



FIVE GENERATIONS



Shown above are five generations of family: Jackie Wyckoff (1/6/1945, sitting, mom); Darin W. Rhoad (6/2/1965, back, son); Amanda Mullins (1/21/1982, right, granddaughter); Kayla Mullins (5/16/2001, Left, great-granddaughter); Ricardo "Rico" Maydwell IV (1/4/2024, baby, great-great-grandson).

THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY VBS IS COMING!



It's a jungle out there! You'll need all your senses to survive! You'll learn how at Vacation Bible School at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church this year.

Listen! Can you hear a howler monkey screeching and insects buzzing? Look! Do you see a sloth hanging from a tree and a jaguar crouching ready to pounce? Smell! Is that the aroma of tropical flowers wafting through the air? Touch! Do you feel soft grass under your feet and gentle rain on your

skin? Taste! Is that delicious coconut milk and exotic spices from the rainforest?

The staff at Antwerp GMC on East River Street is preparing for this year's big event. The theme is The Great Jungle Journey. Don't worry. The children will be safe on the ship as they travel through jungle rivers and learn at each of the seven ports-of-call along the way. The seven port names each begin with a "C" representing the seven key biblical events in time.

On day 1 we will learn about Creation. On day 2 the lesson will be Corruption and Catastrophe. On day 3 we will study about Confusion. Day 4 the lesson focus will be Christ and the Cross. On the final day, Friday, the lesson will be on Consummation.

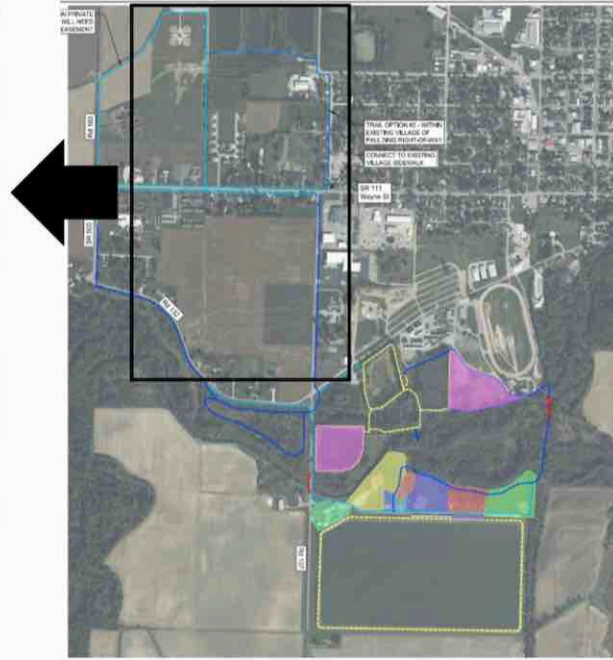
Students will be energized with lively songs, mission moments and prayer. They will also travel in groups to Explo-

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\$730,000 AWARDED TO PAULDING COUNTY TRAILS PROJECT!



Phase 1
Red, Green and Purple



\$730,000 has been awarded for the construction of recreational trails and safe pathway development in the Paulding County, Ohio community.

The Paulding County Trails Committee, in partnership with the Paulding County Commissioners, is

thrilled to announce a significant development in community enhancement: the allocation of \$730,000 for recreational trail development. This transformative project aims to redefine mobility, recreation, wellness, and accessibility for residents across Paulding County.

"These funds provide funding for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. I'm excited that Paulding County, who has never received these funds before, will be able to benefit from this program,"

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JOHN WIRTH RETIRES FROM SHERWOOD BANC CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



By: Angel Steiner

Mr. John Wirth, lifelong resident of Sherwood Ohio, has hung up his hat from his board of trustees position

with Sherwood Bank. He is ready to live a more relaxed life just being a retired husband, father and grandfather.

Wirth served on the board of directors for the Sherwood Banc Corporation for a total of 32 years and 17 of those was as the board's chairman (1992-2024). He also is the board chairman for the board of trustees for SMTA - Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association. He will be retiring from this board in July 2024. His term with the Metalink board has also come to an end.

His hats over the course of his tenure in Sherwood have also included business owner. His father owned and operated the Sherwood Hardware and he took over for this father when he passed.

His next venture was the Wirth Super Value downtown

Sherwood. He later built a shopping center at the intersection of SR 18 and US 127. The new grocery store location became known as the Village Food Emporium. Wirth ran the store until he sold it in 2018.

John Wirth married his high school sweetheart, Carol Andrews, and they made Sherwood their home adding

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

July 4

- USA Independence Day

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

July 11

- Allen County Family Health Fair! Central Luth., 9a-1p
- PCH board of trustees special meeting @ Black Swamp Nature Ctr., 8:30am

July 12

- Duck Race @ Flatrock Creek, Jackson St. Bridge, 3pm, sponsored by VFW Post 587

July 13

- 4th Annual Scott St. John Cruise In @ Paulding on the Square, 5-8pm
- Convoy's 150th Celebration @ downtown Convoy, parade @ 3pm

July 15-19

- The Great Jungle Journey VBS @ Antwerp GMC, 6-8:30pm

July 18

- Patio Concert @ Huber, 5:30p



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

LABOR DAY 5K TO BENEFIT LIFEWISE SITES IN ALLEN COUNTY



PAYNE, OH:
Larry Dayne Adams, 77, of Payne, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital Downtown.

Larry was born in Fairfield, Iowa on December 12, 1946, a son of the late June (Harvey) & Francis Adams.

Larry was a dedicated postal service special clerk. Outside of work, he was once a member of the Vallejo Stamp Club and the Kiwanis Club. Larry enjoyed model trains, science fiction books, and music from the 50s and 60s. He also enjoyed working on cars with his father, and later building computers with his son. Larry served his home town, American Canyon, water board and fire board, and was even a part of helping his town become incorporated. His family will always cherish the memory of Larry's tie collection and how he would often be driving with his knees while trying to tie his tie on the way to an event. His greatest days were the birth of his children and grandchildren and the day he married his wife, Mary Ann, to whom he was devoted for 54 years. Hardworking and deeply loving, Larry cherished his family above all else, always going the extra mile for both his loved ones and his community.

Larry will be sadly missed by his wife, Mary Ann; children, Danial Adams, of Oakland, CA & Laurel (Dan) Lehman, of Antwerp, & grandchildren, Alexandra & Danica Lehman.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Gail.

Service will be Monday, June 24th at 3 PM with viewing one hour prior, at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne.

He will be laid to rest privately in Napa Valley Memorial Gardens in California.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.



Area LifeWise Academies are joining together to hold a 5k Race Fundraiser on Labor Day, Monday, September 2th at 9 am.

The course will start and end at the Sunnydale House next to Elida Elementary School and wind through the village of Elida. Volunteers are welcome to line the streets along the route to encourage participants.

The entry fee is \$22 for age 17 and above and \$12 for those under age 17 if registered by August 3rd. The first 600 participants registered will receive an insulated cooler bag from the Lewis Family McDonald's Restaurants.

Participants are encouraged to select one of the participating sites and start a fundraising page. Those sites include: Allen East, Bath, Columbus Grove, Delphos, Elida, Perry, Shawnee and Spencerville. LifeWise-Perry is the newest member to our Allen County sites; they are scheduled to launch their program in the Fall of '24.

To register for the LifeWise for Allen County 5k, please visit actslifewise5k.com.

LifeWise is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program, which provides Bible instruction to public school students. Students are released from pub-

lic school during the school day to attend, provided the program is off school property, privately funded and parent permitted. As of May 2024, 1900 students participate at the aforementioned sites.

For more information, contact Joe Wassink at 419-339-4444 or jwassink@wtlw.com or respond directly to this email.

The event is sponsored by the Lewis Family McDonald's and the Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships. The event is being coordinated by ACTS Ministries, the parent company of WTLW TV-44 and WOSN, as well as ACTS Character Academy.

death is in the power of the tongue, so choose life" (Proverbs 18:21).

We must set a watch over our mouths. Psalm 19:14 says "Let the words of my mouth and the medication of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. Oh Lord my strength and my redeemer" Negative words are habit forming and so a good way to start speaking right and into the better habit is to reverse the negative word or phase right away! If you say, "No it is helping me to stay strong!" "If you say 'I can't think straight' say "I have the mind of Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16) Now we must remember that we have the mind of Christ. If we have received Jesus Christ as our savior. The sinner or unrepentant person does not have it. The word can't should never be spoken because we can "do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13) (Another reason why we need Jesus Christ in our lives).

We are to think on things that are true, honest just, pure, lovely and of good report. (Philippians 4:8) This

will help keep our mouths speaking right words that bring life to us instead of death. If we sincerely desire to say good, helpful, encouraging words we can ask for help in prayer! Anyone desiring to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior and know that you would be ready for Heaven, please believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and Romans 10:4 says that you will be saved. You are a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things are passed away and all things are to become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17) This will affect they way you think and speak! Now don't you feel so much better? Of course you do. It's the Holy Spirit in you!

Amen

6th ANNUAL ALLEN COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

The 6th Annual Allen County Health Fair will take place on Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. at Central Lutheran Gym, 900 Green St. (door 17), New Haven, IN.

There will be free screen-

ings and information for families and older adults.

Available that day: Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography available all day; Ronald McDonald Care Mobile; Family Fun Area (touch-a-truck, food and more).

Free screenings available on the 11th:

Cholesterol check, blood pressure, heart failure education, chest pain and early heart attack care, blood glucose (finger stick), height check, weight check, body mass index (BMI), women's health, behavioral health, hearing loss, cancer prevention/detection education, tobacco prevention/support, physical fitness, Allen county dept. Of health, youth immunizations, youth check-ups, mammograms ... and much more coming.

This event is being sponsored by Evergreen Village at Fort Wayne, Adams Heritage, Heritage Park, Golden Years Homestead, Cornerstone Caregiving, Kingston Residence of Fort Wayne, Parnters Federal Credit Union, and Stillwater Hos-

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two children to their family — Matt and Lisa. Matt is a Sr. Computer Engineer for Intel and lives in Chandler, AZ. Lisa is a Sr. Accountant for Arizona State University and lives in Mesa, AZ. John and Carol also have three grandchildren - a senior, a sophomore, and an eighth grader - all of which they are looking forward to spending more time with as they split their time between Sherwood and Chandler, AZ. John also served a term as Sherwood

Mayor and a term as a village council person for Sherwood. He stated that he thought it would be most beneficial for all residents of a small town to serve at least one term on a village council or on a board of some kind. He believes that would help the residents understand the importance of leading and working together. He was an active member of other nonprofit organizations over the years as well - like JayC's and the Lions Club.

Wirth stated that he is proud to have been a part of the growth of the Sherwood

Scripture of the Week

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

— 2 Peter 3:9

DEAR READERS,



For the past few weeks, I've been writing to you, with confessions and affirmations. I had hoped that as you read them, you would be strengthened by the powerful scriptural references and reaffirming words reminding you of who you are in Christ. To my dismay, some of you misinterpreted the I AM style and the spirit in which it was written. It was not written as an egotistical rant to serve the writer. It was intended for the reader to be encouraged by the repetitive I AM scriptural reference to you of who you are in Christ. So, I will change the

reference from I AM to YOU ARE. Perhaps this will be received in the spirit of holiness that the writer intended. Please forgive me if I was not clear initially.

- 1). You are a child of God (Romans 8:16)
- 2). You are redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalms 107:2)
- 3). You are forgiven (Colossians 1:13 - 14)
- 4). You are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8)
- 5). You are justified (Romans 5:1)
- 6). You are sanctified (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- 7). You are a new creature (2 Corinthians 6:11)
- 8). You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:1 1-13)
- 9). You are an overcomer (Revelations 12:11)
- 10). You are more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37) (Proverbs 18:21) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. You are what you eat! God Bless You.

Peace and Love

—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE KIDDIE PARADE



Tuesday July 9th, 2024 the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Patriotic Kiddie Parade!

Bike, trike, stroller and wagon parade - bring them all glammed up. Parade line up is at 6:15 p.m. on old Archer Drive (in front of the

Antwerp Manor). Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., traveling up Main Street and will end at the Antwerp Fire Hall.

Then plan to stick around for Candy Bar Bingo at the VFW Pavilion following the parade.

Banc Corporation. He watched them go from one location and \$14,000,000 in assets to five locations and \$100,000,000 in assets. Locations now include Ridgeville Corners, Fayette, Defiance, and Archbold, in addition to the original Sherwood location.

"It's great to know everyone in our small community and it has been good to watch the growth over the years. I like seeing the next generation beginning to take the reins and take Sherwood (and Sherwood Bank) to the next level of growth," Wirth reflected,

"Sherwood is a great bank - they will be celebrating 80 years in business in 2025. They've treated the community well. It's truly a community bank - focusing on the worth of the average citizen, not just the large corporations." Wirth realizes that a community is built with these people that Sherwood Bank services.

John Wirth, it was a pleasure hearing your story and your perspective of Sherwood Ohio and Sherwood Bank. Enjoy retirement, enjoy family, enjoy Sherwood and Arizona.

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WHAT'S IN THE OLD GLASS JAR?

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
If you were raising a family in the 1970s and 1980s, you might have some memories of the trendy drink at that time ... Sun Tea.

I don't know who came up with the idea, but I thought it was cool.

My family lived in Scott, Ohio and so we went and bought a glass iced tea jar with a spigot to set out and make that delicious sun tea.

Almost every day you could look out and see all of our neighbors glass jars sitting out in the sun with tea bags in them.

Sometimes there might be a little friendly neighborhood competition as us ladies talked about our sun tea and our pretty glass jugs.

Last year I got my kids some Irish tea bags for Christmas. My son had the flavored one called Whiskey tea.

He texted me the other day and asked, "Hey Mom. Do you think those whiskey tea bags would make good sun tea?"

I answered, "I bet it would but I haven't thought about Sun Tea in a long time." My son, Tom, had a glass tea jar and proceeded to make his version of good old sun tea.

I told him, "Hm... Now I want to make Sun Tea, but I no longer have my tea jar, but I'll find something."

I looked around and found an empty grapefruit jar and it was about half the size of the big jars. Well, I had Pomegranate tea bags here, so I made pomegranate sun tea.

Later that evening I spoke to my daughter and told her about making Sun Tea and she said, "Now, I want to make Sun Tea too."

Well, my tea was really good poured over a glass of ice and my son said his whiskey flavored tea was also good.

In the past week with this heat wave, we have all made at least 2 jugs of tea. My second jar was peach flavored and I am not sure what kind my kids made.

Today my son messaged me and asked, "Mom, did you know they make sweetened tea bags now?" I replied, "No I did not know that, but I may have to try it." Plus, he said that the sweet tea bags were really good.

Being the curious person I am I googled Sun Tea. Wow



was I surprised! After all these years the FDA has said that sun tea is not good for us. The reason was that the tea in the sun doesn't reach a warm enough temp to kill germs and there could be germs in the tea which could lead to a tummy flu.

You know, I have made and my family and I have drank sun tea for years. To my knowledge we have not gotten sick from it. One thing the FDA said was if you make it use a glass jar, but right now my plastic grapefruit jar is sitting in the sun making an apple spice tea. Pray I don't feel ill from it.

It is so refreshing to have your children think of old memories like making Sun Tea. Maybe some of you readers will make some. It is very refreshing and interesting now that there are many kinds of tea available.

Do you have an ice tea jug? Is it pretty? Have you used it lately? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

HERITAGE LIONS DONATE TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS



Lori Price, Lion Jack Clear, Lion Marvin Sorg.



Lion Marvin Sorg, Jody Linder, Jeannie Crates, and Lion Jack Clear

The Heritage Lions recently donated \$750 to each of three local food banks. Lori Price, head of the Hessen Cassel Food Bank expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the Lions for this donation. Lions Marvin Sorg and Jack Clear volunteer at her food bank on Thursday. Lions Pam Birch, Shirley Kaylor and Jack Clear help with meat on Fridays, and Lion Ken Sorg helps out on Saturdays.

The Heritage Lions also are shown giving a \$750 check to Jody Linder and Jeannie Crates of the Saint Marks Monroeville Food Bank. A third \$750 check was given to the Hope United Methodist Church Paper Pantry, which is operated in conjunction with St. Joseph Hessen Cassel

Parish. Both organizations thanked the Heritage Lions for their generosity.

The funds for these donations were earned by the Lions through the sale of ice cream at numerous events in the summer and the sale of salted peanuts in the fall. The ice cream trailer was at Hoagland Days, all the Music in the Park concerts in Monroeville, Monroeville Days, St. Joseph Fall Festival, and many other events. The Heritage Lions return all of their profits back to these worthy organizations in the Hoagland and Monroeville communities.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion

provide the basic needs of food, water and shelter until larger government and NGO agencies relief efforts can be initiated. Indiana usually receives more total monetary aid than the fund takes in from all the state's Lions clubs.

Over 100 years ago, Helen Keller addressed the International Lions convention and concluded her talk with these words: "If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness. The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

The Heritage Lions earned the money to donate to these worthy organizations through their ice cream sales in the summer, and their salted peanut sales in the fall. The Heritage Lions motto is "We

Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS RECOGNIZED AS A US BEST MANAGED COMPANY FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Mediacom Communications is proud to announce it has been selected as a 2024 US Best Managed company. Now in its fifth year, the award, sponsored by Deloitte* Private and The Wall Street Journal, recognizes the achievements of private American companies and the successes of their management teams.

"Receiving recognition as a US Best Managed Company for the fourth straight year is an incredible accomplishment," said Rocco B. Comisso, Mediacom's Founder, Chairman and CEO. "The sustained success we have enjoyed as an organization is a direct result of the hard work and dedication our 4,000 employees display each and every day."

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Claude Leo Morhart was born in Cecil, Ohio, March 3, 1895, The son of Iva CL born in November of 1863 in Ohio, and Anna F. (Hinch) born January of 1869 in Ohio. This couple was married June 24, 1886 in Paulding. A daughter, Clara P., was born in 1887, followed by Fred L., In 1888, Ralph in 1889, Ira in 1891, John in 1893, Claude in 1895, Anna May in 1897.

By 1900, this family was living in Crane Township, Iva was a farmer. Most of the children were in school. By 1910, the Morhart family had grown with the birth of Mamie D. in 1902, followed by Hazel J. in 1903, Liddie L. in 1905, Lizzie Helen in 1907 and Donald in 1909. Claude was a farm hand while going to school.

On September 17, 1915, Anna dies of tuberculosis. She was buried in Spindler Cemetery, Mark Center, Ohio.

On June 5, 1917, Claude had registered for World War One draft in the Crane precinct. He was a farm laborer working for a fellow named N. Platter. Claude was listed at 5'10" tall, medium build, with grey eyes, brown hair, and fair complexion.

On October 2, 1917, Claude joined the National Army out of Paulding. He was promoted to Private First Class December 1, 1917. He was assigned to serve with the 329th Headquarters Company.

In June of 1918. Claude was shipped over overseas to serve in France. He was shipped home on the ship Minnekada on January 31, 1919 and set sail for home. He was honorably discharged February 15, 1910.

After returning from France, Claude met and married a gal named Ida Muriel Gordon in Paulding.

Ida was born October of 1896 in Ohio. She was the daughter of Francis M. and Ida B. Gordon from Crane Township.

In January of 1920, in Antwerp, a daughter, Frieda Muriel Morhart was born. On May 10, 1923, in Antwerp, Ida gave birth to a son, Glenn Forrest Morhart.

On October 20, 1925, Glenn passed away in Hicksville, He was buried in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. A son, John William Morhart was born October 19, 1926.

On December 7, 1927, in Hicksville, Claude passed away and was buried in Maumee Cemetery. Frieda passed away December 25, 2004 and is buried in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio.

Ida worked in various jobs the rest of her life and never remarries. While living at 302 West High Street in Hicksville, Ida passed away, February 19, 1973 at the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana due to pneumonia. She was buried with Claude in Maumee Cemetery.

...Until Next Time!

HERITAGE LIONS IN HOAGLAND DONATE FUNDS

The Heritage Lions have approved donations to these six Indiana Lions charities: The Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana (providing funds to combat pediatric cancer at Riley Children's Hospital), VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.(at the Riley Hospital for Children), Leader Dogs for the

Blind (a school to train Leader Dogs), and Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Each of the organizations was granted \$350.

The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) was approved for a \$1000 donation. This fund is often the first and fastest aid agency on the scene of a disaster. People suffering through hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes all over the world receive a fast cash infusion from LCIF to

ability to execute, culture, and governance and financial performance. They and join an ecosystem of organizations from more than 44 countries.

In conjunction with this year's award, Mediacom re-

ceived a special designation as a 2024 US Best Managed Company Gold Standard Winner, which honors organizations that have been recognized for four or more years as US Best Managed Companies.

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ration Stations, Lesson Time, snacks, games and crafts. Along the river cruise there will be unexpected rainforest adventures.

All of this excitement will happen beginning Monday, July 15 through Friday July 19 from 6:00 until 8:30 each evening. Children pre-school and potty trained through sixth grade are welcome and

my pre-register by visiting the church website: <https://www.antwerpmethodistchurch.org/v-b-s>.

In the past a CD (compact disc) has been available for children to become familiar with the music. These are not available this year. The music is available at these venues - Pandora, Spotify, YouTube. Search for The Great Jungle Journey.

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2024 NSCC Law Enforcement Academy graduates. Front L to R: Brianne Basilius, Emilyanne Cox, Ashlyn Figy, Kelley Foor. Back L to R: Zane Garber, Austin Krueger, Cole Niese, Isaiah Rittenhouse, Dillon Schwiebert.

Nine graduates from the Northwest State Community College Law Enforcement Academy were honored last evening during a special ceremony. The class successfully completed both the state certification exam and the physical fitness requirements of the program. All nine graduates have also passed the 200-question Ohio Peace Officer Training Association (OPOTA) Certification examination, which is a requirement to become a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio.

The following graduates were recognized:
 Brianne Basilius (New Bavaria), Emilyanne Cox (West Unity), Ashlyn Figy (West Unity), Kelley Foor (Defiance), Zane Garber (Liberty Center), Austin Krueger (Toledo), Cole Niese (Leip- sic), Isaiah Rittenhouse (Colverdale), Dillon Schwiebert (Holgate)
 Several students from the graduating class received additional recognition:
 Top Gun Award: Brianne Basilius
 Top Driver Award: Dillon Schwiebert
 Top Test Score Award:

Cole Niese (97%)
 Deputy Allen D. Ohlrich Outstanding Cadet Award: Emilyanne Cox
 The Northwest State Community College Law Enforcement Academy is an eight-month program that is offered annually. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A new class is forming now and is scheduled to begin in August. For more information on the academy, contact the NSCC admissions team at 419.267.1320 or visit NorthwestState.edu online.

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.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE- ARGUS, ANTWERP 1914-2001 PART 6

- 2/9/1967 - 10 inches of snow fell Sunday.
- 3/2/1967 - Archers Super Sectional Champs, 19-3 record for the year.
- 4/20/1967 - After several years about consolidation (to an all-county school), etc. the Board of Education is asking for \$550,000 bond issue on the November ballot.
- 5/11/1967 - Get 168 bottles of Pepsi (10oz non-returnables) FREE when you buy a Frigidaire Frost Proof refrigerator. Cost: \$289 at a local store.
- 5/25/1967 - President Richard Nixon to speak at Bowling Green University Union Hall on May 27. A one hour program of this day will be shown on TV August 17th.
- 7/19/1967 - Change in Bee-Argus - Installation of

new machinery makes changes the newspaper to eight columns and more pages weekly. Now issued on Wednesday in the afternoon instead of Thursday morning. Individual copies go up from 8 cents to 10 cents each.

FYI: Seeing a lot more military activity (ie: enlistments, addresses, etc.) over the last month or so.

9/6/1967 - LSD to be under new law. Cannot purchase, use, or possess with intent to produce hallucinations. Law going in to effect 9-20-1967. This will have severe fines or prison time if accused.

9/20/1967 - The '68's are here! Chevrolet Nova, Sting Ray, Camaro, Chevelle, Impala! AND with that ... bowling leagues started and fill a whole page in the paper. It's Fall again ...

FYI: Cecil Chimes and a Forder's Bridge column appears each week. Probably more news I could have written down, but didn't, so we now jump to December ...

12/27/1967 - Weather makes the news: 4 inches of rain 12/21, Thursday, in sheets and torrents.

Flooding by Saturday of the Maumee; THEN on Christmas morning with snow coming down and the temperature down to 6 degrees (Tuesday).

1/3/1968 - New mayor Joseph Lichty takes oath.

1/10/1968 - Stamps jumped two cents! From 4 to 6 cents!

5/15/1968 - Lots and lots in the paper last few weeks about consolidation to a 1-school county system. Petitions now ongoing to stop. Lots of angry people with lots of questions to be answered before this will be over.

6/12/1968 - Page 2 has article and pictures of what the moon landing will be like. Interesting article.

6-19-1968 - Change in the box about publishing paper: "Republican paper" removed. Now touting

"Winner of Community Service Award". Remains \$3.00/yr for Paulding, Defiance, and Allen counties \$4.00/yr elsewhere; Kryder's Laundromat gives S&H green stamps.

6/26/1968 - "Walk-out" at Weatherhead related to working conditions. This was a 1 day strike!

7/10/1968 - IS Federal Bank, Defiance: 5% on savings certificates, paid semi-annually; VFW Post dedicates new hall at Cleveland St. and Railroad St.

9/25/1968 - Bee-Argus printing 1,250 copies/week. It

has 1,158 paid subscriptions. 11/13/1968 - Don Meyer resigned 10/31 as police chief/street commissioner. Mayor has announced new chief as Herman Foster (NOTE: Over the next 2-3 years there is an on-going feud among the citizens vs. the Mayor and Foster that really gets brutal and harassment cited, etc.). Roll-A-Way skating rink (opened in 1960 by owner Don Lichty) has leased the building to Weatherhead Co. to aid in its present booming expansion.

12/31/1968 - Hicksville Hospital will have no visitors until further notice due to the Hong Kong flu epidemic

2/5/1969 - Antwerp Archers are Paulding County champs. Coach Lonnie Bostelman. Last two victories saw team score over 100 points.

3/26/1969 - Bill introduced to make Ohio driver licenses go from three years to four.

4/2/1969 - Former President Dwight Eisenhower dies, 1890-1969.

4/16/1969 - Wildcat strike at Weatherhead, lasted four days.

5/21/1969 - After many months of spite and feuding, City Council completed "their seizure of absolute power in the Village." You NEED to read this article ...

6/18/1969 - 1st Annual 3-Rivers Festival planned for July 12-20 (9 days) in Fort Wayne. FYI: Lots of news and ads about Neil Armstrong and moon walk over last few weeks.

7/30/1969 - Mayor told paper editor to "get out of town," said Mayor Joseph Lichty to James Temple. The feud continues ...

9/3/1969 - 1st high school football team started since 1940. "Archers" home field for now will be at Payne.

9/17/1969 - Here we go again. Fall: new cars and bowling scores and school lunch menus! New at L. Smith & Son, Inc. are American Motors cars. From \$1,994 to \$3,589 = The Hornet, Ambassador, Javelin, AMX and Rebel

11/5/1969 - Election is over! New council members vs Mayor ...

11/12/1969 - On the 14th, Apollo 12 to be launched

12/23/1969 - St. Mary's Catholic Church votes for a Saturday Mass. Saturday 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

1/21/1970 - 15 degrees below zero at 4:00 a.m. Tuesday with drifting snow and roads impassable. Low temp and high winds made chill factor at -42 degrees!

—Submitted by Carol B.

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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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If we don't return to our Lord quickly we will be caught in an evil web we won't be able to escape from. We must have a great revival very soon or any hope for survival will be gone. That could happen with the 2024 election.

I have not always voted for republicans. I voted for who I thought was best for a particular job. The last Democrat president I voted for was for Bill Clinton's first term. I had

been told of what kind of low life he was but didn't listen. In addition to disgraceful Clinton, we got stuck with nation destroying Obama-Biden. They took it upon themselves to turn our comrades against us while bowing to our enemies. Now we have "do-nothing" doing everything he can to destroy what is left of America.

Since Democrats threw God out of our youths education, we have gone steadily down-hill. At this rate, we will be a complete failure in a very short time. After all, they have lots of experience having been at this since 1942.

Now, let us look at another view point on the obvious destruction of today's civilization. You have heard how "the early bird gets the worm" and "the squeaky wheel gets the attention". Well, I believe Democrats win the blue ribbon in either case and that's where the trouble starts. I also believe Satan has invaded the Democrat party. It is fact that Democrats are much less likely to believe in God. How else do you explain people like Obama, Biden, Pelosi, Schumer and others? I believe Satan guides their very being. Satan has it easy with Democrats.

This other view point is of those afraid to mention a person's name or of what another might think. They don't bother to speak up even when they know something is wrong. My award for this goes to Brian Nimtz of Woodburn. He made one excellent statement, "judgement is reserved for God and God alone". I am going to state what his June 3rd letter told me about him. I could be wrong an if I am, I'm sorry.

I have only read my Bible thru once compared to Brian's numerous times but I am not convinced he is all he thinks he is. I see a religionist and that's it. He talked about reading his Bible many times and that judgement is God's duty. That's all great, but then he passed three judgements against me. He used words like arrogant, narcissistic and like and "like an angry 4th grader".

Now if that isn't Brian passing his judgement on me, I guess I don't understand judgement. Now the rest of you had better look into this yourself right now. Tomorrow could be too late. At the rate America and our world is failing, we don't have much time left. I might not be around but I'm guessing 50 to 75 years at most.

I intend to keep speaking against any attacks against my God or my America. I pray it won't always be about Americans against Americans. I would much rather speak about our good life with God than about those Satan Generals who are bringing death to all.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

RENBARGER NAMED PARKVIEW HEALTH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ty Renbarger has been named Parkview Health's next chief financial officer (CFO). Renbarger assumes the role following the retirement of Jeanne Wickens, who served as CFO for eight years.

"Jeanne" has made an incredible impact on Parkview and our community. We are so grateful for her leadership in shaping our organization, and I have great respect for her decision to retire early to focus on her health," said Rick Henvey, CEO, Parkview Health. "I'm confident that Ty's valuable experience and perspective from outside the healthcare industry will help us continue to be good stewards of our resources and focus on reducing the cost of care. His leadership will position us to be an economic and healthcare leader for our community for generations to come."

Renbarger brings to Parkview valuable perspective from outside the healthcare industry, with deep experience in strategic revenue growth and transformational operational improvement, while also keeping a strong focus on team and talent development. He most recently served as principal and senior vice president, Mergers and Acquisitions Operations, at

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT WEALTH TRANSFER

Are you anticipating an inheritance someday? If so, you may want to discuss it with your parents or other family members who may be leaving you the assets — because early, open communication will benefit everyone involved.

However, many people are reluctant to have these conversations. More than a third of Americans do not plan on discussing a transfer of wealth with their families, according to a recent study by Edward Jones in partnership with NEXT 360 Partners and Morning Consult. And the same study found that only about a quarter of Americans have actually discussed generational wealth transfer with their families.

Perhaps this low level of communication is not surprising — clearly, talking about wealth transfer and estate plans can be emotional. But having these discussions is important, for several reasons:

- Strengthening family bonds – Generational wealth transfer shouldn't be seen simply as a transactional event. By discussing your parents' plans and wishes, and your own expectations, you can build a sense of unity and shared purpose. And you can develop a common philosophy about how your family's legacy goals will be carried forward through the succeeding generations.

Platinum Equity LLC. His career is rooted in finance and accounting and he is a registered CPA.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community alongside such a respected team. I've always admired Parkview Health for its continued progression as a leader in quality, patient experience and culture," said Renbarger. "I recognize the responsibility ahead and will work to continue the legacy of resiliency, dedicated service and financial stewardship that Parkview has built over the years."

While his work for Platinum Equity took him around the world working in a wide variety of industries and organizations, Renbarger lives in Wabash with his wife and

- Avoiding unpleasant surprises – If you or other family members are expecting a certain inheritance and things turn out differently, disappointment and bad feelings may occur. But this can be avoided by having a discussion beforehand that clearly outlines your parents' intentions. You still may not agree with them, but at least you'll know what to expect — and you won't make the mistake of acting in advance on any assumptions about what you'll inherit.
- Developing appropriate strategies – Passing on wealth to a new generation as part of an overall estate plan can be more complex than you might think. Are your parents using tax-smart strategies? Would they benefit from establishing a living trust? Are the beneficiary designations on their retirement accounts and life insurance policies accurate and up to date? If you suspect your parents may not have properly addressed these issues, you may want to bring up the benefits of working with an estate-planning attorney and a tax advisor.
- Protecting against incapacitation – Many people go through their senior years with few, if any, physical or mental impairments. But there are no guarantees. If one or both of your parents were to become incapacitated and unable to handle their financial affairs, it could cause serious problems with their wealth transfer and estate-

planning goals. But if you can discuss your parents' plans with them while they are healthy and alert, you can encourage them to take the proper steps, such as reviewing outdated estate-planning documents and designating you or another family member as power of attorney to make health care and financial decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated.

While the benefits of having wealth-transfer and estate-planning discussions are clear, starting the conversations can be tricky. You need to show that you want to initiate these talks because you're concerned that proper plans need to be in place and understood by everyone involved. If you have a good relationship with your parents, you should be able to start these conversations, but you'll still need to be sensitive when bringing up the subject.

One final word: Estate plans can take some time to develop — so, the sooner you have these discussions, the better.

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three children. He is an Indiana University graduate with Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from the Kelley School of Business. He serves on the board of directors for the Honeywell Foundation.

Renbarger officially began in his new role on June 3, 2024.

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READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS

OHIO LOCATIONS

Antwerp: Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Family Dollar, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart, Village Hardware, Small Town Bliss

Bryan: 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: Newman'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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DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE MAKES DONATION TO KAITLYN'S COTTAGE



Kaitlyn's Cottage for the recent \$1,000 donation received from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This donation will be used for the upcoming golf outing. The golf outing is the biggest fundraiser for Kaitlyn's Cottage and the cottage is strictly donor funded. To learn more about the upcoming fundraiser on July 12 and 13, please visit their Facebook page. Pictured with the donation are (l-r) Stacy McCartney -Defiance Moose Lodge Administrator, Cris and Josh Shock - Kaitlyn's parents and organizers of the golf outing, and Natalie Bowers - Kaitlyn's Cottage participant.

CECE OTTO TO PERFORM AT CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS



Convoy's 150th Celebration presents "Celebrating Convoy: 150 Years of Songs & Stories with Cecelia Otto" Thursday July 11, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Convoy Opera House, 111 S Main Street Convoy, OH.

CeCe will be accompanied by Danielle Hancock. Cecelia "CeCe" Otto is a classical trained singer, composer, historian & recording artist. Her programs consist of a mixture of vintage music, timeless stories and fun facts, leaving her audience, entertained, informed and delighted. She will be singing some patriotic, some Irish and misc.

Free Admission, donations accepted.

PAULDING SWEEPS PILOTS

Paulding scored 28 runs and ripped 26 hits in a doubleheader sweep of visiting Ayersville Monday night in ACME baseball action.

The Panthers plated 16 runs on 14 hits in a 16-0 victory over the Pilots while also recording a dozen hits as they posted a 12-7 win over Ayersville.

Paulding took control with a nine-run second inning on the way to the 16-0 blanking of the Pilots as the maroon and white stretched the lead to 11-0 in the third before widening the gap to 16-0 in the fourth.

Gavin Coil topped the maroon and white with three hits while Zach Barton and Greyson Harder recorded a pair of hits each. Coil also scored three times for Paulding and Easton Lehman touched home plate twice.

Lehman, Blake Rhonehouse, Harder, Clayton Manz and Coil all drove in two runs for the Panthers.

Paulding also used a big inning on the way to the 12-7 victory, scoring six times in the first before adding two in the second and four in the fourth.

Rhonehouse and Kane Jones both had three hits for the Panthers with Rhonehouse scoring three times and Lehman touched home plate twice. Jones and Rhonehouse

also drove in a pair of runs each for the maroon and white.

WT KNOCKS OFF ARCHBOLD

The Wayne Trace ACME team recorded an 8-2 victory last week in ACME baseball action as the Raiders won at Archbold.

Conner Davis picked up the win on the mound for the red, white and blue, throwing 6-2/3 innings giving up six hits, two runs (one earned) and one walk with three strikeouts. Tanner Laukhuf recorded the final out to wrap up the Wayne Trace win.

Jon Sterret and Tyler Head both totaled two singles and two runs batted in on the night with Sterret also scoring a pair of runs.

Carter Baumle, Tyson Gerber, Tanner Laukhuf, Lance Maenle and Carter Clemens added one hit each for the red, white and blue with Baumle scoring twice as well. Gerber, Clemens, Davis and Dylan Coffman touched home plate once apiece with Gerber driving in a pair of runs to aid the Wayne Trace cause.

Zach Short totaled two singles and a double to lead the Blue Streak attack and added a pair of runs batted in. Jace Castillo singled and doubled while scoring once with Parker Bixler posting a single. Broden Piercefield scored the other Archbold run.

SENIOR SAINTS ANNOUNCE 2024 CONCERT SERIES



The Senior Saints, an energetic group of 71 retirees from 31 churches in the greater Fort Wayne area, will present Way to Go! This program is a musical about types of travel throughout the ages and their experiences with them. The program includes songs, narration, and amusing and heart-warming personal experiences about travel.

Songs in this program include Wait for the Wagon, Cruising Down the River, The Wabash Cannon Ball, Bicycle Built for Two, and In My Merry Oldsmobile. Songs of faith and our walk with Jesus include Life's Railway to Heaven, Walking with the King, Just a Closer Walk, Precious Lord Take My hand, Je-

sus Led me All the Way and I'll Fly Away. Accompaniment is provided by piano, woodwinds and brass instruments.

Way to Go! will celebrate through music and stories the fact that Jesus travels with us in our journey through life and has made a way for us to travel to heaven to a relationship that will last for eternity. This year's program is written and directed by Marsha Wright. The choir is sponsored by Grabill Missionary Church.

SENIOR SAINTS 2024 PUBLIC CONCERTS:

August 8 - Thursday - 12:30 p.m. Place: First Assembly 1400 W. Washington Center Rd, Fort Wayne, IN
August 10 - Saturday -

1:30 p.m. Place: Headwaters Church 2000 N Wells St., Fort Wayne, IN; (Parking is directly off Wells St.) Door 4

August 12 - Monday - 1:00 p.m. Place: Brookside Church 6102 Evard Rd. Fort Wayne, IN

August 18 - Sunday - 6:00 p.m. Place: Woodburn Missionary Church 5108 Bull Rapids Rd. Woodburn, IN

August 25 - Sunday - 6:00 p.m. Place: Leo Apostolic Church 11714 Grabill Rd; Leo, IN

September 12 - Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Place: Huber Opera House 157 E. High St. Hicksville, OH

September 29 - Sunday - 6:00 p.m. Place: Grabill Missionary Church Concert 13637 State Street, Grabill IN



LIFEWISE ACADEMY EXPANDING TO ANTWERP

LifeWise Academy in Antwerp, Ohio, is expanding its program to offer classes for Antwerp Local Schools students in grades 1-7. Currently, the program serves only sixth-grade students.

Students will travel from the Antwerp School to Antwerp Global Methodist Church to receive Bible-based character education. "Thanks to our supportive community, we are expanding LifeWise classes to students in grades 1-7," said Traci Koenig, LifeWise Antwerp Director. "We are very pleased to expand our partnership with the Antwerp Local Schools to offer LifeWise classes to more students."

Parents and guardians can enroll their children at www.lifewise.org/antwerpoh. Koenig added, "I also want to thank everyone who has partnered with LifeWise Antwerp. We could not provide this program to more students without your support."

LifeWise comes alongside school administrators and teachers as a supportive ally in the fight for better character development, mental health and academic achievement. LifeWise lessons, part of the school's special time, teach the Bible chronologically. Each lesson connects a Bible passage to a relevant character trait that students are encouraged to practice in their families and communities.

LifeWise Academy, based in Hilliard, Ohio, is a released time religious instruction program providing Bible-based character education to public school students. With parental permission, students are released from school for

one hour per week to attend off-campus classes.

For additional information about LifeWise Academy, visit lifewise.org.

LOCOS SHUT DOWN ACES

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The Williams County squad scored single runs in the first, second, third and fifth innings before plating two apiece in the sixth and seventh to cruise to the victory. Eli Lawrence, Owen Stuckey, Bronson Graber, Wyatt Bell and Deacon Bell all had one hit for Hicksville with the quartet combining to do the Hicksville pitching as well.

Montpelier finished with just two hits, including a single by Kenneth Smeltzer who also picked up the win on the mound for the Locomotives. Smeltzer tossed six innings allowing five hits and two walks while fanning four Hicksville batters. Kam Smith pitched the seventh for the Williams County squad.

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10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO INCLUDE JOHN SCHMIDT AND FIREWORKS AT THE CCCOH



The Christian Community Center of Harlan is celebrating 10 years in the Community Center. In appreciation to the East Allen County Community, they are doing several things to show and share appreciation.

The biggest of them will be on July 3rd at 6:00 PM!!! It will begin by having an open house from 6:00-8:00 PM for the community to come and tour the building. Many people, with a lot of memories and nostalgia, have been wanting to come and see the building again where their elementary days of school were held. Everyone is welcome to come and the areas that will be open.

In conjunction with the open house, there will be a whole hog roast and fantastic dinner served - while supplies last.

Interspersed throughout the grounds will be games of all kinds: volleyball, cornhole, and others for adults and children alike.

At 7:30 PM, John Schmidt from Amish County in Holmes County, Ohio will be here to present a concert for the evening. John Schmidt has been dubbed the Dutch Johnny Cash, as he sings a lot of songs in Dutch, as well as singing Gospel and folk style music. John Schmidt has been a favorite in the local community, having sung at Grabill Country Fair, and

other community events in the area the past several years.

As darkness approaches, there will be a splendid fireworks display, hosted for this very event. After the singing of the National Anthem, The Myers Family will unleash their volley of fireworks for the evening. Great appreciation is extended to them for their kindness.

All the community is invited to come and enjoy the evening together! Bring your lawn chairs and find a great place to sit.

Parking will be available for buggies and cars alike!

In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the gymnasium.

just two hits, including a single by Kenneth Smeltzer who also picked up the win on the mound for the Locomotives. Smeltzer tossed six innings allowing five hits

and two walks while fanning four Hicksville batters. Kam Smith pitched the seventh for the Williams County squad.

growth. By building inclusive pathways, they're making sure everyone can reach activity centers and essential services easily, while also encouraging walking and biking.

Phase 1 of the Paulding Trail Project will connect the Black Swamp Nature Center to Lela McGuire-Jeffery Park on the west side of the Village of Paulding. This visionary initiative is more than concrete and asphalt, it is a path to a safer, healthier, and more vibrant way of life.

The benefits extend far beyond physical health. According to Anna Gurney, Education Specialist at Paulding Soil and Water Conservation District, "An enormous amount of research supports the fact that trails are associated with increased physical activity and improved physical and mental health and well-being."

Investing in nature trails has a ripple effect, making the whole community better. A report by the National Association of Homebuilders found that having a trail nearby is the second-most cited community amenity by prospective home buyers. Additionally, numerous studies have shown that having trails nearby increases property values.

"Recreation is vital for communities, bringing fun, money, and energy. This trail project will benefit our local businesses and give our community a safe place to enjoy nature," says Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2027, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Paulding County. To learn more about the project, additional proposed phases, or how you can support the project, please visit: <https://pauldingchamber.com/Parks-and-Trails-Project>

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 370 students who have earned academic recognition on the spring semester dean's list.

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Siera Octaviano, senior, Antwerp, Ohio;
Gabbie Stallbaum, senior, Paulding, Ohio

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 26 majors, 26 minors and 10 pre-professional programs in Bachelor of Arts and of Science, as well as master's degrees. For more information visit the website at www.heidelberg.edu.

APACHES POST TWO WINS AGAINST ANTWERP

Fairview allowed just eight hits in a pair of game as the Apaches recorded victories of 11-0 and 6-2 over Antwerp Monday in ACME baseball action.

The opener saw the black and gold score five times in the first in rolling to the victory. Fairview added two runs in the third before plating four in the fourth to seal the win.

Michael Rohrs, Derek Hines, Teeghun Marlin and Jaxon Jones all had one hit for the Archers with Luke Parrett picking up two hits.

Noah Shininger finished with two hits for the Apaches while Cole Mack, Zane Timbrook, Elijah Arend, Gavin Garza, Eli Meyer and Shady Fritch all picked up one hit.

In game two, both teams scored twice in the first before the Apaches picked up two runs in the fourth and fifth to seal the victory.

Riley Smith and Zac Salas recorded the lone hits for

BEALS SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



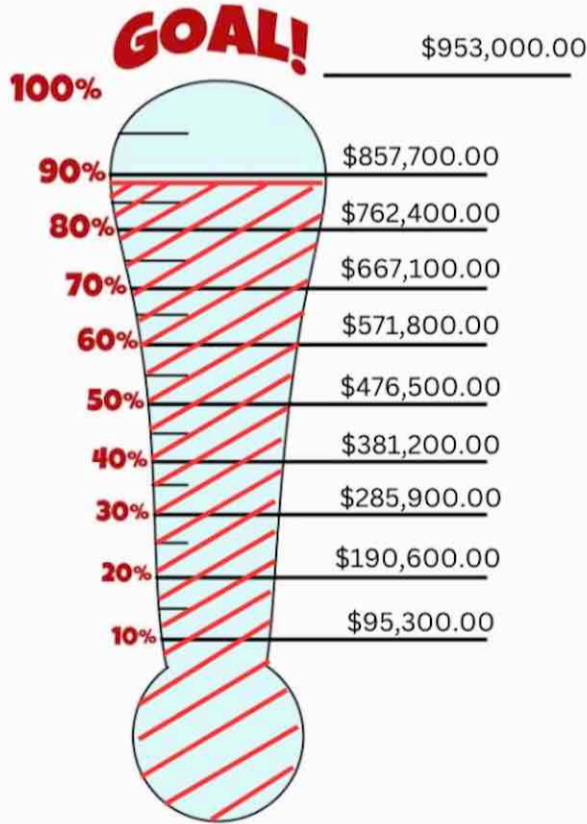
The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Ric Beals (Pastor, First Christian Church) as the guest speaker at the June 20, 2024, club meeting. Ric came at the invitation of George Carter (Kiwanian). Ric spoke to the Kiwanians about how he came to be the new pastor for First Christian Church and his ties to the local community.

DAEGER SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have John Daeger (VFW Post Commander and Fellow Kiwanian) as the guest speaker at the June 27, 2024, club meeting. John spoke to the Kiwanians about the VFW discussing what they do and why they do it. He also spoke about the Paulding Veterans Memorial project that they are currently raising funds for.

Antwerp in the contest with Mack, Arend, Anthony Singer and Fritch finishing with the Apache hits in the contest.



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sure that everyone feels welcome and can safely enjoy recreation, nature, and essential services. The Paulding Trail Project will help with important county needs like safety, health, and economic

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THE LEFT TURN



Steve Kester wins at Oakshade. Photo Credit: Charlie Orns



Shawn Valenti #7b battles Jamie Miller



Tanner Jack wins 2 Late Model features at Angola. The Winners Circle Photography

By: Ron Burt

Last Friday at Attica Raceway Park the 3 most dominant drivers so far in 2024 at the speedway, each waved the checkered flags again after their features. In UMP Dirt Late Model action. Mike Bores led the first 14 laps of the 25-lap Late Model feature before Rusty Schlenk drove into the lead following a very spirited battle with Casey Noonan, Kyle Moore and Devin Shiels. Schlenk pulled away for his fifth win of the season and the 43rd of his career at Attica. Bores, Moore, Noonan and Shiels rounded out the top five. Cap Henry kept his momentum rolling from his Ohio Sprint Speedweek

championship, taking his third 410 win of the year Friday, June 21 at Attica Raceway Park and picking up the \$4000.00 prize. The victory was Henry's 5th total win of 2024 and puts him back into contention to defend his Attica track championship. Henry now holds 19 career 410 wins at Attica Raceway Park. It wasn't an easy win. Henry had to fight for it. Behind the winner was 4 top 410 Sprint drivers, 2nd Kasey Jedrzejek, 3rd Cale Thomas, 4th Tyler Street, and 5th Zeth Sabo. Defending Attica Fremont Fence 305 Sprints champion Jamie Miller continued his dominance last Friday, taking the lead from Jimmy McGrath

on lap 10 and driving away to his fifth win of the year and 43rd of his career at the track. Miller's win will also pad his lead in the point standings. Finishing behind Miller was Jimmy McGrath Jr., Dustin Stroup, Steve Rando and Logan Riehl.

Many of the same drivers faced each other at Fremont Speedway on Saturday night but with different results in the 410 and 305 Sprint classes. In the 410 Sprint feature, with \$4500.00 on the line, Zeth Sabo led laps 1-26 with Kalib Henry narrowly leading lap 27 and Sabo leading the final three circuits. It was a close race and when the dust settled Sabo stood in victory lane with Cale Thomas moving up to 2nd and Kalib Henry dropped back to 4th, followed DJ Foos and Trey Jacobs. The 25 lap Fremont 305 Sprint feature finish was also exciting. Two cautions late in the race made it very interesting for Logan Riehl. The Clyde, Ohio driver led all 25 laps, but he and Jamie Miller raced side by side for several laps until Paul Weaver took second on lap 21. Just as the white flag was flying a caution flew. On the ensuing restart Weaver contacted an infield tire, ending his run. When the green flew it was Jimmy McGrath and Miller who battled Riehl. The drag race to the checkers saw Riehl claim his first ever Fremont win over Miller, McGrath, Zack Kramer and Brandon Moore. In a caution-filled 20 lap Dirt Truck feature, Shawn Valenti, a 4 time Fremont track champion, survived to claim his second win of the year and 76th career victory at Fremont, tying him with the legendary Art Ball for second on the track's all-time win list. Rounding out the top 5 was Jamie Miller, Dan Hennig, Dave Golembiewski, and Bradley Stuckey.

At Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon, Devin Shiels and Steve Kester each earned their second DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature wins of the season. Shiels picked up the Oakshade/Attica Late Model Series feature win and Kester won the make-up feature from June 8. Ian Palmer won the Sportsman feature. Dylan Burt drove his #1 to victory in the Dominator Stock class and Jason Deshler won in Sport Compacts.

On the pavement, Angola Motorsport Speedway ran double features. In Street Stocks, Lee Reed brought picked up his first ever feature win. Parker Moyer won the 2nd Street Stock feature. R.L. McCoy and Steve Minnich each won Modified features. Mark Mason and Derek Simon scored victories in the FWD class. Tanner Jack won both Late Model A-mains. Until next week, have a fun and safe 4th, God bless America. Ron Out!

MISS MARCIA VISITS ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings & Daycare were recently visited by Marcia Pressler. She visits us once a month in the summer for language time. We work on letter sounds by playing games, singing songs and taking turns. Shown here with Miss Marcia are in back: Jaylani Ward and Josiah Ward. In front are: Johanna Federighi, Savannah Coil, Jazlynn Ward, JaNaya Ward, Elizabeth Molnar, Ariya Lockwood and Levi Lockwood.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$1,010,000 CHECK TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Pictured (l-r): Sandra Barber (Chair, NSCC Board of Trustees), Dr. Todd Hernandez (NSCC President), Kevin Whitlock (representing the NSCC Foundation Board), and Robbin Wilcox (NSCC Executive Director of Development and Foundation).

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, June 21st at the Archbold campus. After roll call, Robbin Wilcox, NSCC Executive Director for Development & NSCC Foundation and Foundation Board representative Kevin Whitlock presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$1,010,000. The money is designated for student scholarships, equipment, outreach programs and student support efforts.

OVER \$9 MILLION HAS BEEN PROVIDED

Over \$9 million has been provided through the generosity of businesses and individuals who have supported the Foundation over the past ten years. Kevin Whitlock, NSCC Foundation Board representative, applauded the generosity of individuals and businesses who have donated to the NSCC Foundation, for helping make this presentation possible. Whitlock also noted a special scholarship fundraising project underway for students in Fulton County, full details of which will be available soon.

FY '25 BUDGET PASSES, AND MORE

Another highlight of the Board meeting was the passage of the FY 2024-2025 budget. The total budget is just north of \$45M, which represents an increase of approximately \$10M from FY 2023-2024, with the majority

of the increases going towards the completion of the renovation of B building and the College's new Van Wert campus. The budget also includes increased scholarship awards, including the College Credit Plus textbook scholarship. NSCC President Dr. Todd Hernandez noted, "The new budget allocates funds for strategic initiatives that will continue to allow Northwest State Community College to serve northwest Ohio by improving lives and strengthening communities."

As part of the meeting, the Board also approved the ODHE Completion Plan, which is due to the Ohio Department of Higher Education on June 30, 2024, and requires Board approval.

In other Board action:

- Approved the promotion of Timothy Adalpe to Training Manager-Commercial Driver License program.
- Approved the employment of Brandon Dummitt as Training Coordinator-Commercial Driver License program, Kyrin Grime as Fundraising Coordinator, Abigail Roth as Recruiter-Admissions, Rachel Verville as Enrollment Specialist-Van Wert, and Chandra Gibbons as Administrative Assistant-Community & Workforce Development (Maumee).
- Approved the transition of Tamara Meyer to Nursing Program Coordinator.
- Approved a pay rate increase of 4% for part-time faculty, beginning Fall 2024

semester.

- Approved the end of the non-continuance of the Youth and Community Program Coordinator position, funded by Fulton County Job & Family Services, effective June 30, 2024.
- Accepted a 2016 Ford Taurus to the NSCC Law Enforcement Academy from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, with a value of \$6,000.
- Approved program inactivation for the Quality Control Certificate program.
- Approved new Student Location Policy, in accordance with Title 34 CFR 668.43 (C) (3) (ii).
- Approved new Campus Safety & Security Policy.
- Approved an amended Reserves Policy.
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts, one retirement and three resignations.

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ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

On June 12, a report was made with the Antwerp Police Department that an adult male was allegedly smoking marijuana with his children at a residence inside the village.

On June 14, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to an out of control 11 year old on Schaffer Rd.

On June 16, Antwerp Police Department received a report in reference to menacing on E. River St.

On June 17, a resident of Schaffer Rd reported that a young juvenile female had spray painted paint on her mobile home and on her vehicle.

On June 17, a resident of Maple Dr. reported she had her identity stolen and accounts opened in her name.

On June 18, Antwerp Police Department was notified by the village administrator that a resident on River St. who had their water turned off, authority.

On June 19, a resident of Washington St reported that a delivery going to the water tower kept trespassing on his property in order to pull into the water tower.

On June 19, Antwerp Police Department was requested to do a golf cart inspection.

On June 20, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a possible stolen semi.

On June 20, a resident of Main St. reported that he was being harassed by his neighbors. Officer responded, prepared a report and forwarded it to the prosecutor.

On June 21, a resident of River Bend Mobile Home Park reported that someone left a yellow gas can out by the dumpster.

On June 22, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to an individual suffering from mental illness.

On June 24, a junk notice was served to a residence on Buffalo St.

On June 24, a weed ordinance violation notice was served to a residence on River St.

On June 25, Antwerp Police Department received a call requesting a welfare check on a resident in the village.

On June 25, several calls were received in reference to power lines sparking and a tree limb being on the power lines at Oswalt and Mervin.

On June 26, Antwerp Police Department was contacted by human services requesting they go to a residence and notify the mother to go to juvenile court.

On June 26, a records request was received from the department of defense for a resident of the village.

On June 26, Antwerp Police Department received a call of overtime, illegal parking on Main St.

On June 26, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a possible domestic dispute that had occurred earlier.

The alleged victim did not wish to make a statement or file any charges.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627.

DRAINAGE TECHNOLOGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY AT OHIO STATE LIMA

Drainage installation, drainage water recycling and soil health will be the focus of a field day being held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. at The Ohio State University at Lima.

Field demonstrations will be conducted by the Ohio Chapter of Land Improvement Contractors of America in an open house-style format throughout the day.

The field day will also feature implementation and demonstration of conservation practices aimed towards water quality improvements and ecological protection.

The organizing team includes Ohio State Lima, Ohio State University Extension in Allen County, Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, and OLICA.

Event sponsors include ADS, Alloway, Baughman Tile, A.G. Irrigation, LLC - Valley Irrigation, AgCredit, Lower 48 Instruments, LLC, and IDS AgriRadar.

For more details and/or sponsorship information, contact Nic Baumer, agriculture and natural resources Extension educator, at baumer.15@osu.edu or Dr. Vinayak Shedekar, assistant professor of agricultural water management, at shedekar.1@osu.edu.

About the farm The field day will take place at the Ohio State Lima Regenerative Farm, which started in 2020 and provides research and educational opportunities focused on regenerative farming practices.

The farm at Ohio State Lima is a learning laboratory for farmers to see how regenerative ag can work in the real world and how conservation practices can improve outcomes both on individual farms and collectively.

Adequate drainage is a necessary step in the transformation of the farmland towards a regenerative farm. The team envisioned a project to implement farm drainage and associated conservation practices on about 120 acres in four years as part of a project funded by the Sustainability Institute at Ohio State.

KLOPFENSTEIN SECURES HISTORIC FUNDING FOR 82ND HOUSE DISTRICT



The Ohio House of Representatives passed Substitute House Bill 2 today, approving the state's two-year construction budget for capital projects across Ohio.

Klopfenstein has secured capital investments that will have a positive impact on the 82nd House District and the surrounding region.

"I look forward to the positive impact these projects will make in our community," said Klopfenstein.

Furthermore, the Capital Budget funds for the 82nd House District will contribute to updating the outdated wiring at the Defiance Fairgrounds to meet current code standards.

Additionally, the Paulding County Ag Society Racetrack will benefit from these funds with the installation of energy-efficient LED lighting fixtures.

"I am committed to enhancing our community's infrastructure and supporting our agricultural institutions with these vital upgrades," said Klopfenstein.

In addition to these initiatives, one-time funding has been secured for 4-H Camp Palmer, renovation funds for Northwest State Community College's Van Wert Campus, and to extend the Van Wert County Airport Runway.

Substitute House Bill 2 awaits the signature from the Governor.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle BEN FRANKLIN - FOUNDING FATHER'.

- ACROSS 1. Franklin played a major role in the development and civic improvement of this city. 8. Invented an efficient wood-burning stove. 10. Improved the design of these for carriages. 12. Owned and operated a successful business of this kind in Philadelphia. 13. Invented early versions of these to use on hands for swimming. 14. Franklin is known for his contributions to this period in history. 15. Ben helped negotiate this treaty, ending the Revolutionary War. DOWN 3. He was appointed as the first one of these of the United States. 4. Franklin was a well-known inventor for creating one of these. 5. He was a dedicated supporter to abolish slavery later in life. 6. He played a key role in securing French support during the American Revolution as one of these. 7. He formed a discussion group for mutual improvement. 8. Ben established the first volunteer types of these in Philadelphia. 9. Franklin invented this type of eyewear. 11. Ben conducted experiments with electricity, famously using one of these children's outside toys.

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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. Includes details of the lawsuit and a public notice of sale.

Real Estate Taxes Are Due Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Mobile Home Tax are Due Friday, July 31, 2024 Failure To Receive A Tax Bill Will Not Avoid Penalty or Interest Charges. For your convenience, there is a burgundy colored drop box along the sidewalk on the East side of the courthouse.

CYCLISTS PASS THRU NW OHIO



Recently cyclists who seemed to be working on the Northern Tier Bike Route made a pitstop in Defiance, OH. Their gear was being transported from Washington state while they are traveling to Maine. They were exploring the small NW Ohio city in search of a place to stay for the night before continuing on their journey.

The Northern Tier Bike route travels along the Great Lakes, through Wisconsin and up and over the Rockies

in Idaho and Montana. It's a 4,244 miles long route that connects Anacortes, Washington with Bar Harbor in Maine. There is a brief cross into Canada in Alberta, as well as enjoying the Great Lakes of Ohio and New York. The climbing on the western side of the route is a challenge, with the highest pass being just over 5,500 feet in elevation.

Photo & information submitted by David Hoover of Defiance, OH.

WASHBURN REAPPOINTED AS ACEL CHAIR



Shannon Washburn has been reappointed as chair of the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). The reappointment is effective July 1 through June 30, 2028.

Washburn, who is also the college's Sanford G. Price and Isabelle P. Barbee Chair in Teaching, Advising, and Learning, joined ACEL as professor and chair in 2020. He previously served as an assistant dean of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, from 2015 to 2020. In that role, he led the college's

student retention efforts, facilitated professional development opportunities for faculty and instructional staff on teaching and advising, and coordinated the course and curriculum processes for the college.

While at Kansas State, Washburn also served as a professor of agricultural education and as an associate professor of agricultural education. He earned his PhD in agricultural education from the University of Missouri, his Master of Science in secondary education, and his Bachelor of Science in agricultural education from Kansas State.

"We look forward to Shannon's continued leadership with his reappointment as professor and chair of ACEL," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and CFAES dean. "He brings an accomplished and unique skillset, which ensures continued success within the department and the college."

During his second term as professor and chair of ACEL, Washburn will continue to foster effective, collegial, co-

operative, and productive relationships among students, staff, and faculty within the department. He has also been tasked with developing a vision for the OSU Leadership Center, and its advancement of the goals of the department and the college. Washburn will also support the success and development of undergraduate and graduate education programs.

Finally, he will promote collaborations with university partners and external stakeholders to increase state, national, and international presence.

"I'm excited with the opportunity to continue working with our talented students, staff, and faculty toward our goal of creating a thriving and sustainable future by advancing excellence in communication, education, and leadership within the agricultural and broader community," Washburn said. "I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to lead within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and to carry forward the rich tradition of excellence in our department and college."

Washburn's reappointment is subject to the approval of Ohio State's Office of Academic Affairs and Board of Trustees.

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND AWARDING \$271,000 IN GRANTS

Ohio EPA is awarding more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars to statewide projects that support a range of water restoration programs. The agency's environmental education grants, totaling \$271,000, are going to communities for wetland education, water quality, biodiversity initiatives, habitat restoration, and home drinking water and septic system maintenance.

- Black Swamp Conservancy (Henry, Lucas, Wood counties) is receiving \$34,647 to train and support teachers to use Conservancy lands to educate students. The project includes a workshop and backpacks with learning materials for students taking field trips to Conservancy lands.

- New Philadelphia City Schools (Tuscarawas County) is receiving \$50,000 to continue to expand its Appalachian Ohio tick project. It takes students into the field and laboratory to collect and analyze tick DNA to see how many carry diseases such as Lyme disease. They inform the public about the trends and how to protect themselves while outdoors. The students benefit from learning molecular biology and the modern tools of biotechnology.

- Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning (Camp Nuhop) (Ashland, Richland counties) is receiving \$26,216 to establish an environmental education pilot program within the camp's outdoor education program. The initial focus is on habitat restoration and environmental career awareness with an emphasis on students continuing their learning through community projects.

- Dayton Society of Natural History (Butler, Clark, Greene, Hamilton, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, Warren counties) is receiving \$30,945 to make nature trails at Boonshoft Museum of Discovery more

WNZR'S LIFELINE 2024 MEETS GOAL AND CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF JESUS



WNZR 90.9 FM, a broadcast ministry of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, is celebrating the success of Lifeline 2024, the radio station's annual fundraiser.

Lifeline 2024 aired March 25-28, with a goal of \$70,000. This year's effort raised a total of \$88,544, which is the highest amount raised in the station's history. Blessed with 245 ministry partners, the WNZR staff was encouraged and extremely thankful for the community's support.

There were 32 first-time donors, 213 continued supporters, and 7 increased pledges, demonstrating that God is continually reaching new people and families through WNZR.

The funds raised will help support WNZR staffing of a full-time assistant station manager and office manager, plus summer and 2024-25 student leadership. Lifeline funds are also used for equipment upgrade and repair, hosting the station's website and apps, online music streaming fees, maintaining the station's remote vehicle and video stream initiatives through WNZR.tv.

"The support and encouragement of Lifeline 2024 is so appreciated," said WNZR

Station Manager Marcy Rinehart. "The partnership with our listeners and donors allows WNZR to broadcast and minister to the community throughout the year. I want to thank each donor for joining us to share the amazing story of God's love. We are honored to partner together to share the incredible message of Christ's sacrifice and the forgiveness He offers for all. Let us all rejoice. He is worthy of all praise!"

This year's theme was I Believe It, based on the song from Jon Reddick. The song lyrics amplify the message that Jesus had a living, breathing, walking testimony. John 3:16, the Lifeline 2024 theme verse, affirms that we believe in the overwhelming love of God, demonstrated through the life of Jesus, and victory over death.

WNZR held numerous special events, including the Lifeline Choice Challenge, which offered gift certificates to those pledging \$150 or more. On the Matching Challenge Day, \$44,818 was raised as listener pledges were matched by several generous donors in the community.

"We thank our listeners

for believing in WNZR through their giving to Lifeline 2024," said Jonathon Langdon, a Senior Communication & Media (Digital Media) Major from Ashland. "The trust they have put in us to be a prominent voice for Jesus in this community will not be taken lightly."

"The support of Lifeline 2024 is a huge blessing; plus, an honor and a responsibility, one we take very seriously," said MVNU Director of Broadcasting Joe Rinehart. "Our commitment is to continue to glorify God while serving listeners. We are grateful for this continued partnership in giving!"

WNZR 90.9 FM is celebrating 37 years as Knox County's hometown Christian radio station. WNZR broadcasts contemporary Christian music, family-oriented programs, sports, news, and weather 24 hours a day. To support Lifeline 2024 or for more information, please visit wnzr.fm, or call WNZR at 740-392-9090.

To learn more about MVNU's Communication and Media major or to schedule a campus visit, go to <http://mvnu.edu/on-campus/undergraduate/communication-and-media/>.

accessible and educational with additional wildlife elements and signage. The project will promote museum-supported nature exploration through play elements and an interactive storybook trail. Guided programs will focus on pollinators, nature, pond life, conservation, and water quality.

- Case Western Reserve University-Leonard Gelfand STEM Center (Cuyahoga County) is receiving \$49,317 for a project that will give students the tools and techniques to investigate their neighborhood watersheds and help them determine year-round water quality sampling protocols to complete a community action project called "SALT-FRESH." The project will use local resources and aquatic systems to help underserved students connect to their community and become better environmental stewards.

- Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District (Allen, Paulding, Putnam counties) is receiving \$19,120 to purchase an augmented reality (AR) sandbox for teachers to use with students to study watersheds, water quality, and show how activities of people and animals affect the environment. The AR sandbox will be shared among teachers in adjacent counties.

- Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District (Belmont County) is receiving \$13,749 to teach students and

the public about indicator species and endangered species in the Captina Creek watershed. Activities will include small stream fish identification, stream ecology, stream health, and stream anatomy. The program will help improve the understanding of water quality as it relates to wildlife and the community.

- Rivers Unlimited (Butler, Hamilton counties) is receiving \$15,500 for a project to educate volunteers and the community about water quality results provided to the Citizens Water Quality Program on the lower Great Miami River. Rivers Unlimited has supported monthly water quality monitoring at more than 60 sites for 14 years. The program will educate volunteers, citizens, local officials, and others about water quality and nutrient loading in southwest Ohio.

- Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association (Franklin County) is receiving \$31,560

for an "Environmental Climate and Justice Academy," Mezzacello Urban Farms and Public Utilities will teach students scientific tools and methodologies that lead to STEM-driven solutions in environmental careers. Students will create, develop, and deploy soil testing, air quality monitoring, and water sampling devices. These will provide students the tools for critical thinking and working with public utilities as a pathway toward a career.

The next grant application deadline is July 15, 2024, with letters of intent due by July 8. Grants are available for \$500-\$5,000 and general grants are for up to \$50,000. More information is available on the Ohio Environmental Education website.

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The Jeff and Mandi Starner family has recently become a Defiance Area Foundation Project 2030 Visionary Donor. The family has committed \$10,000 to the Project 2030 initiative, with the hopes to help "enhance the ability for economic development for their children and future generations of Defiance county," stated Jeff Starner.

The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) has created Project 2030 to raise enough money by the year 2030 to build something we can only dream of today. As of June 2024, \$265,270 in donations have been given and \$373,988 in commitments, with a goal of \$500,000. Become a member of Project 2030 by visiting www.defianceareafoundation.org/project2030

Judice, Costs to defendant
 Rebecca A. Elkins, Cecil, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Piper C. Horn, Grand Rapids, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Mark J. Daunhauer, Toledo, OH; Seat belt /drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Anastasia J. Larson, Antwerp, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Kayla J. Manz, Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Shelby C. Bermejo, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Dravin Lantz, Defiance, OH; Lights on bike; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
 Jared K. Rusk, Scott, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Cameron R. Allen, Fremont, OH; Assault; Case dismissed per, with prejudice; Costs to the defendant
 Jennifer R. Bland, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Juan M. Torales Jr, Holgate, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Carrie A. Onder, Warren, OH; Traffic control light; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Brooks R. Behnfeldt, Napoleon, OH; Assured clear district; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Linda M. Germann, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 James E. Ramey Jr., Antwerp, OH; Domestic violence, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good happened
 Ethan M. Hill, Oakwood, OH; Driving under suspension; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; No operator license, Count B dismissed; Failure to control, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
 Tristan L. Smith, Van Wert, OH; No motorcycle license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
 Timothy D. Schroeder, Monroeville, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jacob A. Warnimont, Cloverdale, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Courtney J. Uhl, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Kyle J. Kovac, Paulding, OH; Registration violation, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty,

Case was waived by defendant
 Daltan Michael Sisco, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
 Robert C. Hobart Jr., Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Operator license suspension from 7/2/24 to 7/2/25; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, Proof of insurance provided; Left of center, Count B dismissed; Seat belt/drive, Count C dismissed
 William J. Mara II, Allen Park, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
 Carlos S. Vargas-Ramirez, Reading, PA; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant completed course
 Jacob D. Tyler, Whitehouse, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Mason L. Steel, Cecil, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Mark D. Carnahan, Antwerp, OH; No operator license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Pled no contest found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs
 Ignacio J. Romero-Zurbuchen, Pitt Meadows, BC; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jamshidbek Kalandarov, Philadelphia, PA; Seat belt/drive; Case dismissed; Cost to defendant
 Kara R. Relyea, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Gaganjot Singh, Brampton, ON; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Bart T. Tippmann, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Escamilla Flores, Payne, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Haylee Tracy, Paulding, OH; Menacing; Guilty; 30 days jail, 20 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; 10 days consecutive with 22-CRB-231
 Kaseo S. Hurt, Latty, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to maintain general good behavior; No unlawful contact with victim; Pay all fines and costs
 Jacob T. King, Edgerton, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
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 Jacob S. Pennington, North Baltimore, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Rex E. Barnhart, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Jonathan D. Blackwell, Gordon, AR; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY IN JULY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library is participating in "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Program the month of July. Be sure to sign up and get to reading. The library will be closed Thursday, July 4th to enjoy the holiday. Look for us at the Summer Blast Parade on Friday July 12 at 6.

The Adult Section is continuing Summer Reading...sign up to register for prizes. Pick up a free tote bag while you are here. Coffee Talk continues to meet every Thursday at 1. New talkers are always welcome. It's fun if you just like to listen, too.

Adult Cookbook Club will meet Monday, July 15 at 5:30. Bring a prepared dish to share and a copy of your recipe and enjoy a delicious buffet. This month's theme is "Farm Fresh". Teen Cookbook Club will meet on Monday, July 29 at 4. All supplies are furnished. This month's theme is "Campout Foods".

The Frugal Hanger, Carla Morris, will present her monthly program on Tuesday, July 30 at 1. This month the subject is "Back to School on a Budget" Learn lots of helpful hints for getting the school year started right without breaking the bank. Adult crafting will be celebrating "Christmas in July" with Christmas crafts all month, available 11-5 every Tuesday.

Our crafting group is also collecting unwanted Christmas items for an exchange all

Tuesday, Wild & New Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, Free Friday and Saturday Scavenger hunt.
 Monday July 1st, patrons can sign up for the monthly drawing, July's Fiery themed prize will be given out on July 31st. Munchkin Club will be July 8th and July 22. Dragons are the theme for the month. These blazing adventure times include a read aloud story, activity and treat designed for kids 6 & under.

The second Thursday of the month July 11th, Seniors aged 50+ will get fired up with Fajitas and Bingo at 1. This event is currently booked but call for cancellations and future reservations. On the last Wednesday of the month, July 31, the GHBL Book Club will meet at 4 to discuss the classic novel "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. The modern adventure alternative book club option will be "Fourth Wing", book one of the Epyrean Trilogy by Rebecca Yarros. Book two "Iron Flame" and multiple copies in various formats will be available for checkout all month long.

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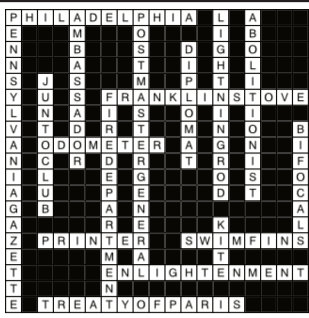
OAKWOOD BRANCH: The Oakwood Branch is keeping the summer reading adventure going strong in July. Alongside the reading program, we are also hosting a Summer Food Program from Monday to Friday, between 11:15 to 12:30. However there will be no Summer Food Program on July 4th and 5th.

The month kicks off with Fishing Adventure Week, running from July 1st to July 5th. On Tuesday July 2nd at 2:15, there will be a special story time session for kids to enjoy. Every Wednesday after the Summer Food Program the library will have programs with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) for the children. From July 8th to July 13th, the library will be transformed into a Space Adventure Week.

Story time sessions during the week will take place on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15. Additionally, on Thursday, July 11h at 12:45 at 12:45 there will be Senior Bingo for the older members of the community. For those interested in crafts, on July 12th at 12:15, the library invites everyone to stop by and make fun Galaxy Bottles. July 15th marks the beginning of the Under the Sea Adventure Week.

Story time sessions for this week will be held on July 16th and 18th at 12:15. On Wednesday, July 17th the library, in collaboration with the State Bank will host a fun water day at the park. Moving forward, the week of July 22nd will be dedicated to Birding Adventures. DIY toilet paper binoculars kits will be available for anyone who wants to participate.

On Tuesday, July 23rd at



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12:15 there will be a special story time session with Ali and Birdy as guests. The Summer Food Program will conclude on July 25th with a story time session at 12:15. July 29th will the National Adventure Week and the library invites everyone to stop by and pick up an Ohio Parks packet. In the evening, there will be a movie screening at dusk in the State Bank Parking lot. On July 30th at 12:15 there will be another story time session. Additionally, from 11 to 3 the library will be hosting the Quilt Block of the Month Class.

PAYNE BRANCH: The Payne Branch is having a Special story time with Kooky Kirk and friends on Thursday July 11th at 1 at the library. We will be looking for Dinosaurs. Let's Party like a Dinosaur and invite your friends. During the month of July, we will be featuring Dinosaurs and the Olympics for our story time. July 2nd there will not be a story time. The following Tuesdays, July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th we will be at the park. If it is raining story time is cancelled. Summer Reading is in full swing so be sure and stop in weekly with Reading Logs to claim your prize. Every Friday is Free Friday. Follow us on Facebook for more fun and updates.

Friends of the Paulding County Carnegie Library invite you to join us for the remainder of the year and ½ off registration fee. A \$5.00 donation is all you need to join from now until December 31st. Buy the Book volunteers have been busy sorting through boxes of donations received after the Paulding Village Garage Sales last month. Stop in soon and see what's new! Regular bookstore hours this summer are Saturdays 9-12 and Wednesdays 3:30 to 6:30. Private browsing is available by appointment by calling 419-399-2032.

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Questions can be directed to viladmin@defnet.com

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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: ROCKHOLD W/ OhioMeansJobs



Hear from Tiffany Rockhold, workforce supervisor at OhioMeansJobs, to learn all about the partnership, collaboration, and new programming and services that they offer from both the Paulding and Defiance County offices. Huge thank you to OhioMeansJobs for sponsoring this program.

You can tune in on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available in podcast form through Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong

PC RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SET MEETING DATE

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, July 8, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the Paulding Pancake House, located on CR 424, Cecil. Five new members will be

welcomed into the Paulding County Hall of Fame.

STEAM CAMP OFFERS HANDS-ON LEARNING ADVENTURE

Grades 3-5 are invited to a hands-on learning adventure during Defiance Public Library's STEAM Day Camp,

taking place July 22-25 in the Summer Reading Tent on the Defiance Fort Grounds, 320 Fort St.

This special four-day camp, held from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon each day, is hosted by Cara Bolley from the Defiance Public Library MakerSpace and Defiance Elementary School teacher Julie Houck.

Campers will enjoy an assortment of activities—like fort building, a scavenger hunt, and more—designed to teach them new concepts in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

The camp is free, but space is limited, and registration is required.

Register beginning June 24 at defiancelibrary.org/steam or by contacting Bolley at 419-782-1456 ext. 1108 or cbolley@defiancelibrary.org.

MISSOURI ROAD RAGE SUSPECT APPREHENDED

On Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 4:08 P.M., officials with the Allen County, Indiana Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police stopped a commercial vehicle on US 24 just east of the Ohio/Indiana State Line. Apparently, authorities were assisting law enforcement from Jasper County, Missouri who was tracking the commercial vehicle driven by an alleged suspect in a road rage incident.

Once deputies from the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and troopers from the Ohio State Highway patrol arrived at the traffic stop, Indiana law enforcement already had 37-year-old Jeremiah Jerome Nix from Greenville, Mississippi de-

ANTWERP VILLAGE ALLOWS HISTORIC DEPOT TO BE SOLD



In a special session of the Antwerp Village Council on June 27, coming out of a 28 minute executive session discussion, the council, in a split decision and tie breaking vote made by mayor Jan Reeb, decided to allow the the historic depot on West River Street to be sold. Offers by two companies for the depot building and the lot to the west, made to the Village Administrator Brian Davis was a large sum at \$500,000.

The depot was built in 1880 by the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway, and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The station

closed in 1976 and the Otto E Ehrhart historical society purchased the building and relocated the structure about 2000 feet to the west side of the village. In 2008, the Village received the property and the building after the Ehrhart Historical Society dissolved. The Village, with grants and other tax dollars, restored the depot under the direction of then village administrator Sara Keeran for a price of \$400,000.

Ohio Administrative code 3796:6-3-02 requires that "no boundary of a parcel of real estate having situated on it a proposed dispensary shall be

located within five hundred feet of the boundaries of a parcel of real estate having situated on it a school, church, public library, public playground, public park, or an opioid treatment program." This means the building site could work for intended purposes of the potential buyers.

Both companies that are wanting the building are vying to receive a lottery number from the state for a marijuana dispensary.

Administrator Davis made sure the contracts were not exclusive due to the nature that only one will get the lottery bid from the state.

tained. Communication continued with authorities from Jasper County. An arrest warrant was sent to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office for the arrest of Nix for one count of Unlawful Use of Weapon - Shooting from a Motor Vehicle at a Person, and one count of Assault.

At the time of this press release, Nix is being booked in the Paulding County Jail on the criminal charges out of Missouri. There are no local charges on Nix. He will face an extradition hearing at a date & time that has yet to be determined.

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

DONATION RECEIVED FOR FOUR FLAGS FOR FREEDOM



Congratulations to Defiance County Economic Development on the recent \$2,500 grant received from the Keith Hubbard Family Fund for the Four Flags for Freedom Initiative. To learn more about this exciting initiative, visit www.fourflagsoffreedom.com/. Pictured representing the donation are (L to R) Steve Hubbard, Paige Johnson - Assistant Executive Director for Defiance County Economic Development, and Tom Hubbard.

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