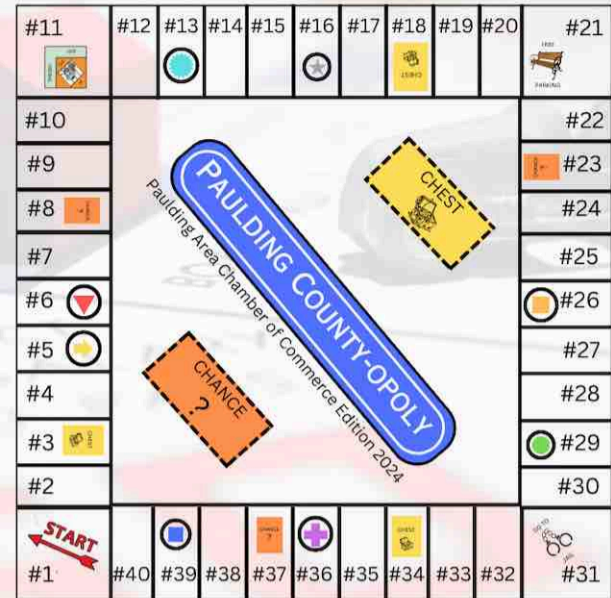




## Paulding County-opoly



### PAULDING AREA CHAMBER LAUNCHES EXCITING NEW PROJECT: PAULDING COUNTY-OPOLY

Paulding Area Chamber Launches Exciting New Project: Paulding County-opoly

The Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the launch of an innovative and interactive project designed to spotlight local businesses: Paulding

County-opoly. This unique board game initiative aims to market Paulding County businesses directly to the community, providing an engaging way for residents to connect with and support local enterprises.

Paulding County-opoly is more than just a game; it's a celebration of our vibrant business community. Each spot on the board, as well as the Chance and Community

### JOHN PAULDING SUMMER BLAST – JULY 12<sup>th</sup>!

The John Paulding Summerblast is THIS FRIDAY, July 12, 2024. Sponsored by CoRP of Paulding, this one night festival really kicks summer into high gear.

The parade will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. where it will travel from Fairgrounds Dr. through downtown Paul-

ing. Stick around for the evening following the parade for good food around the square as well as entertainment for the entire family – including Wastin' Neon!

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DESIGNATES NEW HOME IN PAULDING



On Friday, June 28 Paulding County Habitat For Humanity opened the doors of its newest home build in Paulding Ohio. After many donations of time and materials,

this 3-bedroom home is ready to hand the keys to its new owner, Linda Koch-Kious.

The board of the Paulding County Habitat for Humanity was prepared for this dedica-

tion ceremony and open house with many of the volunteers in attendance who gave of their time to ensure the new home was ready for Linda to

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### FREE RECYCLING EVENT FOR PAULDING COUNTY!!

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## Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
  - 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**
  - Paulding Summerblast! Parade @ 6pm
  - Duck Race @ Flatrock Creek, Jackson St. Bridge, 3pm, sponsored by VFW Post 587
  - July 13**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scott St. John Cruise In @ Paulding on the Square, 5-8pm
  - Convoy's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration @ downtown Convoy, parade @ 3pm
  - July 16**
  - PC Library board meeting @ Library conf rm, 5:30pm
  - July 15-19**
  - The Great Jungle Journey VBS @ Antwerp GMC, 6-8:30pm

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**OBITUARIES**



She will always be remembered for her devotion to God, her church and her family. Margaret will be sadly missed by her children, Ray (Becky) Kupfersmith, June (Joe) Orozco and Tom (Karen) Kupfersmith; stepchildren, Ruth Ann (Larry) Brincefield & Robert (Nancy) Kupfersmith; grandchildren; Larry, Jr., Jeff, Jennifer, Diana, Ray, Kelly, Michael, Jason, Melissa, Jose, James, Jeremiah, Jessica; and numerous great and great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Betty Ann Kupfersmith; granddaughter, Debbie; and siblings, Betty, Earnest and Charles Smith.

Viewing is Tuesday, July 9th, from 5-7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne, Ohio.

Margaret's funeral service is Wednesday, July 10th at 10 AM with viewing one hour prior at Dooley Funeral Home, 5761 SR 500, Payne.

She will be laid to rest in the Apostolic Christian Church, Cemetery, Latty.

Memorials are to the Apostolic Christian Church, 13562 Road 147, Defiance, OH 43512.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

**STARTING OVER**

**By: Doris Applegate; Scribed by: Jessica Stevens**

It is with great joy and a very thankful heart that I can write with help these words of encouragement and tell God's great love for all of humanity. Perhaps you are a person who finds it hard to realize God's love for you so please open up your heart to the truth. God loves you. He proved it when He sent His Son Jesus into the Virgin Mary and His Son became flesh so that He could show us this love of God healing those sick and oppressed by the devil. The blood of Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice, and paid in full for every sin who-so-ever will come and be cleansed of all unrighteousness and be a new creation in the spirit of God who now lives in those who come to the Lord.

We come to Him by believing in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing with our mouth that Jesus is Lord (Rom 10:8-10). Have you done this? By repeating turning from our sins we are on our way to a new life. We are a baby Christian, grow by eating spiritual food found in God's word (the Bible). As we grow, we desire to love and serve the Lord God. Here is a song we sing:  
I will serve you because I love you  
You have given life to me  
I was nothing before you found me  
You have given like to me, heartaches broken pieces  
This is why you come to die  
Your love was why I longed  
For you have given life to me  
Amen!



PAULDING, OH: **Margaret Clemens Kupfersmith**, 91, of Paulding, Ohio passed away Thursday, July 4, 2024 at Mercy Health, Defiance, Ohio. Margaret was born in Paulding on March 14, 1933, a daughter of the late Margaret (Bland) and Earnest Smith.

**PARKVIEW HEALTH'S DR. MARK MABUS RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN COMMUNITY**



**Dr. Mark Mabus, chief medical informatics officer and vice president of electronic health records at Parkview Health, accepts the 2024 Epic PACademy Award from Dr. Christopher Alban at the Epic System's Expert Group Meeting 2024 conference in Madison, WI.**

Dr. Mark Mabus, chief medical informatics officer and vice president of electronic health records at Parkview Health, recently received the Physicians Advisory Council PACademy Award from Epic.

Epic is the nation's leading electronic health records system provider, in use in more than one third of acute care hospitals nationally and accounting for slightly over half of all hospital beds. Parkview has used the Epic system since 2012.

Mabus was recognized for his ongoing contributions to the community of more than 400,000 physicians utilizing Epic as their medical system. Mabus serves as a member of the Epic Physician Advisory Council Advisory Board, which shapes educational content for Epic providers; has created widely acclaimed educational content on how providers can reduce "note bloat"; has contributed tools, presentations and materials for use on Epic's website, webinars, conferences and health system meetings; and leads Parkview in testing and implementation of new Epic features to prepare for deployment to the wider global healthcare network.

"Dr. Mabus is a true bridge between Parkview's medical providers who are experts in caring for patients

and our information systems team members who are experts in technology," said Ron Double, chief information officer, Parkview Health. "Mark speaks both languages fluently and is invaluable in understanding the needs of our providers and finding and integrating the right tech solutions to support them in caring for our patients."

Mabus is an active contributor on the Epic User-Web, an online user forum for health systems that use Epic as their EHR. He regularly answers questions or shares tips for other providers nationally who have questions or are seeking input about features within Epic. He also uses the forum to solicit opinions and ideas from other health systems on how they handle problems that arise within their EHR.

In 2019, he also helped develop and launch an immunization reminder system within Parkview's Epic system that resulted in more than 75,000 immunizations being provided year-over-year and was promoted nationally by Epic as an example to other health systems.

Mabus was also named one of Becker's Hospital Review's "CMIOs to Know" in 2023 for his ongoing contributions to the advancement of health technology.

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER JULY MENU**

- 7/8 - Pork cutlet w/gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, pears, WW bread, and peanut butter no bake cookies
- 7/9 - Cheeseburger w/lettuce, tomato & onion, broccoli salad, cinnamon apples, and goldfish crackers
- 7/10 - Liver & onions (alt: Swiss steak), mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail, WW bread, and fruit & grain bar
- 7/11 - Shredded beef sandwich, coleslaw, 3-bean salad, pineapple, and fruit snacks
- 7/12 - Oven roasted turkey, palsied potatoes, Spanish green beans, pineapple & strawberries, and dinner roll

**PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER JULY ACTIVITIES**

- 7/8 - 10:00 a.m. : Exercise; 10:30 a.m. : Cornhole; 12:30 p.m. : Bridge Club
- 7/9 - 9:45 a.m. : Euchre; 12:00 p.m. : Bingo w/ Kingsbury Park
- 7/10 - 9:00 a.m. : Rummy; 1:00 p.m. : Grocery Shopping
- 7/11 - 9:45 a.m. : Euchre; 10:00 a.m. : Exercise
- 7/12 - 9:30 a.m. : Bingo w/ Ann's Bright Beginnings;

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible study; 10:00-3:00 : Commodity Distribution; 12:00 p.m. : Diamond Art Painting w/Mike & Barbara

**ANTWERP MANOR ASSISTED LIVING JULY ACTIVITIES**

- 7/8 - Sittercise : 10:00 a.m.; Rummy : 10:30 a.m.; Birthday/Bingo Party : 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories : 2:15 p.m.
- 7/9 - Sittercise : 10:00 a.m.; Uno : 10:30 a.m.; Bingo : 1:30 p.m.; Nails by Taylor : 3:00 p.m.; Library Service; Kiddie Parade : 6:00 p.m.
- 7/10 - Sittercise : 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes : 10:30 a.m.; Bingo : 1:15 p.m.; Euchre : 2:30 p.m.
- 7/11 - What's For Dessert? 9:00 a.m.; Bingo : 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians : 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn : 3:00 p.m.
- 7/12 - Dr. Molitor : 9:00 a.m.; Sittercise : 10:00 a.m.; Bingo : 10:30 a.m.; Euchre : 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time : 3:00 p.m.
- 7/13 - Wii Bowling : 10:30 a.m.; Movie Matinee : 1:15 p.m.
- 7/14 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise : 11:30 a.m.; Bingo : 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad : 4:00 p.m.

**Scripture of the Week**

"And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

— Isaiah 12:4

**WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**



Please recite these powerful words to yourself:

"I am free from fear and anxiety. I fear not, for God is with me. I do not fret or have anxiety about anything. I do not have a care. I think on the good report and things worthy of praise. I believe in Jesus and I will never be disappointed or put to shame. I let the peace of God rule in my heart, deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in my mind.

"I am being transformed by the renewing of my mind. I let the Word of God dwell in me richly. I am mediating in the Word day and night, making my way prosperous and dealing wisely in all the affairs of my life.

"The Lord in my Shepherd and I do not want. My God supplies all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I am a tither and the windows of Heaven are open over my life. The blessings of the Lord are overtaking me.

"No weapon formed against me shall prosper. I tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all works of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt me. I lay hands on the sick and they recover. I cast out demons in Jesus' name. I take my shield of faith and I quench every fiery dart of the wicked one. Greater is He who is in me than he who is the world.

"I am reigning in life as a king. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I am blessing the world with the rich, valuable, potent resources God has placed within me. I am not settling for less, mediocre, average or just enough. I am only accepting the best and the perfect will of God."

Now, thanks be unto God, who always causes me to triumph in Christ! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Peace and love,  
—Pastor Dwayne Richardson

*(Habitat house ... continued from Page 1)*

move in.

The ceremony started off with Executive Director, Laurie Lucas, speaking some opening words to the attendees. In unison, everyone read Psalm 124:8 and 127:1 which says who made heaven and earth unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Opening prayer was led by Fr. Austin Ammanniti from Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Jan Comer, PC Habitat board member presented a new Bible to the family. Lisa McClure, Paulding County Commissioner, stated how important the blessing of service was - McClure was on the Habitat board for quite a few years. Roy Klopfenstein, OH representative, stated that the foundation of society is the family, and then he mentioned the passage in Luke about the good Samaritan and how it was so important to make sure that our neighbors are taken care of.

PC Habitat for Humanity president, Anthony Marlin, recognized the numerous vol-

unteers and businesses that donated to this worthy project for a Paulding County citizen.

Companies that donated time and labor included Habitat's Master Carpenters, Menards, Help Build Hope, Avengrid volunteers, Schlatter's Plumbing and Heating, Ace Hardware, Carter Lumber of Columbus Grove, Beechwood Christian Church of Columbus, Ohio, Chad Bennett Concrete, Y2K Plumbing, Hartzog Construction, Economical Improvements, as well as other volunteers: Anthony Marlin, Al Free, Frances Maag, Gary Mabis, Mike Culler, Louis Beregszazi, Mark Greenwood (and NARCO), Brian Arnold, Steve Fisher, Shippman, and there were definitely more who volunteered as this is only a partial list.

Paulding County has had a Habitat for Humanity for over 20 years now. This is house number 11 for the organization. The concrete was poured in August 2021 but due to COVID and other situations the project had numerous delays. It is now complete and Linda will get to enjoy a new home!

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**THE OLD HYMNS**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**  
by: Nancy Whitaker

**IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Some of our hymns are very old and have been sung for years. When I hear or think of a hymn, I say, "I remember singing that at church when I was little. A lot of the old hymns have been written because of an event in the writers life.

The hymn "It is Well with my soul" was written by Horatio Spafford. This was the only hymn ever written by Spafford. The song came from unimaginable tragedy. Spafford was an affluent attorney in Chicago with a large family. Then his life took a turn for the worse.

Horatio and his wife Anna had lost their young son to a fever. Then the great Chicago fire destroyed almost all his real estate holdings.

Spafford then planned a trip to Europe for a vacation, but he was called away at the last minute. He sent his family ahead, planning to take the next ship. During the voyage, a freighter broadsided the ship in the night, causing it to sink. Spafford received a cable from his wife, "Ship sunk. I am lone survivor."

On the voyage to meet his devastated wife, the captain slowed the ship and Spafford went out on deck to see where his daughters had perished.

He returned to his cabin, sat down and wrote the words, "When sorrow like sea billows roll; it is well, it is well with my soul."

From one man's tragedy a hymn was born that has provided comfort to many.

The circumstances under which a hymn was written under, provides a deeper understanding of its meaning.

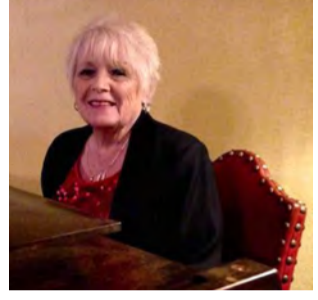
These songs are far more than wonderful words on a page. For a writer, they represent the outpouring of their soul where the only possible comfort came from a higher

source.  
2023 marked the 150th anniversary of "It Is Well with My Soul". There were commemorative services held to remember the actual day of the tragedy, November 22, and a new edition of the book "It Is Well with My Soul": from tragedy to trust, was also published in the anniversary year.

Another beautiful hymn lived by all is:

**HOW GREAT THOU ART**

Imagine the late 1800s in the Swedish countryside, where a Pastor, Carl Boberg, found himself in the



middle of a sudden thunderstorm. Nature, in all its wonder, unfolded before him, giving him a sense of awe and humility.

During this divine encounter, Boberg penned the initial version of "How Great Thou Art," which captured the heart stirred by the wonders of creation.

Time passed and then an English missionary Stuart K. Hine came across the Swedish version of Boberg's hymn. The melody, full of the spirit of worship, deeply moved Hine, who translated and made the song into what it is today.

Now this song has traveled around the world. The hymn journeyed from Sweden to the hearts of worshippers and churches worldwide. Those lyrics ' have the power to resonate with believers everywhere.

In my piano shows I always play How Great Thou Art. People recognize it and can sing along.

**IN THE GARDEN**

... is another hymn known by many.  
"In the Garden" (sometimes rendered by its first line "I Come to the Garden Alone") is a gospel song written by American song writer, C Austin Miles in 1912.

Miles was a former pharmacist who served as editor and manager at Hall-Mack publishers for 37 years.

According to Miles' granddaughter, the song was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in Pitman, NJ that didn't even have a window in it let alone a view of a garden."

Miles was also a photographer and was waiting on some film one day and sat down and penned the song.

The song was first published in 1912 and popularized during the Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns of the early twentieth century.

Today, "In the Garden" is very heart-warming and most older folks and younger also know it.

**THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

Written in 1913, George Bernard served for several years as an itinerant Methodist preacher and had a favorite scripture verse, John 3:16. "For God so loved the world".

When quoting the verse, he seemed to always have a vision of a cross — a crude Roman instrument of death. It was stained with the blood of Christ, who gave his life in order that we might become Christians.

On one occasion, as he was thinking of Christ's crucifixion, an original melody ran through his mind. Although it was a complete melody, very

few words came with it. He struggled to write some appropriate lyrics, but all that came was the passage, "I'll cherish the old rugged cross." The song seemed to take shape in bits and pieces.

He returned from several preaching engagements to his home — 1101 E. Michigan Ave., Albion, Michigan — with a renewed meaning of the cross etched in his mind and heart.

He took the song manuscript and placed it on the kitchen table. In a very short span of time, he was able to rewrite the stanzas with each word falling perfectly into place. He asked his wife to join him in the kitchen. She did so and he joyfully sang his prized, new song. She was very pleased, expressing that the song was great.

There is a story behind almost every hymn. I have sung and played these old gospel tunes and love them.

Do you remember the old hymns? Do you have a favorite? Let me know and I'll Give You A Penny For Your Thoughts

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**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



**By: Mark Holtsberry**

Dr. Herbert Earl Moore born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1892, the son of Alexander Backus born August 25, 1862 in Paulding County and Mary Ellen (Cheman) Moore born January 27, 1866 in Emerald Township, Paulding County. This couple was married January 23, 1889 in Paulding.

By 1900, this couple along with daughter Edith Pearl born February 12, 1890 and son Herbert, were living in Paulding. Alexander was a traveling salesman. By 1910, this family was still living in Paulding on Cherry Street. Alexander was working as a merchant at the Marble shop. Edith and Herbert were in school. Herbert was working odd jobs.

Between the years of 1912 and 1916, Herbert went to Michigan Medical College in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Herbert moved to Pennsylvania and on June 5, 1917, at Elwood, Pennsylvania, Herbert registered for the World War One draft. He is listed as medium build, brown hair and brown eyes. He was assigned to Company D. 1st Army Artillery as a Medic. He served until June 30, 1919. I believe in 1919, Herbert married a gal named Ada S. Schermerhorn. She was born June 5, 1893 in New York. They had a son named Herbert Earl Moore Jr. He was born February 9, 1922 in Baltimore City, Maryland. Herbert went on to attend the University of Chicago and John Hopkins Medical School. He got his Medical Degree from Johns Hopkins. He did his internship at Henry Ford Hospital. By 1926, Herbert, Ada and son Herbert Jr., moved to Birmingham,

Michigan. On September 6, 1929, Herbert's mother, Mary Ellen passed away in Paulding from cancer. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

By 1930, Dr. Moore and family, are living at 383 Harrison Street, Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. Between the years of 1930 and 1932, Herbert divorced Ada. Herbert Jr. lived with his mother Ada. Herbert Sr. remarries a gal named Margaret. They had a daughter named Joann born in 1932 in Owosso, Michigan. On September 24, 1936, Dr. Moore had surgery for cancer of the pancreas at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

On October 6, 1936, at 3:00, Dr. Herbert Earl Moore Sr. passed away at the Henry Ford Memorial Hospital from Carcinoma of the pancreas and liver, also from secondary anemia. Services were held at the St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham,



**Dr. H. E. Moore**  
Failing to rally from a recent operation, Dr. Herbert E. Moore, local physician, died in Henry Ford Hospital Tuesday morning. He was a former president of the Oakland County Medical Association and the Rotary Club here.

Michigan with the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiating. Dr. Moore's body was returned to Paulding where services were held at the Live Oak Cemetery with burial in lot 323, block G., grave 2.

His son Herbert Jr., was going to Pre Medical School when World War Two started. He enlisted to serve as an infantry officer. He served in the 317th Infantry, 80th Division, Third Army Corp. (Patton's Division). 2nd Lieutenant Herbert Earl Moore Jr. was killed in action October 10, 1944 in France. He was buried in Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, plot C., row 27, grave 49.

—Until Next Time!

**WAGNER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCHOOLING**



**Pictured (l-r) are Abby Wolfrum – Women's Giving Circle Treasurer, and Sarah Wagner - scholarship recipient.**

Sarah Wagner was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Women's Giving Circle of Defiance County Scholarship Fund maintained at the Defiance Area Foundation.

Sarah is pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing and received the

scholarship as a non-traditional student furthering her education.

To learn more about the Women's Giving Circle or how to become a member - call the United Way of Defiance County office at (419) 782-3510.

**NORTHWESTERN OHIO COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION SUMMER COOLING PROGRAM**

NOCAC is once again offering its Summer Cooling Program for the 2024 season. Eligibility opened July 1, 2024 and will be open until

- September 30, 2024.
- Who is Eligible:
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  - Those with a medical condition that requires air conditioning
  - Those who have an electric disconnect notice or have been disconnected
  - Within 175% of the Fed-

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Cards, will represent a local business, giving companies a distinctive platform to showcase themselves. This project underscores the Chamber's commitment to promoting economic growth and fostering strong connections within the community.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity for businesses to engage with the community in a fun and interactive manner," said Erica Noggle, Executive Director of the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. "Paulding County-opoly not only highlights the diversity and strength of our local busi-

nesses but also encourages residents to explore and support them."

Once completed, the Paulding County-opoly game will be available for purchase throughout the community, ensuring maximum visibility for participating businesses. Each time the game is played, it will reinforce the presence of local businesses in the minds of residents, fostering a deeper connection and encouraging patronage.

For additional details visit <https://www.pauldingchamber.com/PauldingCounty-opoly> or contact Erica Noggle at the Chamber via phone 419-399-5215 or by email at [pauldingchamber@gmail.com](mailto:pauldingchamber@gmail.com).

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# ART WITH ALI AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



**Pictured is:** Back row is : Savannah Coil, Jazlynn Ward, Jaylani Ward, Joziah Ward, Johanna Federighi, Ariya Lockwood, and Frank Morris. Middle is JaNaya Ward. In front is: Levi Lockwood and Elizabeth Molnar.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare were recently visited by Ali McCauley and Ray Hacker and his African Gray Parrot named

Bodey. We learned so many things about Bodey and were completely enthralled by him. Then we made parrot shrinkie dink keychains with Ali. If

you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old, it's time to give us a call to get on the list for fall preschool! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information.

## RAIDER ACME SEASON COMES TO AN END

The summer ACME baseball season came to an end for Wayne Trace as the Raiders dropped a 12-9 decision to host Edon in sectional tournament action last week.

The Williams County squad jumped in front early, taking a 9-0 advantage before a Wayne Trace run in the bottom of the fourth got the Raiders on the board.

Edon then plated two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth while holding off a red, white and blue rally to record the 12-9 victory.

Caden Sinn drove in four runs to top the Raider efforts while also posting one hit and one run scored.

Carter Clemens finished with three hits, three runs and a run batted in while Tanner Laukhuf added three hits, one run scored and a run batted in.

Carter Baumle and Jon Sterret each picked up two hits and scored once while Alex Doster drove in two runs and recorded one hit.

Micah Sinn and Jack Schoenauer also touched home plate for Wayne Trace and Blake Osborn drove in

one run as well.

Corbin Christman and Zane Oberlin both had three hits for Edon with Christian Owens, Kyler Sapp and Lane Brandt posted two hits apiece. Kadin Stantz also had a hit for the Bombers.

Oberlin, Christman and Owens touched home plate three times apiece and Jackson Clinger drove in two runs.

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## CEREAL RYE AND SLUGS

It's a typical Ohio spring. Sporadic rains, followed by a few days of sunshine, then more drizzle. Farmers are trying to get crops planted, but progress varies. Under these conditions, cereal rye is growing fast which can help dry out soils but tends to shade newly planted crops. Second, with a warm winter and fairly warm spring with rain, slugs and voles (field mice) are flourishing. Weeds are also growing because it is too wet to spray all the fields. Here are some tips to deal with these problems.

Cover crops, especially cereal rye, outcompete many troublesome weeds but cover crop needs to be terminated. Most farmers will kill cover crop with herbicides but crimper crop rollers can terminate naturally and if the crop is tall, get it on the ground. Once it is on the ground, it will hold moisture and keep soil temperatures cooler going into summer. Cereal rye is a natural fit for soybeans but is more difficult to manage with corn. Soybeans thrive on the nutrients released in late summer. Corn can suffer from the allelopathic affect or weed suppressing affect of the chemicals in the stems and leaves.

If it is dry, farmers often terminate their cover crops early. In wet years, let them grow to help dry out the soil. Planting green is the best option, but you need a no-till planter or drill. Remove or lift up residue managers since they tend to clog up with residue. Second, remove front coulters and rely on sharp disc blades to make a furrow for seed. Farmers have the capability to put a large down force on their planters, put excess downforce causes seed placement issues. Conventional farmers do not like to plant their crops too deep due to crusting. On no-till fields, 2+ inches deep on soybeans and up to 3 inches on corn can be beneficial. The crops take a

# NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL REACH CAMPAIGN GOAL



**Pictured above (l-r) Jude Kenning, Shiloh Kenning, Wren Murcko, Amelia Canales, Maizey Murcko**

The Northeastern Local School Fund has successfully reached their \$10,000 matching campaign goal, thanks to the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor, who pledged a \$10,000 matching

gift. This fund, under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella, was set up to enhance the education experience for Tinora students. Congratulations to the Tinora Rams!

little longer to emerge, but they emerge often within 24 hours of each other and they have a deeper and more extensive root system. This helps them grow faster if slugs and voles are an issue.

On corn, you can crimp it from V3 to V4 or three and four true leaves. On soybeans, after the first 1 or 2 trifoliate leaves emerge up to 4-6 inches tall. Soybeans benefit from late crimping, causing a hormonal change which makes them bush out and put on a few more pods, resulting in up to 5-7 bushels more soybeans. If planting cover crops before corn, try to get a variety that has a low allelopathic affect like Elbon, a certified cereal rye variety from Michigan. Better yet, plant legumes or clovers like Balansa, crimson, hairy vetch or peas to add nitrogen. On soybeans, the variety is not as important because it is not affected by allelopathy.

Both slugs and voles like this damp weather. They both like crops that have a low carbon: nitrogen ratio which means they like crops that are high in N or protein. Slugs love red clover, alfalfa, and soybeans. They generally only consume corn if there is nothing else to eat. While the no-till and cover crops is a great habitat for both species, they are also a problem in conventional tilled fields too. There are several things farmers can do to minimize slug

and vole damage.

First, plant both crops deep because the plant is stronger and then they can out grow the feeding. Second, make sure the planting slot is closed. Sprouting seed that is not covered is like a feeding highway for both slugs and voles. Slugs prefer cereal rye over corn, so the cereal rye may reduce corn slug damage if the plants grow fast. To check for slugs, put a board or shingle in several places in the field. If you find more than 5 slugs per board, expect some problems. Over 10 slugs, expect a lot of problems. Getting the cover on the ground can help predators like birds (owls, starlings, hawks, etc) and other predators get access to both slugs and voles.

Farmers may apply pelleted baits on slugs and voles but they are about 50% effective. Baits tend to get expensive. On voles, the material often has to be applied in furrow. Small dogs, owls, hawks and fox are the best natural predators. Rain and humidity cause pellets to mold, so they are effective for about 48 hours. If a slug eats the bait but does not die, they will not eat it again. Lime and gypsum spread over growing plants can help deter slugs. Sunny weather and fast-growing crops are the best cure!

—James J. Hoorman  
Hoorman Soil Health Services

# The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

**There are two basic services the agency provides:**

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

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

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**  
**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

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This event is for Paulding County residents only. DLs and license plates will be verified. Tires may still be on their rim and there is no size restriction. Be prepared to unload and stack your own tires in the trailer that will be provided.

Paint MUST be water based and there is no limit. Fluorescent bulbs must be taped together at top and bottom if you have more than 1 bulb.

E-Waste items that can be recycled. This is the list that DSC provided to me so please contact them with any questions. Their number is 419-227-1045.

Computers (desktop & laptop), Modems/Circuit

Boards, Servers/Hard Drives/ Monitors, Routers/Switches, UPS Battery Backups/Printers, Cell phones/Ipads/ Tablets, DVD and VCR Players, Telephone Systems/ Hardware, Insulated cable and wire/Cable boxes, Video gaming systems

What CANNOT be recycled at this event:

Appliances/AC Units/ Household batteries, Tube televisions/CRT Monitors

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY MATERIAL NOT DEEMED SUITABLE AND DO NOT DUMP ANY MATERIAL AHEAD OF TIME. IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Contact the office with any questions. That number is 419-399-3630

# PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

*New Schedule For Large Villages*

**1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds**

**2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW**

**3rd Weekend- Payne ,**

**(Paved lot east of Homier's)**

**4th Weekend- Antwerp ,**

**(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)**

*New Schedule For Smaller Villages*

**3rd Wednesday of each month**

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

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

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

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

**For Questions Call : 419-399-3630**

**or Visit : www.pauldingcountywmea.com**



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**EDITOR TO THE LETTER**

Antwerp Appeals Board Declares Village Negligent  
On July 2nd, the Zoning Appeals Board in Antwerp held a hearing to determine whether zoning rules should be enforced against a mobile home on Wilcox St. that has been illegally present in the village in blatant violation for many years due to inaction by Village officials.

Attorney Troth representing the owner of the trailer ar-

gued that due to the incompetence and negligence of the Village in failing to maintain proper records, the village of Antwerp cannot enforce zoning rules against his client's property. In an odd turn of events, the zoning board of appeals accepted this argument, ruling that he was correct and the Village of Antwerp failed to maintain records and could not enforce its own rules.

Even more surprising, following a social media post highlighting this event, Councilman Dean Rister appeared to be celebrating this ruling in a comment. It seems rather confusing that a member of the Village Council would celebrate being declared incompetent and negligent. This would appear to make him complicit in this incompetence if he is celebrating. Those members of the public who voted for him in previous elections should keep this in mind when the time comes for future elections.

This ruling should have caused great alarm for Village Officials and a caring competent leadership would want to rectify this negligence immediately. Those members of leadership in Antwerp who are celebrating this abomination of a ruling should resign, they cannot be good leaders if they celebrate chaos and incompetence.

—WBN editors: Jarrison, Angel & Bryce

**IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION ...**

In the past few edition of West Bend News, we have published some compilations of headlines from past Antwerp Bee-Argus newspa-

pers. These "Tid-Bits" were submitted by a Paulding County resident, Carol B. She did this research and compilation at the Paulding County Carnegie Library for many hours, archiving these highlights of Antwerp History. There was some "fiery" history in the small village of Antwerp, some good and some not so good. All history should be remembered, if for nothing else but to learn lessons. Some of the listings were highlighting some not so flattering behaviors by the then mayors and councilpersons for the Village of Antwerp. Again, history is history, and West Bend News did not publish this history to offend anyone, but to remind people of days gone past. Highlights were bolded indicating the full articles available at the PC Carnegie Library online archives was worth reading, no other reason than to read some interesting history.

—WBN editors

**TEENS ACT AS YOUTH MENTORS THROUGH ACPL'S "TEAM READ" SUMMER PROGRAM**

The Allen County Public Library's annual Team Read program is underway. Team Readers (ages 16 to 19) visit local parks, community centers, and library branches to act as mentors to elementary students. They lead activities, play games, and of course, read with the children. 40 teens will be participating this year including 17 returning from 2023. It is supported by a grant from the Foellinger Foundation as part of the SPARK Summer Learning Program.

"It is always a thrill to watch the Team Readers, many of whom are in their first jobs, learn new skills and gain confidence while also giving back to the community," said Assistant Youth Services Manager Aisha Hallman. "They are able to share their love of reading with the younger children and act as role models. They're making a real impact - one page at a time!"

- Mon., July 8 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at Wellspring (Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St.)
- Tues., July 9 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Jennings Center (1330 McCulloch St.)
- Wed., July 10 from 11 a.m. to noon at Plymouth Congregational Church (501 W. Berry St.)

Team Readers are on site at the previously-listed locations

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**HOW STRONG IS YOUR EMERGENCY FUND?**

You can't predict financial emergencies — but you can prepare for them.

To do that, you can build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected expenses, some of which may be sizable. Without one, you might be forced to dip into your investments, possibly including your retirement accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k). If this happens, you might have to pay taxes and penalties, and you'd be withdrawing dollars that could otherwise be growing over time to help pay for your retirement.

In thinking about such a fund, consider these questions:

- How much should I save? The size of your emergency fund should be based on several factors, including your income, your spouse's income and your cost of living. However, for most people in their working years, three to six

as well as other community locations such as: Trinity Episcopal, Harrison Hill Elementary School, Children's Village, YMCA summer sites, Harris Elementary School, McMillen Park Community Center, Salvation Army, Concordia Lutheran Elementary School, and Weisser Park Community Center. The program also operates throughout the summer at the following library locations: Little Turtle, Main Library, Tecumseh, Shawnee, Pontiac, and Hessen Cassel.

For more information about Team Read, contact Aisha Hallman at ahallman@acpl.lib.in.us.

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) has fostered lifelong learning and discovery in northeast Indiana for more than 125 years. The ACPL consists of fourteen branches throughout Allen County, serving more than one million visitors per year. The ACPL's collection includes more than 2.7 million items, with a circulation total of 4.2 million items borrowed annually. It also houses The Genealogy Center, the nation's largest public genealogy research center, and The Roland Center for Lincoln Research, consisting of more than 30,000 artifacts related to President Abraham Lincoln.

months of total expenses is adequate. Once you're retired, though, you may want to keep up to a year's worth of expenses in your emergency fund — because you don't want to be forced to cash out investments when their price may be down, and you may not be replenishing these accounts any longer.

- How can I build an emergency fund? Given all your normal expenses — mortgage, utilities, food, transportation and others — you might find it challenging to set aside some extra money in an emergency fund. But you do have opportunities. If you're working, you could set up a direct deposit so that part of your paycheck goes directly into your emergency fund. You could also save a portion of any extra income you receive, such as bonuses and tax refunds.

- Where should I keep the money? An emergency fund has two key requirements: You need to be able to access the money immediately and you need to count on a certain amount being available. So, it's a good idea to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account that offers protection of principal. For this fund, you're less interested in growth than you are in stability. But because interest rates have recently changed, you may be able to get a reasonable return without sacrificing liquidity or safety.

- What types of emergen-

cies should I prepare for? Your emergency fund could be needed for any number of events: a job loss or early retirement, housing or auto repairs, unreimbursed medical bills, unexpected travel, and so on. But this fund may also be needed to help you cope with other threats. Consider this: In 2023, the U.S. saw a record 28 weather and climate disasters, each of which resulted in at least \$1 billion in damages — and often many times this amount — according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Depending on where you live, your home or business may be susceptible to tornadoes, floods, wildfires, hurricanes and extreme heat and cold waves. These events can, and do, result in property repair and relocation costs, higher insurance premiums and even price increases for basic goods, such as groceries and prescription medications.

One final word about an emergency fund: It takes discipline to maintain it and to avoid tapping into it for everyday expenses or impulse purchases. The name says it all — this is a fund that should only be used for emergencies. By keeping it intact until it's truly needed, you can help yourself weather many of the storms that may come your way.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by our local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

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

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

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

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

**Ney:** Marathon

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

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

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

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

**Scott:** Scott Post Office

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

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

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

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

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

**Hoagland:** Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

**Milan Center:** Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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# 2024 PAULDING COUNTY ANIMAL & ME SHOW



Pictured here are the Animal & Me participants with their Paulding FFA mentors with their awards at the end of the show.

Thursday, June 13, 2024; 10:00 A.M. the Animal & Me show took place at the Paulding County 4-H Fair.

Order of Show: Rabbits, Goats, Feeders

2024 Participants: Brady Dunham, Rochelle Clark, Tara Fraley, Jessica Goodwin, Hailey Harris, Grady Helms, Reba Hurting, Eric Jones, Robert Keeterle, Kim Mat-

son, Shenia Mesker, Anna Rickels, Dallas Schuchart, Jonah Sinn, Charles Walker, Jessica Walker

### AWARDS

Paulding FFA Alumni & Paulding FFA Chapter is sponsoring awards for today's show. Each participant will receive a trophy along with a ribbon for the 1st place in each judging class as

well as a shirt to wear during the show. Howell's Doodles have also sponsored a free sausage sandwich from the Alumni Sausage Stand for all participants.

We are so appreciative of the partnership between Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Paulding FFA Chapter.

## ACES ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Following a second-round loss to Montpelier, the Hicksville ACME baseball team rebounded with a pair of victories to advance to the championship game of the ACME sectional tournament at Fairview High School.

The Aces opened the tournament with a 4-3 win over Pettisville before Hicksville fell to Montpelier 10-7 in round two.

Hicksville rolled to an 8-1 win over Ayersville and added a 14-8 victory over Pettisville in loser's bracket action before knocking off the Locomotives 14-4 to stay alive in the tournament.

Parker Bassett posted two hits to lead the way for Hicksville in the opening game against the Blackbirds while Austin Sanders drove in two runs. Eli Lawrence, Sanders, Owen Stuckey and Bassett scored the Aces runs in the game.

In the loss to the Locomotives, Bronson Graber posted four hits, drove in four runs and scored twice to lead Hicksville.

Stuckey added two hits, two runs batted in and two runs scored with Sanders getting one hit and scoring twice. Collin Leavell also scored for the Aces.

The Aces then picked up the 8-1 victory over rival Ayersville behind three hits from Stuckey, who also scored once and drove in one run.

Wyatt Bell and Brant Langham each added two

hits for the Aces with Bassett, Sanders, Graber and Carter Sheets picking up one hit apiece. Sanders scored a trio of runs for Hicksville while Deacon Bell touched home plate twice.

Bassett and Graber scored once each for the Aces with Wyatt Bell driving in three runs.

Hicksville's 14-8 victory over the Blackbirds saw Deacon Bell post three hits, five runs batted in and two runs scored.

Sanders and Graber chipped in two hits and three runs scored with Graber and Stuckey driving in a pair of runs each. Bassett, Stuckey and Sheets all touched home plate twice for Hicksville while Langham picked up two runs batted in.

The Aces got three hits, three runs scored and three runs batted in from Sanders while Stuckey and Bassett and Sheets scored twice apiece. Graber drove in four runs for Hicksville with Stuckey, Deacon Bell, Wyatt Bell, Langham, Leavell and Michael Bleck picked up one run batted in apiece.

## WT WINS BATTLE OF COUNTY RIVALS

In a battle of Paulding County squads squaring off, host Wayne Trace recorded a 7-5 victory over rival Paulding in ACME softball action.

Raegan McGarvey picked up the win on the mound for the red, white and blue, fanning a quartet of Paulding hitters while giving up six hits, five runs and two walks.

Tia Mendez suffered the loss for the maroon and white, allowing five hits, seven runs (four earned) and three walks with five strikeouts.

It was the Lady Panthers who struck first with a two-run opening inning before Wayne Trace pulled to within 2-1 in the bottom of the frame.

Each team picked up two runs in the third before Wayne Trace rallied with a four-run fourth to seize a 7-4 advantage.

Paulding scored the game's final run in the fifth as the Lady Raiders wrapped up the 7-5 victory.

The Lady Raiders got a double each from Olivia Franklin and Allison Noggle while Noggle also picked up a pair of runs batted in.

Cadence Schwab doubled, tripled and drove in two runs for Paulding with Mendez singling and scoring twice.

Jalyn Klopfenstein also recorded two runs batted in for the maroon and white.

## EAGLES KNOCK OUT ARCHERS

In ACME baseball tournament action at Edon, North Central jumped in front and the Eagles held off Antwerp to record a 3-1 victory over the Archers.

Jackson Poynter recorded a pair of singles to lead the Williams County squad with Brody Taylor, Briggs Fiser and Logan Clark also getting a single each.

Poynter, Fiser and Gavin Shockley all scored for North Central with Clark driving in a pair of runs for the Williams County squad.

Antwerp picked up just one hit in the contest, a fifth inning single by Zac Salas.

The Archers got their lone run as L Parrett walked with one out before a D Hines groundout moved Parrett to third.

Parrett then scored on a wild pitch to pull the Archers

# NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LATEST GRADUATES OF OHIO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



Two leaders at Northwest State Community College have graduated as fellows of the newest class of the Ohio Leadership Academy for Student Success.

Graduating as fellows from Northwest State Community College are Dr. Tiffany Ludwig and Ashlynn Cox.

The academy, sponsored by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, annually gathers mid-level faculty and staff for a year of training, exchanging ideas, and immersion in how to promote student success.

The OACC created the academy in 2019 to reverse management turnover by strengthening internal advancement pipelines within the state's 23 community colleges. Michigan, New York, and Texas are among states replicating Ohio's initiative.

The academy is an outreach of work done by the OACC's Success Center for Community Colleges. Created in 2012, the center focuses on helping Ohio's two-year colleges marshal resources to better direct students' education by aligning their academic choices with the careers they hope to undertake.

The president of each of Ohio's community colleges nominated two employees as fellows. Over the next year,

the fellows met in person six times and worked on group projects between sessions. The forums, with a special focus on Ohio educational models, included aspects of a presidential leadership curriculum provided by the Washington, D.C.-based Aspen Institute, one of the program's backers.

The academy was funded by several national organizations, ensuring that colleges had minimal expenses to participate.

"We greatly appreciate the opportunity from OACC to provide Tiffany and Ashlynn with high-level training, so they can continue to grow and thrive in their professional positions at Northwest State," said Dr. Todd Hernandez, NSCC President. "As an Aspen Institute graduate myself, I can attest first-hand to the effectiveness of the curriculum for professional development," Hernandez continued.

The leadership academy brings together educators with different higher ed roles to allow a deeper understanding of how parts of each school mesh to create student success models, said Laura Rittner, executive director of the OACC's Success Center for Ohio Community Colleges.

"The new fellows have

learned how to implement transformational changes in their colleges that allow the best chances for students to both succeed and excel in their academic pursuits," Rittner said.

"States committed to improving student success must support college leaders at all levels of higher education institutions," said Rittner. "The OACC leadership academy is an example of a program that nurtures and advances these leaders in the name of helping students reach their potential."

Supporting and mentoring talented higher education administrators is crucial at a time when their institutions bear an ever-increasing responsibility for graduating workforce-ready employees in fields such as healthcare and nursing, teaching, business, and information technology. This demand is also growing as Ohio sees a flood of jobs in the electric vehicle battery, semiconductor, solar panel, and cloud storage sectors.

The OACC represents the presidents and trustees of the state's 23 public two-year institutions that work to advance community colleges through policy advocacy and professional development.

within 3-1.

North Central opened the game's scoring in the opening frame as Poynter singled and Taylor reached on a bunt single. Following a strikeout by Fiser, Shockley walked before a Clark single scored Poynter.

In the third, the Eagles plated two more runs.

Fiser singled to start the inning and Shockley followed with a walk. Clark picked up a sacrifice fly that plated Fiser before Alex St. John reached on an error to bring Shockley home.

Teeghun Marlin suffered the loss for Antwerp, throwing four innings giving up five hits, three runs (two earned) and three walks while striking out six.

## ARCHERS SHUT DOWN IN LOSS TO BULLDOGS

The Antwerp ACME baseball team dropped an opening round game in the ACME district tournament to Edgerton as the Bulldogs posted a 3-1

victory at Edon High School.

The Williams County squad took the early lead with a single run in the bottom of the first inning before Antwerp tied the game with its only run in the fourth.

With one out, Luke Parrett singled before Zac Salas reached on an error while Parrett moved to third. Parrett then came in to score on a passed ball to knot the game at 1-1.

However, the Bulldogs answered with a pair of runs in the home half of the fifth to secure the 3-1 victory.

Parrett had a pair of singles to lead the way for the Archers while Michael Rohrs added a single.

Jackson Flower recorded two singles to pace the Edgerton offense and Maddox Baker finished with a double. Scottie Krontz and Bryce Schroeder both picked up a single for the Williams County squad. Kellen Sanchez scored twice for Edgerton and

Krontz touched home plate once to aid the Bulldogs.

Baker also drove in two runs for Edgerton and Flower picked up a run batted in.

Cory Herman tossed the complete-game victory for the Bulldogs, scattering three hits, an unearned run and two walks while striking out seven.

Derek Hines suffered the loss for Antwerp, allowing five hits, three runs (two earned) and four walks with six strikeouts in five innings on the mound.

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# PAULDING FFA HAS A SUCCESSFUL FAIR WEEK



Pictured here is Paulding FFA member Tori Schlatter with her calf and trophy after winning Senior Dairy/Beef Showmanship.

By: Addy Hunt, Paulding FFA Reporter

During the Paulding County Fair, the Paulding FFA had many members participate in a variety of activities throughout the week. This year's fair was June 8th-15th, with many activities going on each day from livestock shows to still project judgments. On Monday, several members participated in the annual Jr. Fair King and Queen contest. 1st runner-up king was Johnny Lipps and Jamy Hunt was 1st runner-up queen. The 2nd runner-up queen was Ally Jo Merriman with Owen Workman being 2nd runner-up king.

Every Paulding FFA member had at least one project at

the fair this year. This year there were over 40 animal projects and over 100 still projects. The still projects this year included lamps, electrical boards, concrete stepping stones, SAE poster and metal Boot scrapers. Jamy Hunt won a plaque for the BEST SAE project poster along with the BEST Electrical project, Konner Clemens won the BEST Metal Working project and Sam Reinhard won the BEST Concrete project. The chapter also had a lot of members win awards with their livestock projects as well as several members placing 1st and 2nd in many of their livestock classes. The members were also very busy helping in the FFA Alumni Sausage Stand

and serving on the Paulding County Jr. Fairboard helped to run the livestock shows. The Paulding FFA had a very successful year at the Paulding County Fair, the chapter is excited for next year! Paulding FFA would like to thank everyone for their support of our members at the livestock sale and throughout the year.

## RAIDERS RECORD OPENING ROUND WIN IN ACME TOURNEY

Wayne Trace hit the road to Williams County to take part in the ACME sectional tournament at Edon High School where the Raiders held off the host Bombers 5-2 in first round action.

Carter Clemens fanned six while scattering six hits, two runs (one earned) and three walks to get the win following five innings of work.

Tanner Laukhuf recorded the save for Wayne Trace, throwing the final two frames surrendering one hit.

Brody Rosswurm had a single and a double while scoring once and driving in one run for the red, white and blue with John Sterret posting a pair of singles and scoring once.

Micah Sinn also recorded two singles and two runs scored for the Raiders with Caden Sinn singling and scoring once. Laukhuf and Carter Baumle both chipped in a single as well for the red, white and blue while Dylan Coffman, Jack Schoenauer and Laukhuf all drove in a run apiece.

Lane Brandt took the loss for Edon, throwing six innings giving up nine hits and five earned runs with one strikeout.

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Kyler Sapp recorded a pair of doubles to lead the Bomber offense and Braedyn Wehrle added two singles. Jackson Clinger, Kadin Stantz and Corbin Christman chipped in a single apiece for Edon.

Stantz and Christman both scored for the Williams County squad and Wehrle picked up a run batted in for the Bombers.

## PANTHERS GET WIN OVER INDIANS

District ACME baseball tournament action opened Wednesday at Defiance High School with the Paulding Panthers nipping Wauseon 3-2 to start the tournament.

Grady Barton, Greyson Harder and Blake Rhone-

house all doubled for the Panther offense, which finished with five hits in the contest.

Zach Barton and Kane Jones picked up the other maroon and white hits, both singles.

Jones and Harder each recorded a run batted in for Paulding while Jones, Landon Dasher and Clayton Manz all touched home plate for the maroon and white.

Paulding opened the scoring with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning before the Panthers picked up a single run in the fifth to widen the lead to 3-0.

Wauseon, though, made things interesting in the top of the seventh as the Indians scored twice before Paulding wrapped up the one-run win.

Harder pitched the Panthers to the victory, tossing six innings giving up two hits, two earned runs and five walks while fanning nine Wauseon hitters.

Jones then finished off the contest for the save, allowing two walks with one strikeout in one inning of work.

Kahle Albright and Mykale Schneider finished with the lone hits for Wauseon, both singles. Rico Vacquez and Cam Sherman touched home plate for Wauseon with Thad Reckner and Jack Altstatter each driving in one run.

Schneider took the loss for the Indians, throwing six innings allowing five hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks while striking out five.

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# THE LEFT TURN



Stan Yee Jr. waves the checker at Flat Rock. *Charlie Orns Photo*



Jack Hewitt Classic goes to Ricky Lewis. *Campbell Photography*



Tyler Roahrig wins in Toledo. *Charlie Orns Photo*

By: Ron Burt

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July extended weekend. It was busy for short tracks all over the tri-state. Some tracks broke away from tradition and hosted several big races.

Seventeen year old Bryce Lucius, from Findlay had to get rid of the nerves and let the car come to him Friday, June 28 at Attica Raceway Park. The Findlay teen battled with a couple of other racers early and withstood challenges late to score his second Attica win of the season in his 410 Winged Sprint. Jordan Ryan led the opening lap of the 410 Sprint A-main with pressure from Lucius

and Zeth Sabo. Lucius took over the point on lap two but had Sabo racing to his inside lap after lap before Cale Thomas entered the picture and took second on lap seven. Thomas poked his nose under Lucius several times but could not get clear to take the lead. Lucius, the 2023 national 410 rookie of the year, worked lapped traffic like a seasoned veteran and drove to the win over Thomas, Sabo, Cap Henry and Greg Wilson.

In Attica Late Model action, Mansfield's Kyle Moore seemed comfortable to cruise around the top five early in the 25-lap feature. Mike Bores led the opening lap

with JR Gentry taking over a lap later and pulled out to a big lead while Bores, Moore and Devin Shiels battled for second. When Gentry hit lapped traffic just past half-way, Moore shot to the high side of the track and closed, driving by Gentry on lap 16. Moore cruised to his second career Attica win over Gentry, Shiels, Bores and Colin Shipley.

So far this season, Fremont's Jamie Miller has had everything his way. The four time and defending Attica 305 track champion led all 25 laps last Friday to score fifth win of the year and the 44th of his career at Attica Raceway Park. Coupled with his three wins at Fremont Speedway, Miller has eight total feature wins in 2024. Behind Miller was Dustin Stroup, Brenden Torok, Jimmy McGrath and Steve Rando.

The 500 Sprint Car Tour was on Toledo Speedways paved, high banked 1/2 mile. Plymouth Indiana's Tyler Roahrig did an excellent job of driving and beating Kody Swanson. Kody is one of the hottest open wheel racers in the country. Kyle O'Gara was able to pass Swanson for 2nd, followed by Swanson, Bobby Santos III, and Billy Wease. The Midwest Modified Tour feature was won by Trevor Berry followed by Kyle Purvis and Brian Nester. In Late Model Sportsman action, Jim Froling started the night off with a bang. He set the track record in his class posting a time of 16.769. He also won the feature, capping off a historic night at the Speedway.

Oakshade, Fremont and Angola were rained out Saturday. Race fans had to go north, west or south. From the emails I received a lot of you went north to Flat Rock Speedway to watch the Outlaw Super Late Models. Stan Yee Jr. drove to the Checkers in the 50 lap feature. Kenyon Knight won the rain shortened Street Stock feature and the Figure 8 cars will run their main event at a later date.

Competing for cars with Flat Rock was Plymouth Motor Speedway, west of Fort Wayne. They had the second leg of their Grand Slam for Outlaw Late Models and \$7,500 to win. The pits were filled with cars from all over the tri-state and even a Canadian driver. Steve Needles took home the first place trophy and paycheck.

July 3rd many of you went to Waynesfield Raceway Park for the 15th annual Jack Hewitt Open Wheel Classic. Before the races the Hall of Fame Driver met with fans and took time for pictures and autographs. The 410 Non-Wing Sprint feature was won by Ricky Lewis, 2nd Matt Westfall and 3rd Kody Swanson. USAC Thunder Midget feature went to Cale Coons and Mike Keegan won the A-main in the GLSS 360-Winged Sprints. For complete tri-state racing recaps and schedules follow Ohio Sports on Facebook. Ron Out!

## OHIO 4-H SPARK EXPO INSPIRES YOUTH WITH PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES EXPLORATION

The Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO, an exciting event dedicated to exploring future career opportunities, con-

cluded its summer session on a high note. From June 12-15, teens from across Ohio gathered on The Ohio State University campus for an immersive experience aimed at discovering pathways in agriculture and related STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) fields.

Hosted by Ohio 4-H and the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), the Spark EXPO provided participants with a unique opportunity to engage with industry experts, faculty, and staff, and tour Ohio State's Columbus campus and the CFAES Wooster campus. More than 50 teens, representing 28 counties, attended, eager to explore potential career paths and gain hands-on experience.

"I enjoyed learning how different agriculture-related careers impact the world and the various career paths," Bridget Niese, a Putnam County 4-H member, said. "I'm really excited to attend Ohio State in the future now!"

One of the sessions featured a tour of the new state-of-the-art Trimble Technology lab at Ohio State ATI on the CFAES Wooster campus. Aaron Smith, an agricultural data analyst, demonstrated how students can interact with technology in the classroom before using the equipment in the field. Participants also had the chance to ride along in machinery equipped with guidance controls and steering systems.

Industry leaders from Cargill, Ohio Poultry Association, Ohio Valley Institute of Food Technologists, and Ohio State's Center on Education and Training for Employment played a crucial role in the event's success. Their involvement highlighted the collaborative spirit of the 4-H community, which is instrumental in fostering an environment of growth and learning.

"The Ohio 4-H Spark EXPO is about opening doors and expanding horizons for our youth," said Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager, Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways. "By exposing them to a wide array of career pathways and equipping them with essential skills, we are helping to lay the foundation for their future success."

In addition to career exploration, the Spark EXPO emphasized the development of essential life skills. Activities focused on leadership and teamwork prepared participants not only for their future careers but also for active and effective participation in their communities.

"We are delighted with the enthusiasm and engagement of all the participants, faculty, staff, and industry," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "The Spark EXPO is more than just an event; it's an opportunity for young people to discover their passions, explore potential career paths, and gain the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve their goals."

Ohio 4-H is the youth development program of Ohio State University Extension, CFAES' statewide outreach program.

# ACPL CELEBRATES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MAKER LABS



The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is proud to announce the 10-year anniversary of its Maker Labs, marking a decade of providing hands-on learning opportunities to the community. The Library is using the opportunity not only celebrate the success of the current Maker Labs, but to also announce the launch of three new mini Maker Labs, expanded Maker programming, and the intention to relocate the existing Maker Lab at Main to a space with a larger footprint.

In the spring of 2014, the ACPL opened its flagship Maker Lab at the Main Library, as well as, a Maker Lab at the Georgetown Branch. The innovative spaces boasted cutting-edge 3-D printers, audio/video recording equipment, craft machines, and more available to the public. Over the years, the Main Maker Lab has served an average of 950 to 1350 patrons each month and provided hundreds of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programs to the Allen County Community for free.

"We are proud to have been an early Maker space in Allen County where artists, entrepreneurs, and innovators could gather to explore and tinker," said ACPL Maker Lab Manager Norm Compton. "We've been instrumental in connecting people to equipment they couldn't otherwise afford and inspiring people to try something new."

Over the years, the Library's Maker Lab spaces have only grown in popularity. From 2021 to present, it has experienced a 42% increase in visitors and in the most recent quarter, the Maker Lab at Main expanded its programming, offering 28 programs. Among these programs were Virtual Reality programs - the first of their kind in the ACPL system.

According to Compton, the Maker Lab is a space where creativity is not only permitted, it thrives. "This is a space where you can do everything from dreaming up a new invention, to recording an album demo, or preserving home movies. There is something for everyone!"

In 2022, the Library received ARPA grant funds through the City of Fort Wayne to purchase new equipment and expand the Maker concept to more locations. The Library took this opportunity to begin a systemwide approach to Maker for the future. In 2023, the Library outfitted "mini" Maker Labs at the Hessen Cassel, Pontiac, and Shawnee branches. These locations now offer 3D printers, laminators, Cricut vinyl

cutters, heat press machines, sewing machines, and badge makers to the public. Following extensive training, library staff began leading public programs using the new equipment in March. Earlier this month, Shawnee, Hessen Cassel, and Pontiac's mini Maker Labs began offering open lab hours for patrons to use the equipment for their own projects.

Last year, the ACPL shared it's 2024-28 strategic plan "Allen County's Window to Lifelong Learning and Discovery," which included a strategic goal of designing functional, friendly spaces including an expansion of the Main Maker Lab and services. Toward that end, the Library embarked on planning for the renovation of the space vacated by Dunkin' Donuts to house a larger, more accessible, and more flexible Maker space. This move will allow for the transformation of the space into a modern art, science, and production studio fostering growth in the years to come.

Beyond expanding across the system and relocating the lab within the Main Library, the ACPL has also invested in staffing to support the work of the Maker Lab including the creation of a full-time Maker Lab Guide and a systemwide Programs and Partnerships Specialist focused on Maker programming and services beyond Main. Each mini Maker Lab location also has designated staff who have received additional Maker training.

"We are so excited to see a renewed focus on all things Maker and to see resources extend across the system. It has already generated excitement among our staff and patrons," said Kerstin Glaess, Programs and Partnerships Specialist. "The Maker spirit is one of innovation, exploration, and evolution. It makes sense that our services, spaces, and staffing of our Maker Labs would reflect this spirit. The current vision will allow us to grow with the community and remain nimble as technology and demands changes over the years."

For more information about ACPL's Maker Labs, programs, and available equipment please visit [acpl.info/maker-labs](http://acpl.info/maker-labs).

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Simon L. Hoying, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jonah C. Carter, Maumee, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Lim Jursun, Kokomo, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Tony C. Krill, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua W. Runyon, Van Wert, OH; Reckless operation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Alan P. Weidenhamer, Paulding, OH; Criminal trespassing; Guilty; 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Defendant may pay community service

Cornelius T. Smith, Little Rock, AR; One way traffic; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Parmet Singh, Brampton, ON; Failure to control, Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt/drive, Count B dismissed

Nathan E. McAlexander, Antwerp, OH; OVI/under influence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; operator license suspension from 4/25/24 to 4/25/25; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jannetta Norling, Paulding, OH; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ted A. Smith, Huntington, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Michael P. Daniels, Defiance, OH; Trespassing, Case dismissed per state

Ethan W. Reust, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Benjamin R. Stoller, Leo, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Brett M. Mullins, Payne, OH; Failure to yield at intersection; Guilty; Case was

waived by defendant

Luka Kirtadze, Brooklyn, NY; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Rebecca E. Rym, Bowling Green, OH; Reckless operation; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; Provide documentation to the court and remain medication compliant

Carl Buell, Paulding, OH; OVI/under influence, Guilty, 30 days suspended, 27 day suspended, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, May install IID, Operator license suspended 7/15/24 to 7/15/25, Victim's advocate shall contact Latty Township regarding restitution; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Aerial C. Miller, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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George M. Gibson, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James H. Reisinger, West Mansfield, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Baljit S. Dhaliwal, Other, YT; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Samson L. Brown, Rochester, NY; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Derek E. Jones, Antwerp, OH; Vandalism; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Bond continue

Marissa Dunakin, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Elaine M. Shank, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Larry L. Sprunger, Berne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

STATE PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single vehicle fatal crash that occurred on June 25, 2024, at approximately 5:33AM on County Road 13 south of County

Road I in Williams County. Jennavieve Ebersole, age 16, of Bryan, Ohio was traveling southbound on County Road 13 in a 2008 Pontiac G6. Ebersole lost control and exited the right side of the roadway. The vehicle overturned several times. Ebersole was partially ejected. Kurstin Hadley, age 16, of Montpelier, Ohio was totally ejected from the vehicle.

Hadley was transported by LifeFlight to Promedica Hospital in Toledo, Ohio with serious injuries. Ebersole pronounced deceased at the scene. Safety belts were not used in the crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Montpelier Fire Department, Williams County Emergency Medical Services, John's Towing and the Williams County Coroner.

The Ohio reminds drivers to wear their seatbelts and to never drive distracted or impaired.

The crash remains under investigation.

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Mark Williams, assigned to Franklin County, received a report regarding a hunter with a firearm outside the white-tailed deer gun hunting seasons. Officer Williams contacted the suspect, who was hunting deer with a muzzleloader one day before the statewide muzzleloader hunting season. Officer Williams issued a summons for hunting with a firearm during the archery season and the suspect was fined \$160.

State Wildlife Officer Tyler Eldred, assigned to Morrow County, attended the annual Village of Ashley Youth Trout Fishing Event. This event corresponded with the Ohio Division of Wildlife's rainbow trout release into Ashley Upground Reservoir. Nearly 100 children participated in the event. Trophies were presented to the angler with the largest fish and most unique catch. Food was provided by generous community donations. After the youth event, the reservoir was opened to all ages for public trout fishing.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Charles McMullen, assigned to Sandusky County, contacted anglers in Fremont during the white bass spawning run. After conducting a license check, Officer McMullen provided tips to an angler and taught the individual how to tie a Palomar knot to a small jig and attach a plastic grub bait. The grateful angler called Officer McMullen several minutes later to show him a successful white bass catch.

State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith, assigned to Huron County, received information regarding a possible hunter incident involving property damage and illegal hunting of wild turkeys. Officer Smith contacted State Wildlife Officer Nathan Kaufmann, assigned to Richland County, and K-9 Officer May to search the area for evidence. K-9 Officer

May quickly located five spent rifle casings in tall grass along a wooded area and farm field. After collecting the evidence and speaking with the landowner and suspect, Officers Smith and Kaufmann determined no violations or property damage occurred.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

State Wildlife Officer Eric Moore, assigned to Medina County, responded to a late-night call about a vehicle stuck in a field at Spencer Lake Wildlife Area. Officer Moore took photos of the vehicle and damage along with litter left in the area. The driver of the vehicle was not present. Officer Moore located the motorist, who was issued a summons for driving a vehicle off the roadway and littering. The suspect paid \$673 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Investigators Matthew Fisher and Jason Hadsell, assigned to Lake Erie, observed a vessel offshore Ashtabula with two anglers aboard. As the investigators approached, they noticed there were eight active rods. Statewide, anglers can use up to three lines. The officers discovered only one of the anglers possessed a current fishing license. The licensed angler was issued a summons for too many fishing lines, and the unlicensed angler was issued a summons for fishing without a valid license. The court ordered the licensed angler to pay a total of \$245 in fines and costs. The unlicensed angler was ordered to pay \$170 in fines and costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

During the 2023 white-tailed deer gun hunting season, a hunter called State Wildlife Officer Chris Gilkey, assigned to Meigs County, to report seeing four black bears. The hunter captured the encounter with the sow and three cubs on video, and the bears were later seen in other parts of the county. The Ohio Division of Wildlife is seeking public reports of black bears to monitor the species' increasing occurrence in the state. Black bear observations can be reported at wildohio.gov or on the HuntFish OH mobile app, where you can also upload pictures and videos to verify sightings.

During the spring 2024 wild turkey hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Jacob Parker, assigned to Monroe County, responded to a call from a landowner regarding hunting without permission. As the landowner showed him around the property, Officer Parker noticed a turkey bait pile and a blind on the edge of a field. Officer Parker learned that the bait pile and blind belonged to the landowner's relative. Officer Parker and Wildlife Officer Supervisor Brad St. Clair contacted the individual, who they learned had hunted over the bait pile that morning. The suspect was charged with hunting wild turkeys by the aid of baiting and paid a \$200 fine in Monroe County Court.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

Over the summer, State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, received a report from St. Marys State Fish Hatchery regarding evi-

The West Bend News Sudoku Puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 5, 8, 9, 9, 5, 8, 2, 6, 9, 7, 3, 5, 7, 8, 1, 6, 7, 4, 2, 5, 8, 4, 2

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

dence that an air rifle was used at the archery-only shooting range. Officer Schemmel inspected the foam targets and located damage from pellets. Several weeks later, Officer Schemmel contacted an individual at the archery range who was shooting at the targets with an air rifle. The individual was issued a summons for improper use of the archery-only shooting range. The suspect was found guilty and paid a total of \$185 in fines and court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Alex Almeter, assigned to Greene County, and State Wildlife Officer Isaiah Gifford, assigned to Clinton County, recently attended a summer meeting of the Ohio Agriculture Teacher Association. The meeting was held at Cherrybend Shooting Preserve. During the meeting, the officers discussed ring-necked pheas-

ant history, habitat, and habitat programs in Ohio with the teachers so that they might be able to use the information in their curriculum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel ID: 12-15S-002-00: 12-15S-001-00: and 12-36S-027-01 Property Address: 422 W. River Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

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

— Stephen K. Snavely (0018935) Attorney for Plaintiff

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. Please bring your tax bill with you when coming into the office to make a payment. If you mailed your tax payment into the office it must be postmarked by July 17 to avoid any penalty or interest. If you require a receipt, please include the top part of your bill as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If this is not included, we would not mail you a receipt. If you would like to make a payment on line, please visit our website at www.pauldingcountytreasurer.com and look for the green "Make a Payment" box on the tax tab, Real Estate and/or Mobile Home. This will redirect you to Invoice Cloud for credit card payments. While at Invoice Cloud, you have the option to sign up for Paperless Billing, Text to Pay and/or Auto Pay as well as email reminders. Paulding County Treasurer • Lou Ann Wannemacher Phone: 419-399-8280 Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm



# FORT DEFIANCE PLAYERS AWARDED GRANT



Pictured with the new equipment are (L to R) Jay Hanson - DAF Grants Committee Member and Bob Barnett - Director of Fort Defiance Players.

The Fort Defiance Players were awarded \$12,000 during our March 2024 grant cycle. Congratulations! This money was used to purchase microphones, transmitters and receivers for the Defiance Com-

munity Auditorium. This grant was gifted from the Hanna Family Memorial Fund and the Arts and Theatre Field of Interest Fund, both under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella.

# HAWKINS STEM ACADEMY SCHOOL CERTIFIED AS A WILD SCHOOL SITE



TOLEDO, Ohio - Hawkins STEM Academy in Lucas County was recently dedicated as a WILD School Site, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Wild School sites are supplementary education programs created by schools where students, teachers, and the community can come together and learn about wildlife and the environment. Hawkins STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) Academy is the 211th WILD School Site in Ohio and the sixteenth in Lucas County. This is the first Toledo Public School to be certified as a WILD School Site. Students created a certified monarch waystation to

provide nectar sources and host plants for monarch butterflies. They also wrote a Hawkins STEM Academy Monarch Pledge based on the Mayor's Monarch Pledge signed by Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz in 2021. The Hawkins STEM Academy Monarch Pledge was signed by Mayor Kapszukiewicz, principals, teachers, and students. In addition to a monarch waystation, Hawkins STEM Academy also has a prairie, an important habitat for pollinators, birds, bats and other small mammals, snakes, and more. The students explore and research this habitat to become conservation stewards. This WILD School Site will continue to raise awareness about monarchs for students

and adults alike, while serving as a community science project.

The WILD School Sites program, administered in Ohio by the ODNR Division of Wildlife, is considered an action extension of the national Project WILD program. Any educational property used by students, educators, and the local community as a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment can be certified. The sites function within the premise that every site, regardless of size and location, can provide outdoor educational opportunities that can and should be part of an integrated environmental education program. WILD School Sites that demonstrate program development and site enhancement consistent with the premises outlined in this program are eligible for certification as an official Ohio WILD School Site.

Learn more about WILD School Sites and outdoor education opportunities at wildohio.gov.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

In 2024, join ODNR as we celebrate 75 years of protecting Ohio's natural resources and providing outstanding and award-winning recreational opportunities.

## SECRETARY LAROSE ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING THE DECISION TO POSTPONE PETITION FILING BY RAISE THE WAGE OHIO

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued the following statement today regarding Raise the Wage Ohio's decision to postpone the filing of a petition to raise Ohio's minimum wage: "Minutes ago, I was informed by Raise the Wage Ohio's counsel that they will not be filing a petition prior to tonight's deadline.

This group spent the better part of the day falsely blaming me for access issues to our building due to a fireworks event downtown. Then they changed their story entirely and publicly admitted to falling short of signature requirements, but shamefully accused rural Ohioans of being racist as cover for their failure. Minutes later, they walked that statement back. Now they have confirmed once again that they cannot file. This is a duplicitous, disorganized goat rodeo of a campaign that has made every excuse in the book for their lack of compliance with the law.

Let me be clear. My team has made every accommodation to facilitate a smooth and secure filing of this petition. We worked with the city's Emergency Operations Command, the Columbus Police Department, the Ohio Highway Patrol and the chief of staff and deputy chief of staff at the Columbus mayor's office. Access issues were never a problem. Rural Ohioans are not to blame. I won't sit quietly while any group distorts the truth to cover for their own negligence."

# VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE SEASON AWARDS PRESENTED



Van Wert Civic Theatre recently held their Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. We are thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2023-2024 awards, celebrating the incredible talent and hard work of our community.

The most prestigious award, the Trustee Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership and service to the theatre, was presented to Dale Terry.

President Terry Plas presented the President's Award to Doug and Sandra Grooms for their efforts in providing support to her and the theatre community over the past year.

For each production, a Company Choice award is

given, selected by the director or cast for special efforts made during the production. Honorees were:

- Disaster - Mary Ann Falk
- Sorry Wrong Chimney - Austin and Gabrielle Sheets
- Misery - Jan Miller
- Hands on a Hardbody - Keith Allen

The Gypsy Robe, a tradition at VWCT patterned after the Broadway tradition of the same name, is awarded to a chorus member in a musical. This year, it was presented to Courtney Wendel for Disaster.

The People's Choice Award, given to the production with the highest attendance, went to Hands on a Hardbody.

A panel of adjudicators attends one performance of each show during the season. They then meet to select the cast and crew for various awards. For a full list of award winners, visit the theatre's Facebook page or vwct.org under the "Information" tab in the "News" section. Additionally, you can find more information about the last two shows of the summer, The True Story of Hey Diddle Diddle and Urinetown, as well as details about the upcoming 2024-2025 season on our website.

We look forward to more outstanding performances and community spirit in the upcoming 2024-2025 season.

## BANKS STATEMENT ON SCOTUS RULING ON TRUMP IMMUNITY

Congressman Jim Banks released the following statement after the Supreme Court ruled that Donald Trump cannot be prosecuted for official actions taken as president.

"Today's decision is a massive win for the Constitution and a massive blow to Joe Biden, who would've rather prosecuted President Trump than run against him in a fair and honest campaign.

"Corrupt Democrats tried to take American voters out of the 2024 election by twisting the rule of law and weaponizing our justice system. But the Democrats failed. In November, voters will get to decide between four more years of disaster under Joe Biden or returning to the Trump policies that gave us peace abroad and prosperity at home."

Congressman Banks currently serves Indiana's Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives and is the Republican nominee for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat. He is running to replace Senator Mike Braun (R-IN), who is not seeking re-election. He has received over 400 conservative endorsements in his race, including support from President Donald Trump. Born and raised in Indiana, Jim and his wife Amanda are the proud parents to three young daughters and they are honored to serve Northeast Indiana in Washington.

## WHEAT STRAW OPTIONS

Wheat harvest is progressing depending on rainfall. Both yields and quality appear to be good this year. Some farmers are wondering what to do with the wheat straw? Should they keep the straw on the field to build soil organic matter (SOM) or should they sell it? What is the value of the wheat straw and how many

nutrients are being lost? Does straw residue hurt the next crop?

Straw is a valuable resource in high demand for bedding or mulch and livestock farmers even use straw to add fiber to their livestock rations. Some farmers chop it and let it lie on the field, others bale it. If planting double crop soybeans or cover crops, removing the straw may be beneficial. High carbon straw may slow down plant growth (especially chaff) and it also attracts pests like slugs and voles.

If selling straw, make sure to sell it for what it is worth. Straw has value as bedding but it also contains soil nutrients. At a minimum, straw sellers should consider the value of nutrients leaving the farm plus the harvesting cost. The nutrient value of straw varies but 11 pounds of nitrogen (N), 3 pounds of phosphorus (P2O5) and 20 pounds of potassium (K2O) per ton can be lost on fields that yield 2 to 2.5 tons straw per acre. Based on fertilizer values of \$.60 (N)-\$.60 (P2O5)-\$.25 (K2O) per pound, the nutrient fertilizer value is about \$13.40 per ton of straw removed. On a typical field yielding 2 to 2.5 tons wheat straw per acre, that is \$26.80 to \$33.50 of nutrients removed per acre. Some secondary and micro-nutrients are also removed and they also add value. Nutrient content varies based on environmental conditions and growing season.

We use to think the straw was beneficial to building soil organic matter (SOM). However, we now know that it is mainly the roots, root exudates, and soil microbes that build SOM. Dr Christine Jones recently clarified how soil organic matter degrades and is sequestered.

The top layer of soil is where most organic matter input occurs from plant residues, leaf litter, and other organic materials. This organic matter is decomposed by microbes and is not as stable as deeper layers, composed of primarily roots.

In this top layer, there is a high rate of carbon mineralization where microbes break down complex organic compounds into simpler substances, releasing carbon dioxide (CO2) as a byproduct. A wide range of decomposer organisms, including bacteria, fungi, and actinomycetes, actively break down organic matter, releasing nutrients that can be taken up by plants. There is a high turnover rate of organic matter in this top layer leading to a dynamic and constantly changing microbial community focused on breaking down organic inputs. This upper organic layer provides the carbon dioxide for photosynthesis for plants to grow.

The stabilized carbon is where most soil nutrients are stored and is where soil structure is improved. In the lower layers of the soil (below 8 inches), carbon is incorporated into more stable forms. This is largely due to the lower

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**WEATHER AND POLITICS**

As July rolls around, I think of something that amazes me. How we have such warm weather in summer, yet such cold weather in winter. We really do live in a unique part of the world.

As you probably realize there is no theme to what I write, I am somewhat of a scatterbrain, but I love to write. I recently ran across this story of Will Rogers, a Vaudeville performer doing rope tricks, Cowboy roping of steers.

At age 25 he became an overnight sensation. In the spring of 1905 Colonel Mullah's Rodeo came to Madison Square Garden.

It was a full blown rodeo with an event where a steer is left out of a shoot and two cowboys try to rope it, and bring it down. In one show something went horribly wrong. The steer was full grown, horns as big as your arm, and when they left it out of the shoot it kept on going. Over the barrier and up into the crowd, finally out the exit and down 27th Street.

All the cowboys stood in disbelief, but one cowboy reacted immediately, grabbed his rope and was after the steer. It was a 25-year-old Indian boy. His dad owned a 600 acre ranch and he had been a



cowpoke since he learned to walk. He caught the steer in one throw, and it drug him out into the street. By that time six cowboys were there and the huge animal was soon subdued.

The next day the young man was featured on the front page of the New York Times with the headline "Cowboy saves the Day." Will Rogers went on to star in movies, wrote newspaper columns and was one of the most famous actors of his day. He died at a fairly young age in an airplane crash. He is best known for his political jokes;

"We've got the best politicians money can buy"

"A fool and his money are soon elected"

He is best known for saying;

"I never met a man I didn't like"

—James Neuhouser

availability of fresh organic matter and the distinct microbial communities adapted to these conditions and here the main source of carbon is root exudates derived from photosynthesis. Dead microbial cells and their byproducts, becomes a significant component of SOM in these layers. This carbon becomes stabilized through interactions with soil minerals. These associations protect the organic carbon from further decomposition forming stable soil aggregates that improve aeration, water infiltration, water holding capacity and improved root growth to lower depths.

The higher the plant diversity, the better this process will progress. When selecting

cover crops to stimulate long-term stable carbon, include as many plant families as possible into the mix dominated by forbs. Forbs are broad leaf plants with soft not woody stems. Many wildflowers are considered forbs. The prairies were dominated by forbs and grass and were examples of deep well drained soils. The two most important benefits derived from deepening the soil aggregation is the improved water infiltration and water holding capacity as well as the access to deeper available mineral nutrients down to 40 inches deep.

Farmers wanting to add forbs as a cover crop should add clovers, vetches, sunflower, buckwheat, rape, and kale. Sunflower, kale and rape

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are deep rooted cover crops while the buckwheat has short shallow roots and the clover and vetches are intermediate. Some agricultural sites consider radish a forb, others sites do not; but radish are another good deep rooted cover crop that breaks up soil compaction. Cover crops keep soil from eroding, improve nutrient recycling, and can build up your SOM.

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**2024 CONVOY COMMUNITY DAYS**

"The Little Town That Does Big Things"  
**Convoy Celebrating 150 Years July 11, 12 & 13 THURSDAY JULY 11:**

- Visit Cheers & Gears, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ & Knight Pizza, Convoy Tastee Freeze, Daily Dose, Danny's Food Mart & Secret Garden Floral & Gifts.

- 6:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies with Our Friends from Convoy, Ireland in the Convoy Village Square

- American Legion flag raising in the Convoy Village Square & USA National Anthem by Sue Lichtle

- Ireland flag and Ireland National Anthem by CeCe Otto

- Welcoming guests from Convoy, Ireland and presenting a "Key to the Village" by Mayor Bolenbaugh.

- Invocation Blessing our Community and our Ireland Community by Steve Drake

- Convoy Ireland Friends presentation.

- Time Capsule

- 7:30 p.m. - Cecelia Otto Concert in the Convoy Opera House. "Celebrating Convoy, 150 years of Songs & Stories with Cecelia Otto." A little Patriotic, A Little Irish & Misc.

**FRIDAY JULY 12:**

- Visit Cheers & Gears, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ & Knight Pizza, Convoy Tastee

Freeze, Daily Dose, Danny's Food Mart, Lincoln Ridge Farms, & Secret Garden Floral & Gifts, Convoy Opera House & Village of Convoy Historical Society Museum and pick up fry pies in the Annex.

- 1:00 p.m. - Friends from Ireland will be sharing a program on Convoy Ireland and questions & answer session at the Convoy Opera House. Join us for afternoon tea.

- 4:00-10 p.m. - The Information Tent will be open in the alley by the Convoy Village Square.

- 5:30 p.m. - Food Trucks Downtown - Corny Brothers Popcorn, Donut Hole, Flying Burrito, The Cactus Kitchen, Tom's Hot Dogs, 4H Shaved Ice

- 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Car Show Under the Water Tower. Dash plaques for first 40 car entries, door prizes, 50/50 drawing. 23 awards presented to vehicles, if registered. Music & a fun-filled evening.

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - SINGO Bingo by Own the Night Entertainment - Convoy Village Square. Free family friendly entertainment, win prizes, bring your chair and bingo marker.

- 8:30 p.m. - "Home By 10" - Lots of your favorite music in the Convoy Village Square

**SATURDAY JULY 13:**

- Visit Cheers & Gears, Gibson's Barnyard BBQ & Knight Pizza, Convoy Tastee Freeze & Kindra's homemade baked goods, Daily Dose, Dannels Food Mart, Lincoln Ridge Farms, Rebel Bean Coffee (Convoy Tastee Freeze), Rubbish & Wicks, Secret Garden Floral & Gifts, Convoy Opera House, Village of Convoy Historical Society's Museum and pick up some fry pies in the annex.

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. - Convoy Fire & EMS Pancake & Sausage Breakfast dine-in or carry out. "Donation Boot" Let us show our support to our local Fire & EMS volunteers. Vote for your favorite painted

fire hydrant throughout the Village. Winner announced at the Fire Department Golf Cart Poker Run.  
• 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Information Tent will be open in the alley by the Convoy Village Square.  
• 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Convoy's Amazing Race Pick up a map, details and return map to the Information tent in the alley by the Convoy Village Square to be entered into the drawing for a gift basket.  
• 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Entertainment in the Convoy Village Square - 10am Crestview Swing Choir  
• 10:30 a.m. - Zumba with Mary Jane Fast, 11am Brumback Library  
• 12:30 p.m. - Van Wert Civic Theater Kids, 1pm Kim Hohman's DanceWorks  
• 1:45 p.m. - Sue Lichtle & Michele  
• 4:00 p.m. - Crestview Drum Line  
• 5:00 p.m. - Van Wert Community Band  
• 6:00 p.m. - Griffin Waltmire  
• 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Mike Boullion  
• 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Market on Tully - Shop a street full of vendors.  
• 10:00 a.m. - "You Might Be from Convoy" facebook page presented by Herb Dawson & Rose Wherry at the Convoy Opera House.  
• 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - FFA Barnyard by the Crestview FFA at the park  
• 10:00 a.m. - registration Buckeye Pedal Pullers Kiddie Tractor Pull state & national sanctioned pull for ages 4-12 starting at 11am at the park.  
• 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Kids Crafts, Art Show (ECC-High School)  
• 12:00-2:00 p.m. - Pamper a Princess @ Special Occasions downtown.  
• 10:30 a.m. - Tully History & DNA presented by Phyllis (Codling)McLaughlin, who grew up in Convoy Ohio. This presentation will be at the Convoy Opera House.  
• 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. - Kids Carnival - dunk tank, games, prizes & bounce houses. Lots of fun stuff for kiddos, bring your friends, visit the animals in the woods, Convoy Fire & EMS Touch a Truck, and fire hydrant sprinkler. Join in all the fun at the park.  
• 11:00 a.m. - Food Trucks Downtown - Corny Brothers Popcorn, The Cactus Kitchen, Donut Hole, Flying Burrito, Tom's Hot Dogs, 4H Shaved Ice  
11:30 a.m. - Walter Hinton Presentation - Gary Showalter will be speaking on Walter Hinton, the airplane pilot who grew up around Convoy @ Opera House  
11:00 a.m. - Convoy Fire & EMS Equipment Display & Life Flight Helicopter landing at the park. Touch a Truck, fire hose bowling & fire hydrant water sprinkler  
• 11:00 a.m. - Corn Hole Tournament Registration - Registration starts @ 11:00 a.m. and the bags fly at NOON at Edgewood Park.

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100% payout. Food & beverages will be available. For questions contact Gary Schaad at 419-203-5577

- 12:30 p.m. - The Line Dancers from VW Council on Aging at the Opera House.

- 12:45 p.m. - Floyd & Ray Etzler - "Growing Up in Convoy Ohio" at the Opera House.

- 2:00 p.m. - Parade Line up at Crestview Local Schools

- 3:00 p.m. - 2024 Convoy Community Days Parade

"The Little Town That Does Big Things" will travel from the school to park. Grand Marshals, Floyd & Ray Etzler. Honorary Grand Marshals, Our Friends from Convoy, Ireland.

- 4:30 p.m. - Finger Licking Chicken Dinner - by Willshire Fire Department. Dinner includes ½ chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, bread & lemonade, or water at the Edgewood Park Building. Carryout available.

- 4:30 p.m. - Convoy Community Foundation will be sharing Ice Cream and cake for your enjoyment at the Edgewood Park Building Celebrating Convoys 150th.

- 6:00 p.m. - Brush Truck & Tractor Pull - at Edgewood Park

- 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Convoy Lions Club Bingo, at the park; bring a friend & your quarters and play a little B-I-N-G-O.

- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight - Street Dance - "Kaitlyn Schmit and Friends" on corner of N Main & Franklin Street. DJ Trent Kreisler

- 10:00 p.m. - Fireworks - set off on Industrial Drive - Join us to view the water tower, downtown parking lot, Edgewood Park parking lot, Convoy Village Square, Crestview School Lot or from your own backyard. Please respect the opportunities provided to view and pick up any trash that you have.

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# CFAES FACULTY NAMED 2024-25 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS



From left to right: Jonathan Jacobs, Scott Demyan, Mary Rodriguez, Jeffrey Jacquet. Photo: CFAES.

Four faculty in The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) have been named 2024-25 Fulbright Scholars and will conduct research projects in Thailand, Uruguay, Australia, and Canada.

Jeffrey Jacquet and Scott Demyan, both associate professors in the School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR), will travel to Australia and Thailand, respectively. Jonathan Jacobs, associate professor in the Department of Plant Pathology, will conduct research in Uruguay. Mary Rodriguez, associate professor, will conduct research in Canada.

Jacquet, associate professor of rural sociology, will travel to Curtin University in Australia in 2025 to work on

the project titled "Comparing Impacts From the Energy Transition on Energy and Mining Regions."

The project involves a comparative case study analysis of the impacts of the energy transition on three Australian mining regions, as well as a comparative analysis between Australian and U. S. energy transitions.

Jacobs, associate professor of emerging infectious disease ecology, has been awarded a Fulbright to Uruguay for the project titled "Investigating Emerging and Ongoing Threats to U.S. and Uruguay Cereal Production."

He will be associated with the National Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) and working at two locations in 2024 and 2025: first, at the INIA La Estanzuela Experimental Station and then, at

the University of the Republic in Montevideo.

Fluent in Spanish, Jacobs will engage with local Uruguayan farmers to inform them about wheat diseases and to train students at Udelar. His long-term goal is to develop an international-based course to bring Ohio State students to Uruguay to survey agricultural production. Jacobs is also interested in creating opportunities for student research exchange between the universities.

Demyan, associate professor of soil and environmental mineralogy, will conduct his research in Thailand. His research interests include soil organic matter characterization and modeling, soil organo-mineral interactions, pedogenesis in drastically disturbed soils, and new method development related

to mid-infrared spectroscopy for soil applications.

Rodriguez, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL), has been named the Fulbright Canada Research chair in Agricultural, Life, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Alberta, 2024-25, where she will conduct her research titled "Enhancing Household and Community Resilience — Advancing Efforts for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems."

She will investigate the role of household and community resilience in creating a more sustainable agri-food system, which is defined as being profitable throughout (economic sustainability); has broad-based benefits for society (social sustainability); and has a positive or neutral impact on the natural environment (environmental sustainability).

The Fulbright Program is directed by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The international academic exchange program was founded in 1946 to increase mutual understanding and to support friendly and peaceful relations between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Today, the U.S. government oversees fellowships and scholarships in partnership with more than 160 countries worldwide.

Ohio State was one of 12 institutions recognized for having the highest number of accepted applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student and Fulbright U.S. Scholar programs from 2023-24.

# 1st PRES CHURCH DEFIANCE RECEIVES GRANT FOR TOOLS FOR SCHOOL



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance was the recent recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) for their Tools for School initiative.

The collection will be taking place now through August 1st, with various school supplies being collected for students in need. Distribution of the supplies will occur on August 10th and 11th. Donations

can be dropped off in the bins under the blue tent in front of the Church – 501 Washington Avenue.

Pictured discussing the grant are (l-r) Marsha Karr – FPC Treasurer and Tools for School Steering Committee Member, Don Hange – DAF Trustee and Grants Committee Member, and FPC Pastor Ann Wasson – Steering Committee Member.

## OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES FATAL CRASH

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on July 4, 2024, at approximately 1:18 p.m. The crash occurred at State Route 109 at US Route 20 in Royalton Township, Fulton County, Ohio.

Richard Kinnick, age 74, of Adrian, Michigan, was driving a 2018 Chevrolet Trax southbound on State Route 109 when he failed to stop for the posted stop sign at US Route 20. As Mr. Kinnick entered the intersection, he was struck by John Garrow, age 68, of Waldron, Michigan, Ohio, who was westbound on US Route 20 in a 2020 Subaru Outback.

Mr. Kinnick's passenger, Laura Berger, age 71, of Sarasota, Florida was transported

to Toledo Hospital by Delta Fire/Rescue with serious injuries. Ms. Berger was wearing her safety belt. Mr. Garrow's passenger Laura Garrow, age 66, of Waldron, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Garrow were both transported to Fulton County Health Center, with minor injuries. Mr. Kinnick was not wearing his safety belt and was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Delta Fire Department, Lyons Fire Department, Brett's Towing, and Pat and Jake's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol would like to remind motorists to always wear your safety belt, and to take the extra time to safely proceed through intersections.

## ANTWERP VFW POST 5087 MEETING TIME CHANGE

The monthly men's meetings for Antwerp VFW 5087 have been changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meeting for Antwerp Men's VFW are the second Monday of each month.

## TOLEDO CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP HEADED TO DEFIANCE

The Toledo Children's Theatre Workshop will visit the Summer Reading Tent on the Fort Grounds at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on July 15 at 6 p.m. To present, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

No registration is needed to attend this free family event, which is offered as part of Defiance Public Library System's 2024 "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Challenge.

A new galactic recruit, a missing star, and a bit of unexpected mayhem create the world of the Star Keepers. Every night, the Star Keepers must make sure each star is awake and ready to shine, but what happens when one goes missing? You follow the Procedures, of course. This interactive play takes little ones on a journey that reminds all of us that mistakes happen, but no problem is too big if you ask for help.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information, call 419-782-1456. To learn more about the Toledo Children's Theatre Workshop, visit ctwtoledo.org.

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