Management, Art and Wilderness Survival.



April 8 Solar Eclipse at Camp Lakota in Defiance. L-R Waylon Barker, Brennen Miller, Jackson Cook, Garrett Robbins, Mark Greenwood, not pictured Al Manella



Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts placed flags for Memorial Day on the graves of all military servicemen and women at the local cemetery.

Upcoming event: Annual Bad Boys Toys Car Show on July 27. Proceeds benefit the boys attending the high adventure camp.

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- 7 - Maddox Treece
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 7 - Jazmyne Roddy
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 8 - Mackenzie Leatherman

- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 8 - Allison Schilt
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 9 - Chloe Boyd
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 9 - Braxton Dasher
- 1st Harlan Single Fryer Class

- 10 - Riley Stork
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 10 - Kinley Sunday
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 11 - Kiptyn Mills
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 11 - Kinley Sunday
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 12 - Kendyl Sunday
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 12 - Reese Franklin
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 13 - Gradyn Stairhime
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 13 - Mallory Barker
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 14 - Eli Treece
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 14 - Eli Treece
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 15 - Skyler Pierce



2024 Paulding County 4-H Fair Jr. King is Bailen Miller, son of Allen and Kylie Miller. 2024 Jr. Queen is Addison Wiesehan, daughter of Mike and Danielle Wiesehan. 2024 Paulding County 4-H Fair Prince is Leetim Crites, son of Kevin and Tiffany Crites, and Princess is Kinley Miller, daughter of Tony and Staci Miller.



- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 15 - Riley Stork
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 16 - Harley Troyer
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 16 - Elizabeth Graham
- 1st Place Single Fryer Class
- 17 - Cora Baumle
- 2nd Place Single Fryer Class
- 17 - Ellie Roughton
- Grand Champion Single Fryer - Cora Baumle
- Reserve Champion Single Fryer - Ellie Roughton
- 1st Place Meat Pen - Carter Baumle
- 2nd Place Meat Pen - KatieAnna Baumle
- Grand Champion Meat Pen - Carter Baumle
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen - KatieAnna Baumle
- 1st Place Roaster Class 1 - Sophie Kessler
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 1 - Addalynne Halter
- 1st Place Roaster Class 2 - Wyatt Leatherman
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 2 - Raeley Franklin
- 1st Place Roaster Class 3 - Piper Pease
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 3 - Wyatt Leatherman
- 1st Place Roaster Class 4 - Allison Schilt
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 4 - Piper Pease
- 1st Place Roaster Class 5 - Michael Corwin
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 5 - Marlee Eastman
- 1st Place Roaster Class 6 -

- Kyra Adams
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 6 - Carter Baumle
- 1st Place Roaster Class 7 - Owen Dangler
- 2nd Place Roaster Class 7 - KatieAnna Baumle
- Grand Champion Roaster - Owen Dangler
- Reserve Champion Roaster - KatieAnna Baumle
- Sheep Show:**
- Beginner Showmanship - Kadence Thomas

- Class 2 - Avery Cooper
- 1st Place Market Lamb
- Class 3 - Damon Rosswurm
- 2nd Place Market Lamb
- Class 3 - Johnny Lipps
- Grand Champion Market Lamb - Dylan Perez
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Avery Cooper
- Dairy Cattle Show:**
- Junior Showmanship - Anneliese Zijlstra



- Junior Showmanship - NA
- Senior Showmanship - Seth Rosswurm
- Champion of Champion Showmanship - Seth Rosswurm
- Breeding Sheep - Commercial/Crossbred/Junior Ewe - Avery Cooper
- 1st Place Market Lamb Class 1 - Johnny Lipps
- 2nd Place Market Lamb Class 1 - Ally Jo Merriman
- 1st Place Market Lamb Class 2 - Dylan Perez
- 2nd Place Market Lamb

- 1st Place Jr. Dairy Breeding
- Sr. Yearling Heifer - Anneliese Zijlstra
- Dairy Beef Show:**
- Beginner Showmanship - Callen Stoller
- Junior Showmanship - Nolan Schlatter
- Senior Showmanship - Tori Schlatter
- Champion of Champion Showmanship - Tori Schlatter
- 1st Place Dairy Market Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman
- 2nd Place Dairy Market Steer - Jordan Hale
- Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Mackenzie Leatherman
- Reserve Champion Dairy Steer - Jordan Hale
- Rate of Gain Dairy Steer - Jordan Hale
- 1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 1 - Allison Donaldson
- 2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 1 - Jonah Sinn
- 1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 2 - Heath Carter
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 2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 5 - Mason Clevevenger
 1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 6 - Rylee Slattman
 2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 6 - Tori Schlatter
 1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 7 - Boston McGarvey
 2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 7 - Trent Thornell
 1st Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 8 - Braelyn Putnam
 2nd Place Dairy Beef Feeder Class 8 - Raegan McGarvey
 Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder - Braelyn Putnam
 Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder - Callen Stoller
Small Animal & Veterinary Science Project:
 Horseless Horse - Gracelyn Miller
 All About Dogs - Olivia Buchholz
 You and Your Dog - Quinten Reyes
 Purr-fect Pals - Wyatt Batt
 Pet Rabbit - Morgan Snyder
 1st Place Small Animal Project - Wyatt Batt
 2nd Place Small Animal Project - Morgan Snyder
 From Airedales to Zebras - Arabella Niemasz
 1st Place Veterinary Science Project - Arabella Niemasz
 State Fair Qualifiers - Wyatt Batt, Arabella Niemasz, Morgan Snyder, Quintin Reyes
Thursday, June 13, 2024:
Horse Pleasure and Performance Show:
 1st Place Equitation Horse/Pony (9-18) - Raeley Franklin
 1st Place Junior Hunter Under Saddle - Gracelyn Elkins
 1st Place Senior Hunter Under Saddle - Delaney Johanns
 1st Place Junior Hunter Hack - Gracelyn - Elkins
 1st Place Junior Hunter Over Fences - Gabrielle Gurney
 1st Place Pony Horsemanship (9-18, 58" & Under) - Ally Jo Merriman
 1st Place Junior Western Horsemanship - Gracelyn Elkins
 1st Place Senior Western Horsemanship - Raeley Franklin
 1st Place Pony Pleasure (9-18, 58" & Under) - Ally Jo Merriman
 1st Place Junior Horse Pleasure - Brynlee Stoller
 1st Place Senior Horse Pleasure - Raeley Franklin
 1st Place Novice Walk/Trot (9-18) - Karlee Kohart
 1st Place Snaffle Bit Pleasure (9-18) - Mara Phlipot
 1st Place Open Longe Line - Brynlee Stoller
 1st Place Junior Ranch Pleasure - Gabrielle Gurney
 1st Place Senior Ranch Pleasure - Royce Cooper
 1st Place Two-Year-Old Production 1 - Gabrielle Gurney
 1st Place Three-Year-Old Production - Ally Jo Merriman
 1st Place Junior Ranch Horsemanship - Reese Franklin
 1st Place Senior Ranch Horsemanship - Mara Phlipot
 Champion of Champion Pleasure - Ally Jo Merriman
 1st Place Junior Ground Roping - Adelyne Slattman
 1st Place Senior Ground Roping - Levi Ankney
 1st Place Junior Trail -



Reese Franklin
 1st Place Senior Trail - Delaney Johanns
 1st Place Inhand Trail - Kyla Hurd
 1st Place Senior Western Riding - Ally Jo Merriman
 1st Place Senior Reining - Delaney Johanns
 1st Place Versatility - Raeley Franklin
 1st Place Junior Ranch Riding - Reese Franklin
 1st Place Senior Ranch Riding - Royce Cooper
 Champion of Champion Performance - Delaney Johanns
Horse Contesting Show:
 Pole Bending Jr. - Katelynn Hurd
 Pole Bending Sr. - Mara Phlipot
 Barrels Jr. - Ellie Roughton
 Barrels Sr. - Raeley Franklin
 Speed and Control Jr. - Ellie Roughton
 Speed and Control Sr. - Abby Elkins
 Cones and Barrels Jr. - Katelynn Hurd
 Cones and Barrels Sr. - Abby Elkins
 Stakes Race Jr. - Gracelyn Elkins
 Stakes Race Sr. - Delaney Johanns
 Key Hole Jr. - Katelynn Hurd
 Key Hole Sr. - Delaney Johanns
 Champion of Champion Contesting - Abby Elkins
 Reserve Champion of Champion Contesting - Mara Phlipot
 Grand Champion Contesting High Point - Katelynn Hurd
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024:
Family & Consumer Science Project Awards:
 Cake Decorating (B) - Betsie Manz
 Seeing Through Graphic Design - Hunter Lyons

Family History Treasure Hunt - Kennedy Manz
 Scrapbooking - Hannah Trausch
 1st Place Creative & Leisure Arts Project - Hannah Trausch
 2nd Place Creative & Leisure Arts Project - Betsie Manz
 First Aid in Action - Abigail Dager
 Medicine Science & Safety - Delana Noggle
 Tracking Your Health & Fitness - Anna Meraz
 Relationships 101 - Anabelle Saylor
 Your Thoughts Matter - Delana Noggle
 1st Place Healthy Living Project - Anna Meraz
 2nd Place Healthy Living Project - Anabelle Saylor
 The Laundry Project - Kaylee Miller
 1st Place Home Living Project - Kaylee Miller
 Club Leadership 1 - Krandon Crites
 1st Place Leadership & Citizenship Project - Krandon Crites
 Self-Determined - Delana Noggle (Camp Counselor)
 1st Place Self-Determined Project - Delana Noggle
 2nd Place Self-Determined Project - Xylem Kashner
 State Fair Qualifiers - Betsie Manz, Kennedy Manz - 442, Hunter Lyons, Adalyn Miller, Hannah Trausch, Delana Noggle - 354, Anna Meraz, Anabelle Saylor, Delana Noggle - 359, Kaylee Miller, Krandon Crites, Delana Noggle - 365
 Camp Counselor, Xylem Kashner, Delana Noggle - 365
 String Art, Kennedy Manz - 365
 Babysitting, Brynn Reinhart
STEM & Natural Resources Project Awards:
 Rockets Away (2-liter bottles) - Connor Manz
 Science Fun with Flight -

Jeremiah Sajuan
 Rockets Away (Solid fueled rockets) - Jacob Hartwig
 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry - Ella Zimmerman
 Magic of Electricity - Camden Linder
 Investigating Electricity - Graham Miller
 Science Fun with Physics - Isaiah Koenig
 Robotics Essentials - Maggie Webb
 Crank It Up - Owen Workman
 Ready, Set, Mow! - Delana Noggle
 1st Place Science & Technology Project - Maggie Webb
 2nd Place Science & Technology Project - Jeremiah Sajuan
 Arcs and Sparks - Jordan Hale
 1st Place Welding Project - Jordan Hale
 Measuring Up, Level 1 - Owen Workman
 Making the Cut, Level 2 - Lincoln Manz
 Nailing It Together, Level 3 - Drew McClure
 Finishing Up, Level 4 - Caleb McClure
 Woodworking Master - Kailyn Karhoff
 1st Place Woodworking Project - Drew McClure
 2nd Place Woodworking Project - Lincoln Manz
 John & Bernadyne Rogers Woodworking Award - Aden Porter
 Growing with the Seasons - Makinzee Williamson
 Explore the Outdoors - Luke Saylor
 Geology: Can You Dig It? - Aden Porter
 Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing - Aden Porter
 Beekeeping - Addison Clemens
 Insect Adventures 1 - Arabella Niemasz
 1st Place Natural Resources

Project - Arabella Niemasz
 2nd Place Natural Resources Project - Makinzee Williamson
 Safe Use of Guns - Hayden Batt
 Basic Archery - Elliana Burtnett
 1st Place Shooting Sports Safety Project - Hayden Batt
 2nd Place Shooting Sports Safety Project - Elliana Burtnett
 Archery - Emma White
 1st Place Shooting Sports Project - Emma White
 2nd Place Shooting Project - Edwin White
 State Fair Qualifiers - Connor Manz, Jeremiah Sajuan, Jacob Hartwig, Ella Zimmerman, Graham Miller, Isaiah Koenig, Maggie Webb, Owen Workman - 541, Jordan Hale, Owen Workman - 556, Aden Porter, Lincoln Manz, Drew McClure, Caleb McClure, Kailyn Karhoff, Makinzee Williamson, Luke Saylor, Addison Clemens, Arabella Niemasz, Hayden Batt, Elliana Burtnett

WT WINS OVER RIVAL KNIGHTS

Wayne Trace scored five times in the third and added four more in the sixth as the Raiders run-ruled rival Crestview 13-3 in ACME baseball action last week.
 The Raiders scored once in the first before the Knights took their only lead of the night with a two-run second.
 Wayne Trace answered with five runs in the bottom of the third before plating two more in the fourth in posting an 8-2 advantage.
 Following each team scoring once in the fifth, the Raiders wrapped up the victory with a four-run sixth to record a 13-3 victory.
 Hayden Buuck, Ross Gerardot, Rex Gerardot, Ayden Hyatt and Bryson Penix all had a single for the Knights with Owen Heckler, Rex Gerardot and Blake Lutz scoring once each.
 Carter Baumle, Brody Rosswurm, Micah Sinn, Dylan Coffman and Jon Sterret picked up two hits each for the Raiders with Tyson Gerber, Caden Sinn and Tyler Blankenship had one apiece.
 Baumle, Rosswurm, Carter Clemens, Micah Sinn, Coffman and Sterret scored twice each to lead Wayne Trace and Tanner Laukhuf touched home plate once. Micah Sinn drove in three runs with Baumle, Rosswurm and Sterret posting two runs batted in apiece.
 Gerber, Caden Sinn and Blankenship finished with a

run batted in each as well for Wayne Trace.
 Micah Sinn recorded the victory on the mound for the Raiders, striking out seven and walking four in a complete-game six inning effort.
 Heckler took the loss for the Knights, fanning four and walking two in 3-1/3 innings.
 Lutz also struck out two and walked one in two innings of relief.

ACES POST WIN OVER RAIDERS

Owen Stuckey scattered four hits and struck out four to lead the Hicksville Aces to a 4-2 ACME baseball victory over Wayne Trace Wednesday night in Defiance County.
 Stuckey tossed the shortened complete game for the Aces and also scored a run to aid the Hicksville offense.
 Rylen Bassett chipped in two singles and a run batted in for the Defiance County squad while Bronson Graber doubled. Collin Leavell, Carter Sheets and Michael Bleck also touched home plate for Hicksville and Eli Lawrence posted a run batted in.
 Jack Schoenauer, Brody Rosswurm, Tanner Laukhuf and Carter Clemens finished with a single each for Wayne Trace with Clemens and Laukhuf scoring a run each. Caden Sinn and Tyson Gerber both picked up a run batted in for the red, white and blue.
 The nightcap saw the two squads play to a 6-6 tie as the Aces rallied with a four-run fifth to even the game up.
 Rylen Bassett topped the Defiance County squad with two runs scored, one run batted in, two singles and a triple while Owen Stuckey posted two singles and two runs batted in.
 Eli Lawrence, Austin Sanders, Carter Sheets and Brendan Metz also scored for the Aces with Metz and Brody Walter picking up a run batted in apiece.
 Brody Rosswurm scored twice and singled once for Wayne Trace with Micah Sinn, Conner Davis and Tanner Laukhuf all singling once and touching home plate once.
 Trenton Thomas and Jack Schoenauer both doubled for the Raiders while Tyson Gerber posted a single and a run batted in. Schoenauer, Caden Sinn and Dylan Coffman also drove in a run each for the red, white and blue while Caden Sinn scored the other Raider run.

THE LEFT TURN



Cap Henry celebrates at Millstream Speedway. *Action Photos Ohio*



Late Model Driver, Colin Shipley in Victory Lane at Oakshade. *Charlie Orns Photo*



Mark Sammut #78 Wins the Super Crown Nationals. *Jim Davidson Photo*

By: Ron Burt

It was a busy week for tri-state short track racing. Every car class you can think of had big races. The highlight was the reopening of the historic Millstream Speedway near Findlay Ohio. The tracks last race was 2016. This year they are running a limited schedule trying different car classes. Friday, June 14th the Fast On Dirt 410 Outlaw Winged Sprints and the USAC Thunder Midgets were the first two classes to have events. 37 Outlaw Sprints showed up for the 8th race in the 9 event schedule, for the 42nd Ohio Sprint Speed Week. The Outlaws raced on the newly resurfaced

½ mile, and the Thunder Midgets broke in the smaller inside oval. 21 cars showed up for the Midget series race.

Consistency wins championships and Cap Henry dominated the other competitors in the 410 Sprint class. Leading up to the Millstream race, Cap won the series opener at Attica where he's the 2023 track champion. The 2nd race at Fremont was cancelled because of rain. He finished third at Waynesfield Motorsports Park. Monday at Wayne County Speedway he finished 17th. Henry roared back Tuesday with a third place run at Hilltop Speedway followed by a fifth place finish at Sharon

Speedway Wednesday and a second place showing Thursday at Muskingum County Speedway.

Scotty Thiel grabbed the early lead in the 30-lap feature at Millstream with Henry driving from fourth to second on the opening lap. Henry drove under Thiel for the lead on lap nine just as a caution flew for debris. Henry built up a substantial lead while the battle for second saw Zane DeVault get around Thiel on lap 12. A debris caution on lap 20 wiped out Henry's lead, but he executed a perfect restart to once again drive away. With five laps to go Henry held a 2.1 second lead over DeVault with ninth starter Skylar Gee moving into third after a battle with Thiel and Cale Thomas. A yellow flag on the final lap set up a shootout but Henry once again nailed his restart and drove to the victory, his fourth overall win of 2024. DeVault, Gee, Thiel and 12th starter Joel Myers Jr. rounded out the top five.

The following night Danny Sams III put a huge exclamation point on his series win, leading all 35 laps for a \$10,000 pay day at Atomic Speedway. Cap Henry won the series point Championship for the Fast on Dirt Outlaws.

Midget driver Zach Wigal won the feature at Millstream on the brand new inside oval. The Supermodifieds were at Lorain Raceway Park for the Super Crown Nationals. The Friday night feature winner was AJ Lesiecki. Saturdays first victory went to Jackson Lilje, and the third race and the over-all weekend championship went to Mark Sammut. On Saturday Colin Shipley and Steve Kester each picked up their first DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature wins of the season at Oakshade Raceway. Dominator Super Stock A Mains went to Jarrett Rendel and Dylan Burt. Jason Deshler won in the Oakshade Sport Compact Class. The 360 Great Lakes Super Sprints were at Butler Speedway in Quincy Michigan on Saturday evening. Corbin Gurley won his first ever Michigan CAT Feature Race Win. In Outlaw Figure 8 Late Model action, "The Gentleman" Jeffrey Shackelford won his second Jake's 150 Saturday. The 24th Jake's running had a record race payout with \$5,500 going to first place and a record tying field of 32 cars competing in the event. For a complete rundown of area racetracks log onto Ohio Sports Blitz, on Facebook. Ron Out!

PANTHERS GET PAIR OF WINS OVER RAMS

In Green Meadows Conference ACME baseball action, the Paulding Panthers recorded a pair of 3-2 victories over Tinora Thursday night.

Carter Evans hit a double in the bottom of the seventh to score Easton Lehman for a 3-2 win by the maroon and white in game one of the twin-bill.

Tinora struck first with a single run in the first before the Panthers answered with two runs in the home half of the opening frame.

The green and white then knotted the game with a run in the top of the fourth before Paulding's win in the bottom of the seventh.

Evans, Lehman and Grady Barton all had two hits for the Panthers with Greyson Harder and Jackson Griffith picking up one hit apiece.

Blake Rhonehouse, Harder and Lehman scored the maroon and white runs while Evans and Barton picked up a run batted in apiece.

Rhonehouse picked up the win on the mound, giving up four hits, one earned run and four walks while striking out five in six innings of relief.

Nolan Rittenhouse, Owen Ferrell, Allan Burchfield and Cooper Replogle all had hits for Tinora with Josh Lieb and Jered Neff touching home plate. Ferrell also drove in one run for the Rams.

In game two, Colten Hunt got the win on the mound for Paulding with six strikeouts in three innings of work.

Lehman, Barton and Hunt all had a hit for the maroon and white with Lehman, Harder and Clayton Manz each scoring once. Hunt also drove in two runs for the Panthers and Gavin Coil picked up one run batted in.

Replogle and Ferrell posted the lone hits for Tinora with Neff and Rittenhouse scoring once each. Ferrell chipped in a run batted in for the green and white.

SPRING PLANTING DELAYS MAY CAUSE SOME FARMERS TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO IMPROVE YIELDS

Heavy rains and wet fields across the region that have delayed planting have some farmers questioning whether they should swap out their full-season varieties with early-maturing ones that will produce crops in a shorter period of time.

That depends, says Laura Lindsey, a field crops expert with The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Lindsey, a soybean and small grains specialist with Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' outreach arm, said for both corn and soybean, timely planting is important to maximize yield.

In CFAES soybean trials, yields have decreased as much as a 0.5 bushels per acre for each day planted after the end of April, she said.

Similarly, for corn, yield can decrease up to 1.75 bushels per acre for each day planted after the end of April, according to Osler Ortez, a CFAES assistant professor and an OSU Extension corn and emerging crop production systems specialist.

"However, although early planting is important, planting into good soil conditions is also very important, especially for corn due to its lower compensation capacity," Ortez said in a recent CORN newsletter post. "In general, timely planting is important, but crops planted past the recommended planting window (early May) can still yield well, depending on weather conditions later in the growing season."

"Planting under poor conditions can be detrimental to crop yields."

Some Ohio farmers face these questions as rainy and wet conditions have resulted in saturated soils conditions, which have delayed corn and soybean planting for some growers in some parts of the region.

Farmers reported fieldwork and planting was slow with the intermittent rain showers last week, leaving 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork, Ben Torrance, Ohio State

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE RECEIVES GRANT FOR SIGNAGE



Village of Hicksville recently received a grant of \$5,000 for the Hicksville Disc Golf Course signage. This grant was awarded from the Hanna Family Memorial Fund, during their last grants cycle ending in March 2024. Pictured above are (r-l) Kevin Troyer - Disc Golf Course Project Coordinator and Anne Murray - Defiance Area Foundation Board Member.

CHRISTMAS CRUISE THRU RECEIVES GRANT



Christmas Cruise Thru recently received a grant of \$3,000 from the Defiance Area Foundation. This grant was awarded from the Hanna Family Memorial Fund, during their last grant's cycle ending in March 2024 and will be used for new communication radios. Pictured above are (l-r) Mary Lew - Treasurer of Christmas Cruise Thru and Laurie McCann - Defiance Area Foundation Board Member and Grants Committee Member.

statistician of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, said in a written statement.

Across Ohio, as of the week ended May 19, only 46 percent of corn was planted, according to the agency. That compares to 55 percent that had been planted by the same time last year and 44 percent that had been planted on average during the same time period over the past five years, the agency said.

During the same time period, only 41 percent of soybeans was planted, according to the agency. That compares to 53 percent that had been planted by the same time last year and 35 percent that had been planted on average dur-

ing the same time period over the past five years, the agency said.

However, if corn planting is delayed, farmers can consider some adjustments, such as targeting plant population and seeding rates, OSU Extension agronomists recommended in a recent CORN newsletter post.

Depending on the corn hybrid and production environment, recommended plant populations can range from 26,000 to 34,000 plants per acre. Factoring in germination and emergence losses is necessary when estimating seeding rates.

Other recommendations include:

- When planting corn late,

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FRIENDS OF THE INDEPENDENCE STATE DAM PARK RECEIVES GRANT



Friends of the Independance State Dam Park recently received a grant for \$3,575 during their last grant cycle in March. This grant was funded from the Hanna Family Memorial Fund, under the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) umbrella, and was used to create four hand carved wooden tree toppers and a beautiful totem pole for visitors to enjoy throughout the park. Pictured with the totem pole are (l-r) Knox Schroeder - state park visitor, Randy Wright - Friends of the Independence Dam State Park President, Drew Schindler - DAF Board of Trustees and Grants Committee member and Caden Schroeder - state park visitor.

consider shorter season hybrids that will reach physiological maturity before the first killing frost. When soybeans are planted in May, 100,000 to 120,000 plants per acre is recommended as the target plant population. If soybean planting is delayed to June, the recommended target population increases to 130,000 to 150,000 plants per acre.

• Plant soybean in narrow rows (7.5 to 15-inches). The later in the growing season soybeans are planted, the greater the yield increase due to narrow rows.

• When planting soybeans late, the 'rule of thumb' is to plant the latest maturing variety that will reach physiological maturity before the first killing frost.

To make their planting decisions, growers can find more information in the Corn Newsletter, which offers weekly crop observations, related information, and appropriate recommendations for Ohio crop producers and industry and is produced by the Ohio State University Extension Agronomy Team.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

During the 2023 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Maurice Irish, assigned to Delaware County, received a report that an individual had

suspended on the condition that the individual does not commit any other wildlife violations in the next year. Officer Porinchok provided education on the state's deer hunting regulations, and the hunter purchased an annual deer permit the next day and legally harvested a deer later in the week.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, conducted a license check during the 2023 white-tailed deer gun hunting season. Officer Porinchok found that the hunter had failed to purchase a deer permit. He issued a citation for hunting without a permit and the hunter was ordered to pay a \$250 fine in addition to court costs. A one-year hunting license revocation was

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

During the 2024 white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Micah Collier, assigned to Brown County, and State Wildlife Officer Gus Kiebel, assigned to Adams County, contacted a hunter in a tree stand. Officer Kiebel had previously cited the same individual for failure to wear hunter orange during a deer gun season. The officers determined the hunter did not possess a valid deer permit for the 2023-24 season. The suspect was issued a summons for hunting deer with-

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officers Levi Boggs, assigned to Gallia County, and Ted Witham, assigned to Jackson County, attended the National Wild Turkey Federation's Gallia County Longbeards Chapter 2024 youth spring wild turkey hunt. All youth hunters took part in a hunter safety and turkey identification briefing presented by Officer Boggs on the evening before the hunt. This was the largest event yet, with 59 participants harvesting 24 turkeys. Eight youth hunters harvested their first turkey ever during the event. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Jason Porinchok, assigned to Putnam County, conducted a license check during the 2023 white-tailed deer gun hunting season. Officer Porinchok found that the hunter had failed to purchase a deer permit. He issued a citation for hunting without a permit and the hunter was ordered to pay a \$250 fine in addition to court costs. A one-year hunting license revocation was

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Evan Huegel, assigned to Ashland County, received an anonymous Turn-In-a-Poacher (TIP) report of individuals hunting raccoons on property where they did not have permission. Officer Huegel contacted the group and issued citations to three adults for hunting without permission. They were found guilty and collectively paid \$411 in fines and court costs. Report wildlife violations anonymously by calling 1-800-POACHER (762-2437).

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Aaron Brown, assigned to Wayne County, was notified by the Shreve Police Department of a large trash dump on Shreve Lake Wildlife Area. Officer Brown contacted two suspects, one of whom he had previously cited for litter violations. One individual was found guilty and ordered to pay \$731 in fines and court costs and complete 40 hours of community service. The second individual's litter offense was elevated to a first-degree misdemeanor because of the previous convictions. That suspect was ordered to pay \$964 in fines and court costs and complete 100 hours of community service.

out a valid permit and paid a \$175 fine.

State Wildlife Officer Alex Almeter, assigned to Greene County, Wildlife Officer Supervisor Dave Warner, and staff from Wildlife District Five recently attended the grand opening of Great Council State Park, Ohio's 76th state park. The officers and staff assisted the Division of Parks and Watercraft with presentations, tours of the facility and walking trail, fish identification, and a fish frying demonstration. The new park offers visitors a glimpse of what Shawnee life looked like in the 1700s through a 12,000 square-foot interpretive center. Modeled after historic Shawnee longhouses, the multi-storied center features a gallery space, interactive exhibits, and a short film about the history of Old Chillicothe. The nearly 15-acre park also features a native plant prairie, a half-mile trail, and scenic views of the Little Miami River.

MAUMEE TOWNSHIP (WOODBURN) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Maumee Township Advisory Board met on June 11, 2024. Previous meeting minutes were approved as presented. Updates and replacement of landscaping in the front of the Community Center was approved. JP Landscaping will be doing the work. New rates were approved for rental of the Community Center and Shelter House properties. Effective July 1, 2024, new bookings for 2025 will be: Community Center - \$200 and Shelter House - \$100. Quote was approved to add mulch to playground areas of park. Meeting adjourned.

DPLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET JUNE 26

[DEFIANCE] - The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, beginning at 5 p.m. at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Defiance, OH. The agenda is available to view inside the libraries, and online at defiancelibrary.org. Meetings of the Board and its committees are open to the public.

TWO MERCY HEALTH HOSPITALS RANKED IN BEST PLACES TO WORK IN HEALTHCARE IN 2024

Mercy Health is proud to announce that two hospitals have once again earned rankings among healthcare providers and insurers in Modern Healthcare's 2024 Best Places to Work award program.

Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital has been selected for the third consecutive year while Mercy Health - Willard Hospital is celebrating its sixth year on the list! The complete list of this year's winners, in alphabetical order, is available at ModernHealthcare.com/best-placeslist. "Being named for the third consecutive year on the Best Places to Work is just another indication that the team at Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital is committed to serving this region," said Sonya Selhorst, president, Mercy Health - Defiance Hospital. "I want to express gratitude to the entire team who works tirelessly to ensure that our community

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

receives the absolute best health care right in their own back yard."

"Mercy Health - Willard Hospital has been recognized with this national distinction for six years in a row and I'm so proud to once again celebrate this team for their dedication to our patients and our communities," said Andrew Morgan, president, Mercy Health - Willard Hospital. "This continues to be a meaningful recognition as it shows the pride our team has in the work they do."

Best Places to Work in healthcare identifies and recognizes outstanding employers in the healthcare industry nationwide. Modern Healthcare partners with Workforce Research Group on the assessment process, which includes an extensive employee survey.

"With all the economic uncertainty, staffing challenges, and folks wanting more flexible work setups, every com-

pany has to get clever about how they attract and hold onto talent," noted Dan Peres, president of Modern Healthcare. "The winners of the 2024 Best Places to Work awards really get it. They show us how vital it is to understand what employees want and need right now. With healthcare shifting so much, finding the right people is a top priority, and the winners know that keeping their team happy is the key to business success."

Mercy Health will find out their ranking on the Best Places list and be celebrated at the 2024 Best Places to Work in Healthcare Awards Gala taking place Oct. 10 in Nashville, TN. Modern Healthcare will publish a special supplement featuring a ranked list of all the winners along with the October 14, 2024, issue of Modern Healthcare magazine.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

MARK-MILFORD-HICKSVILLE JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT, PLAINTIFF,

vs. MINNIE E. CRAFT, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-24-093

Minnie E. Craft and the unknown heirs and devisees of Minnie E. Craft whose addresses are unknown will take notice that Mark-Milford-Hicksville Joint Township Hospital District filed a Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Paulding County, Ohio alleging ownership by adverse possession and quieting title to the following described real estate:

Situated in the Village of Antwerp, Township of Carryall, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio and known as: Being known as a part of Lot Number 10 and Lot Number 10 1/2 of Forder's Addition to the Village of Antwerp, located in the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27 AND a parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 1 East, Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28 monumented by a 5/8 inch capped iron pin found; THENCE North 01°09'39" East, on the East line of Section 28, a distance of 210.42 feet to a 1-inch copper rod set on concrete on the Northerly line of West River Street; THENCE North 68°37'26" East, on the Northerly line of West River Street, 40.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE North 21°38'39" West, 94.92 feet to a mag nail set in a concrete walk; THENCE North 21°51'06" West, 35.94 feet to a 5/8 inch capped iron pin found; THENCE North 68°15'35" East,

on the Northerly line of Lot Number 10 of Forder's Addition extended. 74.29 feet to a 1/4-inch iron pin found set in concrete, (passing the East line of Section 28 at a distance of 15.29 feet); THENCE South 16°48'14" East, 131.75 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pin found set in concrete on the Northerly line of West River Street and the Southerly line of Lot Number 10; THENCE South 68°37'26" West, on the Northerly line of West River Street and the Southerly line of Lot Number 10 and Lot Number 10 1/2 a distance of 62.97 feet; (passing the Southwesterly corner of Lot Number 10 at 57.52 feet) to the point of beginning.

The parcel herein described contains 7,639 square feet in Lot Number 10; contains 1,080 square feet in Lot Number 10 1/2 in Forder's Addition located in the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 27; ALSO a parcel of land containing 275 square feet in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 28 for a aggregate of 8,994 square feet of land, more or less, but subject to all legal highways and easements of record.

The basis of bearings is the Ohio North Coordinates. Thomas J. Henry, Registered Surveyor No.6787, prepared this description.

Parcel ID: 12-15S-002-00: 12-15S-001-00: and 12-36S-027-01

Property Address: 422 W. River Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

The persons mentioned above will further take notice that they have been made party Defendants to the Complaint and that they are required to answer the same within 28 days after the last publication.

— Stephen K. Snively (0018935) Attorney for Plaintiff

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TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO HERITAGE LIONS



District Governor Terry Marker recently inducted two new members into the Heritage Lions. Pictured are Shirley Kaylor, with her sponsor Cindy Wolf, and Halley Sorg, with her sponsor Ken Johnson. Cindy and Shirley are

neighbors and friends and Shirley has already helped out on a few projects. Halley is Ken's daughter, an engineering student in college and she has also been helping with the ice cream sales. Her grandfather, Marvin, is the Lion's

Treasurer. The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion. By working together, we can make Hoagland a better place.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE-ARGUS, ANTWERP 1914-2001 PART 5

12-24-1963 - Holiday ads appearing in the Bee-Argus from the following: Mary's Apparel Shop, Tracy Insurance, Park Station, Deventer's Market, Langham Body Shop, Schilb & Son, Antwerp Exchange Bank Co., Varner's Service Station & Restaurant, H&H Cleaners, Jay's Floral Gift Shoppe, Antwerp Hardware, Sidenbender Insurance Agency, Lady Byrd Shop, B.A. Smith Lumber Co., Abe's Cafe, Antwerp Equity Exchange, The Weatherhead Co., Horvone Insurance, Ross Sunoco, Bender's Garage, McCalla Pure Oil, Battershell's 5, 10 & Variety Store, Keith's Antwerp

Shell, Antwerp Sales Inc., L. Smith & Son, Kammeyer's Market, Antwerp Laundromat, Pin-A-Rama, C.A. Quisno & Sons, Panico's Dept. Store, Seslar Oil Co., Laukhuf Insurance, Yager's Corner Cupboard, Central Barber Shop, Smith's Drug Store, Schilb Funeral Home, Schilb Appliance Store, Fountain Beauty Shop, Roll-A-Way, Ehrhart Studio, Dr. Walter Bazali, Mike's Beauty Shop, Antwerp Police Dept., Antwerp Fire Dept., Pine Room Restaurant, Leinard Chevrolet Sales, Ohio Power Co.
1-30-1964 - The Sugar Shack holds open house. Owners Wilbur and Isabell Langham have started this as the Antwerp Youth Center.

3-5-1964 - Population: Antwerp 1,610. Rural routes of mail delivery increased more than P.O. Boxes in the Village. Paulding Co. has 17,340 total; Blizzard has hit! 8" fell in a short period of time.
3-26-1964 - This is an FYI I found interesting: Chevrolet vehicles have the following:
Impala Sports Coupe, 119' wheelbase, 17½ feet long
Malibu Sports Coupe, 115', (Not listed)
Nova Sports Coupe, 110', (Not listed)
Corvair Monza Coupe, 108', 15 feet
Corvair Stingray Coupe, 98', 14½ feet; Who knew?
5-28-1964 - Yager's Market has always placed their products in the Classified Ad sec-

tion (competition is Kammeyer's and Deventer's) with the item and price listed and several are in each week's issue. Well, they've come up with a new gimmick: "If your phone rings Friday morning and your 1st answer is 'cold turkey', we will give you free a 20" party decorator tray". How's that for ingenuity?
7-2-1964 - Covering most of page 1 is the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum. It's to be opened July 4th, Saturday to the press. The hours it will be open to the public is Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
7-30-1964 - Approximately 4,000 watched the Firemen's Parade of over 120 units of bands, antique cars, floats, etc.
OK, here we go again. It's Fall in Antwerp as the new 1965 cars and bowling scores and political ads fill the paper.
10-29-1964 - Marshall Ken Johnson to retire after more than 19 years on a disability pension from the State of Ohio.
11-5-1964 - LBJ vs Goldwater? Paulding Co. says LBJ will remain as our President.
11-12-1964 - The Maumee River is at an all-time low according to local residents.
11-26-1964 - Worst pre-Thanksgiving blizzard since 1950
12-10-1964 - Gateway Arch, St. Louis over half done. 630 feet tall
12-17-1964 - Color TV's advertised by L. Smith and Son; 2 kinds—rolls about or swivel
3-4-1965 - Snow storm blankets area. 7-8" snow and biting wind made 3-4' drifts.
3-11-1965 - 183 teachers in Paulding Co., average salary, \$5,192.

4-1-1965 - LBJ, President, gave message to Congress January 18th. Contents in paper today: First talks about Laos and Vietnam surfacing in this issue also.
4-15-1965 - Palm Sunday storm knocked out electricity. Possible tornado?
6-10-1965 - Applications being accepted for postal clerks in Antwerp by US Civil Service Dept., \$2.48/hr.
8-5-1965 - Sonny and Cher to be at Roll-A-Way Rink from 9:00 p.m. till Midnight doing two shows on Wednesday, 8/25. (9-2-1965 issue says over 2,000 attended!)
8-12-1965 - Sara Stevens appointed postal clerk filling the vacancy caused by the death of Galen Bickhard.
8-19-1965 - Gov. James Rhodes to visit Ehrhart Museum. 1st time a state executive will visit Antwerp since 1877 for the dynamiting of reservoir.
9-2-1965 - Remember the new push for a Barbie Club? They held two carnivals and sent \$29.71 to Muscular Dystrophy Association.
9-16-1965 - 20 year veteran Police Chief Kenneth Johnson dies.
10-21-1965 - Bee-Argus copies of each issue for the last 12 months = 1004, 8 cents per copy; Subscription is \$2.50/yr for Paulding, Defiance and Allen Counties. \$3.00/yr elsewhere.
2-3-1966 - Otto E. Ehrhart "Nature Rambles" is a weekly column now.
3-3-1966 - "A Republican Newspaper" is added to the box listing the Bee-Argus and editor/publisher.
5-12-1966 - Wilmer Rekeweg disbarred as an attorney for commingling (mix-

ing trust funds with his own personal funds). He had been a lawyer since 1935.
6-30-1966 - Antwerp to celebrate 125 years as a village.
9-29-1966 - Dr. William Caine, local physician, hit and killed by car on a village street at night. He was crossing the street in dark coat.
10-27-1966 - WANE-TV lists movies to be shown each day of the month at 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
- Submitted by Carol B.
TICKS & MOSQUITOES ARE WAITING ON YOU
If you enjoy being outside in the warmer months, just know that you may have plenty of company whether you are in your backyard, on a hiking trail, or on the water. Pests such as mosquitoes and ticks might bite if you get close.
Knowing how to keep you, your family, and your animals tick- and mosquito-safe is important as we enter the time of peak activity, says Tim McDermott, an educator with Ohio State University Extension, the outreach arm of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).
"We are entering the highest risk period for Lyme disease because nymphal black-legged ticks, also known as deer ticks, are most active in May and June," he said.
While Lyme disease doesn't manifest in every case, Lyme disease symptoms can include fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash that is circular and expanding, with a target like appearance. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints,



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the heart, and the nervous system.

"If a tick bites you, make sure to contact your health care provider to get the proper guidance on testing and treatment," McDermott said. "Ticks and the diseases they transmit have been steadily increasing for the past 13 years."

Annual Ohio Lyme disease cases increased 35 times between 2010 and 2023, largely because of the range expansion of the blacklegged tick, increasing numbers of deer in Ohio, and gradual reforestation of previous deforested habitat.

For example, Ohio had 1,283 cases of Lyme disease statewide in 2023, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

The key is to prevent being bitten, McDermott said.

"Make sure to develop a personal protective plan that includes scouting, tick checks, the right clothing, and topical repellents," he said. "Wearing permethrin-treated clothes is a great way of preventing bites."

Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellent products are great too, McDermott said.

"Find a repellent that's right for you from epa.gov/insect-repellents," he said. "The EPA website has a decision-making tool to assist you in choosing which repellent is best for your situation."

One educational resource that McDermott recommends is the Bite Site at kx.osu.edu/bite, which was developed by the CFAES Knowledge Exchange.

"It provides up-to-date information on the newest research and data to assist Ohioans in keeping themselves, their families, and their animals safe from biting pests such as ticks, mosquitoes, and even bed bugs," he said.

At the Bite Site, you can learn about the five different tick species of medical consequence in Ohio; how to remove them safely; and how to protect yourself, your family, your animals, and your property. Also read about the three mosquito species found in Ohio and the diseases they can spread in Ohio and outside of the United States.

Mosquitoes can transmit insect-borne diseases such as malaria, West Nile virus, dengue fever, yellow fever, and several viruses that cause encephalitis. Ticks can transmit tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever, tularemia, and ehrlichiosis.

When spending time outside, everyone should take preventive measures:

- Wear light-colored long pants to make seeing ticks easier for removal.
- Make sure your shoes and clothing are properly treated with permethrin.
- Use a topical repellent on your skin. The EPA web-

site provides excellent guidance.

- Make sure to read, understand, and follow the label on all pesticides and repellents; the label is the law.

- Try to stay in the middle of the pathway when hiking to decrease the chances of encountering ticks.

- Eliminate standing water sources on your property to decrease the spots where mosquitoes can breed.

- Do a thorough tick check when leaving tick habitats to make sure no ticks have bitten you or are being brought home with you.

- Work with your veterinarian to make sure you are using the best products that fit in your budget to keep your companion animals tick-safe.

- Make sure to reach out to your health care provider if you have concerns from a tick or mosquito bite.

McDermott said that just because you are at risk of encountering ticks and mosquitoes outdoors does not mean you should avoid going outside and enjoying the summer.

"We all just need to make sure we are taking the proper precautions," he said. "Make sure you check out the Bite Site to learn how you can keep yourself, your family, and your animals tick- and mosquito-safe this summer."

RURAL CHILDCARE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC AT FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

Talking to farmers is one way that Shoshannah Inwood gathers her research data at The Ohio State University. She quickly found that childcare, or the lack of it, was often a topic of conversation.

As one Ohio farmer told her, "Lack of childcare has been the primary impediment to growing my farm." Inwood, an associate professor of community, food, and economic development in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has spent the last 10 years building a national reputation related to the issue.

Inwood discovered that the Ohio farmer was far from alone in his opinion when she collected data for the 2023 National Farm Families Childcare Survey. Along with co-author Florence Becot from Pennsylvania State University, they surveyed farm and ranch families in 47 states.

They found that nationally, three quarters of farm families (74%) experienced childcare challenges within the last five years — most often due to cost and availability, followed by distance to and quality of childcare.

"Access to affordable childcare is tied to keeping children safe, farm viability, and economic development," Inwood said. She will staff an in-person childcare photovoice exhibit at the 2024 Farm Science Review in Lon-

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don, Ohio, Sept. 17-19, to prompt discussion around this important topic.

The Douridas family of Madison County knows all too well the costs and challenges of childcare in agriculture. Nate and Amanda are parents to Madi, 4, and Max, 7. Both have worked in agriculture for around 20 years. He serves as FSR farm manager, responsible for 1,500 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat. She is an Ohio State University Extension educator, agriculture and natural resources, in Madison County.

They do have a day care available in London, and her parents live about 15 miles away. Even so, on days when day care is closed and, in the evenings, "things can become hectic with the biggest challenge being schedule management and figuring out how to prioritize what each of us has to get done," Amanda said.

Her advice for other farm families is that while rural day care might be available, it's very hard to get into and there might be limited choices. She counsels to find childcare as soon as possible, even before the child is born. Get on their day care lists very soon.

"Childcare is a huge issue for everyone, but it's exacerbated on the farm due to hours and time commitments," Amanda said. "It's most challenging in the evenings. When I have evening meetings and Nate is working on the farm, it can get real difficult. My Master Gardener group, which meets in evenings, know my children well."

Inwood reported some additional findings from the

new suite of tools to address rural childcare needs by prioritizing projects that address the availability, quality, and cost of childcare in rural and agricultural communities.

"As land-grant university scientists, our responsibility is to conduct public research to inform public policy and meet the needs of America's farmers and ranchers," Inwood reflected.

OHIO HOUSE PASSES RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHINA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL DRUG TRADE

State Representatives Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) and Angie King (R-Celina) announced that the Ohio House passed House Concurrent Resolution 11, condemning the People's Republic of China for its role in the global drug trade.

The fentanyl crisis has inflicted great harm on communities across Ohio, leading to a staggering number of overdoses, deaths, and immeasurable suffering for families. According to the Ohio Department of Health, fentanyl is the cause of 80% of unintentional overdoses in Ohio.

"Today, my colleagues and I clearly communicated that Ohio will not tolerate China's role in killing Ohioans," said Klopfenstein.

"China is the primary country of origin for illicit fentanyl trafficked into the United States," King added. "Congress needs to take action against China to eliminate the drug crisis they're sponsoring in the U.S."

HCR 11 now heads to the Ohio Senate for consideration.

ALLIANCE HEALTH CENTERS ANNOUNCES OPENING OF HEALTH CLINIC IN SOUTHEAST FORT WAYNE

Alliance Health Centers announced they will open a new clinic in a partnership with Bridge of Grace to serve southeast Fort Wayne.

The clinic will be located in the new Bridge of Grace complex and will focus on providing care for the full family, prenatal through the entire lifespan. Primary care, maternal mental health, midwifery care, and mental health services for children and adults will be available. The clinic staff will offer Medicaid and insurance assistance.

"Alliance Health Centers is honored to be part of the

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vibrant southeast Fort Wayne community," said Dr. Eric Shoemaker, medical director of Alliance Health Centers. "We are proud to partner with Bridge of Grace to provide high-quality healthcare to individuals throughout the entire course of their life regardless of their ability to pay."

"We are thrilled to have Alliance Health Centers in our neighborhood due to their high-quality services and the walkability for our neighbors," said Javier Mondragon, founder and CEO, Bridge of Grace Ministries. "It is truly a game changer for our community."

Alliance's mission is to improve the health of communities regardless of financial, language and transportation barriers. Team members who speak Spanish, Portuguese, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Burmese will be on hand at the clinic.

"It is important to Alliance Health to meet the community members we serve where they are," said Dr. Nikki King, chief executive officer, Alliance Health Centers. "We are dedicated to bringing care closer to our patients."

The clinic is expected to open mid-June. Hours of operation will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public tours will be available during two community open house events hosted by Bridge of Grace on June 12: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00–6:00 p.m. The clinic is located at 909 Elmrow, Fort Wayne, 46806.

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2024 CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS PARADE/ CONVOY'S 150th CELEBRATION



Announces Grand Marshals and Honorary Grand Marshals

2024 Convoy Community Days Parade will be held Saturday July 13, 2024, at 3pm with Grand Marshals Ray & Floyd Etzler and Honorary Grand Marshals Ray Bonar, Liam & Patricia Mailey, Caroline Mailey & Patrick Dunnion our friends from Ireland visiting for Convoy's 150th Celebration. The parade theme is "The Little Town That Does Big Things" and will travel from the Crestview Schools to Edgewood Park.

Floyd Etzler moved to Convoy with his parents and siblings in 1946 and attended Convoy Union, graduating from the first class of Crestview in 1961. He attended Wright State in Celina and Indiana Tech Fort

Wayne. Floyd married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Ann (Harting) Etzler in 1963. They are the parents of Scott Etzler, Sara Royer & Suzi Adams, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In his childhood years he was a newspaper carrier mowed lawn, baled hay, cleaned soybeans and painted a house. Lots of fun was had with lots of neighborhood kids on the south side of Convoy. Floyd retired from International Harvester Engineering in Ft. Wayne as a Sr Project Engineer in 2006. He received several US Patent Awards. He is a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, served as past president of the Convoy Lions Club, served o VW County School Board, created drawings for the Convoy Edgewood Park layout and

on the parks board. Having lived, worked, and played in Convoy all my life, it has been a blessing to enjoy the citizenship, work ethic, and pride that this community offers to all those who have call or now call Convoy their hometown and congratulate Convoy on its 150th year anniversary.

Ray Etzler graduated from the Convoy Union in 1959. Attended Defiance College on a basketball scholarship, receiving All Conference, All District and All-American Honors. Graduated in 1963. Ray started teaching at Crestview North Elementary, then moved to high school where he taught Social Studies, then Guidance Counselor, High School Principal, Interim Superintendent, Elementary Principal & Athletic Director. He coached basketball, baseball, girls track & football. He was inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, Paul Waler Award, Bob Arzen Award, Coach of the Year, District Eight and Ohio high School Basketball Association.

Ray was inducted into the Defiance College Hall of Fame and received the Outstanding Achievement Award. He and his wife, Coleen (Bagley) Etzler have been married for 62 years and have four children, Lori Hammons, Douglas Etzler, Andrew Etzler & Daniel Etzler. They have twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Ray is a member of the Convoy Lions Club and Gideons International as well as Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ray is proud to have grown up in a small community. He has many times said

DEFIANCE COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT



Defiance College recently received a \$2,500 grant for their 175th Anniversary Campaign from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund, under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella. Pictured are (L to R) Richanne Mankey - Defiance College President and Tom Hubbard.

"Do not forget your roots as they play a large part in the development of your life.

Honorary Grand Marshals will be **Our Friends** from Convoy Donegal, Ireland, attending weekend festivities. Mr. Ray Bonar was in Convoy Ohio when the tombstone of Robert Nesbit was reconstructed and Liam Mailey is the chairman of the Convoy Ireland Community & Environmental Committee and recently unveiled a plaque that has been displayed on the bridge in Lower TullyDonnel, Convoy which is beside the entrance to the Nesbitt home that commemorates Convoy Ohio Celebrating 150 years & one in the Convoy Village Square. Liam and his wife Patricia, daughter Caroline and her friend Patrick Dunnion are also celebrating with us in Convoy Ohio this weekend.

This event is sponsored by Convoy Lions Club & Convoy Community Days.

HARLAN ALUMNI REUNION

Calling all Harlan grade and high school (1908 to 1965) graduates, underclassmen, or attendees! You are invited to the annual alumni reunion on Sunday, August 4th at the Jack Brinker Post 409 Legion in Leo, Indiana. Come renew old friendships and reminisce about the "good old days." Reservations are required by July 20th.

Contact Bluefruitjar@mediacombb.net or call 260-333-3003 for more information.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet June 26, 2024 at the Woodburn Community Center (corner of Woodburn Rd E and 101) at 7:00 p.m.

SHOP WAYNEDEALE GAMES

Shop Waynedale Games with a \$500 Top Prize! "Shop Waynedale" is a two-week-long event (July 8-20) that boasts big discounts at local businesses, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Passport Stamp game. The grand prize drawing for a lucky person or family who collects the most stamps and answers the scavenger hunt correctly takes home \$500! Tons of local gifts and prizes. This event was organized by "Volunteers 4 Waynedale" to encourage people to explore Waynedale businesses. No purchase necessary to play. All are invited. To play, pick up a Gamebook at any participating business or see an July 5 edition of The Waynedale News.

Contact: www.facebook.com/waynedaleevents

OHIO STATE TO HOST MANURE SCIENCE REVIEW IN AUGUST

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) will host the 24th annual Manure Science Review on August 6, 2024 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

Aimed at farmers, crop consultants, soil conservation workers and others, the Manure Science Review will feature speakers and field demonstrations from Ohio State and other qualified companies and institutions.

The mornings speakers will begin with representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), presenting H2Ohio updates as well as best practices for manure application by Frances Springer. Will Osterholz from the Natural Resources Conservation Service will then discuss the effects of manure placement on subsurface drainage, followed by a panel discussion about the 360 Rain Unit for liquid manure application, featuring Justin Koch of 360 Yield Center, Taylor Pulver from Rooted Agri Services, Andrew Klopfenstein from the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE), and Ryan Schmittmeyer of Owl Creek Dairy.

All demonstrations will feature members of Ohio State, beginning with a ma-

nure spill mitigation by Springer and Ohio State Extension professional Glen Arnold. FABE professor and chair Scott Shearer will join Klopfenstein for an autonomous tractor display, and Extension educator Amanda Douridas will show an easy method for calibrating a dry manure applicator.

The final two demonstrations of the day will highlight the collaborative effort between Ohio State, ODA, and 360 Yield Center, demonstrating in-season animal nutrient and water application as a unified strategy to reduce nutrient losses while improving profitability with increased grain yields.

The demonstrations will feature the 360 Rain hardware, designed to improve upon traditional irrigation methods by delivering water, nutrients, fungicides, and more directly to the base of the plant. Shearer, Koch, and Schmittmeyer will show the 360 Rain base station, well, and injection site. Klopfenstein and Pulver will close the day with a field demonstration of the 360 Rain unit.

The Manure Science Review will cost \$25 per person through July 19 and \$30 per person after July 19 as well as walk-ins. The cost includes the program, coffee & donuts, and lunch.

To register for the 2024 Review, go to <https://go.osu.edu/msr-2024> or contact Mary Wicks (wicks.14@osu.edu).

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