

LATTY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: JULY 27th!



If you've ever visited, lived in, or driven past Latty, Ohio on State Route 613 or US 127, come and see what's happening in this small but active community. Sponsored by Latty area churches, the Third Community Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2024 at the Latty Town Hall and Park. (There is no rain date.) The event will be from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is organized by members of The Latty Apostolic Christian, Friends United Methodist, & Latty Zion Baptist churches.

The festival begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Latty Town Hall with a flag-raising ceremony by local Boy Scouts, a brief welcome and recognition of Honorary citizens of the community. This will include a recognition of the new "Bee" signage and contributions that the Irvin Stoller Family has made to the Village of Latty. The festival will then move to the Latty Pavilion where there will be a registration table for door prizes

that will be given away throughout the day. A picnic lunch with drink and dessert will be provided by the church members. Guests are asked to bring their lawn chairs. Handicap parking will be available as well as golf cart shuttles.

Following the lunch there will be activities for all ages including a Family Scavenger Hunt, Bouncy House, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Games, Corn Hole, Musical Performances by area musicians and "sing-alongs". Youth will be given a "Passport" to travel along Education Road. Each stop will have information and activities from local organizations available throughout the day, including Paulding County Amateur Radio Club, Paulding Putnam Safety Demonstration, Power 2 Change, Lifewise Academy, Paulding County Library, Habitat for Humanity, Fire Truck, and EMS.

Organizers hope the com-

2024 JOHN PAULDING SUMMERBLAST



The Annual John Paulding Summerblast began with its traditional EPIC parade that travels from the fairgrounds and around the square in downtown Paulding. Summerblast is sponsored by CoRP every year and this year's event took place on July 18, 2024. Nothing beats a small town festival with food, fun and fellowship. And now let's talk about that fireworks show — BAM! Nailed it Paulding! Nice job ushering in summertime in Paulding County! *More photos at www.westbendnews.net*

munity comes out to enjoy the festivities, see old friends and make some new ones. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Latty Youth Foundation to support the upgrading and maintaining of the Latty Park!



AUTHOR NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY WITH LOCAL AUTHOR RICH PHELAN

Local author, Rich Phelan, will be speaking about his new book, *Edge of Darkness*, at the Paulding County Carnegie Library at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25th. Then on Saturday, August 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. Phelan will be at the Payne branch of the Paulding, Carnegie Library.

Rich has been a writer and storyteller as long as he can remember, and somewhere along the way, a hobby became a passion. Developing his craft through diverse ca-

reers in corrections, vocational ministry, and as a deputy sheriff, writing and telling stories permeated them all.

Not limited to one genre, Rich prefers thrillers with a supernatural bent. Rich and his wife Julie grew up in Michigan, but live in Northwest Ohio and they have four grown kids and lots of amazing grandkids to keep the stories flowing.

WOODBURN COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Woodburn Community Historical Society will meet July 24, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodburn Community Center, corner of 101 & Woodburn Rd. East. Remember we will meet

on the fourth Wednesday of the month through November. Hope to see you.

—Gloria Gerig

UPCOMING FIELD DAYS

Crops are growing and field days are sprouting up all. Farmers have an opportunity to take a break and learn some new information at these events.

Drainage Technology and Water Management Field Day at Ohio State Lima, July 24th

Drainage installation, drainage water recycling, and soil health will be the focus of a field day being held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at The Ohio State University at Lima. Registration is required to attend. (Continued on Page 3)

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- 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
 - NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM
- July 24**
- Drainage Tech & Water Management @ OSU Lima, 9a
 - Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm
 - NH Train Public Meeting @ NH City Hall, 5:30pm
 - Depression Support Group @ Cecil Comm. Church, 6p
- July 26-28**
- Hamler Summerfest @ Hamler Community Park
- July 27**
- 2024 Bad Boys Toys Car Show @ Railroad St. Antwerp, 4pm
 - Ice Cream Social @ GH Lions Club bldg., 4-7pm
 - Latty Community Festival, 11am-3pm, town hall
 - Flair on the Square, downtown Bryan, 10am-9pm
- July 29-30**
- Little Shop of Horrors auditions @ Huber, 6-8pm
- July 30**
- NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM
- EMMYW**
PAULDING COUNTY'S OWN
- Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

Kennith treasured spending time with his family. He took them on long vacations to create great memories. He enjoyed reading, gardening, golfing and fishing. Kennith was employed as a maintenance millwright with General Motors for the past 28 years. He was a member of UAW #2209 and Oakwood Church of Christ.

Visitation and services for Kennith will be held at Oakwood Church of Christ, 12983 Road 191, Oakwood, Ohio. Visitation will be Wednesday evening, July 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The funeral service will be Thursday morning, July 18th at 11:00 am, with an hour of visitation prior to the service. Kennith will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance. A memorial dinner will follow at the Rainbow Party Room, 28083 St. Rt. 424 in Defiance.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kennith's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Oakwood Church of Christ. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.



LEO, IN; formerly of PAULDING, OH:

Marcia K. Brune, age 85, passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024 at The Cedars Nursing Home of Leo, IN.

Marcia was born on March 3, 1939 in Paulding, OH to the late Rolland H. and Wilda M. (Snyder) Ross. Marcia graduated as an X-Ray technician from the Carnegie Institute in Cleveland, Ohio in 1958. On May 21, 1959, she married the love of her life, Morris Brune who preceded her in death in 2014. Marcia worked as a medical assistant for Dr. Don Snyder, florist for Kircher's Flowers, and director of the W.I.C. program for Paulding County. Marcia was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding, where she also worked as church secretary.

Marcia loved her family and friends, and most of all loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was always bold in her faith and desired that everyone she knew would trust in Jesus for their salvation.

Marcia will be lovingly missed by her only son, Scott (Laura) Brune, Fort Wayne, IN; granddaughters: Chelsea Brune, Westminster, CO; and Andrea Brune, Fort Wayne, IN; brother, Lanny Ross, Fort Lauderdale, FL; sister, Linda Reinhart, Paulding, OH.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at the First Presbyterian Church of Paulding with Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding Township.

Visitation will be from 6:00 P.M - 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 26, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral

Home. There will also be visitation from 10:00 A.M. until time of services at the church on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Marcia's

memory to The Cedars of Leo or First Presbyterian Church of Paulding.

Online condolences may be shared at www.denherderfh.com.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 178 2023 RIDER OF THE YEAR



The American Legion Riders Post 178 of Van Wert have announce their 2023 Rider of the year; Darin Figel.



DR. KIMBERLY WATSON NAMED VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT MERCY COLLEGE OF OHIO

Kimberly Watson, EdD, MBA, RHIA, was promoted to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty while retaining her rank as Professor of Health Sciences at Mercy College of Ohio (Mercy College.)

In her new role, Dr. Watson will oversee the academic affairs of Mercy College, providing strategic direction and leadership to ensure the continued growth and success of academic programs. Her vision includes enhancing faculty development, promoting innovative teaching and learning practices, strengthening the student experience, and building meaningful relationships within the community.

Serving the Mercy Health ministry for over 35 years, Dr. Watson has been a valuable member of Mercy College of Ohio since 1997, serving in various administrative and faculty roles. Most recently, she excelled as the Dean of the Division of Health Sciences and Director of the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program.

Dr. Watson holds a Doctor

of Education in Leadership Studies with a cognate in Higher Education Administration from Bowling Green State University. She also earned a Master of Business Administration from Tiffin University and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Records Administration from Bowling Green State University. Additionally, she is a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA). She is a resident of Bowling Green, Ohio.

PC SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

- 7/22 - Beef pepper steak, rice pilaf, stewed tomatoes, capri blend vegetables, tropical fruit, WW bread
- 7/23 - Baked ham, redskin potatoes, spinach, cornbread, applesauce
- 7/24 - Baked potato w/ beef, beans & cheese, California blend, cinnamon peaches, goldfish crackers, muffin
- 7/25 - Chicken salad, shredded lettuce, vegetable & rice soup, fresh melon, dinner roll, cookie & crackers
- 7/26 - Baked fish, cheesy potatoes, lima beans, fruit cup, WW bread, oatmeal cookie bar

PC SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- 7/22 - Exercise @ 10am; Cornhole @ 10:30am; Bridge club @ 12:30pm
- 7/23 - Euchre @ 9:45 am
- 7/24 - Rummy @ 9am; Witt's Rummy @ 10am; Bingo w/Buckeye Hearing @ 12pm; Grocery shopping @ 1pm
- 7/25 - Bus trip to Grand Rapids @ 9:45am; Euchre @

Scripture of the Week

"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

— Isaiah 41:10

I SET THE COURSE OF MY LIFE TODAY WITH MY WORDS



- I will be Healthy Today
- I will not be Sick today; I will not be sad today; I will not be broke today; I will not be confused today
- I have joy today; I have Joy today; I have everything I need in the name of Jesus.
- My steps are ordered by the Lord (Psalm 37:23)
- I have a covenant with God and by the blood of Jesus I release my divine protection and divine provision
- I receive supernatural strength and encouragement from God (Psalm103:20)

• I expect to have divine appointments today, to run into the right people and to be delivered from the wrong people

• And Adversity, attack, accidents, and tragedies that were headed my way are diverted right now in Jesus' name

• I speak to the raging waters in life, Peace, be still

• I say to my emotions, Peace, be still

• I say to my mind, Peace, be still

• I say to my Body, Peace, be still

• I say to my Home, Peace, be still

• I say to my Family, Peace, be still

• Now I speak to every mountain of fear, every mountain of discouragement, every mountain of stress, every mountain of depression, every mountain of lack and insufficiency and say "Be Removed and Cast into the Sea in Jesus' Name!!" (Mark 11:23)

I Expect the best day of my life Spiritually, Emotionally, Relationally, and Financially today in Jesus' name!!

Peace and love,
—Pastor Dwayne

9:45am; Exercise @ 10am
7/26 - Bible study @ 10am; Bingo w/Antwerp Manor @ 12pm

ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- 7/22 - Sittercise @ 10am; Rummy @ 10:30am; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Bible stories @ 2:15pm; Penny Pitch @ 2:45pm
- 7/23 - Sittercise @ 10am; UNO @ 10:30pm; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Nails by Taylor @ 3pm; Library Service
- 7/24 - Sittercise @ 10am; Dominoes @ 10:30am; Bingo Bucks store @ 11:30a-12:45p; Bingo @ 1:15pm; Euchre @ 2:30pm
- 7/25 - What's For Dessert @ 9am; Bingo @ 10:30am; Beauticians @ 12pm; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30pm
- 7/26 - Sittercise @ 10am;

Bingo @ 10:30am; Euchre @ 1:30pm; Movie Time @ 3pm
7/27 - UNO @ 10:30am; Bingo Party @ 1:15pm

7/28 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30am; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4pm

BAPTISM SERVICE & BBQ

Please come join Pastor Dwayne as he unites with Northpoint Community Church and Pastor Mark Bears in a spirit filled, outdoor church service and baptism followed by BBQ and family fun, Sunday, July 28th @10:00 a.m. at Still Water Retreat, 10001 Yoder Rd., Yoder, IN 46798.

Would you like to be baptized? Now is the time. Call Pastor Dwayne, House of Love Outreach Ministries 419-796-8718.

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A LITTLE GET-A-WAY

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
 Since I am older, I don't have a desire to travel too far. I am pretty much a home body who likes to stay kind of close to home, but here lately a little trip sounded pretty good. Just to see new scenery and explore new places.

My Sweetie, Denny, has a life long friend (John) that he had known since school days. They had not seen each other for a long time and felt it was time to get together. We are all getting older and to see and visit old friends means a lot.

After texting and messaging, a date was set for us to go spend the day. John and his wife, Judy, live on Lake George, located close to Fremont, Indiana.

To get accurate directions, I downloaded MapQuest and got the directions and that ladies voice on my phone giving us verbal directions. I was so proud of myself getting the map and we felt comfortable in getting there.

Sunday arrived and after feeding the "kitty cat", making a couple sandwiches and grabbing my purse, we headed out.

Denny said he knew the way and I said, "Oh I have all the directions right here on my phone." I looked in my purse once and no phone. I started taking things out of my purse and no phone. I said, "Oh no, I forgot my phone." After briefly searching for the missing phone, we just decided that I left it at home.

We had a good time listening to music on the way, the day was sunny and warm, and we enjoyed the drive which was 80+ miles.

We exited on I69 towards Lake George. There were lots of homes along this lake and we found Judy and John's house by reading the name on their mailbox.

The lake was gorgeous with blue waves washing around, Judy had so many flowers planted that it looked like a botanical garden, but wouldn't you know it, Denny went to the car to get something and came in and handed me my phone. Oh no! He told me he found it upside down on the floor of the car. I was happy to find it but felt silly because I thought I had forgotten it.

The home was a big house and beautifully designed, we chatted around a table visiting and then our hosts asked if we would like to go on a pontoon boat ride.

I have a very real fear of water and it took some help, encouragement and assistance to walk over the dock and get in the boat.

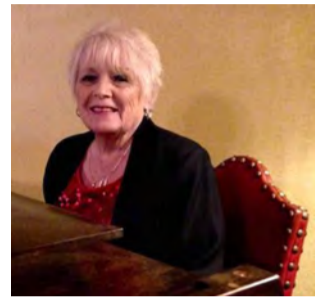
I explained "I can't swim and never could." Going on I said "I flunked a swim class called Terrified Adults." However, everyone else could swim

so I felt that if the boat overturned someone would surely save me.

After the nice relaxing boat ride we went back inside where Mrs. Judy had prepared a delicious chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, asparagus and pecan pie. It was so good.

Then it was a time of reminiscing with recollections of school days, jobs, children and how Denny was John and Judy's best man at their wedding. We could have talked for hours, but time was passing quickly. It was just a nice visit.

With time passing by so fast, we then toured the



grounds with the lovely florals and trees, met their two Newfoundland dogs, who are both delightful, and after saying our good byes, it was time to head back to Ohio.

What a great day, a great visit and being with wonderful friends. If the Lord is willing and the creek don't rise, we hope to get back there in the fall.

Seeing old friends, talking old memories and making new ones is part of each of our lives. I am ready to go back, take a boat ride without screaming and see the fall scenery and beauty

Did you ever take a trip to see old friends and recall some of your past experiences? Did you forget your phone or have a fear of something like swimming? Let me know and I'll give you. Penny for Your Thoughts.

THE QUESTION

By: Doris Applegate

Sad, sad the innocents killed
 By demonic raging soul
 Children no longer allowed to play

Children no longer allowed to grow.

Whatever happened to loving each other

With kindness, caring, goodness, and cheer?

This is the question I'm asking us now

Will our lives be filled forever with fear?

Or will we repent and turn back to God

Bring back the Ten Commandments and pray

Or will we continue to grow cold in our soul

A nation who it seems has now lost her way?

I'm hoping and praying that we'll see the light

And realize the error of our ways

For then God has promised to turn things around

Heal our land, give us peace for the rest of our days!

As we come close to another election time for president, God is ready and willing to heal our country and bring peace

again to our lives but only as we repent and turn around from our sinful ways. Repentance is so important and comes from the heart and with action. When John the Baptist came and started baptizing people in the Jordan River, he said, "Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance." Our faith is dead without corresponding action (James 2:14-21). We do not want dead faith and so we must be always doing good things unto others as we do unto other as we would like them to do unto us, our faith is full of good works.

Just as the man on the Jericho Road was robbed, beaten

and left for dead was helped by the good samaritan, so we also help anyone along our "Jericho Road" when we help others. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "That we have also done it unto him." What a blessing it is to also do it unto Jesus Christ. A song we sing in church: "Sowing in morning, sowing seeds of kindness, sowing in the sunshine and the dewy eve, waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping. We shall come rejoice bringing in the sheaves" as we walk our pilgrim pathway, are we doing our own thing or are we living for others and Jesus Christ?

Amen

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tend. The event and registration details are available at go.osu.edu/limadrainageday.

Field demonstrations will be conducted by the Ohio Chapter of Land Improvement Contractors of America in an open house-style format throughout the day and a variety of conservation practices will be on display, featuring Extension and industry experts. The event is free and open to the public and parking will be available on site.

The field day will take place at the Ohio State Lima Regenerative Farm, which started in 2020 and provides research and educational opportunities focused on regenerative farming practices. The field day features implementation and demonstration of conservation practices aimed towards water quality improvements and ecological protection. Experts will cover two main practices: drainage water recycling and saturated buffers. The DWR system will feature a recently constructed 5 million gallon-capacity water retention pond that will collect runoff and drainage water from about 40 acres. The stored water can be used later in the growing season for irrigating crops. Representatives from Valley Irrigation will discuss a center-pivot irrigation system. These agricultural nutrient management practices were funded by the U.S. EPA with assistance agreement with Ohio EPA. Lunch will be provided and will include a short program.

COVER CROP 'TIL YOU DROP FIELD DAY, July 31st

The Ohio State University Extension's Water Quality Team field day: Cover Crop 'Til You Drop field day is July 31st! The field day will be held at the Jeff Duling Farm in Putnam County, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31st, 2024, at 13079 Rd 10L, Ottawa, OH. The field day will wrap up at 2:00 PM with an optional wetland tour to follow. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Manbir Rakkar, Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management State Specialist with The Ohio State University Extension. She will discuss how cover crops interact with both soil health and water quality. We hope to see you on July 31st! Visit go.osu.edu/24WQTeamFieldDay or contact Rachel Cochran, Cochran.474@osu.edu.

Erie County SWCD field day, July 31st

Erie County SWCD will be also be hosting a field day on July 31st from 9AM to 3:00 p.m. Topics will include how to effectively use a crimper crop roller, improving water quality with cover crops, and nutrient management. Contact Breann Holman) at 419-626-5211 for details or email: BHohman@eriecounty.oh.gov.

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Manure Science Review, August 6th

The annual Manure Science Review will be held on Thursday August 3rd in Defiance County from 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. at Innovative Ag, 10366 OH 249, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

Topics will include the H2Ohio Program, Ag Poultry Litter information, Mortality Composting for Avian Flu Outbreaks, Composted bedding manure pack research, Best manure application practices, and Manure spill response practices plus solid and liquid manure application demonstrations in the afternoon.

Continuing education credits will be available for Certified Crop Advisors, ODA Certified Livestock Managers, Ohio Fertilizer Recertification, and IN State Chemist. Registration costs are \$25 per person until July 25th and \$30 per person after that date. For program and registration details, contact Mary Wicks (wicks.14@osu.edu; 330.202.3533).

Southwest Ohio Corn Growers Field Day, August 13th

On August 13th, the Southwest Ohio Corn Growers Field Day will be held at the Fayette County Research and Demonstration Farm, NE of Washington C.H. at 2770 Old Rout 38, by the Fayette County Airport. The field day will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. It is free to attend and will include breakfast and lunch. Certified Crop Advisor credits will also be available for the various sessions of the event. Topics include dealing with Tar spot, Economics of Grain Storage, Cover Crops and Drainage Tile, and Research Plots. Questions about the day's events can be directed to Ken Ford, Fayette County ANR Educator at 740-335-1150, ford.70@osu.edu.

All Things Covered' Field Day, Wednesday, August 21st

Gene Witte Farms 489 East 1000 North, Decatur IN 'All Things Covered' Field day starting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 21st. Informational sessions on No Till and Cover Crop Management. Soil Testing Using Haney Test, Tissue Testing, Sap Testing In-Season, Nutrient Management In-Season, and Fertility Management will be covered. Jim Hoorman will be the featured speaker. RSVP to Adams County Soil & Water Conservation District(260) 724-4124 ext. 3 or Kelly.Amstutz@in.nacdnet.net.

—James J. Hoorman
 Hoorman Soil Health Services

The deadline for the West Bend News is THURSDAYS at 5pm for the following issue. Send your news, ads, and classifieds to info@westbendnews.net Call 419-258-2000 for information or printing quotes.

ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS TO HICKSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Submitted by: Caroline Longardner

The Hicksville Historical Society now fully owns and maintains the beautiful St. Paul's Episcopal Church built in 1873.

The goal is to build the volunteer base of those interested in preserving and sharing this Hicksville history.

St. Paul's Church is opened the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00 p.m., July - September. Former church member Caroline Longardner has volunteered to host at those times at the church. She was a member and organist in the 1960's.

There has been several events at the church; however, not all were recorded, as the

record book has been misplaced. If you can help with this, please call the land office, Susan Mack at 419-769-0108.

This beautiful church is now owned by the Hicksville Historical Society. Please stop by and enjoy its antiquity. Several Historical handouts will be available and a tour of the church.

Next opening will be Wednesday, August 7 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Located across from the Hicksville Library on West High Street.

A.P. Edgerton donated the full cost of building the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which is now Hicksville's oldest religious landmark. The church, dedicated to his wife, was completed in 1873.

VWCT PRESENTS HILARIOUS MUSICAL

The Adolescent Youth Adult Theatre (AYAT) of Van Wert Civic Theatre presents "Urinetown", a thought-provoking and wildly funny musical brought to life by a talented cast of young performers led by Alyssa Taylor-Director, Perry Webb-Music Director, and Emily Gehle-Choreographer. Young adults take on positions of directors, actors, and technical crew. Show dates are August 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and August 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Set in a quirky future facing a major crisis, "Urinetown" explores themes of social justice, corporate control, and the fight for freedom. This offbeat Tony Award winner is packed with catchy tunes, sharp wit, and a powerful message that resonates deeply with audiences of all ages.

"Van Wert Civic Theatre's

AYAT production of "Urinetown" offers a fantastic opportunity to see the future of theatre take center stage," says Dale Terry, VWCT Board Vice President. "Our passionate young cast is excited to deliver a powerful performance that will leave audiences laughing and thinking."

More than just hilarious, this production goes beyond the laughs. "Urinetown" delves into important issues that resonate with people of all ages. Through captivating music and engaging performances, the show sparks conversation and encourages critical thinking about social responsibility and the power of collective action.

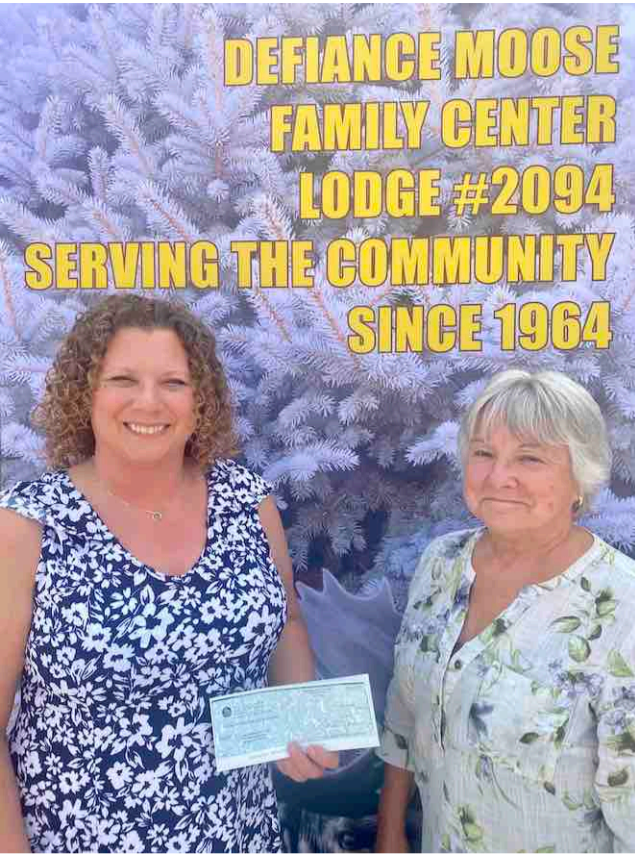
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECEIVES GRANT FROM MOOSE LODGE 2094



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance received a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This is the fifth grant given by the Moose in the month of July and the church will be using this money for their Tools for School initiative.

The collection will be taking place now through August 1st, with various school supplies being collected for stu-

dents in need. Distribution of the supplies will occur on August 10th and 11th. Donations can be dropped off in the bins under the blue tent in front of the Church - 501 Washington Avenue. Pictured above receiving the grant are (l-r) Marsha Karr - committee member and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

ODOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Defiance, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert Counties the week of June 22, 2024. All work is weather permitted

the left, passing lane (maximum 11.5 feet)

- CR 115
- Now open across the divided highway
- U.S. 24 eastbound ramps at U.S. 127
- Now open
- U.S. 24 westbound ramps at U.S. 127

• Closed July 17 for approximately 30 days for pavement repairs.

- Exit ramp to U.S. 127 detour: U.S. 24 west to SR 49, to U.S. 24 east
- Entrance ramp from U.S. 127 detour: U.S. 24 east to Baltimore St, back to U.S. 24 west

• See map

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

• U.S. 24 in both directions

• Currently restricted to

east

- U.S. 127 at the U.S. 24 eastbound interchange ramps
- Restricted July 17 for approximately 90 days to alternating one-way with a traffic signal and barrier wall/barrels (pavement max-width 13 feet).

U.S. 24 slope repair: The westbound right lane, just west of the High Street/Switzer Road overpass, closed on June 3 for approximately 60 days for a slope stabilization project.

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.

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.

County-wide drainage maintenance: Various routes will be reduced to one lane the week of July 22 to clean drainage structures.

PAULDING 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. A slope erosion repair along the U.S. 127 eastbound entrance ramp is also included in the project scope.

PAVEMENT REPAIR TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- U.S. 24 in both directions
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• CR 115

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• U.S. 24 eastbound ramps at U.S. 127

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• U.S. 24 westbound ramps at U.S. 127

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SLOPE EROSION REPAIR TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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- Expected detour: U.S. 24 west to SR 49, back to U.S. 24 east
- U.S. 127 at the U.S. 24 eastbound interchange ramps
- Restricted July 17 for approximately 90 days to alternating one-way with a traffic

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB PARTICIPATES AT ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH FAIR



New Haven Lions Club served hamburger and hot dog meals to the participants of the July 11th health fair at Central Lutheran School. Food was also served to the attendees. The money raised goes help fund helping with the needs of the New Haven and surrounding area.

signal and barrier wall/barrels (pavement max-width 13 feet).

U.S. 127 utility relocation: U.S. 127 between the Van Wert County line and Road 162 just north of the village of Paulding will have lane restrictions through August for utility relocation work.

PUTNAM COUNTY

U.S. 224 Culvert Replacement: U.S. 224 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 Monday, July 22, for approximately 30 days for bridge maintenance.

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

- SR 613 between SR 65/ Eastom 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 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.

U.S. 30 chip seal: U.S. 30 westbound between the Indiana state line and U.S. 224 will be restricted to one lane for approximately three weeks, July 15 - Aug 2 to chip seal the surface. A width restriction of 10 feet will be in place during the project.

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

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 between the Mercer County line the city of Van Wert is restricted to one lane for resurfacing. Work will pause from August 1-4 for the annual U.S. 127 Yard Sale.

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

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.

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 recon-

struction 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. Work is expected to resume on Monday, July 22, 2024.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES A SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a serious injury single vehicle traffic crash.

On July 13, 2024 at approximately 01:18 P.M., Troopers from the Defiance Post responded to Defiance Ayersville Pleasant Bend Road, just east of Harris Rd, Highland Twp. in Defiance County. Based off the investigation, a 1999 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500 motorcycle, operated by Sean McCague, age 36, from Defiance, Ohio was eastbound on Defiance Ayersville Pleasant Bend Rd, the vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and overturned.

Sean McCague, the sole rider of the motorcycle, who was wearing a DOT approved helmet, suffered serious injuries as a result of the traffic crash and was flown to Mercy St. Vincent's Hospital, in Toledo by Mercy LifeFlight. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Ayersville Fire and EMS,

The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

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

There are two basic services the agency provides:

1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

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

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

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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

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

Defiance EMS and Mercy LifeFlight.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorcyclists to always wear their Helmet and to never drive distracted. The crash remains under investigation, alcohol and drug use are not believed to be a factor.

SWANTON POST INVESTIGATING A FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH ON THE OHIO TURNPIKE

The Swanton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash. The crash occurred July 16 at 4 p.m. on the Ohio Turnpike near Interstate 280 in Lake Township, Wood County.

The preliminary investigation revealed a Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Kenny L. Robinson, 58, Mt Sterling, Ky., was traveling westbound on the Ohio Turnpike when the motorcycle tire blew out and Robinson lost control.

Robinson succumbed to fatal injuries at the scene of the crash. The motorcycle passenger, Barbara J. Rowland 58, Winchester, Ky., sustained serious injuries and was transported by air ambulance to Mercy Health - St. Vincent Medical Center.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Clay Township Fire Department, Lake Township Police Department, Mercy Health Life Flight, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, and Madison Motor Service.

The incident remains under investigation.

ACPL LAUNCHES SEASON 2 OF LOCAL AUTHOR PODCAST "PAGES & VOICES"



The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) has released its second season of the podcast, "ACPL Presents: Pages & Voices" following a successful Season One earlier in 2024. The podcast features local authors and is produced at the Main Library's Access Fort Wayne studios with host Senior Librarian Meg Bell and producer Librarian Production Coordinator Kay Gregg.

"When we launched season one, we were not sure exactly what to expect," says Director of Community Partnerships and Programs Beth Boatright. "We knew there were lots of talented authors in the region, and we were pleased to see so many community members embrace the opportunity to support them by tuning in. We've received so much positive feedback and nearly one hundred local authors have reached to be featured already. It was clear the community wanted more, so we decided to do another season!"

"ACPL Presents: Pages & Voices" centers the stories and creative writing experiences of local and regional authors from various genres. The project was developed in response to increasing demand

for avenues to connect the local author community to library resources and audiences.

Host Bell reports that circulation for authors featured on Season One have seen higher circulation than usual and many of the authors have shared benefits such as increased book sales and book reviews.

According to Jaclyn Youhana Garver, one of Season One's featured authors, the best part of participating in the podcast is "it feels really great to know my local library has my back and has the backs of other area writers...I love knowing that the library is helping lead the way in something to help this area shine."

The second session dropped May 13 with episode one featuring horror author and Bram Stoker Award Nominee Paula D. Ashe. Subsequent episodes will drop every other week. The second season's featured authors are: Paula D. Ashe, Fort Wayne Local author, Paula D. Ashe, shares about her journey to becoming an award-winning horror writer. She discusses her book of short stories, We are Here to Hurt Each Other, which was a 2022 Bram Stoker Award Nominee. She also gives tips and advice on learning and growing as a writer.

Traci Douglass, Fort Wayne USA Today Bestselling author, Traci Douglass, shares her journey to becoming a Harlequin Romance Novelist. She gives advice on quarrying agents and offers suggestions on what books all budding romance authors should read.

Helen Frost, Fort Wayne Award winning poet and author, Helen Frost, gives listeners insight into her writing process. She talks about her love of the English language and how teaching and writing have been tightly interwoven throughout her whole life.

George Kalamaras, Fort Wayne

Join us as we talk to former Indiana Poet Laureate (2014-2016) George Kalamaras. We discuss his latest book of po-

etry, What My Hound Dog Is Scenting Through the Slough-grass Is a Way of Scenting Me: Poems and how this charming poem combines two great loves of his life, hound dogs and poetry.

Joshua Schipper, Fort Wayne

Self-made author Joshua Schipper is a local historian making a big splash with two nationally bestselling books about Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Join us as we discuss his process for successfully writing and marketing his books.

Sharon Tubbs, Fort Wayne Author, inspirational speaker, and non-profit leader, Sharon Tubbs, talks about her newest non-fiction memoir, They Got Daddy: One Family's Reckoning with Racism and Faith which was released in January 2023. She also shares helpful advice on publishing and the different ways an au-

thor can release their books.

The podcast can be streamed and downloaded at acpl.info/podcast or on most major podcast players including: Apple Podcast, Podbean, Spotify, Amazon, iHeartRadio, PlayerFM, Samsung, and Podchaser.

Local authors who would like to be considered for the podcast, can submit an inquiry at acpl.info/local-authors.

LOOK FOR DIFFERENT WAYS TO BORROW AND USE CREDIT

Like most Americans, you will probably take on debt at some point in your life. And by managing debt wisely, you can potentially improve your saving and spending habits - and even your ability to invest for the future.

Let's look at some of the common options available for borrowing and using credit:

- Credit card - When used carefully - and not over-used - a credit card can be a valuable tool, especially if you travel frequently. Many people tend to stick with the same credit card without exploring what else is out there. Try to find a card that rewards you in as many ways as possible - and then keep your eyes open occasionally for even better rewards as they can change from time to time. Obviously, you want a card with a low interest rate, although ideally, you'd like to pay the card off each month without incurring any interest. You also should take a close look at a card's other features. Are you getting a competitive amount of mileage points? How much is your annual fee? Do you have a generous "cash back" program? Do you have access to "extras," such as airport lounges?

- Home equity loans and home equity lines of credit - As the names suggest, a home equity loan or line of credit lets you tap into the equity you've built up in your home, which can be considerable, especially if you've owned your home for a long time. A home equity loan provides you with a lump sum, which you will repay over a set term with a fixed interest rate. A home equity line of credit usually carries a variable rate, although you might find a

lender offering a fixed-rate option. You can generally draw on your loan or line of credit for any purpose, but keep in mind that unless you're using the funds for home improvements or additions, your interest payments are generally not tax deductible.

- Securities-based lending - Just as a home equity line of credit lets you borrow against the equity in your home, a securities-based loan, such as a margin loan, lets you borrow against the value of your investments, including stocks, exchange traded funds and mutual funds. Some people take out margin loans to purchase more investments, but you can use the money for any purpose. The margin loan process is usually not complex and when you make repayments, you're paying yourself back. However, you should approach a margin loan with caution because if you borrow too much, the value of your margin account

may fall below the maintenance requirement - the minimum dollar amount you must keep in your margin account after you've started taking money out. When this happens, your brokerage institution may issue a maintenance call that requires you to either deposit more money or marginable securities or sell some of the investments in your account.

Ultimately, when weighing your borrowing and credit options, you'll want to evaluate several factors: the interest rate you'll be paying, the purpose for taking on the debt, your ability to repay it without impinging on your cash flow, and so on. With careful thought and planning, and, if needed, help from a financial professional, you can make your debt work for you - and not the other way around.

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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

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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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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE VISIT THE FIRE STATION



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare recently walked to the fire station to visit Firefighter Michael Schweinsberg and his awesome trucks! He showed us all around and told us all about his job. If you have a 3,

4 or 5 year old at home, it's time to call and get them on the list for fall preschool! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information.

Shown here in front of one of the fire trucks are (in back): Jaylani Ward, Joziyah

Ward, and Wyatt Wilhelm; (in front) JaNaya Ward, Levi Lockwood, Johanna Federighi, Ariya Lockwood, Everett Wilhelm, Elizabeth Molnar, Savannah Coil, Garrett Wilhelm and Jazlynn Ward.



FLAIR ON THE SQUARE HAPPENING IN BRYAN ON JULY 27

Flair on the Square is an art, food and music festival taking place in downtown Bryan, Ohio, on Saturday, July 27, 2024. This is the second year for the event, which is free and open to the public. The entire event runs from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with different activities taking place throughout the day around the courthouse square.

"We have so many exciting additions to Flair on the Square this year. We have expanded our live music to include seven amazing bands, everything from jazz, bluegrass, funk, classic rock and Motown, to country," said Pam Bard Steel, chair of the event's steering committee. "We also have an additional stage to incorporate dance performances and demonstrations throughout the day. We will have additional make and take projects that are free for children as well."

Twenty-seven artists are part of the juried art fair, where works in various mediums will be on display and available for purchase. An emerging artists exhibit, located in Parlor 1861 on the east side of the square, will feature works from area high school students.

Event attendees can watch live glassblowing and pottery demonstrations, and children are invited to try make & take art projects. Face painting, chalk art and balloon art will all be part of the event as well.

Several dance showcases and demo classes will take place on the north stage, which is new for this year's event. Attendees can also participate in an acting demo class, watch an excerpt from a local playwright, and hear from an interview panel featuring local individuals with careers in the arts.

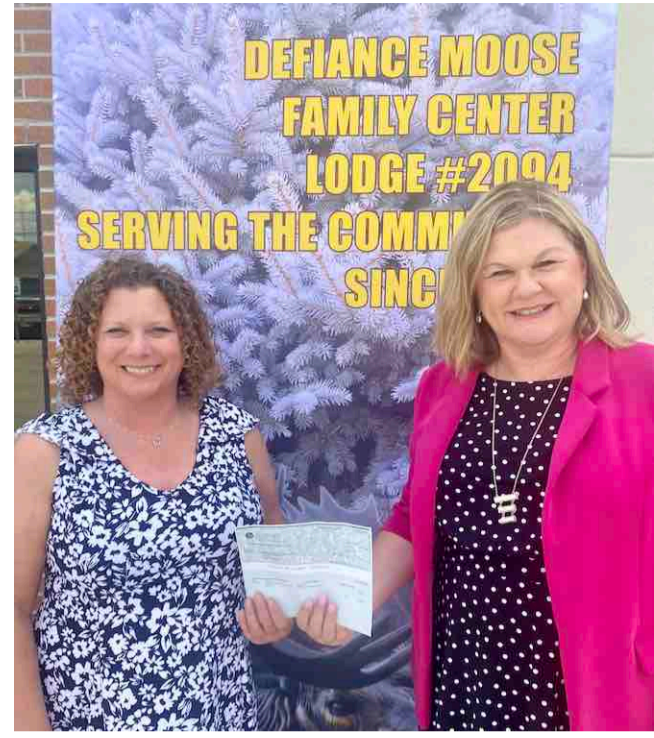
Live music kicks off at noon, with seven acts scheduled throughout the day. Victims of Love, an Eagles tribute band, will perform the headlining show from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

The Williams County Farmers Market will be on site with baked goods and locally-grown produce. Four food trucks will offer a variety of cuisine ranging from hibachi to ice cream.

For more information and a detailed schedule of activities, visit FlairOnTheSquare.com.

Flair on the Square is made possible in part by an investment of public funds from the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically.

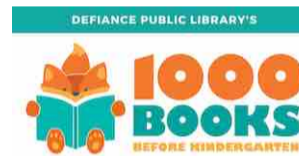
KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF NW OHIO RECEIVES GRANT



The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio recently received a grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. This \$1,000 grant will be used to assist community members with chronic kidney disease. To learn more about the Kidney Foundation, email in-

fo@kfnwo.org. This is the sixth grant given by the Moose Lodge this month. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator and Kelly Mofield - Kidney Foundation Executive Director.

DEFIANCE LIBRARY CELEBRATING '1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN' GRADS



Defiance Public Library is inviting the community to a special celebration Aug. 1 honoring this year's graduates of its '1000 Books Before Kindergarten' Program.

'1000 Books' promotes early literacy by challenging children and their families to read at least 1,000 books before the child begins their kindergarten year.

The graduation party will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the library, 320 Fort St., Defiance, and will feature stories and activities, including a craft (while supplies last) and a dance party.

Amy Panning from Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library will be on hand as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter during story time, and Annie Crowder Reynolds of Ohio SNAP-Ed will visit to help attendees make nutritious energy bites.

The celebration, geared to children from birth to age 6, is free and open to everyone. You do not need to have participated in the 1000 Books program to attend. No registration is needed. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.

For more information about the program, visit defiancelibrary.org/1000books, or 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org.

DEFIANCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES 6/20/24

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, in the Defiance County Commissioners' Session Room. President Kern called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Dana Phipps; Commissioner Mick Pocratsky; and Clerk, Liz Stuard.

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

The Commissioners met with the Henry County Commissioners via video conference and Kevin Hancock of Defiance County Soil and Water District to review and approve Defiance-Henry County joint ditch assessments for 2025.

FUTURE TRENDS IN AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is changing quickly as farmers integrate new technology. Drones, robotics, sensors, and AI are just a few of the new innovations that are taking place. Small farmers are starting to use a new system called vertical farming, and even beekeepers have a new vaccine to help bees survive a devastating disease called American foulbrood.

Drones are quickly being adopted by farmers to monitor and improve crop performance. Drones can fly above

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SCOTT ST. JOHN "MARMADUKE" CRUISE IN



Bobby Branham of Oakwood, OH attended the Scott St. John "Marmaduke" Cruise In with his 1954 Ford F100 Truck.

The 4th Annual Scott St. John Cruise In took place last Saturday, July 13th on the square in downtown Paulding, Ohio. The Cruise

In raised \$4,000 to be donated to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry. The Cruise In had perfect summer weather with plenty of sun-

shine to make all those antique and vintage vehicles glitter for the spectators. More photos at www.westbendnews.net

crops and through thermal imaging and multi sensors, capture information on crop health, pests, environmental stresses (drought, excess moisture, heat stress, etc.) and nutrition needs of crops. Drones can map soils, check on crop variability, and help farmers make decisions about how to fix issues in the field. Real time information helps farmers respond quickly to improve crop performance. Often, farmers save money because nutrients or pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides) are only applied to areas that need attention. This saves farmers money and also is better for the environment.

process that much information, but with computer programs and artificial intelligence (AI), that information is summarized to help farmers make decisions quickly. AI can analyze multiple scenarios to help farmers make the best decisions in real time. Even farm management issues like how to lower costs, maximize labor, how to get the product to market, how to get the best price, or produce the highest quality product while making the most profit.

systems. However, the downside is they are expensive to build and they generally use lots of electricity. Common crops grown include leafy vegetables, herbs, micro greens but also strawberries, squash, melons, green beans, even rice and potatoes. Vertical farming is becoming increasingly more important as our population expands world wide and good quality soil is becoming less available. Vertical farming is becoming common in cities and densely populated urban areas.

GPS (global positioning systems) and auto steer options help farmers farm by the inch because they know exactly where they are in a field. These options are becoming common on most new agriculture equipment including tractors, planters, sprayers, and combines or other harvesters. GPS allows farmers to precisely apply seeds and inputs like fertilizer and chemicals.

AI are like high powered human brains, making multiple decisions. How do they make the decisions? They use multiple scenarios called digital twins, replicating what is occurring in the real world. Then based on real time data and multiple scenarios and risks, they pick the best option. Humans input is still used to develop risk options. For example, one farmer might want a 95% chance of success (5% failure) while another farmer can accept 20% failure (80 percent chance of success). Generally, as risk increases, higher profits follow but not always and AI helps farmers lower potential risks and potential failures while maximizing profits.

There are many more innovations in farming coming but a new novel one is a vaccine for bees. A new vaccine (2023) for queen bees has been developed to prevent American foul brood, a deadly bacterial disease that is devastating bee hives. The worker bees are fed a sugary mix which they turn into "Queens food" a royal jelly. Instead of injecting the bees, the Queen's food gives the Queen bee immunity to the American foulbrood disease which she passes on to her off spring. Enjoy the changes coming in the future.

Some farmers tell me they get bored now because the tractor or combine almost runs itself. Soon automative robots will be running the equipment, planting, harvesting, spraying, and applying inputs very precisely, with little to no soil compaction. Robotic equipment can easily be downsized to 4 to 6 rows which reduces the weight. Robots may operate 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. They may also be used to monitor crop health. Multiple robots may soon be used on farms and the number of robots a farmer has will be decided by how many acres they farm and how many they can handle.

Vertical farming is becoming a major trend. Instead of farming horizontally over a flat surface, many crops are now being grown hydroponically in vertical structures, with and without greenhouses. The advantage to this system is that it uses as much as 95% less water with very precise nutrition. Since there is less pest from insects, disease, and weeds; less pesticides are generally used on these

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

GULBENKIAN PRIZE FOR HUMANITY AWARDED TO RENOWNED SOIL SCIENTIST RATTAN LAL

Lal's work focuses on carbon sequestration in agriculture, removing atmospheric carbon

A globally renowned soil scientist at The Ohio State University, Rattan Lal, has been awarded the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity for his significant contribu-

tions to global food security, climate resilience and ecosystem protection.

Lal, a Distinguished University Professor at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and the founding director of the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration, was also recently named the No. 1 scientist in the world and the United States in the field of plant sciences and agronomy by Research.com.

Lal was chosen for his pioneering work in promoting a soil-centric approach to agriculture that has been recognized as a model for secure food systems that can be adapted worldwide. His innovative approaches have proven successful across various climates and geographies, demonstrating the benefits of sustainable agriculture to communities, economies and the planet, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation said in announcing the award.

"The entire Buckeye community congratulates Dr. Lal on receiving this incredible honor and thanks him for his passionate work on global food security and solutions for our agricultural ecosystems," said Ohio State President Walter "Ted" Carter Jr. "As a scientist, mentor and educator, Dr. Lal is an inspiring example that one person with vision and determination can change the world."

Much of Lal's work has focused on carbon sequestration in agriculture and removing atmospheric carbon for the long term, mitigating the effects of global warming and pollution. In 2000, he established the Ohio State carbon center, the longest-running U.S. institution with a focus on carbon sequestration in both natural and managed terrestrial ecosystems, particularly soils.

He pioneered a soil-centric approach that harmonizes food production with ecological preservation and climate change mitigation. His methodologies have highlighted, on a global stage, the interconnectedness of soil health and broader environmental and human well-being, and the importance of enhancing food security while conserving natural resources.

"Dr. Lal's accomplishments in influencing sustainable agricultural practices around the world have brought about a paradigm shift in sustainable soil management and acclaim to our university," said Cathann A. Kress, Ohio State vice president for agricultural administration and dean of CFAES. "We are honored that he is a part of our college and enormously proud of his incredible achievements."

"Dr. Lal is the land grant mission of Ohio State personified," said Peter J. Mohler, executive vice presi-

CYCLISTS CRUISE THRU AREA



Originally printed in West Bend News, dated 7/1/2024 (printed as submitted)

I am David Hoover. I live in Defiance in Defiance, County. I am a regular bicycle rider. One thing I enjoy doing when I have the opportunity to do so is meeting and talking with bicyclists who are doing cross country or interstate bike rides as these guys (photo) were doing. There was a third guy in the group but he was tending the bicycles. They did not give their names but told me that they are college students in graduate school in North Carolina. The riders, their bikes and gear were vehicle transported to a town in

Washington State and are riding to a town in Maine. We met at the downtown Public Library where they were updating their travel route and looking for hots and cots to stay overnight. Defiance like many similar small towns has been a thru way for interstate cyclists and in state organized group guided and self guided rides. one in particular being G.O.B.A. Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure ride which happens every June. This years ride was in southwestern Ohio thru Darke, Preble and Butler counties on what is called the "Donut Trail" because of all the family owned sweetie treatie shops.

dent for research, innovation and knowledge. "While rooted in soil health, his groundbreaking work translates into solutions for some of the most important global challenges we face in food security."

award for humanity. It's an incredible honor that an organization would recognize my service to humanity at large - something beyond my imagination."

Lal's journey, from his humble early days on a small subsistence farm in northern India watching his family use oxen to plow hard soils to becoming one of the most cited scientists in plant science and agronomy exemplifies the power of his resilience and intellectual pursuit. His work has led to more sustainable farming and greater access to nutritious food for 2 billion people across five continents.

Lal has decided to donate his share of the prize money - \$350,000 - to Ohio State, noting Ohio State's role in his career successes.

His dedication has earned him numerous global awards, such as the Japan Prize (2019), World Food Prize (2020), Padma Shri award (2021), and Plant Science and Agronomy Leader Award (2024), among others.

"When I first arrived at Ohio State in 1965, my advisor inquired if I had considered any other universities worldwide," he said. "However, my professors at Punjab University, who had obtained their PhDs from Ohio State, influenced my decision."

Upon receiving news of winning the Gulbenkian Prize, Lal expressed his astonishment and gratitude: "It came as a surprise. I thought it was a prank call - so I ignored it. Then they said, 'Can we talk to you on Zoom?' and I realized that it was real," he said.

"I expressed to them that my aspiration was to attend Ohio State. Being associated with one of the largest land-grant universities has brought me great prestige and honor. I offer my sincere thanks to all the staff, students, scholars and researchers of the Lal Carbon Center for their dedication and hard work, and to the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources, CFAES and Ohio State for their cooperation and support."

Reflecting on the significance of this recognition, he added: "It's a tremendous

Lal's donation aims to foster scholarly exchange between Ohio State and international institutions in India initially before expanding globally.

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THE LEFT TURN



Brad Doty with race winner David Gravel. Campbell Photography



Ashton Winger gets another Oakshade Summer National win. Photo by Charlie Orns



Trevor Neville gets the Summit Modified victory. Photo by Charlie Orns

By: Ron Burt

If you are new to this weekly column. I have limited space here. For full race results and point standings and up-coming races for tri-state short tracks, asphalt and dirt please visit my Facebook page, Ohio Sports Blitz.

The 39th annual Dirt Car Summer Nationals has come to an end. The grueling 5 week schedule in 33 days had 29 Late Model Races and 25 Modified events in 9 Midwest states this year. The

tour started in Peoria Illinois, June 12th and ended at Wayne County Speedway in Orrville Ohio July 14th.

The first Michigan stop was Butler Motor Speedway on July 11th. The late Model victory went to the series points leader, Texan, Tyler Erb. This was his 9th win and another \$5000.00 payday. The following night the tour was at Michigan's Crystal Motor Speedway where on a late race pass 27 year old Erb picked up his 10th feature win. On the follow-

ing evening the tour was at Oakshade Raceway in Wauseon. Most people know the event here as the Birthday Race. Named after the track's builder and first owner. Georgia driver Ashton Winger, likes Oakshade and always has his car dialed in. Saturday was work as usual for him and he got his 3rd victory at the track in the past 4 years. The Summer Nationals ended the 2024 tour at Wayne County Speedway on Sunday. At the very beginning of the series Tyler Erb had no intentions of competing for the over-all championship but on Sunday he won his 11th feature putting an exclamation point on the point standings. He picked up a check for \$10,000.00.

Tuesday, July 16th, Attica Raceway Park hosted the 36th annual Brad Doty Classic for the World of Outlaws 410 Winged Sprints. All eyes were on the defending champion Kyle Larson who's won three of the last four. Last Tuesday in a very close hard fought race between 5 great World of Outlaw drivers. Carson Macedo led laps 1-7 before three time Doty Classic winner Kyle Larson took the lead on lap eight only to see Macedo regain the top spot a circuit later. David Gravel, who started third, drove into the lead on lap 17. Gravel built a nearly three second lead when the caution flew on lap 26. The race for second had been fantastic involving Macedo, Logan Schuchart and Larson. Following a fuel stop, Gravel continued to lead while 11th starter Donny Schatz with a bent up front wing, charged into second while Larson, Macedo, Cory Day and Giovanni Scelzi battled hard for third. With five laps to go Gravel had caught the back of the pack and Schatz closed in but ran out of time as Gravel took the checkers. Schatz, Larson, Macedo and Day rounded out the top five. It was a \$10,000.00 payday for winner David Gravel.

Last week was another Reveal the Hammer win for Outlaw Late Model driver, Steve Needles. He won the Kalamazoo Klash and picked up some beautiful hardware and a big check.

The Supermodifieds are getting ready for the Hy-Miler weekend at Sandusky Speedway July 24th-27th. Saturday, July 27th the Supers will run 100 laps around the ½ mile paved oval. If you like fast cars this is one pavement race you need to add to your calendar. It's great racing all 3 nights and camping is available. Next week I'll recap the Kings Royal from Eldora. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report
Daniel L. Kent, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed; Receiving stolen property, Case dismissed per state, without prejudice, Costs waived; Driving under suspension, Guilty, 30 days jail, suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Display plates, Count B dismissed
Eric D. Zehr, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good

behavior
Crystal D. Zehr, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all costs; Maintain general good behavior
Johnny E. Wright, Leipsic, OH; Violation being passenger; Case dismissed; Costs waived
Kimberly R. Peffley, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Richard E. Colestock, Toledo, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Gordon D. Matthews, Sturgis, MI; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior
Steel D. Miner, Defiance, OH; OVI/under influence; Count A dismissed at defendant's cost
Chastity D. Wade, Sherwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Gary D. Pickens, Detroit, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Patricia E. Bidlack, Grover Hill, OH; Unauthorized use of a vehicle; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs paid by the defendant
Luis Morales, Scott, OH; Rape (2 counts); Endangering child (4 counts); Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court; Bond shall continue
Jodh S. Basson, Stoney Creek, ON; Head phones, Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
 Marshawn P. Williams, Van Wert, OH; Assault; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Make restitution in the amount of \$200; Shall have no contact with victim; 90 days jail, 88 days suspended
Kameron J. Apple, Paulding, OH; Open container, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; Possession of marijuana, Case dismissed per state, Costs to defendant; OVI/under the influence, Pled no contest, found guilty, 93 days jail, 90 days suspended, Operator license suspended from 7/9/24 to 7/9/25, May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail, May install IID, Show proof of insurance by 7/18/24, May petition court for reduced license suspension with IID; Failure to control, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Seat belt /drive, Count C dismissed; Drug paraphernalia, Case dismissed per state, Costs to be paid by the defendant
Jared H. Start, Ottawa Lake, MI; Overload; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs
Vijay K. Gaddam, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Thomas A. Niccum, Wabash, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Kevin D. Crane, Holgate, OH; Drive/FRA suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Warrant and warrant block

DEFIANCE AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT FOR FOUR FLAGS FOR FREEDOM INITIATIVE



The Defiance Area Foundation (DAF) made a grant to Defiance County Homegrown Workforce and Business Development Council for \$2,500. This grant was given for the Four Flags for Freedom initiative. Pictured above receiving the grant is (l-r) Erika Willitzer - Defiance County Economic Development Director and Jim Williams - DAF board president.

recalled; Registration violation, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs
Jessica A. Schuster, Swanton, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Randy L. Moore, Grover Hill, OH; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant
Chester H. Lundt III, Arlington, TX; Distracted driving; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Juan C. Sanchez-Saavedra, Detroit, MI; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Brooke Lyn A. Ankney, Cecil, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant
Micah J. Bolter, Paulding, OH; Left of center, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/drive, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant
Adalberto Vega III, Defiance, OH; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

PARKVIEW HEALTH GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION WELCOMES 38 NEW RESIDENT PHYSICIANS

Thirty-eight resident physicians were welcomed to Parkview on Friday with a white coat ceremony marking the start of their residency with Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education.

It's the third class of individuals to make the transition from student to physician through the program, which again grew year-over-year with the addition of two new programs: obstetrics and gynecology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education now includes five program tracks, including internal medicine, general surgery, transitional year, obstetrics and gynecology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Since launching in 2022, the program has inducted 87 total resident physicians.

"We're proud to be able to continue to grow the opportunities available to resident physicians in the state of Indiana and in northwest Ohio," said Dr. Susan Steffy, chief medical officer and designated institutional official, Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education.

"Throughout our five programs, these first-year doctors will continue to learn and grow alongside Parkview's team of experienced clinicians. We're eager to get started and share with them Parkview's dedication to excellent care."

The inaugural class of five obstetrics and gynecology residents was presented their white coat at this year's ceremony, beginning their four-year commitment to the program. Additionally, 15 internal medicine residents began a three-year residency, and four general surgery residents began a six-year commitment.

This year also welcomes 12 physicians into the transitional year program. The one-year program serves as a prerequisite for advanced medical residencies, including physical medicine and rehabilitation. The physical medicine and rehabilitation program is expected to welcome two resident physicians to the three-year program later this month.

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DEFIANCE MOOSE LODGE GIVES GRANT TO PAULDING VETERANS MEMORIAL



The second grant given by the Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 for July was for the Paulding Veterans Memorial. This \$1,000 grant will be put towards the current fundraising efforts of a new memorial in Paulding. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) John Daeger - Commander VFW Post 587 and Stacy McCarty - Moose Lodge Administrator.

Medical Education enters its third year, and we continue to build and grow programs that will impact our entire state and our region for generations to come," said Dr. Ray Dushman, president, Physician and Clinical Enterprise, Parkview Health. "We are building a pipeline of talent to the region, while also enhancing our physician recruitment efforts and creating greater access to care. It's easy to see both the economic and health benefits for the community."

This year's class includes a diverse roster of physicians, with 12 completing their degrees at the Indiana University School of Medicine, as well as graduates from other U.S. universities and several international institutions. This year's resident physicians and their programs are as follows:

Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident Physicians

- Sierra Froehlich, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

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August 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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Melissa Roberts - Unit #D75, 10x30: Toolbox, tools, household goods, furniture

Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold for cash to the highest bidder.

HICKSVILLE VILLAGE ORDINANCES 2024-11 - 2024-14

ORDINANCE 2024-11:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 951 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE, OHIO REGARDING REFUSE COLLECTION.

ORDINANCE 2024-12:
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC NUISANCES

ORDINANCE 2024-13:
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS

ORDINANCE 2024-14:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Document may be seen in its entirety at the office of the Fiscal Officer at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville Ohio 43526.

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- William Conley, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin

- Steven Jacob, MD, Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine

- Benjamin McSweeney, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

- Alexandra Schray, MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

- Translational Year Resident Physicians

- Thomas Akurugo, MD, University of Illinois College of Medicine - Rockford

- Samantha Andryk, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Christian Daake, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Griffin Elzey, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

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- Mahmood Kedo, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Nicholas Nguyen, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- John Reed, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Abdurrahman Roussi, MD, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

- Kevin Roy, DO, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

- Chaenny Sim, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Resident Physicians

- Aatif Basher, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine

- Muzammil Ali-Khan, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

According to the Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board, continued investment in the state's physician pipeline is critical to meeting increasing demand, especially in rural and underserved areas, and for improving health outcomes and quality of life for all Hoosiers.

To learn more about the Parkview Health Graduate Medical Education program, visit parkview.com/GME.

NEW MOBILE MEDICAL TRAINING LAB ELEVATES TRAINING FOR REGION'S FIRST RESPONDERS

A unique new vehicle is responding to the needs of first responders, bringing advanced training and education directly where it's needed.

Through the generosity of the EMS Foundation and other community partners, the Mobile Medical Training Lab, also known as the "mobile lab," will be used to provide advanced medical simulation training throughout northern Indiana and north-west Ohio. The lab will sup-

port advanced training for first responders and all clinical caregivers to effectively address gaps in training for rural medical personnel.

The vehicle is equipped with advanced technology to simulate medical emergencies and allow clinicians to experience hands-on training in a lifelike environment. The spaces on the unit can be adapted to provide customized training, better preparing public safety personnel to respond to a variety of real-life emergencies.

The \$500,000, custom-built vehicle is the result of a community partnership among several area organizations. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Foundation funded the purchase of the lab, which is operated by the team at the Advanced Medical Simulation Lab at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation. The EMS Foundation is part of the Fort Wayne Medical Society and is comprised of representatives from Fort Wayne hospitals, Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRAA), Fort Wayne Fire Department (FWFD) and Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD).

The mobile lab will be used to provide at least 250 hours of training per year for TRAA, FWFD and FWPD personnel. It will also be made available to police, fire and EMS departments throughout the region, improving access to advanced medical training for all first responders, especially those in rural communities.

"Advanced medical training is important for everyone working in public safety to ensure they are prepared to handle any situation," said Dr. Christian Bridgewater, president, EMS Foundation, and medical director for Parkview Samaritan. "The mobile unit will elevate training for area first responders by allowing them to practice skills in a customizable, lifelike environment. It also gives departments the opportunity to offer on-site training, making it easier for personnel to complete their ever-increasing continuing education requirements."

The mobile lab is the first vehicle of its kind in Indiana. It was manufactured by Life-Line Mobile in Columbus, Ohio, which creates custom mobile units for healthcare organizations across the country.

The 42-foot truck is equipped with two simulation rooms, two control rooms, and a debriefing space. The simulation room near the front of the vehicle can be customized for use in a wide variety of training scenarios.

The simulation room to the rear of the vehicle is a near-replica of a TRAA ambulance, with equipment and seating positioned in the same manner. This simulated environment allows for realistic training without taking an active ambulance out of service.

The Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation's Advanced Medical Simulation Lab is accredited through the Society for Simulation in Healthcare and is an Accredited Education Institute through the American College of Surgeons. Parkview's team already offers simulation training to area first responders in its

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Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

existing Advanced Mobile Medical Simulation Lab, which is a fully functional ambulance fitted with medical simulation technology. The new mobile lab expands and enhances the team's mobile simulation capabilities.

"Simulation-based education results in better translation of skills compared to traditional methods of education, and it allows professionals to prepare for rare or intense scenarios that are otherwise difficult to replicate," explained Dr. Michael Mirro, chief academic research officer, Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation. "The mobile lab makes this advanced training accessible to more public safety teams and healthcare staff, who may not be able to travel to a sim lab or purchase their own advanced training equip-

ment. Improving access to this education will improve the delivery of emergency care for our communities and help address the high trauma-related mortality rate in rural areas in our region."

The mobile lab has been operational since late 2023, thanks to financial support from the Parkview Health Foundation, which also includes funding from the Fort Wayne Medical Society Foundation. Continued operation of the mobile lab will be funded through a combination of grants, philanthropic support and revenue from training events.

Contributions to support the mobile medical training lab may be made through the Parkview Health Foundation's SIM Fund.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

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

vs.

MINNIE E. CRAFT, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-24-093

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— Stephen K. Snively (0018935)
Attorney for Plaintiff

MARSHALL'S MOUNTAIN RECEIVES GRANT



Marshall's Mountain recently received a \$1,000 grant from Defiance Moose Lodge #2094. Marshalls Mountain will be using this grant to purchase accessories for the track chair. This is the third grant given out this month from the Moose! Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Ross Joost - Treasurer for Marshall's Mountain and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING, SCRIPPS GERONTOLOGY CENTER TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE SURVEY OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

New Scripps studies show Ohio making progress to modernize long-term care service delivery. COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy announced today that Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University will soon launch Ohio's Biennial Survey of Long-Term Care Facilities.

The survey is commissioned by ODA as part of Ohio's commitment to using data to drive informed improvements in long-term care. It is the only survey that collects information from every long-term care facility in the state. It captures metrics in several categories, such as capacity, occupancy, payment types accepted, staff, types of services offered, and more.

Participation in this survey is mandated for all long-term care facilities by Section 173.44 of the Ohio Revised

Code.

"It is our hope that every long-term care facility in the state will be proud to complete the survey," Director McElroy said. "The information provided is used by the Ohio General Assembly, state agencies, and long-term care facilities alike to recognize trends and identify potential opportunities to enhance operations and boost the quality of care and quality of life being provided to residents."

Facility administrators will be contacted directly in the coming days with instructions on accessing and completing the survey. Staff from Scripps Gerontology Center are available to provide technical assistance to facility administrators as necessary.

Administrators can contact the Scripps helpline by emailing biennialtsurvey@miamioh.edu or by calling 1-844-850-0043.

Based on the results of previous long-term care surveys spanning over 30 years, Scripps Gerontology Center published a pair of new studies this week. Supported by ODA, the studies found that

Ohio has made significant strides in modernizing its long-term care system to align with the growing trend of older adults who prefer to receive services in their homes and communities.

"We are providing more options than ever when it comes to how older adults receive care in Ohio," Director McElroy said. "Many of the programs we have launched in recent years aim to improve access to home- and community-based services for older Ohioans across the state. Other initiatives target improving the quality of care and quality of life in nursing homes. While there is still work to be done, these studies demonstrate that we are making progress in these areas, and toward our ultimate vision of making Ohio the best place to age in the nation."

The studies are now available on the Scripps Gerontology Center's website:

- A Profile of Home and Community Based Services in Ohio
- A Profile of Nursing Homes in Ohio

"I am grateful to the Scripps Gerontology Center for their years of work that have gone into this project and their ongoing partnership with our department - helping us collect and analyze data about Ohio's older population," added McElroy. "Their work has helped inform and accelerate innovative concepts that empower people to age on their own terms and in their preferred environments."

The studies are part of Scripps Gerontology Center's Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project, which was created in 1993 by ODA and the Ohio General Assembly to track data about the growing number of older Ohioans likely to need long-term care services and supports with the goal of informing the development of future state policies and plans to serve these residents.

At the time the project began, nine out of 10 Ohioans ages 60 and older with severe disabilities and who were supported by Medicaid lived in nursing homes. Today, more than six out of 10 people in that category receive their care in home- and community-based settings.

"The changes that Ohio has made in supporting greater independence for community living for older people has impacted generations of Ohioans," said Dr. Bob Applebaum, who has led the Scripps Gerontology Center's Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project since its creation. "As a state with the sixth-largest older population in the nation, accomplishing this achievement is nothing short of remarkable."

In the 1990s, Ohio ranked 47th in the country in providing long-term care services in the community, but a recent national scorecard by AARP now ranks Ohio 14th-best in that category. Over that time period, Ohio saw the number of people above age 85 grow by 100,000, but the state now maintains fewer nursing home beds and a lower occupancy rate than 30 years ago.

"Under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Aging has worked to introduce new initiatives and support existing programs that meet older Ohioans where they are most comfortable," said Director McElroy. "We have expanded

the state's menu of options for people who want to be sure they are able to receive the level of care that is right for them, while also being able to remain connected to their families, friends, and communities."

In the past year alone, ODA launched its Healthy Aging Grants Program, which is providing \$40 million in support of local aging services like food and housing assistance, as well as internet access and digital literacy services in home settings. ODA is also leading one of the nation's largest expansions of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and is investing \$6 million to revitalize adult day services across the state - both of which provide opportunities for social connection while giving older adults options in where they live while receiving care.

At the same time, however, the studies also noted that with almost 500,000 Ohioans ages 80 and older, and with more than 180,000 older individuals experiencing severe disabilities, the need for long-term care services in institutional settings like nursing homes will continue into the future.

To combat industry workforce shortages and quality concerns magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor DeWine last year convened the Nursing Home Quality & Accountability Task Force, with the goal of improving nursing home care throughout the state. The task force's Recommendations Report laid the foundation for the Governor and Ohio General Assembly to pass a package of nursing home investments and policy reforms as part of the state operating budget.

In recent months, work has begun to implement several of the task force's recommendations. In mid-February, Governor DeWine and Director McElroy announced the launch of the Ohio Nursing Home Quality Navigator - a new online tool providing users detailed information about nursing homes across the state in one convenient digital location. Ohio is also investing in regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs to strengthen their support of nursing home residents.

NEW ONLINE DATABASE A "FRST" IN FERTILIZER KNOWLEDGE SHARING

When growing crops, fertilizer is a critical component. Too often, however, knowing what type of fertilizer to use, how much to apply, where, and when for peak crop production can be a major challenge for growers.

Soil scientists and agronomists at The Ohio State University are part of a national team of over 100 agricultural professionals that has launched a new tool to pave the way for future advancements in crop nutrient management. The team represents nearly 50 universities, USDA, not-for-profit organizations, and one private sector partner.

Manbir Rakkar, assistant professor of soil fertility and nutrient management in Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, Environmental, and Environmental Sciences, is part of the team and is excited about the new online national soil fertility database and decision support tool, called the

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL FCCLA RECEIVES GRANT



In the month of July, Defiance Moose Lodge #2094 granted donations to 10 different organizations! The first grant given this month was to Fairview High School FCCLA. The students will be using this \$1,000 grant for their National Competition coming up in Seattle. Pictured receiving the grant are (l-r) Ruby Elston and Paul Speiser - Fairview students and Stacy McCartney - Moose Lodge Administrator.

Fertilizer Recommendation Support Tool (FRST).

"FRST provides unbiased, science-based interpretation of soil test phosphorus and potassium values for crop fertilization from across the U.S. It indicates where there is no expected yield increase from fertilizer application," said Rakkar. "Quickly changing climate conditions only makes efficient fertilizer management more complicated. This new tool can potentially save farmers and land managers millions of dollars annually while reducing excess nutrient losses to the environment."

Leonardo Deiss, a visiting assistant professor in Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) and a member of the project team who developed the tool, said "We are extremely excited about the launch of this digital decision support tool. FRST was developed in response to the pressing need to harmonize soil testing across state boundaries. It represents an improvement in our ability to evaluate soil test correlation."

In addition to Rakkar and Deiss, other team members from Ohio State include Gregory LaBarge, OSU Extension field specialist, agronomic systems, and Jim Ippolito, the Rattan Lal Endowed Professor of Soil Health and Soil

Fertility. Former Ohio State soil fertility specialist, Steve Culman, made significant contributions to the FRST with Ohio-based soil data.

The new web-based tool includes historical and current research data, including 2,500 phosphorus and potassium trials for 21 major agricultural crops, with the majority being corn and soybean. It includes published and unpublished trial data from 40 states and Puerto Rico. In the next phase, the FRST will provide research-based phosphorus or potassium rate response information to assist farmers in selecting the minimum fertilizer rate expected to produce maximal crop yield.

Key features of FRST include:

- Data-Driven: FRST utilizes a dynamic database of soil test correlation data that is constantly updated to improve testing confidence.
- Crop Specific: The database currently covers 21 major commodity crops.
- Geographically Diverse: Includes published and unpublished trial data from 40 states and Puerto Rico.
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A young boy sat in his hotel room in tears. He was washed up. He had been a failure at the thing that was most dear to his heart. Mickey Charles had failed in the profession that his dad had trained him for since he was 3 years old. There was nothing left to do but to call his dad. "Dad I'm just a failure, dad I'm coming home." "Wait Right where you are, I'll be there." Mickey had his mind made up, he would not be persuaded.

The drive from Sparinaw, Oklahoma to the LaSalle Hotel in Kansas City was a bit over 150 mi, or 4 hours. This would give dad a chance to think, as he had no idea of what to tell his son. His dad had known since Mickey was a lad that he had talent, but how would he convince his son. Father didn't want his son to spend his entire life in the mines, as he had. He had told his son repeatedly, "You must believe in yourself."

4 hours later father arrived, knocked and walked in. He said nothing. Found Mickey's suitcase and started throwing things in. "I'm taking you back to the mines, you'll be a miner just like me

for your entire life." "I thought I hadn't raised a coward." Now father began to tear up. Mickey shot back, "I'll show you who's a coward." Need I say the son returned to his job and became one of the best of all time at his profession.

The boy was Mickey Charles Mantle, probably one of the top five players of the game. He played 18 seasons as centerfielder for the New York Yankees. 18 times an American League All-Star. Four times American League MVP, four times American League home run title, and a batting average of .298.

Mickey was playing when I was in high school, and the Yankees were in the world series nearly every year. We would watch the world series on TV in study hall. Mickey played in seven world series in won four of them. He was the last of the Yankee superstars. Ruth and Gerig, Mickey and Joe DiMaggio, and Yogi Berra. Perhaps even Derig Jeter. While writing this I discovered something which I never knew that I would like to share at another time.

—James Neuhouser

dataset that provides reliable outcomes.

For more information about FRST and how it can transform nutrient management on your farm or in your organization, visit soiltestfrst.org and click on "Tool."

Funding for the FRST project has been provided by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, including the Conservation Innovation Grants; the USDA's Agricultural Research Service; the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture; and corporate partner OCP North America.

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$66M FOR CONSERVATION WORK WITH STATES, TRIBES, PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AS PART OF INVESTING IN AMERICA AGENDA

During a meeting of the Western Governors' Association. Deputy Secretary of

Agriculture Xochitl Torres Small announced that USDA is investing nearly \$66 million for projects to reduce wildfire risk, protect water quality and improve forest health across the nation as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda.

Deputy Secretary Torres Small also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Western Governors' Association, reestablishing the framework for cooperatively responding to the many challenges faced across western landscapes. The MOU, signed on behalf of the USDA alongside Governors Brad Little of Idaho, Joe Lombardo of Nevada, Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Doug Burgum of North Dakota, and Mark Gordon of Wyoming, amplifies the scale of shared stewardship work between participating states and the USDA. It also fosters better integration of forest and rangeland health and wildfire risk re-

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duction projects across different land ownerships.

"People across rural America face growing wildfire threats to their homes, business, infrastructure, and resources," said Deputy Secretary Torres Small. "Through the investments announced today, President Biden is investing in state and local governments, Tribal partners, and private landowners to ensure our landscapes are healthy, our infrastructure is strong, and our communities stay safe."

Of the total investment announced, \$12 million is being provided through the USDA Forest Service's Good Neighbor Authority, allowing the agency to collaborate with state forestry agencies, Tribes and counties to mitigate wildfire risk and enhance forest, rangeland and watershed health. This funding will support 22 projects across 13 states, thanks to funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Nearly \$9 million of the total funding will be allocated to support projects in several states that are part of the Western Governors' Association member states, including Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The Department is also investing \$55 million of the total funding to reduce wildfire risk, and improve water quality and forest health through the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership. This collaborative effort between USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Forest Service aims to work with private, state, and Tribal

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landowners to conserve forests and agricultural lands alongside federally managed lands while safeguarding communities. The \$55 million investment will support 41 projects -- including 10 new projects -- across 11 states.

This program advances President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which sets a goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal climate,

clean energy, and other investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

The NRCS and Forest Service are also now accepting proposals for Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership projects for fiscal year 2025 projects. FY 2025 project proposals can include post-fire watershed recovery efforts and wildlife corridors, in addition to wildfire risk reduction, protecting water quality and other priorities. Applications are due on Aug. 23, 2024.

"These projects are indicative of a growing movement of cooperation around natural resource issues for the betterment of us all," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "A keystone of the Joint Chiefs' projects is the people and the understanding that the healthier our forests, the healthier our nation."

"The Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership enables NRCS and the Forest Service to collaborate with agricultural producers and forest landowners to invest in conservation and restoration at a big enough scale to make a difference in their communities," said NRCS Chief Terry Cosby. "Working with federal, state and local agencies at this scale, helps reduce wildfire threats, protect water quality and supply, improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species, and ultimately combat climate change."

Today's announcements also build on Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's announcement last week of \$18 million for 23 new Tribal Forest Protection Act projects.

Joint Chiefs' Restoration Partnership

Since 2014, USDA has invested more than \$423 million in 134 projects in 42 states as well as Guam and Puerto Rico through the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership. This program focuses on areas where national forests and grass-

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Sudoku solution from page 9

lands intersect with privately-owned lands.

Good Neighbor Authority Established by Congress in 2014, Good Neighbor Authority provides the Forest Service a straightforward way to enter into management agreements with states, Tribes and counties. The Good Neighbor Authority pools federal, state, Tribal, and county resources to complete more forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration work on national forests and grasslands. President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorizes \$160 million over five years for states and Tribes to implement restoration projects on federally managed lands through the Good Neighbor Authority and the Tribal Forest Protection Act.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America and committing to equity across the department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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MUSEUM HOSTING BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER



JPHS will host its annual Chicken BBQ from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3 in Paulding. Pictured above are last year's volunteers who served about 300 meals.

Once again, Andy's Knockout Chicken from Fort Wayne will be roasting delicious barbecue chicken from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3. The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, across the street from the fairgrounds. Select either a half-chicken or quarter-chicken. Meals include chicken, baked beans, choice of cole slaw or fresh vegetables, plus apple-sauce and chips.

Dinners are available for carry-out, or to eat in the museum's comfortable air conditioned dining room.

For more information contact any director, officer or at the museum on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or call 419-399-8218 or Angie at 419-393-2876.

This is an important annual fundraiser for the museum. Enjoy some mouthwatering barbecued chicken and fixings while supporting the John Paulding Historical Museum in its mission of "Preserving the Past for Future Generations."



LIFEWISE ACADEMY COMING TO WOODLAN ELEMENTARY!

coming to the East Allen County community! LifeWise is a released time religious instruction program which lists to provide Bible education for public school students during school hours. The program is off school property, privately funded, and parent permitted. We are excited to share information about LifeWise Academy and the local LifeWise EACA during registra-

LifeWise Academy is

tion at Woodlan Elementary. Local LifeWise representatives will be available to sign up students on July 24, 12:00-7:00 p.m. and July 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon at Woodlan Elementary School.

TWELVE PARKVIEW HEALTH NURSES RECEIVE DAISY AWARD

Twelve Parkview Health nurses were recognized this spring by The DAISY Foundation for extraordinary nursing.

The DAISY Foundation was founded in memory of Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old man who spent eight weeks in a hospital being treated for an autoimmune disorder. During his stay, Barnes received excellent nursing care, and, in his memory, his family created The DAISY Foundation to honor nurses who go above and beyond for their patients.

Recognized in 40 countries and territories, the Foundation has honored 220,000+ nurses across 6,500+ healthcare organizations and schools of nursing—with more than 2.5 million nominations submitted by patients, families and colleagues. The award not only recognizes nurses for exceptional care, but helps to inspire and engage co-workers, build team spirit and reinforce the importance of providing patient and family-centered care.

Between April 1 and June 30, the following 12 nurses received DAISY awards. For their individual award stories and photos, follow the below links to The DAISY

HOMETOWN SPEECH CONNECTIONS OPENS IN ANTWERP



Hometown Speech Connections opened an office in Antwerp on July 7th and was recognized by the Antwerp Chamber of Commerce on July 17th with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Jennifer Smith, resident of Antwerp, OH is a speech-language pathologist and is the owner

of Hometown Speech Connections located at the Main Street Business Center in downtown Antwerp (122 S Main St.). For more information, please give Jennifer a call at 419-210-1822.

Pictured above with Jennifer is Antwerp Chamber members (l-r) Shelly Walker,

Sue Fowler, Jennifer Smith (owner), Christy DeLong (Chamber president), Mike Schneider (Chamber VP), and Heather Matusiak.

Welcome to Antwerp Hometown Speech Connections! (Be on the lookout for a Chamber Business Spotlight coming soon!).

Foundation website:

- Joann Blount, Carew med/surg, Parkview Hospital Randallia
- Jennifer Coffey, Medical 6 South, Parkview Regional Medical Center
- Melinda Leatherman, OB/Family Birthing Center, Parkview Hospital Randallia
- Andrea Magnuson, OB, Parkview Noble Hospital
- Jessica Maines, med/surg, Parkview LaGrange Hospital
- Mary Miller, med/surg, Parkview Whitley Hospital
- Kali Moran, progressive critical care, Parkview Regional Medical Center
- Meghan Pearson, emergency department, Parkview DeKalb Hospital
- Molly Pettit, Family Birthing Center, Parkview Huntington Hospital
- Brittany Saaf, med/surg, Parkview Kosciusko Hospital

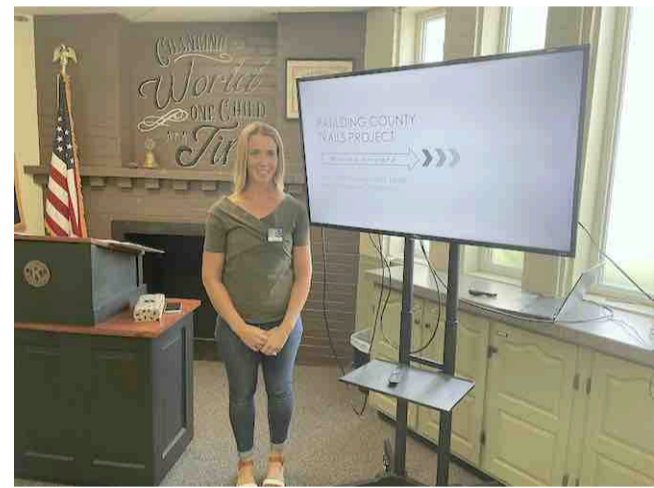
- Julie Tarlton, ortho trauma, Parkview Regional Medical Center
- Marlayna Young, emergency department, Parkview Wabash Hospital

"Having 12 nurses recognized by The DAISY Foundation this spring is a real honor," said Juli Johnson, chief nursing and patient services executive, Parkview Health. "The stories reflected in these award nominations show the compassionate care and dedication to their patients that our nurses bring to the job every day. Whether it's taking time to fully address questions, or taking time to calm and comfort patients and their families, or advocating for the needs of their patients, our nurses go above and beyond for those they serve."

In total, 68 Parkview nurses have been honored with a DAISY award since 2021.

For more information about The DAISY Award, visit www.daisyfoundation.org.

NOGGLE SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Erica Noggle (Executive Director, Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce and fellow Kiwanian) as the guest speaker at the July 18,

2024, club meeting. Erica presented at the invitation of Bob West (Holcim). She spoke to the Kiwanians about the Paulding County Trails project and how this initiative will impact Paulding County.

PAULDING COUNTY RECYCLE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Paulding Village Recycling Pick-up which is normally the FIRST WEEKEND of each

month will be changed for the month of AUGUST ONLY.

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—Shannon Ruschel, WMEA director



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