

SCHULTZ - SPEICE



Natalie Schultz and Trevor Speice are engaged to be married on Saturday, August 17, 2024.

The bride elect is the daughter of Jeff and Christa Schultz, granddaughter of Terry Daniels and Mahlon and Rosa Tempel. Natalie is a graduate of Ohio State University and is currently attending Purdue University for

her graduate program of Speech Language Pathology.

The bridegroom elect is the son of Mike and Kathy Speice, grandson of Linda Reno and Ray and Nancy Speice. Trevor is the owner and employed at Speice Barbershop, Paulding, OH.

The couple will marry at Barn on Nye Manor, Hicksville, OH.

AHS CLASS OF 1964 REUNION

Antwerp High School class of 1964 will hold their 60th class reunion this summer.

The reunion will take

place at Hop's Place, 518 S. Erie Street, Antwerp, OH on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Please RSVP to Floyd A Ramsier at far6car@frontier.com or by mail at PO Box 1, Antwerp, OH 45813

Please save the date!



GUYS & DOLLS AT THE HUBER ON JULY 20 & 21

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong.

The Huber is very excited to present this full musical treat this summer with this cast of talented teens, ages 12 and up, from 7 schools and 5 counties, who are participating in the Summer Youth Academy at the Huber Opera House. Director: Julie Hall; Producer: Chris Feichter; Staff: Earlee Harris, Sydney Fogt, Dan Balau, Huber Interns and volunteers. Cast includes: Lilia Bowden (Miss Adelaide), Jacob Evans (Lt. Brannigan), Leah Garmater (Sarah Brown), James Greer (Big Jule), Jeremiah Hammon (Benny Southstreet), Alex Harris (Nicely-Nicely Johnson), Ben Harris (Rusty Carlie), Tate Herendeen (Harry the Horse), Emma Huber-Whitman (General Matilda B. Cartwright), Brock McDowell (Nathan Detroit), Allie Nelson (Miss Adelaide), Drake Rittenhouse (Sky Masterson), Jordys Vance (Sarah Brown).

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BROUGHTON, OH MAYOR MAKES PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION



Pictured from the left is Mayor Donna Greear and Jon Lichty, Veterans Services Officer

Broughton Mayor, Ms. Donna Greear, recently signed a proclamation which made the Village of Broughton a "Purple Heart Village." This action makes Broughton the 75th town in the State of Ohio to be proclaimed a Purple Heart Village on the National Military Order of the Purple Heart Trail.

The purpose of the National Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, high-

ways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

The Paulding County Purple Heart Trail project is being coordinated by Jon Lichty who is the Paulding County Veterans Services Officer. Broughton's addition is the 6th entity in Paulding County to be placed on the Purple Heart Trail.

2024-2025 FREE AND REDUCED MEALS PROGRAM POLICY

Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Antwerp Local Schools, and Wayne Trace Local Schools are announcing their 2024-2025 program year policy for free and reduced meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals or milk served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast, After School Care Snack or Special Milk

Programs. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines will be used

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

July 15-19

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

July 16

• PC Library board meeting @ Library conf rm, 5:30pm
• NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM

July 17-19

• Breaker Rock Beach VBS @ Zion Comm Church, Grover Hill, 6-8pm

July 17

• Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm
• Depression Support Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6p

July 18

• Patio Concert @ Huber, 5:30p

July 19

• Community Movie Night @ Zion Comm Church, Grover Hill, 8:30pm

July 20

• The Backyard Hang @ Grounded CC, 10a-2p
• Guys & Dolls @ Huber, 7pm
• Food Pantry @ Cecil Comm. Church, 12-3pm

July 21

• Guys & Dolls @ Huber, 2pm

July 22-26

• Camp Firelight VBS @ St. John Luth. Ch., 6-8pm

July 23

• Flat Rock Creek/Maumee River Clean Up Public Meeting @ Black Swamp Nat. Ctr, 7pm



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OBITUARIES

ANTWERP, OH:

Earl S. Peters, 88, of Antwerp, Ohio passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. ARR BY DOOLEY FUNERAL HOME, 202 W River St, Antwerp, OH 45813



WAYLAND, MI & ENGLEWOOD, FL:

Mary Agnes Weatherhead of Wayland, Michigan and Englewood, Florida, age 101, fought the good fight, kept the faith, and finished her race Monday July 8, 2024. She was born April 10, 1923, in Cleveland Ohio, the daughter of Herschel and Marie Driver, sister to Martha Driver. She graduated valedictorian from Shore High School in Euclid, Ohio and attended one year at Cleveland College/Case Western before transferring to the University of Michigan where she graduated in 1945 with a business accounting degree.

Mary met and dated her future husband the late Edward (Ted) Weatherhead while at Shore High. They were married on September 8, 1945. After college graduation, Mary worked as a bookkeeper as they started their family with the first of 13 children born in July of 1946. She would experience steady home employment where she managed the "family business", overseeing exponential growth for the next 7 decades. Later she partnered with Ted to run the consulting company Weatherhead Associates.

Mary was a devout Catholic dedicating her spiritual life to Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and the Church. She penned a memoir in recent years titled Faith First. Mary served on many committees and volunteered at each parish she attended. She prayed daily for her family, church, country, the world, as well as complete strangers.

Another passion of Mary's was the maize and blue of the University of Michigan Wolverines. She was delighted to see her team win the national championship in football in January of 2024. Despite the trials of their season, she somehow saw "signs" her team would prevail.

Mary saw motherhood as a calling and is survived by her 13 children Jim (Diane) Weatherhead of Middleville, MI; Pete (Barb) Weatherhead, of Grand Rapids, MI; Mike (Jean) Weatherhead, of Woodhaven, MI; Joan (the late

Michael) Holmes of Grand Rapids, MI; Charlie (Sharon) Weatherhead, of Woodhaven, MI; Bill (Carol) Weatherhead, of Newaygo, MI; Martha (John) LaVoie, of Grand Rapids, MI; Tom (Deby) Weatherhead, of Mesa, AZ; Andy (Cathy) Weatherhead, of Grand Rapids, MI; Bob (Shelly) Weatherhead, of Hicksville, OH; Madelaine Jones, of Traverse City, MI; Steve Weatherhead, of Phoenix, AZ; Mary (Chris) Overbeek, of Murrells Inlet, SC. She is also survived by 44 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren.

Mary enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in their sports, music, and other activities. Her drive for competition seemed limitless, as she enjoyed playing, watching, following, analyzing, and keeping score of the many games in which she, her children, and her grandchildren competed. She was active playing games with others on her iPad. She also enjoyed many games that were invented before the screens came on the scene - Cribbage, Scrabble, Bridge..., you name it, she played and usually won!

She especially enjoyed her annual family reunion (40+ years) which she would host each summer at her home on Gun Lake, Michigan. So beloved, she was thrilled by the 90% attendance at each reunion, which always made for a large crowd.

Memories of Mary will remind those who knew and loved her to fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith. And always keep your chin up.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2024 at Kubiak-Cook Funeral Services (Wayland Chapel), 312 N. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348, with a Rosary at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 159 131st Ave., Wayland, MI 49348, with visitation from 10-10:45 a.m. prior. In memory of Mary and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project. The family welcomes memories and messages at www.kubiakcookwayland.com in Mary's online guest book.

PARKVIEW HEALTH NAMED NO. 3 NONPROFIT, NO. 18 OVERALL BY INSPIRING WORKPLACES GROUP



Parkview Health Human Resources Manager, Bruce Buttermore.

Parkview Health was recently selected as the No. 3

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New Haven Lions Club President Susie Hudson presents a check for \$500.00 to Tracey Barr from Shepherds House at our July meeting.

nonprofit organization and No. 18 overall on the 2024 North American Inspiring Workplaces Top 100 list.

It's the first time Parkview has been recognized by the international Inspiring Workplaces Group (IW), which recognizes and helps shape the forward-thinking organizations that put their people first.

Parkview ranked within the top quintile on the 2024 list of companies and was selected as the No. 3 best nonprofit organization. Parkview was also honored as one of seven organizations recognized for superior effort in inspiring wellbeing among its workforce.

"Parkview's culture is inspiring, and it's because of the dedication and hard work of our more than 16,000 co-workers," said Dena Jacquay, chief administrative officer, Parkview Health. "Parkview invests in our co-workers to inspire their professional growth, support their physical and mental wellbeing and recognize their tremendous value to providing excellent care experiences for those we serve. We continue to ask for and listen to feedback directly from our co-workers as we strive to make Parkview a workplace that makes our teams proud."

To ensure that the best-performing organizations were identified, Inspiring Workplaces upgraded the judging criteria for the 2024 awards. Unlike other awards, which rely on surveys, entrants to the Inspiring Workplace Awards were asked to provide proof of their investment in people by completing the entry form consisting of the six key elements IW believes are fundamental to creating a People First culture, and by extension an Inspiring Workplace. Those categories

are culture and purpose, leadership, wellbeing, inclusion, employee voice and employee experience.

"Parkview Health's submission effectively showcases the organization's unwavering dedication to creating an exceptional employee experience characterized by comprehensive support, responsive leadership, a strong sense of belonging, and a genuine commitment to co-worker well-being," Inspiring Workplaces judges wrote. "The alignment between the company's purpose and its people practices, coupled with impressive measurable outcomes, sets Parkview apart as an inspiring workplace that truly values and invests in its people."

Parkview was joined on this year's Top 100 list by national companies including SurveyMonkey, Union Pacific Railroad, PepsiCo Beverages North America and fellow Fort Wayne-based Sweetwater. Parkview is now being considered for the Inspiring Workplaces global Top 100 list, which selects top workplaces among seven international regions.

Inspiring Workplaces is the latest in a series of workplace accolades Parkview Health has received within the last year. Parkview was recognized as a Most Loved Workplace by both the Best Practices Institute and Newsweek in 2023 and was also named a Best-in-State Employer by Forbes. So far in 2024, Parkview was recognized as one of Becker's Hospital Review's Top Places to Work in Healthcare, named as a finalist in the Greater Fort Wayne Business Excellence Awards, and had three hospitals selected to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Best Places to Work list.

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The Ensemble Chorus/Dancers/Character Roles are filled by: Hayden Anderson, Lin Ballard, Claire Brown, Allison Carnes, Greyson Combs, Krandon Crites, Vera Escalera, Kailin Elwood, Sydney Fogt, Dani Frame, Rachel

Garmater, Joey Greer, Clara Harris, Maddy Hedge, Rose Lobdell, Averie Rupp, Layne Salisbury, Anna Saunders.

Performances will be on Saturday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, go to the website, huberopera-house.org.

Scripture of the Week

"But He answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

— Matthew 4:4

HOW TO START MY DAY



I Set the Course of my life today with my words:

- I Declare that I will not be defeated, discouraged, depressed, or disappointed today.
- I Have Insight, I Have Wisdom, I Have Ideas, I Have Authority.
- I Exercise my Authority today with My Words.
- Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the World (1 John 4:4).
- The Same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, lives in me (Romans 8:11)
- God is on my side today and therefore I cannot be defeated.
- His Favor surrounds me today as a shield (Psalm 5:12).

- Jesus had Favor with God and Man (Luke 2:52).
 - And as He is, so am I on earth (1 John 4:17).
 - Therefore, I have Favor today with God and Man.
 - I Expect and receive Favor in my Home, Favor in my Job, Favor in my business, Favor in my Ministry, Favor with my Finances, Favor in Everything I am involved in.
 - I Have the Wisdom of God today. I will think the right thoughts, say the right words and make the right decisions in every situation I face today. My Mouth Speaks Wisdom and my Heart is filled with understanding (Psalm 49:3).
 - I ask for and receive, an Abundant supply of Wisdom and understanding today from God (James 1:5); Wisdom from above, Wisdom that is pure, Peaceable, gentle, unwavering, Wisdom and Understanding are better than Silver and Gold and nothing I desire can compare with them; therefore, I make it my ambition and Desire to have Understanding and Wisdom; therefore I know I will have all of the other desires of my heart (Proverbs 8:10-11).
- I Decree it and Declare it in Jesus' name, Amen.
Peace and Love,
—Pastor Dwayne

SONGS GIVEN TO DORIS APPEGATE

By: The Holy Spirit

- 1.) Keep smiling, keep smiling
Smile through your tears
Keep smiling, keep smiling
You'll get rid of your fears
Keep smiling, keep smiling
- 2.) I needed a song
I was sad and so blue
I needed a song
For the whole day through
I needed a song
Lord, to sing unto you
I needed a song
For my heart and my soul
You gave me a song
Fall of joy, full of praise
You gave me a song
And I'll sing it each day
This song, I will sing, Lord unto you
So happy and glad my life now renewed
- 3.) Cast not away your confidence
Which has great recompense of reward
For God is faithful to His promises
and He will keep His work
- 4.) I love you, Lord and I'm so happy
My heart rejoices in your love and care
You are so faithful, kind and loving

The dearest friend that I can know
You will never ever leave me lonely
and you will always meet each need
I love you, Lord, and I'm so happy
To tell you what you mean to me
5.) When I see what God is doing for His children
When I see what God is doing all around
It makes me want to sing for joy and gladness
It makes me want to smile instead of frown
Oh glory, glory, glory to the Father
Oh glory, glory, glory to the Son
Oh glory, glory, glory to the Spirit
Oh glory to the three in one
6.) I'm so happy, so happy in Jesus
I'll trust Him unto the end
He promised to never desert me
But always would be my dear friend
His spirit will comfort and guide me
My needs He'll always provides
That's why I'm so happy in Jesus
I hope that you know Him my friend
When you know the Lord
You will have a song in your heart
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WHEN THE MINT IS GONE

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
 Yep. I am old but my memories are vivid. Memories of childhood, teenage years, young adult and...being a Senior Citizen.

Sometimes I wonder how times would have been if we would have had access to the internet way back then. First of all, growing up with my mom, grandma and grandpa, they were very religious and probably would have thought it was a sin.

So as many who lived during my era know, we played outside until supper, ate supper and then it was back outside to the porch to catch fire flies.

So how did we entertain ourselves and what did we play? For one thing, I had a family of paper dolls and cutout clothes for them. I built their homes out of cardboard boxes and named all of them.

Another game we gals liked to play was Jacks. There were 10 Jacks and a little ball. The goal was to bounce the ball, pick up jacks and catch the ball.

Then jump rope was popular with girls. There was single jump ropes for jumping alone and longer ropes where 2 people turned the rope while another jumped.

Chants rang out as we jumped and there were jumps like Pepper which was fast, running through the rope with out getting hit on the back with the rope, and Eevy Ivy Over. Do they still jump rope for fun?

Then I remember all of my classmates or cousins playing Red Rover. There were 2 teams and each team held hands and called someone from the other team saying, "Red Rover, Red Rover. Let (someone) come over." The goal was to break through the other teams hands and steal that player who couldn't break through.

Another favorite game my family played was "My Father Owns A Grocery Store" Number 1 would start with the letter A. The rest of us all had to guess the item. The one who guessed it then took the letter B, but they had to name the A food and then the B. It was a fun memory game.

As kids we played games, did a few chores, slept with the windows open, ran bare-

foot and went to school in -10 degree weather. Simple times, simple pleasures and simple games. We played all week but on Saturday nights we took a bath for church on Sunday. When we went to church on Sunday, the girls wore dresses and the boys wore suits. Ladies wore hats and gloves and men also wore suits, ties and maybe some kind of top hat.

We would look around church to see who was there, sneak a piece of gum in our mouth and try to act like we were paying attention to the sermon.



There's an old saying I always heard about a preacher's sermon.

My Mama always said, "If the preacher puts a mint in his mouth when he starts preaching when the mint is gone the sermon should be done. (I don't believe preachers do this).

Of course that's not true, but being young, I thought it was. After church we changed our church clothes and ate Sunday dinner. We didn't play a lot on Sunday and Sunday night we went to church again.

We lived a life of no plumbing, outhouses, an outdoor water pump with a tin cup we all used. We climbed trees, went barefoot, went fishing in a creek and picked wild flowers. This was our life, our times and our memories.

Things have changed and now modern technology has made it possible for all of our things we enjoy today. We have cell phones, online shopping, play video games, have self serve checkouts and electric cars just to name a few.

Who knows what new things there will be in future eras. Everyone thinks that their "good old days" in which they grew up were the best, but we are all making memories and while my kids thinks the 70s-80s were the best times, I like my 50s and 60s and we had good music! (and Elvis)

Do you think that your growing up years time were the good old days? What games do you play today and have you ever played Red Rover?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.

YEARS AGO IN PAULDING COUNTY



July 1984: Pictured above are (l-r) library staff members clerk Connie Roughton, librarian Melissa Renck and clerk Jenny Rife.

**By: John Paulding
 Historical Museum
 40 Years Ago**

From the Paulding Progress of July 18, 1984:

A bronze plaque will be placed on the Paulding County Carnegie Library building during ceremonies July 22 at the library. The plaque honors the placement of the building on the National Register of Historic Places as the first county library to be funded by Andrew Carnegie. A representative from the governor's office will speak followed by a slide presentation and lecture by Dr. Joseph Arpad on the history of Paulding County. A reception and tea will conclude the dedication.

Tom Fisher, president of the Paulding County Fair Board, reported attendance this year topped last year's numbers, despite rain. The Junior Fair livestock sale brought in \$46,551.80 with 206 animals sold.

The top winner of the Miss Paulding County pageant is Janna Yoh, daughter of Richard and Dessie Yoh of Cloverdale.

The fair brings more than just fun and excitement, food and rides. It brings "Uncle Bill." "Uncle Bill's" is a midway show that has been coming to Paulding for years. The current owner Bill Washburn is the grandson of the original Uncle Bill. This Creston, Ohio, resident and his wife run the show and each year leave a supply of stuffed animals for the children at PARC Lane. This is also done at several other spots in Ohio by the couple.

The new John Paulding Historical Society Museum was open to the public all during the county fair and attendance was more than anyone expected. A steady flow of visitors was recorded, some repeaters, some new, all enthusiastic.

Harry Cluts of Payne was playing golf at Pleasant Valley Golf Course July 15 and got a hole-in-one on the par four, 315-yard number two hole.

75 Years Ago

From the Paulding Democrat of July 21, 1949:

Paulding Homecoming In Session: Rides and Concessions Fill Main Square in Paulding. The First Annual Homecoming is being staged in Paulding by the local Chamber of Commerce on July 21, 22, 23. In connection with the Homecoming, a street fair is being staged for the purpose of raising funds for civic improvements. As an added attraction, street dancing will be held each evening. Under the direction of Mrs. Frances Gillen, the Recreation Board is sponsoring round and square dancing under the stars. Hadley's Orchestra has been contracted to furnish the music for the round dancing with Amos Place of Melrose furnishing the music for the

square dancing. Other activities will include an evening of Hawaiian music, Kiddie Pet and Hobby Parade, motor scooter rodeo, tractor pulling contest, amateur contest and merchandise prize drawings.

The Northwestern Ohio and Northeastern Indiana Church of God Camp Meeting will be held southwest of Payne on Route 500 from Saturday, July 23 to Sunday, July 31.

Thirty-one entries have been received for Paulding County's Seventh Annual Beauty Contest to be held on Friday of the Paulding County Fair. The 1948 Beauty Queen was Betty Rose Wannemacher of Payne. Her four attendants were Leah Belle Flint of Latty, Roberta Street of Payne, Jane Trutwin of Antwerp and Geraldine Schaefer of Payne.

Short Way Lines are now operating the north-south bus line between Jackson, Mich., and Van Wert, via U.S. 127 through Paulding. The bus line is still operating during the same hours as the Jackson-Cincinnati line had been running. The bus line was established last year to follow the route of the Cincinnati Northern Railroad, which dropped its passenger train service a few years ago. It operated two buses each way daily. Southbound buses leave Paulding at 9:47 a.m. and 8:32 p.m. Northbound buses leave at 12:22 p.m. and 11:12 p.m.

This weekend, the Paulding Theatre is showing "Lil Abner" and the Western "Panhandle." Starting Sunday is "Neptune's Daughter" with Red Skelton, Esther Williams and Ricardo Montalban. "My Dear Secretary" with Kirk Douglas starts Wednesday.

125 Years Ago

From the Paulding County Republican of July 20, 1899:

Fire was discovered in the rear of M.C. Powell's Department Store last Thursday evening at about nine o'clock but was extinguished before it had any headway. A timely discovery undoubtedly saved the frame row of buildings on the east side from destruction.

The cornerstone of the Brumback library building at Van Wert was laid with appropriate ceremonies under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of that place.

The Paulding County Teachers' Institute will convene in Gaut's Opera House, Payne, July 31 and continue in session one week. The Examining Board will expect all teachers to be promptly and regularly present, and the Committee insists that the teachers of the county spend one week at least in professional review. Registration fee, 50 cents.

From the Payne Reflector, July 20, 1899:

Grover Hill has secured the money with which to improve the streets of that village. We congratulate them upon their

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Wilbur Earl Miller was born in Payne, Ohio May 3, 1899 in Benton Township. The son of Owen E. born January 28, 1871 in Perry County, Ohio and Francis May (Robinson) Miller born May 18, 1875 in Union County, Ohio. This couple was married August 4, 1892 in Delaware, Ohio.

By 1900, this couple, along with children Sherman Lee born August 8, 1893, Edna Fay born March 20, 1896 and Wilbur Earl, were living in Benton Township. Owen was a farmer. On August 14, 1901, a daughter Mary Elizabeth was born.

By 1910, this couple was still living in Benton Township and the children were in school. On June 28, 1917, Wilbur traveled to Ft. Wayne, Indiana and enlisted in the military. He served in Battery B. 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Division at the rank of Private. Sent overseas December 11, 1917. He saw action at Verdun, Soissons, Argonne-Muese, Chateau Thierry, Mont Blanc, St. Mihiel, and after war occupation December 1918-July 1919 at Heddendorf, Germany.

During that course of service, Wilbur was slightly gassed at Soissons, partially deaf, in a French hospital for mumps, operated for minor injuries, which left his arm wounded and sore. Wilbur was discharged August 14, 1919 at Camp Sherman. After returning home, Wilbur married Florence Lydia Scott on August 26, 1919 in Paulding, Ohio.

Born in 1899, Florence is the daughter of Amanda Hill. Florence was working as a waitress, she was married once before. By 1920, the couple was living in the Payne area. Wilbur was helping his father, Owen on the farm. Sometime, within 1920 and early 1921, Wilbur and Florence divorced.

On February 12, 1921, Wilbur married Lula Shoemaker in Ft. Wayne. Lula was born September 20, 1902 in Muncie, Indiana. On April 18, 1921, Owen passed away. He was buried in Lehman Cemetery. Wilbur and Lula moved to Ft. Wayne. They lived at 2009 Randell Street. A daughter, Betty Mae, was born July 12, 1922. Wilbur worked on the railroad as a fireman.

On December 1, 1923, a son Max Reid was born. He went on to serve in World War Two. Another son, Paul Dean was born August 22, 1925, followed by William November 9, 1929. William served in the Air Force in the R.O.T.C. program. By 1930, this family was still living at 2009 Randall Street in Ft. Wayne. Wilbur was still working on the railroad as fireman.

On December 6, 1931, a daughter, Beverly Jean, was born. Followed by another daughter, Carole Ann, March 17, 1936. By 1940, the Miller family had moved to Waynesdale, Allen County, Indiana. Wilbur was still working on the railroad. He was an Engineman. On February 16, 1942, Wilbur registered for the World War Two draft. He is listed as 5'8", 158 pounds, light complexion, brown hair, brown eyes. In 1949, Wilbur had been dealing with heart issues. Wilbur was admitted to Parkview Hospital on April 16, 1949.

On April 23, 1949, Wilbur passed away from acute heart failure. He was brought back to Payne and buried in Lehman Cemetery. Lula applied for his military tombstone, June 8, 1949. Application approved June 29, 1949 and shipped August 4, 1949. Lula passed away February 15, 2002, seven months before her 100th birthday. She is buried with Wilbur at Lehman Cemetery.

enterprise and suggest that a movement be set on foot to secure sewers in Payne so that when we get time and money to pave our streets we will have the drainage problems settled.

Mayor Don C. Corbett, by request of a large number of business men of Payne, requests all who have any interest in a street fair for Payne this fall to meet at his office Tuesday evening.

Fouts & Paul are rebuilding their elevator at Batson, which was burned a short time ago. It will be larger and better than before.

A.W. Batson & Son just opened a new hardware store in the Harris Storeroom on Main Street in Payne.

John Anspach has put in a new hydraulic cider press at his tile factory on the Payne and Antwerp Road and is prepared to make your cider and boil it down to any thickness

desired. He can also make your apple butter while you wait. He has the largest cider press in the county.

The publishers of the newspapers Antwerp Argus, Antwerp Bee, Grover Hill Times, Latty Herald and Payne Reflector met in Latty last Friday for the purpose of perfecting an organization to further the interests of the publishers of the county. W.A. Osborne, founder and father of Paulding County journalism, was selected chairman, G.S. Smith, secretary, and A.N. Smith, treasurer. It was agreed to meet again in two weeks at Grover Hill.

Explore more local history by visiting the John Paulding Historical Museum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays or by appointment. For special events and announcements, see our Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

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9th ANNUAL THREE RIVERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: PEDAL, PADDLE, PLAY



FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Northeast Indiana Water Trails invites the public to Promenade Park on July 20th, 2024, for their 9th annual Three Rivers Federal Credit Union: Pedal, Paddle, Play event.

Participants will pedal or paddle on the trails to complete a family-friendly scavenger hunt and earn chances to win prizes. Northeast Indiana Water Trails (NEIWT) is a 501(c)(3) with the mission to increase recreation opportunities on the 566 miles of waterways in Northeast Indiana by promoting boat access, water safety, and stewardship and developing regional water trails that will empower our citizens to become more active and unified in our water resources.

Proceeds from Pedal, Paddle, Play support NEIWT's water trail signage program to provide river users with details about the water trails, water safety and stewardship, fishing, local history and more.

Starting at Promenade Park, participants will take off

by boat or bike on their quest to find answers to the scavenger hunt and earn tickets to enter the prize drawing. Registration includes an event t-shirt, scavenger hunt map, and awesome SWAG provided by our sponsors. Participants can win incredible prizes, including restaurant, boat rental, yoga, theater, and boutique gift certificates; kayaking, biking, and outdoor gear; golf, swim, and museum passes, a COMPLETE KAYAK PACKAGE, and more! The registration cost is \$30 for one or \$55 for two; children 15 and younger are free with a registered adult. Register at www.getmeregistered.com/3RFCUPedalPaddlePlay.

The after party takes place from 11:30 – 1:30 at Promenade Park and is free for the public to enjoy. There will be live music by JJ and McRae, cold beverages supplied by Teds @ Promenade, and vendors sharing information about environmental stewardship and outdoor recreation in

NE Indiana.

Event sponsors include Three Rivers Federal Credit Union, Three Rivers Festival, WaneTV, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Carrie Lamb, Riverfront Fort Wayne, Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, Fort Wayne Outfitters and Bike Depot, and Geist Home Improvement.

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to determine eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the federal guidelines are eligible for free and reduced-price meals or free milk if the school participates in the Special Milk Program.

Application forms are distributed to all homes in a letter, or via online registration, to parents or guardians. To apply for free and reduced-price benefits, households should complete an application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. A complete application is required. Households which currently receive Special Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP, formally known as food stamps) or Ohio Works First (OWF) funds for a child must provide the child's name, the SNAP or OWF case number and signature of an adult household member on the application. Households that do not receive SNAP or OWF funds must provide the names of all household members, the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult signing the application or state "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number, the amount and

source of income received by each household member (state the monthly income) and the signature of an adult household member. If any of this information is missing, the school cannot process the application.

FREE HEALTH CARE: Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/family-child.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the application forms contain a statement above the space for signature certifying that all information furnished is true and correct. Applications are being made in connection with the receipt of federal funds. Schools or other officials may check the information on the application at any time during the school year. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Households will be notified of the approval or denial of benefits.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, the Superintendent, his/her secretary, or Food Service Manager, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing from:

Paulding: Christopher Etzler, Superintendent; 405 N. Water St, Paulding, OH 45879; Paulding Phone: 419-399-4656, Oakwood Phone to Paulding: 419-594-3309

Wayne Trace: Paul Jones, Superintendent; 4915 US 127, Haviland, OH 45851; Phone: 419-399-4113

Antwerp: Dr. Martin Miller, Superintendent; 303 S Harmann Rd, Antwerp, OH 45813; Phone: 419-258-5421

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible and if the household size increases or income decreases because of unemployment or other reasons, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the chil-

dren of the family eligible for free or reduced-price benefits if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or 3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been a resident of Antwerp since 1961. Until recent years, I don't recall having any reason for concerns about decisions made by our elected officials and no reason to question their actions. Why?

Because there was transparency, printed council minutes appeared in the local newspaper, town leaders sought and respected the opinions of residents, visitors were welcomed to council meetings (For many years, and countless, countless community sponsored events.

Secondly, I am greatly concerned and angry about a spe-

operatively on various projects and improvements for the village. Of course, at times there were differing opinions, but those differences were amicably resolved.

How times have changed and not for the better! I am aware of several official issues which are reason for concern, but, for now, I will address only two of them.

The first is in regards to insurance for the village. Tim Derck, from Antwerp Insurance Agency, was present at the May 8th council meeting. He was completely ignored by President Pro Tempore Bryan Smith, while a discussion and vote took place about changing insurance for the village from the local agency to an agency in Archbold, Ohio. At the very least, Smith could have extended a little courtesy to Tim by asking if he had any information to share. Granted, the Archbold bid was lower, but "buying local" is encouraged. Kudos to member, Bryce Steiner, who brought up that very point, and when the vote was held, he was the lone dissenter. Shame on the others!

The Antwerp Insurance Agency has been a vital part of our business community since 1967. The agency has paid and will continue to pay property taxes, and during its many years here, the agency, Randy Derck, Tim, and his family, have generously supported, both physically and financially, community organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Antwerp CIC, Antwerp Baseball Association, 4-H, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp School PTO, Antwerp School Music Boosters, Antwerp School Athletic Boosters, Antwerp Community Band..., and countless, countless community sponsored events.

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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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7:00PM - 8:30PM • 10:00PM - 11:30PM
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Duane Malinowski

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4:00PM - 5:30PM • 8:30PM - 10:00PM
7:00PM - 8:30PM • 10:00PM - 11:30PM
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1:30PM - 3:00PM • 4:30PM - 6:00PM
Michael Costa & The Beat
Fred Ziwich

bands and times subject to change

cial council meeting which took place on June 27th, when three members, Bryan Smith, Dean Ryster, and Bill Boylan, and Mayor Jan Reeb voted to allow the Railroad Depot to be sold for use as a marijuana dispensary. I choose not to be involved in any discussion of the pros and cons of a "pot shop" coming to Antwerp, but I do have deep-seated opinions about the depot.

I personally know how hard Jim Temple and his family worked to save and preserve the depot. I know the family invested a significant amount of money, time, and energy toward that end. I know there was a lot of community interest and involvement in moving and restoring the historic building. I know railroad artifacts were loaned and/or donated for display. I know the building is on the National Registry of Historic Places. I know the original intent for usage of the building was as a museum, as a meeting space for small groups, and for housing some of the village offices. And I know that no one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the depot once it becomes a dispensary. So much for its historic value!

Why did council act so quickly? Why didn't they seek public opinion by way of a survey or through public meetings? No one seems to know. Was that for the same reason the splash pad is located right next to the Veterans Memorial in the park (no public input on that either)? How can just a few people, in good conscience, make such important decisions? Neither entity, the Depot and the park, is their personal property. Both belong to the community. And the community (res-

idents, taxpayers, and electorate) deserves due consideration.

—Carolyn Laukhuf
Antwerp, OH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America Needs Revival
The Bible says many (probably a majority - my words) will be blind to truth and right in the "end times". Good will be called bad and bad called good. Unless you are of the blind the Bible speaks of, which happens to be us today and also owe if mostly to Satan's Washington ran Democrats, just remember it was you blind Democrats who put them there.

Just take Biden for example. He has never come up with anything positive for humanity or America. Biden was never right, and still isn't, concerning foreign policy but you blind beings gave him the highest office in the land.

America was founded on Christianity in 1776. Today there is an ultra stupid group pushing it was in 1619. I understand a number of schools teach this 1619 idea. You can lay this stupidity directly with Satan's Democrats. After all, they did forbid God being in our youth's education. It's no wonder we are on a fast track to death.

We had God's "Wall of protection" as long as we had God alive within us. George Washington warned (and I whole heartedly agree), "The smiles of Heaven can't remain on a Nation that disregards God's ways. Blessings will be removed and replaced with judgement."

We started falling from God when our ultra liberal, hand picked Democrat seated

Supreme Court, at the anti-God communist driven ACLU's request, breached that wall of protection in 1947 by declaring "Separation of Church of State."

That ruling was then approved by all three Democrat controlled branches of government. America was always strong and undefeated in 1947. Since then we have lost every time. I believe God removed that wall and left us on our own.

Democrats strengthened their 1947 breach in 1954 when they raped our First Amendment by censoring pastors right to free speech. Democrats deathly fear Christians and morality.

We were once 98.5% Christian but through the years Satan's liberals, Democrats and communists have us reduced to less than being 15% committed Christians. Chances of survival are growing slim.

If you have learned anything in life, you must know that very many of very early prophecies from thousands of years ago have come true. I recently heard of at least one more that hasn't reached its time yet.

My wife and I may not be here to see it fulfilled but here it is 2500 or more years later. That prophesy states that starting in 2025 mankind will only have 50 more years and then the end will come.

I think you had better learn to pray before it's too late or you may not see Heaven. It wouldn't hurt either if you just plain learned America's history because I don't believe the majority of you know it.

Ancient Israel sacrificed thousands of children on the altars of their false gods, Baal and Molech. Many of us have wondered how could they have been so ignorant and cruel. God started judging Israel over 2500 years ago and from then on they were a people without a nation. It wasn't until 1948 that they got some of their land back. Today, Satan through his human generals is out to totally destroy Israel.

Now let's compare America to Israel. Liberal Americans have sacrificed 100 million kids to the Democrats sex god. Our taxes and insurance, thanks to our loose living Washington Democrats, shouldn't be paying homage to these Democrats sex god. They even have us praying to foreign sex gods.

That Democrat breach can be likened to a broken dam. It started widening with Clinton's administration and continued growing during the

Bush years. America returned life briefly after 9/11. Millions attended church seeking God, wisdom, peace and answers. All too soon America went back to sleep and their grossly misguided ways. Will we have to have war come to our shores to wake up blind Americans?

Our wall of protection hit rock bottom with our Muslim Obama-Biden administration, Obama being a strong anti-God leader and Biden a weak follower. Their leadership favored Islam over Christianity. I understand they also favored loose sex, loose marriage, abortion, gay marriage, transgenderism and Shariah Law. Today's Biden-Harris administration is plain evil.

We had a brief reprieve with Trump and, I for one, want him back. Trump is far from perfect and I can't say that I like him, but he is a thousand times better than that "Do nothing Biden."

I've repeated the following statement at different times over my years of writing. "It is much easier to be a Democrat" You don't need morality, you just get in bed with anyone and then murder the resulting baby. And don't try claiming you are a Christian because the Democrat play book doesn't believe in God. You are just a loser.

America may claim being the best on earth but we are just plain ugly and evil. I won't explain that statement because if you don't know for yourself, that tells me you are under Satan's control and need more help than I can give. You need to find the morality that can only be found with God, the same God these "scum bucket" Democrats had to manufacture laws so that you could not be taught anything about God in your youth. Now you are in your 40's and 50's believing people who know God are just plain evil.

We need a nation wide revival or we won't survive as a free people. Right now I pray we are a stronger people that Democrat leaders think we are. Should Democrats win in November 2024, we are finished as a free nation. America is 248 years old. The average age for a nation is only 250 years.

—Richard Mastin
Hicksville, OH

WHOM SHOULD YOU CHOOSE AS A TRUSTEE?

When drawing up your estate plans, you might find it useful to create a revocable or irrevocable trust, either of which can help your estate avoid probate court and give you significant control over how and when your assets are distributed. But who should oversee your trust? As the person who established the trust — known as the "grantor" or "settlor" — you can also name yourself as trustee. However, this may not be the best move, particularly if the trust is irrevocable. An irrevocable trust protects the assets in the trust from creditors and civil judgments, but if you serve as trustee, this protection will disappear. It might be more advantageous for you to be the trustee of a revocable (living) trust, which can be modified without much trouble and allows you to move assets in and out of the trust and to change trust beneficiaries. You should work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to determine which type of trust, if any, is appropriate for your situation, and to get some guidance on the wisdom of serving as your own trustee.

If you decide to choose someone else as trustee, you'll want to consider the following factors:

- Trust – In thinking about whom you might want to serve as your trustee, the most important attribute is trust. Do you trust that this individual will always act in your best interest? If so, then they may be a good trustee candidate, but you'll also need to look at other considerations.

- Financial management skills – The person you choose to be your trustee doesn't have to be an accountant or a financial professional — but they should be skilled at managing their own finances. And they should be well-organized and good with details.

- Mental and physical fitness – Your trustee could serve in that position for many years, so you'll want to name someone who is in good physical and mental health. Of course, things can change over time, so if you observe that your chosen

trustee has begun to suffer physical or mental decline, you may need to name a successor trustee in your trust document.

- Conflict of interest – You want your trustee to carry out your wishes in a fair manner — so, you should pick someone who doesn't have a conflict of interest with any of the beneficiaries you've named in your trust. Of course, this can be tricky if you want to name a family member as trustee. So, if you do, you'll need to spell out your wishes clearly — to the trustee and to other family members.

Here's something else to think about: Instead of choosing an individual, you could name a corporate trustee. By doing so, you can receive some key benefits, such as objectivity and potentially avoiding some of the family-related disputes that can arise when an estate is settled. Also, corporate trustees have the expertise and resources to navigate the various tax and inheritance laws affecting living trusts.

Whether it's a trusted individual or a corporate entity, the right trustee can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your living trust — and, by extension, the outcome of your comprehensive estate plans. So, start your search, get the help you need and take the steps necessary to arrive at a choice for trustee that's right for you and your family.

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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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CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS @ ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH



St John Lutheran, 812 East High Street, Hicksville is happy to announce their Vacation Bible School from July 22-26. The theme this year is CAMP FIRELIGHT, a summer camp adventure with God, based on Psalm 56:3.

It will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with an overnight

camp out planned for Friday night. A fun week of lessons, snacks, games, crafts and much much more. It will be open to children from preschool to 5th grade.

You can pre register at the church office by calling 419-542-6269 or on the first day. Hope to see you there! ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

DERCK FAMILY ENJOY REUNION TIME

On July 4th, the siblings of the late Francis and Galen Derck: Bob, Ruth, Ann Wiedman, George, Jean Reinhart, Mary Donat, Linda Pendergrast, John and Cindy Knight celebrated with a picnic and socializing at Ken and Mary Donat's farm, with lots of fun, food and catching up.

In attendance was 70 with Ann Wiedman being the oldest and her great granddaughter, 2 weeks old, Isabell, being the youngest.

BLUE STREAKS NIP PANTHERS

Archbold held off a seventh inning rally from Paulding to post a 9-8 victory over the Panthers in ACME district action at Defiance High School Saturday. Each team scored once in

the first inning before Archbold plated two runs in the second for a 3-1 advantage. The Blue Streaks added a pair of runs in the third and the Panthers picked up one in the home half of the inning, giving the Fulton County squad a 5-2 advantage at the end of three innings.

In the fifth, Archbold recorded two more runs to extend the lead to 7-2 but the maroon and white answered. Paulding plated five runs in the home half of the inning to knot the game at 7-7 following five innings.

The Blue Streaks scored twice in the top of the seventh to go on top 9-7. Paulding threatened in the bottom of the frame, picking up one run before the Fulton County squad held on for the 9-8 victory.

Paulding was paced by Easton Lehman at the plate,

recording two hits, two runs scored and three runs batted in. Grady Barton chipped in two hits, three runs batted in and a run scored while Blake Rhonehouse finished with a pair of hits and touched home plate once.

Kane Jones totaled one hit, one run scored and one run batted in while Greyson Harder picked up one hit and one run scored. Zach Barton scored once and drove in one run and Ridge Hunt touched home plate once.

Max Burrowes finished with two hits, three runs scored and two runs batted in and Zach Short recorded two hits and two runs batted in. Jace Castillo, Joseph Williams and Aranjer Krieger picked up two hits, one run scored and one run batted in apiece for the Blue Streaks.

Isaiah Garcia finished with a single and a run scored while Broden Piercefield and Sean Garcia touched home plate once apiece as well.

QUICK START SENDS BULLDOGS OVER PANTHERS

The host Bulldogs scored the game's first four runs and Defiance held on late for a 5-3 victory over Paulding in ACME district baseball action Friday.

Defiance took the lead early, scoring once in the bottom of the first, before the Bulldogs added two in the second and one in the third for a 4-0 advantage.

After Paulding broke up the shutout with a single run in the top of the fourth, Defiance responded with another run in the home half of the frame for a 5-1 lead.

The Panthers picked up two more runs in the top of the fifth to close the gap to 5-3 but the blue and white held on from there for the win.

Kahlil Ligon picked up the victory for the Bulldogs, pitching a complete game limiting the Panthers to two hits, three runs (one earned) and two walks while striking out eight.

Kane Jones tripled and scored for the Panthers with Grady Barton adding a single for the maroon and white. Jackson Griffith and Grady Arend also scored to aid the Paulding cause.

Hayden Elston took the loss for the Panthers, giving up seven hits, five runs (four earned) and four walks with two strikeouts in four innings on the mound. Colten Hunt threw the other two innings, surrendering three walks.

Noah Gomez had a pair of hits, scored once and drove in one run for Defiance. Brady Borton, Logan Hutcheson, Cohen Stockman, Kahlil Ligon and Brayden Weaver all added one hit for the Bulldogs.

Borton, Hutcheson, Ligon and Abel Rubio all touched home plate for Defiance with Borton and Ligon picking up a run batted in apiece.

BULLDOGS CRUISE PAST ACES

Hicksville scored the opening and final runs of Friday's ACME district baseball game against Edgerton but the Bulldogs plated nine straight runs in the middle for a 9-2 victory over the Aces at Fairview High School.

The Defiance County squad started the scoring with a single run in the top of the first before Edgerton answered with two runs of its own in the home half for a 2-1 advantage.

The Bulldogs pulled away from there, scoring single runs in the third and fourth innings before plating a quartet in the fifth to extend the margin to 8-1.

After Edgerton scored a single run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 9-1, Hicksville picked up one run in the top of the seventh to set the final score at 9-2.

Six different Aces picked up one hit each, including Parker Bassett, Austin Sanders, Owen Stuckey, Bronson Graber, Wyatt Bell and Collin Leavell.

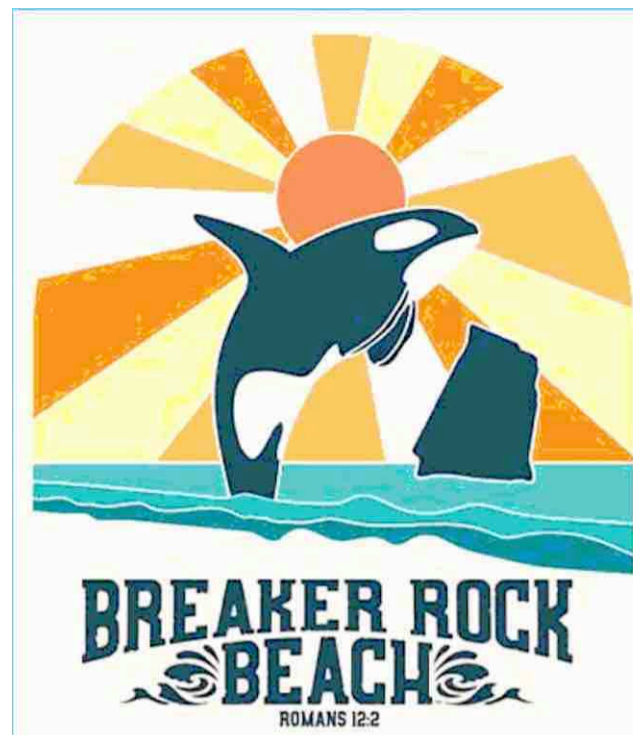
Stuckey took the loss for Hicksville, tossing four innings giving up five hits and four runs (one earned) while striking out two. Langham pitched the last two frames, surrendering three runs, five unearned runs and one walk with two strikeouts.

Cory Herman earned the victory for the Bulldogs, throwing three innings in relief and striking out two. Scottie Krontz, Maddox Baker and Parker Elden also saw time on the mound for Edgerton.

Herman led an eight hit Bulldog attack with a trio of hits while Jackson Flower picked up two hits. Krontz, Noah Weaver and Mason Elden had the remaining Edgerton hits.

Krontz scored a quartet of runs to lead the Williams County squad with Herman and Weaver touching home plate twice each and Flower scored once. Elden drove in two runs for the Bulldogs while Baker, Herman, Flower and Braden Leppelmeier all added one run batted in.

GROVER HILL CHURCHES VBS!



Coming July 17th, 18th, and 19th, three Grover Hill area churches: Middle Creek United Methodist, Roselms Christian, and Zion Community, are joining forces to hold a Vacation Bible School for grades PK - 6 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. each night.

The children will enjoy crafts, snacks, music, and Bible lessons, and leave with a "swag bag" filled with goodies! In addition, we are happy to announce that after a few years' absence, Community Movie Night is returning to Grover Hill July 19 at 8:30 p.m. It will be a popular new family movie, less than a year old. Come and enjoy a FREE movie and FREE popcorn in the comfortable, air-condi-

tioned, and bug free environment of the sanctuary!

The church is located at the corner of Harrison and First Streets in Grover Hill. Pre-registration will help us with our VBS planning, but non-preregistered children are welcome any or all of the days. <https://forms.gle/kCrkq2nx3UTFci8x5>



COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT IN GROVER HILL

Zion Community Church in Grover Hill, OH is hosting a Community Movie Night on July 19, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a free movie, free popcorn in a comfortable, air-conditioned, and bug free environment of the sanctuary! Zion Community Church is located at 205 Harrison St., Grover Hill, OH.

PREMIER FINANCIAL CORP. TO RELEASE 2ND QUARTER EARNINGS

Premier Financial Corp.

(Nasdaq: PFC) announced July 9th, that it intends to report second quarter results on Tuesday, July 30, after the close of the market. The earnings news release will be available on the company's investor relations website at www.PremierFinCorp.com and at major financial information sites.

At 10:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, Premier Financial Corp. will host a conference call at which Executive Management will discuss the second quarter results. The conference call may be accessed by calling 1-833-470-1428, Access Code: 762462.

Internet access to the call is also available (in listen-only mode) at the following URL: <https://events.q4inc.com/attendee/676401742>.

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KEN MANZ SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Ken Manz (Member of the Apostolic Christian Church and its European Committee) as the guest speaker at the July 11, 2024, club meeting. Ken came at the invitation of Jane Gray (Retired Postal Worker). He spoke to the Kiwanians about his investigative and fact-finding trip to Ukraine to learn about their needs.

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

HICKSVILLE'S JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOSTS HOBBIT-INSPIRED SUMMER FUN

Tolkien fans can take part in a pair of Hobbit-inspired events in Hicksville this month, courtesy of Johnson Memorial Library.

On July 22 at 10:30 a.m., all ages are invited to the Hicksville Walking Trail (note, this program takes place off-site, not at the library) for 'There and Back Again,' a fantasy scavenger hunt. No registration is needed.

Then on July 26 at 11 a.m., library patrons of all ages are invited to 'Elevenses' at Johnson Memorial Library, 116 W. High St., Hicksville, where they can brunch like Bilbo while learning to make a Hobbit-style dish. Attendees are welcome to dress like a hobbit, elf, wizard, or other Tolkien creature, if they wish. Elevenses is sponsored by the Friends of Johnson Memorial Library, and registration is required to attend. Register online at defiancelibrary.org/hobbit, or by calling the library at 419-542-6200.

ANTWERP MANOR ASSISTED LIVING ACTIVITIES

7/15 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories @ 2:15 p.m.

7/16 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Pizza Toss @ 2:45 p.m.

7/17 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Family Picnic Day, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

7/18 - What's For Dessert? @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30

a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.
7/19 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time @ 3:00 p.m.
7/20 - LRC @ 10:30 a.m.; Scrapbook Club @ 1:15 p.m.
7/21 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

7/15 - Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Stewed Tomatoes, Capri Blend Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, WW Bread

7/16 - Beef Goulash, Wax Beans, Banana, Apple Juice, Garlic Bread

7/17 - Tuna Salad w/Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cheesy Potato Soup, Fresh Melon, Pudding, Dinner Roll, Crackers

7/18 - Smoked Sausage Sandwich, Oven Browned Potatoes, California Blend, Apricots, Yogurt

7/19 - Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Grape Juice, Dinner Roll, Cookie

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officer Chad Grote, assigned to Marion County, received information regarding a potential violation during the 2023-24 white-tailed deer hunting season. Officer Grote found that an individual harvested a buck before purchasing a deer permit, and then falsified information during the game check process. The individual was found guilty in Mt. Vernon Municipal Court for failure to purchase a deer permit before hunting and paid \$370 in fines and court costs. The antlers were forfeited to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to

Logan County, was contacted by an individual at Indian Lake State Park who needed to replace a broken piece of medical equipment. Although it was not an immediate emergency, the individual did not have a vehicle or form of communication to obtain the part. Officer Smith contacted the Indian Lake EMS and coordinated delivery of new medical equipment.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

During Ohio's white-tailed deer gun hunting season in 2023, State Wildlife Officer Nathan Robinson, assigned to Van Wert County, and State Wildlife Officer Supervisor Troy Reimund observed a hunter carrying a shotgun who avoided the patrol vehicle. The officers contacted the individual, who claimed to be using a crossbow and did not possess a deer permit. A hidden shotgun was discovered, and the officers learned that the suspect was prohibited from possessing a firearm because of prior criminal convictions. The suspect was charged for hunting deer without a deer permit and indicted for having weapons while under disability.

State Wildlife Officer Brock Williamson, assigned to Seneca County, responded to a call about an injured Canada goose in Tiffin. Officer Williamson captured the goose and safely removed fishing line from the goose's leg. The bird was released unharmed into the Sandusky River to join a nearby goose flock.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

In fall 2023, State Wildlife Investigator Brian Bury, assigned to Lake Erie, and State Wildlife Officer Zach Hillman, assigned to Summit County, patrolled the Rocky River. The officers contacted numerous steelhead anglers. Three misdemeanor summonses were issued to individuals for fishing without valid fishing licenses. The three anglers were found guilty and ordered to each pay \$187.20 in fines and court costs.

During the 2023-24 white-tailed deer hunting season, State Wildlife Officers Michael Budd and Scott Cartwright, assigned to Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, respectively, received a complaint of hunting without permission. The officers responded with Wildlife Officer Supervisor Eric Bear and located the trespassers. Each individual was issued a summons for hunting without permission, found guilty in Harrison County Court, and ordered to pay \$760 in fines.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

In June, State Wildlife Officer Darin Abbott, assigned to Lawrence County, received a call from the local sheriff's office about a black bear sighting near an apartment complex. Deputies were dispatched to the site, but by the time they arrived the bear had run off into the surrounding woods. Later in June, Officer Abbot received information regarding another black bear sighting farther east in Lawrence County. A landowner had a trail camera picture of a bear. Although black bears are rare in Ohio, young, male

DEFIANCE COLLEGE YELLOWJACKET WOODS GC RECEIVES GRANT



The Defiance College Jacket Woods Golf Course received a \$2,350 grant from the Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) Hanna Family Memorial Fund, during our last grant cycle. This grant money will be used for new flag replacements at the course. Pictured with the new flags are (L to R) Ted Czartoski - Director of Physical Plant, Phillip Stelzer - Assistant Director of Physical Plant and Jay Hason - DAF Grants Committee Member.

black bears in search of a mate regularly wander through the state during the summer. Black bear sightings, including pictures and videos, can be reported at wildohio.gov or on the HuntFish OH mobile app.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Isaiah Gifford, assigned to Clinton County, recently served as a project judge for the Clinton County 4-H. Judges interview the participants to compare their projects against a standard and determine what was learned by completing the project. Judges evaluate projects in subject matters where they have previous experience. Officer Gifford judged projects in beekeeping, basic fishing, birds of Ohio, basic archery, geology, wonders of the outdoors, and insect adventures.

PARKVIEW HEALTH DIETITIAN INTERSHIP PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Parkview Health Nutrition Services was recently awarded the Ball State University Dr. William Bock Outstanding External Organization Award for its dietetic internship program.

The annual award is given by the Ball State Department of Nutrition and Health Science and recognizes Indiana companies or organizations that provide exceptional learning experiences to its students.

"Parkview is proud to be able to host interns from Ball State and other universities in our nutrition department and provide real-world experi-

ence for students in our kitchens, cafeterias and inpatient units," said Trisha Burgess, nutritional dietitian manager, Parkview Health. "Our dietitians are able to share their skills and knowledge with these up-and-coming students, while our interns provide fresh ideas, insight and support to our team. It's a pleasure to host our interns and we're thankful for the recognition from Ball State."

Parkview's dietetic internship program started in 2017 and hosts college interns from Indiana and Ohio universities. Students work a full-time schedule and receive mentorship from Parkview dietitians during their multi-month internship. Interns get experience working in hospital food service departments as well as doing clinical rotations with dietitians consulting with physicians and ensuring patients' nutritional needs are met.

During the program, interns get experience designing healthy menus, learning about budgeting and ordering, and ensuring proper sanitation and food safety. Interns also have opportunities to collaborate with physicians and nurses to design and execute nutrition plans for pa-

tients at Parkview hospitals.

Parkview is hosting its largest internship class yet in 2024, with seven students participating in the learning opportunity.

The dietetic internship is one of several learning opportunities Parkview offers to students. In 2022, Parkview launched a graduate medical education program for resident physicians, and Parkview continues to provide clinical nursing opportunities through partnerships with area colleges. The health system also hosts robust summer internship programs.

"Parkview's education programs are an important piece of the talent pipeline we've built and continue to expand," said Hallie Custer, vice president of human resources, Parkview Health. "The high-quality learning experiences we provide help ensure the next generation of healthcare workers has the knowledge and skills needed to enter the workforce. We hope that, after school, they choose Parkview as the first stop in their healthcare career."

To read more about learning experiences at Parkview, visit parkview.com/careers/student-learning-opportunities.

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Kasey Jedrzejek gets his first Limaland feature win. *Campbell Photography*



Stuart Brubaker passes #4 Josh Turner at Fremont Speedway. *Action Photos Ohio*



Shipley wins at Oakshade Raceway. *Photo by Charlie Orns*

By: Ron Burt

Last Friday, Limaland Motorsports Park celebrated Independence Day weekend with Firecracker Friday and Tribute to "Mr. Excitement" Tim Allison. Kasey Jedrzejek drove the 11N to his first ever Limaland victory in the Great Lakes Super Sprints competition. Dylan Woodling took the win for the second straight week in DIRTcar UMP Modified feature action, and Todd Sherman added to his career win total by grabbing the Thunderstock victory.

At Attica Raceway Park last Friday, it was fan appreci-

ation night to a full house of loud and excited race fans. Many were able to meet their favorite drivers to get pictures and autographs. For the third time this season, Kyle Moore drove his UMP Late Model to victory with Colin Shipley 2nd and JR Gentry 3rd. Cale Thomas won the AFCS 410 Sprint Feature, his third win of the season at Attica! Sharing the podium was Zeth Sabo and Cap Henry. Bryan Sebetto took the checker flag in the 305 Sprints. It was his second win at the track this season. Steve Rando was a close 2nd followed by Logan Riehl 3rd.

It's official, World of Outlaw fans, NASCAR driver Kyle Larson announced he will return to Attica, Tuesday July 16th to defend his title in the Brad Doty Classic. Larson has won this event in 2020, 2022 and 2023. The winner gets \$15,000.00.

Saturday night at Oakshade Raceway the fans were treated to a display of Vintage American Race Cars (V.A.R.C.) These machines that used to race at Bryan Motor Speedway, Avilla and other tri-state tracks took to the dirt and put on few exhibition races in addition to a full racing program with make-up features for the Sportsman and Compacts. The evening was highlighted by Colin Shipley's late race pass to collect his second DIRTcar UMP Late Model feature win of the year at Oakshade.

BJ Gregory started on the pole of the 25-lap UMP Late Model feature and led the first few laps that were slowed by cautions. The biggest of which was when a portion of the field stacked up on a lap three restart. After that last caution, Casey Noonan would slip on by Gregory for the lead on lap five and led a majority of the race.

Shipley, moved up to second and started to close in on Noonan. The two drivers would have a battle for the lead from lap 10 to lap 21. Shipley was able to get by Noonan with three laps to go and went on to victory. Noonan settled for 2nd, Carter Murday 3rd. Ryan Davis swept both Sportsman feature events after starting on the poles for each. Adam Noonan started on the pole of the Dominator Super Stock feature and led from flag to flag in another caution-free race. The regularly scheduled Compact A-main gave fans one of the most exciting finishes of the night. Nathan Goodman won on a final lap pass. The June 8th make-up Compact A-main was won by Ryan Okuley.

The ½ mile paved Sandusky Speedway oval hosted the Outlaw 350 Supermodifieds. They put on a great show last Saturday. Sawyer Stout picked up his 3rd win in the series this summer. Right behind your winner was Todd Buchanan and Danny Shirey.

On the pavement at Plymouth Motor Speedway with 60 Street Stocks all on the track battling for \$10,000.00 first place prize money, it came down to a last lap, exciting three wide finish at the line. Steve Stacy took the win followed by Brock Ganus 2nd and Austin Maynard 3rd.

At Berlin Raceway in Marne MI., Reveal the Hammer Outlaw Late Models took to the high banks. Tyler Roahrig set the fast time but started 16th in the feature and patiently worked his way through the field and eventually caught the leaders. Roahrig took the lead with 15 laps to go when the race leader Brian Bergakker collided with a lapped car. Then, on what would be the final restart with nine laps to go, Roahrig and Bergakker locked tires, sending Bergakker spinning and putting Hantz into second spot for the final restart. Roahrig got away from Hantz and picked up his 3rd career win in the Outlaw Series. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Andrew R. Holbrook, Payne, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Linda Elkhazbi, Fort Wayne, IN; Child restraint; Case dismissed at defendant's costs

Lillian G. VanCleve, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct with persistence; Guilty; 30 days jail, 29 days suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Kyondra J. Redeemer, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/pass; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Briton C. Beerbower, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John F. Wolf, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension; Case dismissed; Costs waived

Shawn M. Lambert, Antwerp, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Ruger W. Goeltzleuchter, Payne, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel T. Lehmkuhle Jr., Delphos, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Has Z Ra, Fort Wayne, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Michael A. Carter, Columbus, IN; Overload; Guilty; Case was waived defendant

Michael A. Herrera, Tarzana, CA; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Amber R. Dulaney, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Donna R. Baldwin, Cecil, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dennis C. Koppenhofer, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant



ANTWERP POLICE REPORTS

On June 26, Antwerp Police Department was requested to assist Department of Human Service by going to a residence at 102 Shaffer Rd. Officer went to the residence and it appeared no one was home.

On June 28, a motor vehicle accident was reported in the parking lot of Pop and Brew. Officer responded and prepared report.

On June 28, Antwerp Police Department was requested to do a welfare check on a resident of North Garden Apartments. Officer responded, made contact with the individual and determined all was okay.

On June 30, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to a lost dog. The dog was lost in

Hicksville. A report was prepared.

On July 7, Antwerp Police Department was contacted by Paulding Sheriff Office in reference to 911 hangup. Officer responded and it was determined it was an accidental dial.

On July 7, Antwerp Police Department was contacted about a possible domestic dispute on N. Main St. Officer responded and determined nothing had occurred.

On July 8, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to information regarding alleged drug abuse at a resident on N. Main St.

On July 8, a resident reported that they felt they were being threatened via Facebook.

On July 9, an employee of Mercer Landmark reported that the stop sign being removed at the corner of Railroad St. and Cleveland St. was creating a dangerous situation. The information was relayed to the village administrator.

On July 9, Antwerp Police Department was contacted in reference to standing by while someone removed their belongings from a residence on N. Main St. An officer responded and stood by.

On July 10, a victim of DV reported that someone had filled out a victim impact statement for the county court and signed his name to it. Essentially asking the charges be dismissed for the case that had occurred in 2019. He said it was not him.

On July 11, a resident of North Garden Apartments reported several motorcycles pulling in and out revving their engines. Officers responded and found no one.

On July 11, a resident reported that their identity had been stolen over the internet on their phone.

If you would like to report any suspicious activity or if you have any questions, please contact the Antwerp Police Department, 419-258-2627. They are always ready to serve the residents of the Village of Antwerp!

ODOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following work is anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of July 15, 2024. All outlined work is weather permitting.

DEFIANCE COUNTY:

U.S. 24 pavement rehabilitation: The U.S. 24 pavement rehabilitation project began in May 2024 and is expected to continue through September 2025. The project will crack and seat the concrete pavement and resurface with asphalt on U.S. 24 in both directions between U.S. 127 and Baltimore Street; and also includes slope erosion repair along the U.S. 127 eastbound entrance ramp.

Visit the project webpage: PID 117367.

PAVEMENT REPAIR TRAFFIC IMPACTS

U.S. 24 westbound

- Currently restricted to the right, driving lane.
- Expected to switch to the left, passing lane (max-width 11.5 feet) beginning Wednesday, July 17.

U.S. 24 eastbound

- Currently restricted to the left, passing lane (max-width 11.5 feet).

CR 115

- Closed to through traffic; only right turns are permitted (right-in and right-out) until Wednesday, July 17.

U.S. 24 eastbound ramps at U.S. 127

- Closed June 17 for approximately 30 days. The ramps are anticipated to open on July 16.

Entrance ramp detour: U.S. 24 west to SR 49 to U.S. 24 east

Exit ramp detour: U.S. 24 east to Baltimore St. to U.S. 24 west, back to U.S. 127

U.S. 24 westbound ramps at U.S. 127

- Closing Wednesday, July 17, for approximately 30 days for pavement repairs.

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SLOPE EROSION REPAIR TRAFFIC IMPACTS

U.S. 127 eastbound entrance ramp to U.S. 24

• The 90-day closure for slope repair is postponed until further notice. The eastbound entrance ramp will be closed when the U.S. 127 westbound ramp is reopened.

Expected detour: U.S. 24 west to SR 49, back to U.S. 24 east

U.S. 127 at the U.S. 24 interchange

• The southern side of the interchange will be restricted to alternating one-way with a traffic signal and barrier wall/barrels (max-width 12 feet) beginning on July 17 for approximately 90 days.

U.S. 24 slope repair: The westbound right lane just west of the High Street/Switzer Road overpass closed on June 13 for approximately 60 days for a slope stabilization project.

Visit the project webpage: PID 114235.

U.S. 127 bridge replacement: The bridge over the Maumee River, south of the village of Sherwood, opened to traffic on May 17 following a full replacement. Work will continue off the highway; please be alert for construction activities through the area.

State Route 15/State Route 18 bridge rehabilitation: The bridge between Christy Rd. and Water St. over the Tiffin River closed on May 20 for approximately 100 days. Access for local traffic to all properties will be maintained throughout construction.

Visit the project page: PID 105148

ROAD CLOSURE

Detour: SR 18 to U.S. 127 to U.S. 24, back to SR 15

State Route 18 and State Route 281 traffic signal: The Dommerville Road and E. Second Street intersection in the city of Defiance, will have traffic impacts for traffic signal work. Traffic will

be maintained; flaggers may be necessary.

State Route 18 pavement repair: State Route 18 pavement repair between the village of Hicksville and the village of Sherwood is complete.

PAULDING COUNTY:

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Visit the project webpage: PID 117367.

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Entrance ramp from U.S. 127 detour: U.S. 24 east to Baltimore St, back to U.S. 24 west

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U.S. 127 eastbound entrance ramp to U.S. 24

• The 90-day closure for slope repair is postponed until further notice. The eastbound entrance ramp will be closed when the U.S. 127 westbound ramp is reopened.

Expected detour: U.S. 24 west to SR 49, back to U.S. 24 east

U.S. 127 at the U.S. 24 interchange

• The southern side of the interchange will be restricted to alternating one-way with a traffic signal and barrier wall/barrels (max-width 12 feet) beginning on July 17 for approximately 90 days.

PUTNAM COUNTY:

U.S. 224 Culvert Replacement between County Road 14 and County Road L closed Monday, July 8, for approximately 19 days to replace three culverts.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

• Detour: SR 694 to SR 115, back to U.S. 24

State Route 115 bridge maintenance: State Route 115 between Road I-14 and H-13 over the Blanchard River will close on Thursday, July 18, for approximately 30 days for bridge maintenance. (14.31)

Visit the project webpage: PID 107768.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

• Detour: SR 15 to SR 613 to SR 634 to SR 694, back to SR 115

State Route 613 curb and sewer: Main Street in the village of Leipsic and West Leipsic is closed for curb replacement and sewer repairs.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Part 2: SR 613 between SR 65/Easton Street and CR 5 closed on May 20 for approximately 60 days.

• Detour: SR 109 to SR 65 to U.S. 224 to CR 5, back to SR 613

VAN WERT COUNTY:

U.S. 30 slope repair: The U.S. 30 westbound right, driving lane between Marsh Road and Dutch John Road will close daily starting Monday, July 1, for several days to repair slope erosion.

U.S. 30 rest area reconstruction: The U.S. 30 rest areas between State Route 49 and U.S. 127 in Van Wert County closed on January 11 for approximately one year for complete reconstruction of the buildings.

U.S. 30 bridge repair: Converse Roselm Road and Stripe Road over U.S. 30 are closed until further notice as a safety precaution due to a bridge strike caused by an over-height vehicle.

Visit the project webpage: PID 113907

U.S. 30 resurfacing: The project will chip seal U.S. 30 between the Indiana state line and U.S. 224. Beginning on Monday, July 22, the left passing lane will close, switching to the right driving lane mid-week.

The week of July 29, the lanes will close on the same schedule to seal the roadway. The traveling lane will be restricted to a max-width of 10 feet.

U.S. 30 chip seal: U.S. 30 westbound between Liberty Union Road to the Indiana State line will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for a chip seal project beginning Monday, July 15, continuing for approximately one week.

U.S. 33/State Route 49/State Route 81 resurfacing: Routes around the village of Willshire will have lane restrictions for a resurfacing project.

Visit the project website: PID 116688.

Work will take place in the following areas:

• U.S. 33 between the Indiana state line and the village of Willshire

• U.S. 33 between the village of Willshire and the Mercer County line

• SR 49 between the village of Willshire and the Mercer County line

• SR 81 between the Indiana state line and the village of Willshire

U.S. 127 resurfacing: U.S. 127 from the Mercer County line to the south edge of the city of Van Wert will be restricted to one lane through the work zone for resurfacing.

Visit the project website: PID 116768

U.S. 224 resurfacing: U.S. 224 between U.S. 127 and the Putnam County line will be restricted to one lane for resurfacing.

Visit the project webpage: PID 109926

State Route 81 reconstruction: State Route 81 between Willshire Eastern Road and Harrison Willshire Road, just east of the village of Willshire closed on May 6 for approximately 150 days to raise the roadway profile and replace two culverts. Access for local traffic to all properties will be maintained throughout construction.

Visit the project webpage: PID 110498

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Detour: SR 49 to U.S. 33 to SR 118, back to SR 81

Leeson Avenue reconstruction: Leeson Avenue between Shannon Street (State Route 118) and Rose Drive in the city of Van Wert closed on Feb. 7 for 245 days for reconstruction including curb and gutter, storm sewer, and a multi-use path on the north side of the roadway.

Update: Material delays have paused the project, with a planned restart date of July 22, 2024.

Visit the project webpage: PID 113907

\$323.8 MILLION RELEASED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) has released project agreements for the most recent annual round of infrastructure funding.

These local government

WEST BEND NEWS
Crossword Puzzle
NATIONAL DAYS IN JULY

- ACROSS**
- 2. Observed on July 10th, a day to enjoy a tropical cocktail.
 - 5. Celebrated on July 7th, indulging in a sweet treat loved by many.
 - 6. Celebrated on July 20th, Satisfy that sweet tooth with this sweet treat that's enjoyed on a stick.
 - 7. Observed on the third Sunday of July, celebrating a popular frozen dessert.
 - 10. Celebrated on July 25th, enjoying a classic ice cream dessert.
 - 12. Recognized on July 12th, celebrating people with different colored eyes.
 - 13. Recognized on July 16th, celebrating a tasty fried snack.
 - 14. Celebrated on July 24th, a day to appreciate family bonds.
 - 15. Observed on July 20th, commemorates the day man first walked on lunar surface.
- DOWN**
- 1. Recognized on July 9th, celebrating a simple and sweet baked treat.
 - 3. Observed on July 24th, honoring the achievements of the aviation pioneer on the date of her birth.
 - 4. Celebrated on July 15th, dedicated to a popular chewy candy.
 - 8. Observed on July 13th, honoring a beloved side dish.
 - 9. Recognized on July 8th, highlighting a nutritious and delicious fruit.
 - 11. Recognized on July 6th, honoring a beloved Southern dish.
 - 12. Celebrated on July 19th, often enjoyed at summer barbecues.
 - 15. Observed on July 31st, honoring mixed-breed dogs.
- solution on page 11*

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projects are selected by the state's 19 district integrating committees based on a variety of factors including health and safety, age and condition, and number of users. In addition, the committees send unfunded projects belonging to communities of 5,000 or less in population to compete in the OPWC Small Government Program.

In total, 564 projects were awarded to communities in all Ohio's 88 counties for roads (\$202.5 million), water supply (\$52.8 million), wastewater (\$27.7 million), bridges and culverts (\$28.3 million), and stormwater (\$12.5 million).

The entire list of projects by district committee and county may be downloaded from their website. "We are pleased to announce another round of grants and loans awarded to Ohio's local governments for needed infrastructure," said Linda Bailiff, the OPWC Director.

"We thank the district committees for their work. This program's successful partnership between the state and local governments ensures public health and safety and improves the economic welfare of Ohioans."

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

vs.

MINNIE E. CRAFT, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-24-093

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

Situated in the Village of Antwerp, Township of Carryall, County of Paulding, and State of Ohio and known as:

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28 monumented by a 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-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 an 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.

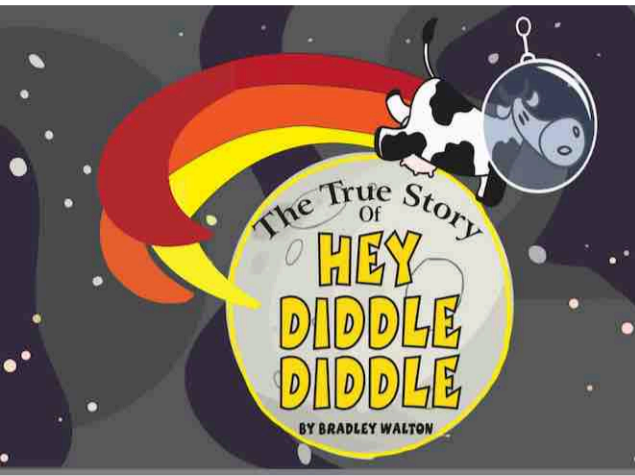
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THE TRUE STORY OF HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE AT VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE



Get ready to giggle and guffaw at Van Wert Civic Theatre's production of "The True Story of Hey Diddle Diddle"! Directed by Monica Campbell with assistant director Grace Doctor, this show promises to unravel the

mysteries behind the beloved nursery rhyme in the most hilarious way possible. Featuring a talented cast of local youth including Adam Feldner, June Weninger, Rawli Smith, Alyssa Wells, Xadi Groves, Grayson

Baker, Gabby Thomas, Briar Miller, Dakota Lowe, Kenna Stanton, Gwyn Kahle, Preston Wells, Beth Garrett, Adrian Walker, Wyatt Walker, and William Walker, the stage will be set for some uproarious storytelling. With a family-friendly runtime of just 55 minutes, this production is ideal for all ages. Catch the performances on July 26th and 27th at 7:30 PM, and on July 28th at 2 PM. Tickets are a steal at \$10 each and can be purchased online at vwct.org or by calling the box office at (419) 238-9689. Don't miss out on this whimsical and side-splitting take on a childhood classic - it's sure to be an unforgettable experience for the whole family!

INVASIVE INSECT SPECIES

One issue that is arising in Ohio and North America are invasive species of insects. A number of new invasive insects (and some old ones) are causing problems including the Spotted Lantern Fly, Asian longhorned beetle, the Box tree moth. Older invasive insect species like the gypsy moth (Spongy Moth) and emerald ash borer are still around. Due to expanded worldwide trade, many of these insect species come from Asia and have few natural predators but they can cause economic damage to crops, various plants, and trees. The Spotted Lantern Fly is an invasive plant hopper native to China and it's preferred host is another invasive plant called the Tree of Heaven. Tree of heaven is a weedy invasive tree that looks like black walnut. Spotted lanternfly also feeds on over 100 species of plants including grapes, fruit trees, ornamentals and timber.

Spotted Lantern fly damage includes oozing sap, wilting, leaf curling, and then dieback and it also promotes sooty mold (a fungus) which attracts other diseases. It's been found in Ohio (Toledo, Columbus), Indiana, Michigan and probably came from Pennsylvania. Spotted Lantern fly is a planthopper, with the adults being 1 inch long and 0.5 inch wide when resting. Its front wings are gray with black spots and outlined wing tips. The back wings are red and black in color and contain a white band. Its abdomen is mostly black, with yellow bands between segments. After eggs hatch, the immature stage has white spots on a black body, and then develop red patches as they mature. The spotted lantern fly has only one generation with 30-50 eggs being laid in September through October. They hatch in the spring and go through about 4 development stages instars and become adults in late July. The

nymphs feed and suck the sap out of many plants causing the most damage. Another invasive insect pests is the Asian long-horn beetle (ALHB). They mainly infect maple, elm, willow and poplar trees but may also infect apple, pear, stoned fruits (peaches, cherries), roses, and black locust trees. ALHB adults are large insects about 0.67 to 1.54 inches in length and antennae which can be as long as 1.6 inches, shiny black bodies with white spots. Adults lay eggs (40 to 60 per adult female) singularly in the cambium region under the bark and take 1-2 years to develop. A single larva can consume up to 60 cubic inches of cambium bark. The box tree moth (BTM) infect boxwood trees and ornamentals. Most adult box tree moths are white with a brown border. Adult box tree moths can survive for about a month and may fly 4-6 miles. Adults lay 5-20 eggs in groups that look like overlapped shingles. The caterpillar that develops from the eggs does most damage to leaves. Caterpillars are green and yellow with white, yellow, and black stripes and black spots and take about 14 days to mature. The next stage is the pupae which are found in webbing and damaged leaves. Young pupae are green with brown stripes when pupae are ready to turn into moths. Pupae take about 14 days to develop. Another older invasive species still around is the emerald ash borer (EAB) which has killed 10's of millions of ash trees in the USA. Some dead ash trees are still standing, but most are falling down. The emerald ash borer (EAB), is a green jewel beetle native to north-eastern Asia that feeds on ash species. Females lay eggs in

bark crevices on ash trees, and larvae feed underneath the bark of ash trees to emerge as adults in one to two years. Gypsy moths or the new name is Spongy moth are still around and lay hundreds of eggs in several masses on a tree. The caterpillar stage does massive damage to many of our native trees by eating up to 1 square foot of tree leaves per day per larva. Male moths are brown and fly during the day, like butterflies; females are cream and black and don't fly far from where they hatched from the cocoon. Males come to them as they sit where they have hatched out, and they lay eggs in that same spot. Spongy Moth caterpillars have two distinct markings: two rows of blue bumps in the front and two rows of red bumps in the back. Spongy moth caterpillars are tiny, "furry looking" and they have distinct bumps or collars around the head. If you see or suspect you may have an invasive species on your property, please call the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E Main St., Bldg 23, Reynoldsburg OH 43068. Phone: 614-728-6400 or Email: plantpest@agri.ohio.gov. —James J. Hoorman, Hoorman Soil Health Services

NATIONAL TROOPERS COALITION ENDORSES JIM BANKS FOR SENATE IN INDIANA

The National Troopers Coalition today endorsed Jim Banks for Senate in Indiana. "I am extremely grateful for all the hard work our troopers do to keep us safe here in Indiana and across the country," Congressman Jim Banks said. "In Congress, I have worked to provide our Law Enforcement with the resources and protection they need to do their jobs effectively, and I will continue to fight for them at every opportunity as I head to the Senate. I am honored to have the National Troopers Coalition's endorsement." "Our legislative committee had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Banks the past two years and his commitment to law and order was clear," National Troopers Coalition Chairman Nate Johnson said. "Our troopers are on the front lines everyday helping to protect our communities, and his understanding of the vital role that law enforcement performs in Indiana is needed and valued. While in Congress he sought to protect decades of jurisprudence by codifying qualified immunity. He has tried to help our members in retirement by co-sponsoring a bill to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision. Plus, he authored and co-sponsored a variety of bills which help troopers combat illicit drugs like fentanyl. The National Troopers Coalition is proud to offer support for his election as the next United States Senator from Indiana." 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.

ODOT SELECTS A CONVENTIONAL ROUNDABOUT FOR SR 117 & SR 501 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT



Alternative 1 - Conventional roundabout shifted south of existing intersection

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has selected a conventional roundabout as the preferred alternative to improve safety at the intersection of State Route 117 and State Route 501 (Wapak Road) in Shawnee Township, Allen County. The project aims to enhance safety at the intersection by constructing a single-lane roundabout. The preferred alternative, referred to as alternative 1, was one of four presented to the public earlier this year. Alternative 1, which will construct a roundabout south of the existing intersection, offers the greatest overall benefits compared to the other options. While all alternatives improve traffic flow and are comparable in costs and impacts, two were unconven-

tional, less-proven layouts. Ultimately, the combination of safety, cost-effectiveness, and familiarity with local roundabout designs led to the selection of Alternative 1 as the most effective solution to improve safety at the intersection. The project will now advance to the detailed design phase. The tentative schedule is as follows: • Fall 2024 - Spring 2025: Further preliminary design, environmental studies • Spring 2025 - Spring 2026: Right-of-way acquisition, detailed design • Summer 2026 - Fall 2026: Construction For more project information and updates, visit: www.transportation.ohio.gov/allen117roundabout

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.

TID-BITS IN THE BEE-ARGUS, ANTWERP 1914-2001 PART 7

- 5-13-1970 - Flags flying at half mast at Defiance College in memory of the Kent State deaths.
- 5-27-1970 - New headline: Antwerp Bee Argus 10 cents per copy; The Paulding County Eagle, Every Paulding County home to receive a copy of this issue.
- 6-10-1970 - And the fury continues in the Council of the Village of Antwerp! Read the article ...
- 6-30-1970 - Listed: 8 foot x 36 foot house trailer for sale 2 bedrooms (one with bunk beds) 1957 Clark, Completely furnished ... Small?
- 8-19-1970 - "Let's Light Up Antwerp" campaign taking shape. Light poles being erected at the Antwerp Athletic Complex. FYI: Season ended with 1 win and 6 losses.
- 9-9-1970 - High school marching band performed

- Tuesday evening, 60 members.
- 9-16-1970 - Ford's are out for 1971!! Torino (station wagon), Thunderbird, Pinto, Mustang, LTD
- 9-30-1970 - Bee Argus now prints an average of 1,400 issues per week.
- 11-18-1970 - State (OH) resolution putting a stop on consolidation of schools in Paulding County.
- 1-20-1971 - Al's Bestmart: T-bone \$1.19/b; Pillsbury Biscuits 10 cents; Borden Ice Cream 99 cents/gallon; Borden's Cottage Cheese 33 cents/1lb.; Idaho Baking Potatoes 69 cents/10 lbs.
- 5-12-1971 - First class mail stamp up to 8 cents.
- 5-19-1971 - Students want dress code changed. Boys for longer hair and girls to wear dress jeans and dress slacks.
- 7-7-1971 - Presbyterian church founded in Antwerp on 7/11/1871. Nice article on church history printed. Eisenhower Silver Dollar on sale of uncirculated and proof pieces.
- 9-1-1971 - FINALLY! School districts set after many years, 3 high schools in county.
- 9-22-1971 - Antwerp Exchange Bank to begin computer service. Account holders have been given an account number. School board modifies dress code when 15 parents and 14 students were at the board meet-

ONLINE AUCTION ENDING JULY 30th

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HYMNS AND POTPOURRI

As I sit and contemplate on a mid July morning, the 4th is past, and now we look forward to Labor Day, then Thanksgiving will be coming. Of course the Olympics will be coming soon. I can't believe how fast time matches by. We don't really appreciate the hot weather, but it is so much better than zero degree weather, and I don't look forward to winter.

I enjoyed the article by Miss Penny and all of the writing in West Bend News. I probably recognize 100 hymns which I could sing, and am familiar with the Haratio Spafford story. I tried to pick out my favorite hymn, but found that impossible, because another always pops up. I enjoy all types of music, although I don't know anything about it. I am amazed how the words and notes go together, and you can tell a story in a

few sentences. Nearly all of the country singers of the past sang hymns and had a Christian background, and got started singing in church. Check out Elvis or Alan Jackson.

I must give tribute to my wife who played piano and organ in church since grade school. One of the grace of our day Kim Collingsworth. Suddenly I have an urge to watch an episode of Little House on the Prairie.

Thinking about some of the greatest religious singers and men like George Beverly Shea. I'll need to check him out on the phone. A neat place to visit would be the Billy Sunday museum at Winona Lake, and his cottage with its beautiful grounds. While there, check out the Biblical Gardens and the beautiful town of Warsaw, Indiana. Mrs Google says it's 1 hour and 11 minutes from Antwerp, just a nice distance for a one-day trip, and take a swim in Center Lake, or Winona Lake.

It is amazing how Center Lake is just a couple blocks from the courthouse. One of my favorite places, is DeVries calendar Garden at New Paris, Indiana. Next time I'll talk about the greatest train songs of all time, The Wreck of Casey Jones, or the wreck of Old 97. Let's just enjoy the remainder of the summer. See you at Hocking Hills.

—James Neuhausser

11-17-1971 - Larry Wolford, Cecil, OH to receive a kidney from his sister.
 12-1-1971 - The Antwerp Fly, Vol 1, #11, 8-22-1895, Printed page 1 of 4 in this issue. Copy says L.M. Cillis, former editor of the Argus.
 1-5-1972 - New mayor, John Mundy, emphatically states the end of speed traps. For over 3 years under police chief Herman Foster with connivance of former mayor Joseph Lichty and former president of council and chairman of safety commissioner Gerry Snyder, the unsuspecting drivers were cited. Al's Food Market: Eggs 45 cents/doz; 1 lb bacon 69 cents; Bunny bread 3/79 cents; Shortening 3 lbs/83 cents
 3-15-1972 - Church attendance at 43 as people with colds and flu (Forder's Bridge News) Avg. is 90
 3-29-1972 - Kings Island to have Grand Opening May 27th. Admission is \$6.00 Under 3 y.o. free
 5-17-1972 - Elvis to be at Coliseum June 12. Show is at

8:30 p.m. with tickets \$5 - \$7.50 and \$10
 6-21-1972 - Village Council trying to install restrooms in City Hall and take part of the Otto Ehrhart museum.
 6-28-1972 - Paulding County average income is \$9,222. State average is \$10,313. 1970 census has 19,329 residents in county.
 8-9-1972 - Centennial year for the county fair from August 25-31.
 9-6-1972 - Cathy Carr (parents Dr./M Thomas Carr of Antwerp) won 2 gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany.
 9-13-1972 - Bee Argus subscription up to \$4.00/yr for Paulding, Defiance, and Van Wert Counties in Ohio and Allen County, IN All other places is \$5.00/yr. Display advertising rate is 98 cents/column for national news and political ads. 85 cents per column for local advertisers.
 10-25-1972 - 1 full inch of snow on October 18th. 1st time in many years that a

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DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS IN WEST BEND NEWS IS FRIDAYS AT 12NOON!

measurable amount fell in October.
 12-20-1972 - Several short stories by S.K. Temple appear in this issue. She is managing editor of this paper and most of the stories are copyrighted by her, Sandra Kay Temple.
 A new year - 1973 and beyond...
 Antwerp Equity Exchange Co. listed market prices for many years and I have a few to drop on you:
 Jan 1968 - Red Wheat, 1.35; Yellow Com, 1.49; White Oats, .77; Soybeans, 1.04;
 June 1971 - Red Wheat, 1.49; Yellow Com, 1.40; White Oats, .72; Soybeans, 3.04;
 June 1973 - Red Wheat, 1.44; Yellow Com, 2.35; White Oats, .96; Soybeans, 11.20;
 Aug 1974 - Red Wheat,

3.95; Yellow Com, 3.41; White Oats, 1.65; Soybeans, 6.93;
 Jan 1975 -Red Wheat, 3.94; Yellow Com, 6.34; White Oats, 1.70; Soybeans, 3.13
 Prices posted on page 1 each issue. Many articles on farm crops from planting to harvesting were published weekly and ASC along with other organizations related to farming by many writers appeared. Have noticed over the years (1920's to now) a majority of obituaries will list the men as having been farmers.
 8-29-1973 - Photo I.D. Driver's licenses new in 1974.
 10-10-1973 - Police chief Herman Foster resigns. Richard Dunderman new chief and 2 part time officers.
 11-14-1973 - Price per weekly Bee Argus raised from 10 cents to 15 cents as listed at top of page 1.

12-26-1973 - Very heavy snowfall 14 inches last week and some roads barely passable now a week later. Heaviest recorded since 1918 in January. America facing energy shortage - Short on beef and having gasless Sundays (stations closed). Just wondering? How about toilet paper as we had in the 2020's? LOL

2-27-1974 - Seslar Oil sold to C&Y Oil in Payne. Texaco bought Indian Oil in the 1930's which Seslar started distributing some 67 years ago.

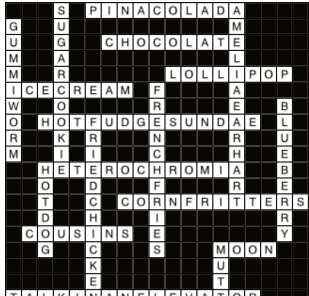
3-20-1974 - Hike in Defiance College tuition and fees of \$100. Now will be \$2,350/year.

4-10-1974 - 4 tornadoes strike Paulding County. Many pictures in this issue showing damage and the route of the storms.

7-31-1974 - Antwerp Exchange Bank and Union State Bank in Payne named official participating banks for the new State Lottery.

8-7-1974 - Lottery tickets go on sale as of Tuesday, 8-13-74.

8-14-1974 - John McCabe (former Antwerp resident), Jackson, Michigan seeking Democratic nomination for President in 1976. McCabe unsuccessful in past for Governor of Michigan. President Richard Nixon to resign after June 17th Watergate break in, etc., etc., etc.
 10-9-1974 - Prisoner Jeff Doyle #137551 at the Marion Correctional facility is requesting "pen pals". This was in the Letter to the Editor column. (Am sure his request was in multiple papers throughout the State and wonder if anyone responded to him. Just thinking...)
 2-26-1975 - Ohio is now 172 years old.
 3-26-1975 - Torado hit.
 5-21-1975 - 4.2 inches of rain in 1 hour fell starting about 4:00 a.m. Flooding of homes and the school closed. Senior class of 67 pupils to graduate.
 7-9-1975 - Speed limit: 55 miles per hour now law. Started in 1974 as a fuel conservation measure and now Gov. Rhodes signed it into law. Not sure of gas prices right now but this writer remembers the "gas war" in 1969-70 with 24-25 cents/gallon not uncommon)
 8-6-1975 - "Right on red"



Crossword solution from page 9

ruling implemented. Again, a way of saving fuel in cars!

8-20-1975 - Weatherhead Company in Antwerp 25 anniversary.

9-24-1975 - Paulding Theater completely remodeled and under new ownership.

11-19-1975 - No formal announcement found in paper but subscription is now \$5.00/yr to the Bee Argus in local counties and \$6.00 elsewhere.

12-17-1975 - On December 28, a first class stamp going to 13 cents

3-3-1976 - Whose portrait will be on the new \$2.00 bill being issued in April? Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President and on his birthday, 4-13. Phased out in 1966 and now issued as part of the nation's bicentennial.

4-14-1976 1976 - Chevrolet Chevette Coupe: \$2,943 with \$294 down payment.

4-28-1976 - Cutie for the day! Take any number. Add 9. Multiply the answer by 2. Subtract 4.
 Divide the answer by 2. Subtract the number originally thought of. Your answer will be 7!

5-12-1976 - Outbreak of measles in Paulding County. 20 cases so far per Health Department officials.

8-11-1976 - Vantage Joint Vocational School to open to 500 students. \$4.1 million structure located in Van Wert County and for many local juniors and seniors from surrounding schools.

8-25-1976 - Bee Argus is 30 pages this issue! 15 of them dedicated to the County fair and all its programs.

9-22-1976 - Jaycees to publish the bicentennial history of Antwerp and are asking for any/all data you might provide.

—Submitted by Carol B.

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THIS WEEK ON PCBW: SHANNON RUSCHEL, WMEA



This week on the Paulding County Business Weekly podcast we get to hear from Paulding County Director of Waste Management Education & Awareness (WMEA) Shannon Ruschel. She will explain about the upcoming county special recycling day event that includes collection of tires, ewaste, fluorescent bulbs and water based paint. She also touches on recycling around the county and the collaboration it takes to make

it all happen. We can't thank OhioMeansJobs enough for sponsoring this program and the team at My102.7FM for making it happen. Tune in on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available in podcast form through Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS AWARDED SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING

State Representative Roy Klopfenstein (R-Haviland) is pleased to announce funding for Antwerp Local Schools.

The Antwerp Local School District will receive a total of \$386,382.27 through the Safe Routes to School Program to use towards projects that aim to improve safety for students walking

and biking to and from school.

Details of the projects are as follows:

- \$3,165 to promote the National Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day, crossing guard program, safety yard signs, safety pledges, and surveying; and

- \$383,217.27 to install sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, and light polls along pathways leading to the school.

"The funding will update

and implement infrastructure that will help our students safely go to and from school," said Klopfenstein. "I believe it's important to keep our children safe and provide them with ample resources to flourish."

The Safe Routes to School Program awarded more than \$8 million to schools throughout 19 Ohio Counties.

POSTAGE RATES INCREASE

The USPS announced their 2nd rate increase for 2024 and it took place on July 14. The current price, increased in January, of the forever stamp was \$0.68 and will now be \$0.73. The USPS says this is part of their 10 year plan of "Delivering for America." First class mail attributes for 30% of the annual postal revenue.

GROVER HILL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of The Grover Hill Branch Library will be hosting a Ice Cream Social on July 27, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gover Hill Lions Community Building. The social will feature Grover Hill Lions Club Homemade Ice Cream. Com out & support the library and enjoy homemade ice cream and desserts, hot dogs, coney dogs, sloppy joes, sides and drinks.

VAN WERT COUNTY AG SOCIETY ANNOUNCES FAIR ENTRIES OPEN 7/1 - 8/17

The Van Wert County Agricultural Society, the managing organization of the Van

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB



On July 8th, the New Haven Lions Club hosted a visit with District Governor James Bush. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) NH Secretary Bob Hudson, NH President Susie Hudson, NH Tail twister Dr. Victor Fitch, NH Director Bill Hart and District Governor James Bush (who installed the officers); (back row, l-r) NH Director Steve Stewart and NH Treasurer Terry Elser.

Wert County Fairgrounds, is pleased to announce entries are now open for the 168th Annual Van Wert County Fair.

The 168th Van Wert County Fair dates are Tuesday August 27th through Monday September 2nd, 2024. Exhibitors may submit entries for exhibition at the Van Wert County Fair online at vanwertcountyfair.com or turn in a printed entry form at the Fair Office located at 1055 S Washington Street Van Wert, Ohio.

Entries will be accepted from July 1st through August 17th, 2024. Senior Fair entries can be submitted for the following departments, Horses, Ponies, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Farm Products, Horticulture, Canned Goods, Baked Goods, Fine Arts, Photography, Antique and Vintage Items, Domestic Manufacture, and Cut Flowers and Potted Plants. There have been multiple new divisions added this year, including a scarecrow contest and charcuterie boards and Ohio wine. For more information, the rules, and eligibility of each department visit the Premium Book on the website or premium books are also available in print at the Fair Office.

The mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society is to educate, enhance and preserve our agricultural roots through our youth and our community. Additional information including bylaws and governing documents can be found at www.vanwert-countyfair.com.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING SERIOUS INJURY CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

The Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is

investigating a serious injury crash that occurred on CR179 south of TR10 in Paulding County, Auglaize Township, at approximately 9:48 P.M. on July 11, 2024.

Scott Kirkland Jr, age 26, of Paulding, Ohio was traveling northbound on CR179 in a 1984 Honda Goldwing Motorcycle. His passenger, Allen Kline, age 34, of Paulding, Ohio was seated in the rear. Mr. Kirkland went off the right side of the roadway when the motorcycle overturned. Mr. Kline was life flighted to Parkview Regional, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with critical injuries. Mr. Kirkland was treated on scene with minor injuries.

Both occupants were not wearing helmets, and alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Paulding County Sheriff's Department, Oakwood Fire and EMS, Samaritan Life Flight, and J&R's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorist to never drive impaired.



RECYCLING EVENT REMINDER FOR PAULDING COUNTY

The special recycling event is almost here (July 20th from 9-12 across from the Paulding fairgrounds) and I wanted to provide some additional details. Call Shannon at 419-399-3630 with

questions.

1. Upon arrival, you will see balloons. That will be your entrance as all others will be blocked off. Please pull in and drive to where the canopy will be set up for verification of residency.

2. After your residency is established, you will be directed to drive to the appropriate vehicle for dropping your material. We will have signs indicating what each location is taking.

3. After unloading your recyclables, you will be directed to drive down the long, stoned driveway and then exit back out on Fairground Drive.

4. To provide a smooth, efficient event, please be patient and follow the signs. I'm uncertain of what the response will be to our First Annual Recycling Extravaganza so we're on a learning curve.

REMINDERS:

1. There is a 4-tire limit with no exceptions. Be prepared to unload and stack your tires in the trailer provided. There is no size restriction and they can still be on the rim.

2. Water-based paint/stains only.

3. Fluorescent bulbs need to be taped together at top and bottom if more than one bulb.

4. Please refer to the E-Waste list that was provided in the WBN, Progress and on the Program website. www.pauldingcountywmea.com

If after reading the list, you're still uncertain, then bring the item and we'll let the subject matter experts make the determination on-site.

We do reserve the right to decline any item not deemed recyclable.

—Shannon Ruschel, PCWMEA director

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