



VICTOR'S MART RIBBON CUTTING IN PAULDING



Greg Reinhart, Abby Hornish (Union Bank and Paulding Area Chamber), Brad Harsha (Paulding Area Chamber board chairman and First Financial), Trout Mosier (National Oil & Gas), Victor Sharman (owner), Tim Copsey (PC Economic Development), and employees of Victor's Mart.

On Friday, August 2 Victor's Mart opened in Paulding at 327 W. Wayne St. The village officials and community leaders welcomed the new convenience store owners to the community with a ribbon cutting by the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce. The

event was heralded by the Paulding County Economic Development along with the Chamber.

The property was sold by Greg Reinhart last year for the purpose of the new store. The location was sought out by new owner Victor Sharma,

along with Trout Mosier of National Oil and Gas, providing Sunoco fuels.

The store has been on everyone's radar since construction started along State Rd 111 (Wayne St. in the village limits). The prices for fuel were

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2ND ANNUAL YOUTH BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AT FLAT ROCK CREEK FALL FESTIVAL

Paulding County Economic Development (PCED), in collaboration with First Financial Bank, Ohio Small Business Development Center, Paulding Area Chamber of

Commerce, and the Fall Creek Festival staff have again organized a Youth Business Showcase for young entrepreneurs to display and sell their products or services. Youth up to age 18 are invited to sign up for this year's fall event.

The 2024 Business Showcase hopes to build on the suc-

cessful event last year and showcases the unwavering belief in the limitless potential of Paulding County's talented youth. The event will be held at the OSU Extension Building, located at 503 Fairground Drive in Paulding and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 21st, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is part of the much-anticipated annual Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival.

This event aims to provide a platform for our young innovators, offering them an opportunity to turn their dreams into reality, by showcasing their creations to a broader audience. We firmly believe that our community is brim-

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47th ANNUAL MAUMEE VALLEY ANTIQUE STEAM & GAS ENGINE SHOW



The 47th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Engine Show will be held August 15-18, 2024 at Jefferson Township Park, 1720 S. Webster Road, New Haven, IN at the corner of Webster and Dawkins Roads. Memberships are available at the office. Golf carts are permitted with proof of insurance.

The show opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at dusk. We are featuring John Deere, J. I. Case, Ford, Ford Ferguson tractors, gas engines and garden tractors. All makes of

tractors, gas engines and garden tractors are also welcome. Classic cars and trucks are invited to a cruise-in from 9:00 a.m. to dusk Friday and Saturday and until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All exhibitors are free but must register at the office to receive a button and plaque.

See the 125 HP, 15-ton Buckeye Oil Engine that came from Grabill, IN, one of two in existence that are still running. A stationary Chuse steam engine will also be in

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FEDERAL COURT BLOCKS NEW OHIO ELECTIONS LAW AFFECTING VOTERS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES

On July 22, 2024, the U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio issued an injunction preventing Ohio from enforcing part of its election reform law which passed last year. U.S. District Judge Bridget Meehan Brennan's decision cited violation of the federal Voting Rights Act, which allows voters with disabilities to get help from anyone except their employer or union rep-

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AUGLAIZE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Friday, August 16, 2024 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Auglaize Chapel Church of God (22652 County Road 60/ 3½ South of Oakwood) will be hosting an Ice Cream Social.

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Community Calendar

MON & WED

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

August 6

- NA Meeting @ Cecil Community Church, 6 PM
- Movie Night at the Museum @ JPHS, 6:30pm
- National Night Out @ Science Central, 5-8pm

August 7

- Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm

August 8

- American Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1st Church of Christ, Hicksville, 12:30-6pm
- Trivia Night @ Oasis Bar & Grill, Antwerp, 6pm

August 10

- Heritage Lions @ Monroeville Comm Park
- Flat Rock Creek clean up @ CR 47 to CR 87

August 14

- Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm
- WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, 5:30pm

August 15

- Patio Concert @ Huber, 5:30pm
- Parkinson's Support Group @ VW Senior Ctr., 1:30pm

August 15-18

- Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show, NH

August 16

- Ice Cream Social @ Auglaize Chapel Ch. of God, 4-6:30p

August 17

- Canal Tour beginning @ JPHS, 10am



Add your event to the calendar info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES



Lynn was born on May 8, 1935 the son of Don and Maxine Lichty. First of all, friends described him as a gentleman, always dressed up, acting with kindness and love. And beneath the entertainer was a comedy writer. He was a comic book writer for "sick" magazine from 1968 to 1974. Lynn wrote a weekly comedy and mystery column for the Antwerp Bee Argus. Lynn spun records for skaters at the roller rink west of Antwerp that his parents owned. His parents wintered in Florida in the 1950s during his younger years. Although he did not graduate from Antwerp he was interested in the alumni. Sandy Temple took him to the alumni dance and he loved chatting with the alumni and Sandy only got one dance. After the skating rink closed he operated a pool hall in Woodburn. He was a master pool player and played in many tournaments. Lynn loved music and was an accomplished guitar player and gave lessons. He loved to sing, and was often invited to join other groups to sing. Lynn went to the Antwerp school elementary classes and read his poem. "Busbys Pool Hall." He won first prize on a poem contest for Sandy Temple's next book. The children were very much interested in Antwerp history. He was an officer of the Otto Ehrhart Paulding County historical society. Lynn was also very interested in the depot. The last conversation he had with Sandy Temple was about what was happening to it. Lynn has a great appetite as anyone could have witnessed and savored every morsel and took his time. Lynn's family attended Bethel United Methodist Church at Forders Bridge and Lynn, the Presbyterian Church in Antwerp and liked to attend other churches for the fellowship. He will be sadly missed by many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Maxine. He will be laid to rest privately. Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

PAYNE, OH:

Evelyn Marie Copsy, 88, of Payne, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Evelyn was born in Paulding on February 25, 1936, a daughter of the late Matilda (Ditlinger) & William Coughlin.

Evelyn dedicated many years of her life to serving as the secretary for Divine Mercy Catholic Church, formerly known as St. John's, in Payne. Despite retiring from her role, she remains an active and devoted member of the congregation. Evelyn finds joy in arts and crafts, music, cooking, and tending to her flowers. Her deep passion for her Catholic faith has been a guiding force throughout her life. She cherishes her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, who hold a special place in her heart.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Wayne; children, Bruce Copsy & Angela (Brian) Santo; sister, Patricia (Michael) Young; grandchildren, Nathan & Tiffany May; & great-grandchild, Harmony Demery.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her siblings, Margaret McNamee, Francis (Bonnie), Joseph, Donald (Sue) Coughlin.

Viewing will be Tuesday, July 30th, from 4-7:30 PM with a Rosary service at 7:30, at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne.

Viewing is also Wednesday, July 31st, from 9-9:30 AM at the funeral home.

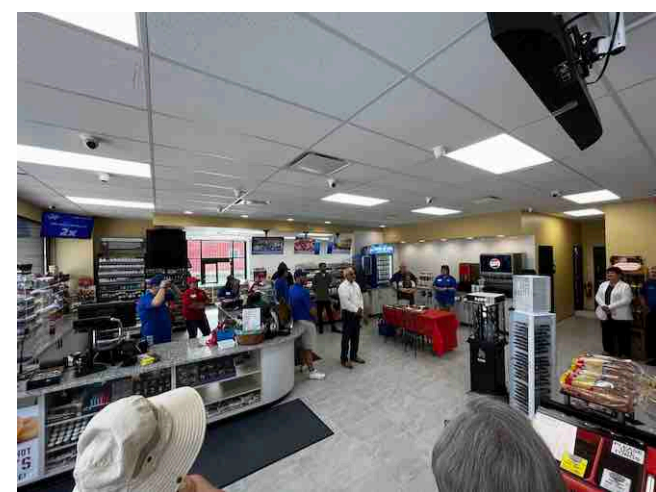
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 10 AM at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne.

Memorials are to Masses or Catholic Charities, Toledo.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Antwerp, OH:

Lynn Elwood Lichty, 89, was united with Jesus on Monday, July 22, 2024. He had been a resident of Antwerp and most recently Vancrest of Hicksville



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lower than many of the area stations, which will certainly be a draw.

The store is making and selling Noble Romans pizzas right on site. Along with the pizzas, there are sandwiches, breakfast foods, and others for convenience food options

place on Sunday, August 25th at Fort Wayne International Airport, Aviation Hangar 2019, 11021 W. Perimeter Road from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Public invited fro this event that benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Children under 5 FREE! The menu will be serving eggs to your order, sausage, ham, pancakes, hash browns, toast, coffee, milk, or orange juice. For more information, please contact: 260-426-4543 or visit the website, mizpahshrine.com

HOUSE OF LOVE OUTREACH MINISTRIES BAPTIZE 3

Let it be known to all that on the 28th day of July 2024 that the following souls were saved and baptized on this day by the House of Love Outreach Ministries: Robert Michael Oller, Mollie Renee Oller and Erin Karlstadt. This makes 278 baptized by House of Love. Glory to God!

THE VINE & BRANCHES

By: Doris Applegate; Scribed by: Cynthia Nicholson

If you are a born again (saved) believer in the Lord Jesus Christ you are told to be connected to the vine. The vine is Jesus Christ. He is the vine and we are the branches. The branches bear the fruit. We must stay in the vine and bear fruit or be cast aside and burned in the fire. If we bear fruit God will prune us hoping that we bear more fruit. The fruit is the good things that we do unto others.

We are told to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. What would you like to have done unto you today? Just go out and find someone and do that unto them. You will not have to go very far to find someone in need. God will surely prune your life so that you will bear much fruit. Being pruned is not pleasant, but so important. As we yield to God's pruning hook you must stay quiet before Him. God has invested great spiritual time energy, patience and love in every born again person. Because we belong to Jesus Christ we can not please ourselves anymore. The big question is, are we doing our own thing or pleasing God? The devil tries to reap us

throughout the day.

Victor's Mart also features propane exchange and Bustin' Beaver firewood from an area business. The West Bend News will also be featured at the store to pick up for free. Hours for Victor's Mart will be 5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Sundays.

from the goal of fruit bearing that God has ordained for us. This is a constant battle between good and evil. As we love the Lord God with all our heart, soul and strength and our neighbors as our self we win.

Since we as winners we do not think of losing. Viney connected to the vine there is never even a thought of losing. Are you connected? Amen

ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITIES

8/5 - Sittercise @ 10am; Rummy @ 10:30am; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Bible Stories @ 2:15pm

8/6 - Sittercise @ 10am; UNO @ 10:30am; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Nails by Taylor @ 3pm; Library Services

8/7 - Sittercise @ 10am; Dominoes @ 10:30am; VFW Lunch @ Noon; Bigno @ 1:15pm; Euchre @ 2:30pm

8/8 - What's for Dessert? @ 9am; Bingo @ 10:30am; Beauticians @ 12pm; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30pm

8/9 - Sittercise @ 10am; Bingo @ 10:30am; M&M Tasting @ 12:45pm; Euchre @ 1:30pm; Move Time @ 3pm

8/10 - LRC @ 10:30am; Move matinee @ 1:15pm; Puzzle Table @ 2:30pm

8/11 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30am; Bingo @ 1:30pm; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4pm

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

8/5 - Exercise @ 10am; Cornhole @ 10:30am; Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbara @ 12pm; Bridge Club @ 12:30pm

8/6 - Euchre @ 9:45am; Bingo w/The Country Inn @ 12pm

8/7 - Rummy @ 9am; PERI Meeting @ 10am; Witt's Workout @ 10am; Birthday & Anniversary Celebration w/Gospel Illustration Tim Mabis @ 11:30am; Grocery shopping @ 1pm

8/8 - Toenail Clinic; Euchre @ 9:45am; Exercise @ 10am

8/9 - Bible Study @ 10am; Commodity Distribution, 10a-3p; Antwerp Day in the Park - Iced coffee & donuts

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

8/5 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, tossed salad, grape juice, garlic bread

Scripture of the Week

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

— James 1:22

AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS



Father, I confess anew Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior today. Lord, You are the head of my life. I completely yield myself to You. My will is now Your will. My plans are now Your plans.

"As a new creation in Christ Jesus, I accept the gift of righteousness and all that

gift includes: health, prosperity, peace, joy and life abundant. I put aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets me. I now look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith.

"According to Your Word, I can now reign in this life as a king. The power of sin and death in my life has been over come. No longer am I ruled by the forces of evil but by the God above all gods. I am more than a conqueror through Him who loves me.

"I determine today to walk conscious of my right-standing with You, Lord, and with every step to draw closer and closer to You. Thank You for the gift of righteousness. Because of that gift, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

"In Jesus' Name, Amen!"
Peace & Love,
—Pastor Dwayne

8/6 - Ham & swiss on rye, vegetable soup, potato salad, peaches, cookie, crackers

8/7 - Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, birthday cake, dinner roll

8/8 - BBQ pork burger, seasoned potaoes, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, apple granola bars

8/9 - Hot chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, coleslaw, ambrosia, apple juice

TWO PARKVIEW HEALTH HOSPITALS RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and Parkview Ortho Hospital (POH) were named to the 2024 U.S. News and World Report Best Hospitals ranking.

PRMC was ranked No. 4 overall in Indiana, putting it in the top 11% of facilities nationally. PRMC was also recognized as a "High Performing" facility for seven different procedures/ conditions, while POH was named High Performing in three categories.

"Parkview Regional Medical Center has provided comprehensive, high quality care to northeast Indiana for more than a decade," said John Bowen, president, PRMC and Affiliates. "Co-located with our specialty facilities for orthopedic, heart, cancer and women and children's care, patients can get the services they need all on one campus delivered by our dedicated and skilled co-workers."

"We're proud to be recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a High Performing facility for our orthopedic services," said Dr. Alan McGee, president, Parkview Health Orthopedics. "Our physicians and surgeons work closely with their patients to create an appropriate care plan and help them achieve their goals."

Three of PRMC's high-performing marks come from cancer care provided at the Parkview Packnett Family Cancer Institute, where Parkview was recognized for excellent leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma care; colon cancer surgery; and prostate cancer surgery. Parkview's cardiology care via the Parkview Heart Institute notched two accolades for abdominal aortic aneurysm repair and heart failure care, while stroke and COPD services were recognized as high performing.

Parkview Ortho Hospital received high-performing ratings in all three categories U.S. News considers for ortho specialty hospitals - back surgery (spinal fusion), hip replacement and knee replacement.

U.S. News's Best Hospitals project evaluates U.S. adult hospitals annually on how they provide 36 different types of care. The rankings of 15 medical specialties use a variety of quality measures to identify the hospitals that excel at handling the most complex and difficult cases. The ratings of 21 common procedures and conditions are based entirely on objective quality indicators,



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DOES YOUR CHEWING GUM LOSE ITS FLAVOR?

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker
I happened to see a headline as I was surfing the net and it was about the 12 worst places to go on vacation.

In other words the article was about "don't waste your money or time going to see these places." The one that interested me was The Gum Wall. Located in Seattle, the gum wall has quite a history regarding chewed up gum.

Your first reaction may be "yuck who wants to see someone's old chewing gum?"

Of course being the curious person I am my first question would be, "What are the various kinds of gum on the wall?" "How old is the oldest one and how does that gum stick to those bricks so long?"

The wall is located in Post Alley adjacent to the box office for the Market Theater, a venue for comedy shows and other small performances.

The Gum Wall was a result of people waiting in line to get in the theater. For some reason, they took their chewed gum and stuck it on the brick wall. Why? I have no idea.

But by 1991, the theater's brick walls were covered by patrons' pieces of chewed gum that had pennies pushed into them. The coins were later removed, but the gum remained.

When the first layer of gum found its place on the brick surface, the wall slowly turned into a burst of different colors. The persistence of gum-wielding patrons and the homey nature of the market atmosphere led to the acceptance of this weird tradition.

The Gum Wall became more than just a collection of discarded chewing gum over time and soon evolved into an art project.

Visitors would add their own unique touches by moulding the gum into shapes, spelling out names, and even creating little sculptures.

By the late 2000s, the gum wall had grown to 50 feet (15 m) long and included pieces as high as 20 feet. Some

contributors to the gum wall arranged their pieces to create small works of art.

Since 1999, it has become one of the most recognizable tourist destinations in the Pike Place Market area and receives thousands of visitors annually. Visitors regularly add new gum to the wall.

Now, I remember when I was in high school, I was always chewing gum. Of course it was against the rules, but I took my chances. One day I got caught.

I was in study hall and the teacher called out my name as he saw me chewing gum. We had a platform in study hall



and I had to put my gum on the blackboard and put my nose very close (if not in it) and had to stand that way until that period ended.

Of course my favorite gum was bubble gum. You could crack it, blow big bubbles and I loved the flavor.

Bubble gum came around in 1928 when Walter Diemer, an accountant for the Fleer Chewing Gum in Philadelphia, was experimenting with new gum recipes.

One recipe, based on a formula for a chewing gum called Bliubber Blubber was found to be less sticky than regular chewing gum and stretched more easily.

This gum became highly successful and was eventually named by the president of Fleer as Double Bubble because of its flexibility and the bubbles you could blow.

I wonder how much Bubble gum is on the Gum Wall? I have found out in my gum research that Juicy Fruit has been the most popular flavor in chewing gum.

Did you ever get caught chewing gum in school? Do you have a favorite kind of gum? Have you ever swallowed a piece of gum? Do you want to go visit the Gum Wall? Let me know and I'll give you A Penny for Your Thoughts.

Oh by the way, you used to be able to get a piece of bubble gum for that Penny. Happy chewing!

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operation. Visit the trading post, flea market (260) 341-6152, a quilt show and blacksmith shop. Plowing, sawing lumber and threshing wheat with tractors and steam engines will be demonstrated. Children will enjoy a sand box, train rides and tractor driving lessons. On Saturday, there is face painting, a Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m., an Exotic Animal Show at 3:00 p.m. and a Magic Show at 3:30 p.m. Parades will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

A show favorite, steamed sweet corn, will be sold daily. Fish and Chicken dinners will be served Friday and Chicken dinners on Saturday. Other food vendors and homemade ice cream are available.

Dekalb County Horsemen will give free hayrides on Friday and Saturday with horses and mules. Tractor pulls will be held Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Friday evening entertainment will be country music at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday a square dance begins at 6:00 p.m. A spark show (Steam engine fireworks) will be after the entertainment at dusk. Sunday admission is a free will donation at the gate. On Sunday, a church service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and a new event, a Garden Tractor Pull, will be at 11:00 a.m.

CABELA FAMILY FOUNDATION AND IOTR PARTNER ON BISON INITIATIVE



The Cabela Family Foundation (CFF) and International Order of T. Roosevelt (IOTR) recently announced a new conservation initiative they're embarking on together as part of their recently launched partnership. The organizations will combine efforts and funding for a research project on plains bison on an island off the coast of Kodiak, Alaska.

"The history of the American Bison and Teddy Roosevelt go hand in hand, as he was largely responsible for saving them from extinction," said Dan Cabela, Executive Director of the Cabela Family Foundation. "Once I learned about the work being done here toward conservation and community projects, I knew IOTR would want to roll up their sleeves and help."

"We are committed to working with the Cabela Family Foundation to tackle these strategic conservation initiatives across North America," said Luke Hilgemann, Executive Director of the International Order of T. Roosevelt. "The buffalo is a crucial part of America's heritage, and we are proud to be part of such an important effort - an effort that our organization's namesake would wholeheartedly support."

In 2017, the Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor, Alaska, acquired plains bison, which were subsequently introduced on a large, remote, privately-owned island named Sitkalidak located off the coast of Kodiak. This wild, free-ranging herd co-exists with brown bears and has been strictly managed for hunting as a food resource in the remote village community.

Local community leaders, biologists, and researchers recently made an effort to learn more about these bison as they look to expand the herd in years to come. The Cabela Family Foundation

and IOTR have stepped in to fund this crucial research as part of a multi-year partnership the two organizations launched in March 2024.

As part of the initiative, the two groups will travel to Sitkalidak and partake in a bison capture and collaring. Together, they have funded state-of-the-art video collars that they will place on members of the herd to yield data which will help make better conservation-minded decisions in the future. The entire initiative will be filmed for "Hard Truths of Conservation", a conservation-based television series which airs on the History Channel. The show follows Dan Cabela's travels across the globe in search of impactful conservation stories from the front lines. Along the way, viewers are introduced to a myriad of characters and unsung heroes who are making a real difference for wildlife and wild places today.

The Cabela Family Foundation, a legacy foundation started by Dick and Mary Cabela, founders of "Cabela's: The World's Foremost Outfitter" in 1961, aims to build and create partnerships and projects which promote outdoor recreation, conservation, and charity toward others.

Formerly known as the Shikar Safari Club International Foundation, the newly rebranded International Order of T. Roosevelt is a hunting and conservation foundation focused on proactively protecting the rights of hunters and sustaining the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

To learn more about the Cabela Family Foundation, go to <https://www.cabelfamilyfoundation.org/>. To learn more about the International Order of T. Roosevelt, go to <https://t-roosevelt.org/>.

LIFEWISE ANTWERP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MEETING SCHEDULED



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Do you love kids and believe that sharing the gospel is important? Then consider being a LifeWise Antwerp Classroom Volunteer.

We need Classroom Volunteers that will ride with the students from the school to the classroom, help in the LifeWise classroom and then take students back to the school every week. Can't be there every week? That's all right, we need Substitute Classroom Volunteers that fill in from time to time as their schedule allows.

Do you know someone that would be perfect for this,

then invite them to come with you to the meeting! Not sure if you can help, have questions, or just want more information, come to the meeting and learn, there is no pressure to become a Classroom Volunteer if you attend the meeting.

The Classroom Volunteer meeting will be August 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church (202 East River Street).

Want to volunteer but can't attend the meeting? Please contact Traci Koenig at tracikoenig@lifewise.org.

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representative when submitting their absentee ballot. Her decision means Ohio's law, which went into effect in April 2023, can no longer be enforced.

The Ohio League of Women Voters filed the suit against the Ohio law with concerns that many who would ordinarily assist a voter with disabilities with an absentee ballot, such as caregivers or family members, could have faced a harsh penalty.

"Grandkids, in-laws, neighbors, roommates, caregivers and other common-sense helpers could be charged with a felony if they assist a voter with disabilities. Our argument was that this violates the National Voting Rights Act, that indeed a voter with a disability can choose their helper," said Jen Miller, executive director of the Ohio League of Women Voters in an interview with the Statehouse News Bureau.

"The Ohio DD Council celebrates the federal court's

decision to overturn Ohio's restrictive absentee ballot provisions, which unjustly burdened voters with disabilities and their caregivers," said Carolyn Knight, executive director of the Ohio DD Council. "Ohio DD Council chair Jennifer Kucera's leadership as plaintiff in this lawsuit underscores her commitment to defending the rights of individuals with disabilities."

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's office issued a statement in disagreement with the decision. The state could appeal this ruling, although that decision has not been made yet.

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such as patient outcomes and nurse staffing levels.

U.S. News is the latest organization to recognize the quality of care delivered by Parkview hospitals. PRMC has been recognized as a Newsweek Best-in-State Hospital, a Newsweek Best Maternity Care Hospital and

a Fortune/PINC AI Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital. POH was named one of Becker's Hospital Review's Great Ortho Programs and an Indiana Chamber of Commerce Best Place to Work.

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PAULDING PUTNAM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED FIBER INTERNET



On July 18, 2024, after conducting several feasibility studies, the PPEC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to provide fiber internet to the membership as a new service. Pictured left to right (back row): Trustees Ken Niese, Bill Beckman, John Saxton, Steve McMichael, Ronald Black, Secretary-Treasurer Tim Derck, Chief Financial Officer Renee Hull, and Board Chairman Joseph Kohnen. Front row: CEO Randy Price, Director of Engineering and Operations Nick Eltzroth, Vice Chairman Adam Schnipke, Trustee Bill Dowler, IT Manager Todd Taylor, and HR and Administration Manager Stacy Morrison.

PAULDING, OH — On July 18, 2024, the Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees unanimously voted to provide fiber internet as a new service offered by the co-op. This decision came after conducting several feasibility studies earlier this year. The board's goal is to provide high-speed, reliable internet to the co-op's electric membership via fiber-to-the-home.

"Our goal will be to build and operate this new business just as we've operated the electric side: with our members and community first in mind," said PPEC President and CEO Randy Price. "We will combine and leverage the electric plant's benefits and infrastructure we've built over the last 89 years with the data transmitted through fiber to better serve you, our members, and future generations."

Why is the co-op undertaking this effort?

In November 1935, PPEC — a not-for-profit, local cooperative — was created by its members to provide life-changing electricity to their farms and homes. Back then, the co-op powered rural areas where other big companies said it wasn't profitable; PPEC met a need when no one else would.

Today, the problem is modern connectivity: work, video streaming, gaming, home devices, and nearly every aspect of life in this digital age requires quality internet. Data gathered from the co-op's feasibility studies show that nearly 70% of PPEC's

membership (especially those in rural areas) is unserved or underserved when it comes to high-speed, reliable internet. PPEC believes quality internet should not be a luxury available only to those in cities.

Just as it did in the 1930s, the co-op today strives to improve its members' quality of life by providing a crucial service. According to PPEC, co-op leadership see the need and are stepping up to fill it.

"As a utility, we experience daily frustrations due to a lack of connectivity," Price said. "Without reliable and affordable broadband, everyone's quality of life is impacted."

"Concern for Community" is one of PPEC's Seven Cooperative Principles and the lifeblood behind this decision. Providing high-speed, reliable fiber internet will support economic development efforts locally, lead to higher rates of new business formation, allow for improved remote healthcare, and increase job opportunities for area residents, especially for area increasingly popular remote work. When the community prospers, the co-op wins.

Residential and commercial members who are currently unserved or underserved, and who express interest will be the priority for connection. PPEC has nearly 14,000 members across seven counties in northwestern Ohio and northeastern Indiana — and growing. Progress will be determined by the amount of member interest in an area.

If the co-op determines it is

financially feasible, it may add non-member communities in need outside of the PPEC territory.

Fiber is considered the "gold standard" of broadband connections. The term fiber-optic internet, or just "fiber," refers to bringing internet service to your home or business through ultra-thin strands of glass fibers bundled inside an insulated casing. The fibers transmit data using light pulses instead of electric currents. Unlike the copper wire of phone or cable connections, or the wireless signals of satellite connections, the data transmitted over fiber-optic cables is coming to you at the speed of light! PPEC plans to provide speeds of up to 1 gigabit.

Planning, design, and engineering will take place over the next year. By fall 2025, the first member should have internet service from PPEC. The co-op aims to complete its member system by 2028. If PPEC serves non-member communities, the build may take as long as five years (through 2030). Other unforeseen factors may affect these plans, but the co-op will keep the public informed throughout the process via its website, magazines, email newsletters, and social media.

The internet and electric sides of the business will remain separate. Electric members will not see their rates increase due to the fiber internet efforts. However, all members will see the benefit of connecting our substations using fiber technology. This will allow PPEC to detect and restore power outages more quickly and provide more accurate data to the membership with improved communication between equipment. All members will benefit from a smarter, stronger, more connected electric grid.

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ming with talented youth, and this showcase is our way of encouraging their entrepreneurial pursuits.

For those eager to participate, registration is now open until August 30, 2024. Participants will be judged for People's Choice, and Judge's Choice awards, in addition to receiving feedback from local business leaders. To register contact Paulding County Eco-

Watch PPEC's fiber updates webpage, www.ppec.coop/fiberupdates, for more information coming soon. Pre-registration will be available this fall.

Those with questions can call the co-op at 800-686-2357 or email fiber@ppec.coop.

"The Paulding Putnam Electric Board of Trustees and staff are driven daily to be member—and community-focused," Price said. "We are visionary and use every experience to learn, improve what we do for you, and invest in your future. We look forward to serving you in this new capacity."

OHIO STATE PATROL INVESTIGATES SERIOUS INJURY CRASH

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a serious injury crash that occurred on August 1, 2024, at approximately 3:03 p.m. The crash occurred on State Route 2 at Garden Road in Monclova Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

John Henzler, age 88, of Mesa, Arizona, was driving a 2006 Kia Sorento northbound on Garden Road when he failed to yield for the posted stop sign at State Route 2. As Mr. Henzler entered the intersection, he was struck by a 16 year old male, of Swanton, Ohio, who was westbound on State Route 2, driving a 2014 Dodge Journey. The 16 year old then drove off the right side of the roadway, striking a mailbox and a fence.

Mr. Henzler's passenger, Grace Henzler, age 87, of Mesa, Arizona, was transported by Lucas County Life Squad to the University of Toledo Medical Center with serious injuries. Mr. Henzler was transported to the University of Toledo Medical Center by Monclova Rescue, with minor injuries. Mrs. Henzler was entrapped and extracted through mechanical means by the Monclova Fire Department.

The 16 year old was transported by a family member to a local hospital for minor injuries. The 16 year old had a 15 year old male passenger who claimed no injury and was released at the scene. Mr. Henzler was not wearing his safety belt. Mrs. Henzler and both the 16- and 15-year-olds were all wearing their safety belts.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Monclova Fire and Rescue Department, Lucas County Life Squad, Ankenbrandt's Towing, and Pat & Jake's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol would like to remind motorists to never drive distracted, and to take the extra time to safely proceed through intersections.

conomic Development at (419) 399-8295 or email office@pced.net.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to support the youth entrepreneurs during the Youth Business Showcase hours. Festival attendees will have the chance to shop and explore a range of products and services, while also participating in the voting process to determine their favorite vendors.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the July 29th issue, Judi Grubb, almost verbatim, bored us with talking points from the 'Demoncrats' allies, the lame stream media.

First of all, people change and Trump has been transformed since his brush with death, God uses people throughout the Bible that were not perfect, (Moses, Saul to name a couple).

If it was okay, according to you 'lefties', that what Clinton did in the Oval Office, then who cares what Trump did as a private citizen. Talk is cheap. Calling us veterans' "suckers and losers" never happened, look it up as you say.

What women's rights does he want to take away? Last I checked we all have the same rights. Seems you 'lefties' want to take away women competing against women only, that's the only right I see being contested. If you are talking reproductive rights, you are allowed to reproduce, murdering a baby is not reproducing.

Are you paying attention? January 6th was all on Nancy and the capitol police, she refused National Guard from Trump and the police let them in the perimeter and don't worry, no true American wanted to overthrow the

democracy, which we are not. That's where 2 wolves and 1 sheep decide what's for supper. We are in fact a constitutional republic, which is slipping away into a socialist democracy. Thank you, useful idiots, as Stalin would call you for voting for Dems.

Trump has nothing to do with the Heritage Project 2025, those people were hoping he would adopt their platform.

And last but not least, the Dow was at record highs in 2020. Ma'am, this injustice we have been living under the past 3.5 years is not what I, my brothers and sisters fought for. You need to open your eyes and realize Biden ain't running the show.

—Robert Hesse,
Woodburn IN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is my first attempt to write such a letter so please bear with me. The intent is to express concerns regarding village council's attempt to cash in on recent passage of Ohio Issue 2. Some may recall that at introduction of Issue 2, Defiance County Sheriff Douglas J. Engle posted a front page newspaper article expressing his department's views including that marijuana was a gateway drug, to which I concur.

In 1969, Paulding County sent me to a third world, morally bankrupt country to help prevent that country's slide into communism. I became a "boonie rat" living in the mountainous jungle for months at a time. When we did get back to the base at Camp Eagle, it was rumored that we could meet a local at the camp gate and trade a pack of American cigarettes for an equal size pack of ready made joints, although I didn't try it.

At Easter time in 1970 my company was assigned to guard a bridge on the only road in that part of the country. South of the bridge was a village and we were told one day that we could walk the ½ mile to the village to "shop." Four of us left our gear at the bridge, except for our M-16's and one magazine each. The available wares in the open air market were less than inviting so we started to leave. We were not used to being around the civilian population so we were a bit nervous. As we reached the road again, I could have tripped over a body of a young boy laying by the market sign posts. I was told that he had befriended the marines and that they shot him a couple nights before, as he was lead-

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)

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ing Viet Cong into the village. Somehow it was just I and another walking on the opposite side of the road, back to the bridge when a man came out from a small building and called out to us trying to sell his adolescent daughter.

We made it back to the bridge area and that evening set up for the night around a large brick house which was occupied by a Vietnamese looking Catholic priest. Just before dark as we sat on the edge of a long wooden front porch, out comes the priest smoking the biggest joint I had seen to date (was it tobacco?). He walked slowly as if he was daring any of us to ask him to share. He eventually went back inside and we all just looked at one another in disbelief - then it was back to the jungle. Weeks passed and I was told that I and three of my fellow soldiers would be flying to Tokyo Japan for a week of R&R. After being flown back to Camp Eagle, we bought civilian clothes at the camp store, took our first shower in weeks and boarded

a plane.

We landed in Tokyo and upon arriving at our hotel, word was that an American rock band had landed that morning and all were in jail as dope was found in their luggage.

I have learned that for an individual or a nation to prosper and survive, the individual or nation must set and adhere to certain boundaries. I see no hint of Japan sliding into communism.

In closing, a note to village council: be sure to set aside a portion of your ill gotten gains to modify the bottom line of our villages' welcome signs to read "The dope capital of Northwest Ohio."

—Louis Beregszazi
Antwerp, Ohio

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have a great recycling program here. It was always great and even better now with the people who are running it, promoting it and coming out with new ideas and programs like the tire re-

cycling last weekend. How many thousands of tires did that keep out of the creek, woods, along the roads or places people dump them? Such a great turnout and those people deserve our thanks for doing it.

It sounds like that program is facing problems since our "powers to be" are cutting their budget by almost 25% next year. What is the stupidity behind this that keeps thousands of pounds of trash out of our landfills and can be recycled into other usable products? It's unreal that people who are supposed to be running our areas can vote themselves raises, put more taxes and levies on us that strains our budgets but does this to a very useful program? Where is all the money we pay going to? Ridiculous property tax, levies that pour money into other things that don't need that much and peoples pockets? Why aren't we allowed to vote on their raises or programs like this one.

I'm sure they will survive but will they have to cut back on things and we start seeing more trash thrown along roads, our parks and other places rather than recycle it.

They have ideas for new programs along this line but will they be able to implement them? Now I hear our leaders want to spend \$50,000 for a survey to see if a path from the nature center is feasible. Who would charge such a ridiculous amount to see what a sensible person can see and how much would it cost taxpayers to do? Do these people realize there is a creek between our nature center and the ball courts where they want to go? There are already paths around the nature center and if you want to walk around the ball courts areas you can drive there. Do they want to build some kind of crossover on the creek that would be washed away with flooding? Don't waste taxpayers money on something that isn't feasible to do then decide not to do it after paying that ridiculous amount.

We taxpayers are not a bottomless pit for this town, we have to try to live on what we get and can't vote ourselves raises that we could definitely use with everything so outrageous priced anymore. This money could be used for our recycling program or other budgets could be cut a little. This program needs our support and people speaking out for it, we can't afford to lose it or any of

it. I hear they also voted down a proposal for a curb-side recycling pickup that would only cost around \$3.25 a month with the excuse that lots of people don't recycle and would be paying for nothing. Maybe people would recycle more if they didn't have to take it somewhere, you can't even buy a gallon of gas for that amount to take your stuff to be recycled so it would be a plus, all you would have to do is put it by the curb.

We all pay the same amount for our trash pickup but I usually have very little in my container compared to others that are full but I don't complain about paying the same price. Same would go for the recycling program. These people do not need their budgets cut which would probably affect us all down the road. They need to be able to do more of what they are doing to keep our areas clean and our landfills not full of things that can be reused.

They try to get across, if the containers are full take your stuff back home till the next time. That stuff you just dropped off outside the containers is not recycled they have to pay the waste pickup people to take it to the landfill so you have accomplished nothing. That money they have to pay for that could be used for their other programs to improve this great service.

People need to speak up and try to get the so-called powers that be around here to realize there are other ways to save money because it sure doesn't seem to be going where it's needed especially when you look at our roads. We need this recycling service and the new ideas they want to implement in the future.

We appreciate all of them for what they are doing and hopefully can keep doing. Support this program, you don't realize what it would be without it, trash thrown out wherever you look.

Little bit of a long letter but just trying to make a point of how important this program is. Thanks to them and the West Bend News for allowing us the freedom to voice our opinions.

—Gregg Gorman,
Paulding, OH

ARE YOU AFRAID OF OUTLIVING YOUR MONEY?

Do you worry about running out of money during your retirement years? If so, how can you help prevent this from happening?

In the first place, if you have this type of fear, you're far from alone. Consider this: 58% of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic - because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

- Know how much you'll need during retirement. You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others - medical expenses, in particular - will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

- Build financial resources before retirement. You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Maximize your Social Security payments. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

- Re-enter the workforce. Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time basis or do some consulting. You

could boost your cash flow, and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

- Cut costs during retirement. Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing - are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

- Look for more income from your investments. As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money.

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OHIO LOCATIONS

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Bryan: Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office
Van Wert: CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Orchard Tree

INDIANA LOCATIONS

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub
Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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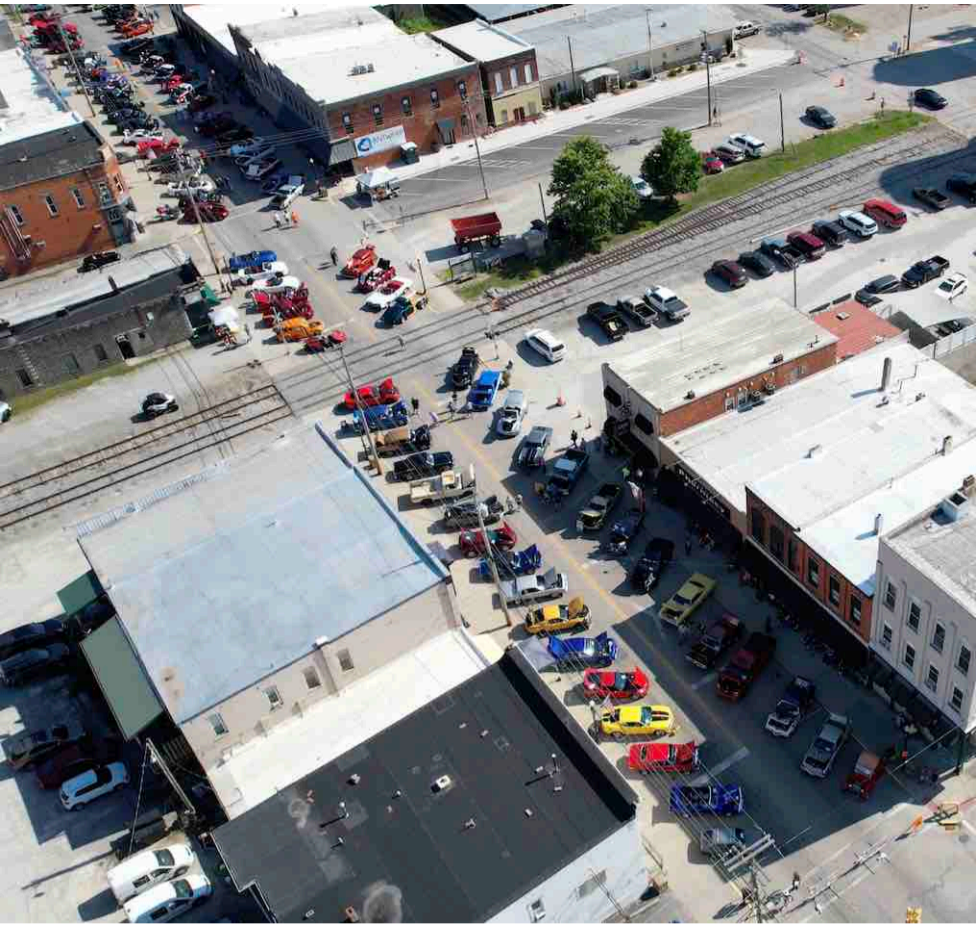
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ANTWERP BOYS SCOUTS HOST BAD BOYS TOYS CAR SHOW



Saturday, July 27th, the two blocks of South Main St in downtown Antwerp was dressed up in antique, vintage and hot rod vehicles and their owners for the Annual Bad Boys Toys Car Show hosted by

the Antwerp Boy Scouts. Collector vehicles from all around the area (and farther) began rolling into Antwerp around the Noon hour to find their placement along South Main St. The steamy summer after-

noon had many Car Show attendees utilizing the delicious cool treats offered by KB Scoops and good eats offered by The Root Beer Stand, Puckerbrush Pizza, Oasis Bar & Grill and Baja Birria Co.

SHER'WING & THING EVENT IN SHERWOOD



Sher-Wing Thing 2024 has come and gone for 2024 and what a bok-bok blast it was! Entering the Wing Thing Cook-Off this year were Fat Pig Smokehouse, Iron Horse Brews, Jacob's Meats, and Maverick Smokehouse. Thanks to the fingering-lick-

ing good judging of the Wing Cook-Off by Defiance City Mayor Mike McCann, former Sherwood Mayor John Wirth, and Ney Mayor Tom Vance the following awards were handed out: SMTA Cock-A-Doodle Crown (People's Choice) Jacob's Meats; Keith

Grimm Golden Cleaver (People's Choice): Fat Pig Smokehouse; Sherwood State Bank Little Chicken Crown: Iron Horse. Cruise-In Car Show winner by Kuhn Brothers People's Cluckin Choice Award: #23 Keith Dunlap 1971 Chevy Chevelle.

GOLF SEASON STARTS WELL FOR GMC SQUADS

The Green Meadows Conference and the Buckeye Border Conference squared off in the traditional season opener between the two leagues in a high school golf match at Pond-A-River Golf Course Thursday.

When the final match was played, it was the GMC who came out on top in recording a 24-11 win in the match play battle. Two matches also resulted in ties for the two leagues.

Paulding and Wayne Trace athletes both came out defeated on the day as the Panthers finished a perfect 5-0 while the Raiders wrapped up the day 4-0-1.

Maroon and white athletes recording wins included Nico Stahl, Max Stork, Nicholas Hatcher, Schroeder and Lipps.

Winners for Wayne Trace were Kyle Sutton, Brody Rosswurm, Konnor Wannemacher and Jared Varner with Connor Davis finishing in a tie as well.

Antwerp victors included Zaine McMichael and Grif Kosch while the blue and

white's Braylen Moreno and Dylan Hahn suffered defeats. The Archers' Drayven Baumert picked up a tie in his match.

Other Green Meadows Conference winners in the match included Hicksville's Parker Bassett, Tinora's Logan Stein, Ayersville's Andrué Barrick, Hicksville's Kolton Adam, Fairview's Jonah Shining, Ayersville's Kallen Foreman, Hicksville's Luke Eicher, Fairview's Anthony Singer, Tinora's Ryder Backhaus, Fairview's Zavier Shining, Tinora's Kaiden

Massengale, Hicksville's Charlie Karacson and Lymanstall from Tinora.

Posting the low score on the day was Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton, who completed the course with a score of 67.

Other Raider scorers included Brody Rosswurm (77), Connor Davis (81), Jared Varner (82) and Konnor Wannemacher (84).

Stahl (81), Schroeder (90), Lipps (90), Hatcher (94) and Stork (94) completed the list of Panther scorers while Antwerp marks included Moreno (82), McMichael (84), Baumert (87), Kosch (96) and Hahn (102).

Bassett led Hicksville with a 75 followed by Adam (79), Karacson (90), Eicher (105) and Bourgeois (111).

LOCAL YOUNGSTER CONTINUES TO CLIMB IN PAGEANTRY



Lynnora Kutzli represented USA troops this past weekend in Port Clinton, Ohio at America's Best Pageantry. She leveled up to Best of America Supreme Queen! It's not all pretty dresses and sparkles, it's the friendships we make and lessons we learn! Her beauty dress was a labor of love made by her mother in remembrance of her Great Grandmother Margaret. She came home with Best of America Supreme Queen, best eyes, peoples choice award and most photogenic!

Lynnora doesn't stop here, she's continuing on! She will be accepting sponsors soon for her upcoming pageants planned for this year and March of 2025 before hopefully going on to nationals!

Lynnora and family are Antwerp residents and she will be attending Preschool this year at Antwerp Local Schools. She does many different pageant systems and keeps furthering herself within them!

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY 2024-2025 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Mark all supplies clearly with the first and last student name including clothing and shoes.

NO MECHANICAL PENCILS or individual sharpeners are allowed in elementary. Sharpen all pencils at home

LATTY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL BIG IMPACT FOR SMALL COMMUNITY



Village of Latty hosted a Summer Festival last Saturday, July 27th at the Latty Village Park and was sponsored by the Patty Apostolic Christian Church, Friends United Methodist Church and Patty Zion Baptist Church. The day included Boy Scout flag raising ceremony, Bee signage dedication, community picnic lunch, family scavenger hunt, bounce houses, face painting, balloon artist,

games, corn hole, live music, and an Education Road for young people to learn about the various organizations of Paulding County. Some of these stops included Paulding County Amateur Radio Club, Paulding Putnam Safety Demonstration, Power 2 Change, LifeWise Academy, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Habitat for Humanity, a fire truck and EMS.

before the first day of class.

Trapper Keepers are not allowed in elementary. Wheeled backpacks do not fit in cubbies or lockers

Preschool Mrs. Billman:

1 box of Tissues-the AM session students; 1 canister of Lysol Wipes-the AM session students; 1 roll of Paper Towels-the PM session students; 1 canister of Baby Wipes-the PM session students; 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc baggies-the AM session students; 1 box of sandwich sized Ziploc baggies-the PM session students; 1 school box with a small glue bottle, small box of crayons (8), and a blunt pair of scissors; 1 change of clothes in a large Ziploc baggie (in case of any accidents) with your name on it! A large backpack, the little ones are cute, but do not hold your child's art work and papers very well.

Preschool Mr. Cox:

Sturdy folder to carry student papers and art work each day in (durable); 1box (8 count) Large Crayola Crayons (classic/basic colors); 4 large Elmer's Glue Stick (purple)**; 2 Large containers of disinfectant wipes (Not Lysol due to allergy); 1 bottle of hand sanitizer; 2 Boxes of Tissues; 1 canister of Baby Wipes; 1 pack of gallon sized baggies; 1 change of clothes (labeled with your child's name) in a large Ziploc baggie (in case of any accidents); 1 large backpack to fit folders and daily work in it

Kindergarten:

1 Zip-top backpack (at least 14" by 16"); Book bag should be easily manipulated by students and large enough to hold 10 x 12 papers; 2 boxes of Kleenex; 4 Black Expo brand (low odor) dry erase markers-(fine tip) (DO NOT mark with name); 2 Lysol Wipes-big container; 1 pair headphones-NO EARBUDS; 1 Pink Perl eraser; 1-24pack-

ofCrayolaCrayons; 2 - 4 oz. Elmer's white school glue; 8 or more #2 pencils (DO NOT mark with name); 1 pair blunt Scissors; 1 Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box; Last name A - L - 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags with slider lock; Last name M - Z - 1 box quart size Ziploc bags with slider lock

First Grade:

2 box of 200 tissues; gym shoes (rubber soled); 1 boxes Crayola crayons (24 count); 1 Elmer's white school glue (7 5/8 oz), and 4glue sticks; 24 Ticonderoga Pencils sharpened; Pencil Box (hard case); Fiskars pointed scissors; 2 Lysol Wipes; short sleeve shirt for painting; 8 Expo brand black (low odor) dry erase markers; 1" Pink Perl" eraser; headphones - NO EARBUDS; 1 Crayola watercolor paint; 1-1 inch white binder; Last name-A-M 1quart-sized Ziploc bags;

Last name-N-Z 1 gallon-sized Ziploc bags

Second Grade:

2 boxes 200 tissues; gym shoes (rubber soled); 2 boxes Crayola crayons (24 Count Only); 10 glue sticks; #2 Ticonderoga Pencils (10 or more-Sharpended); 1"Pink Perl" eraser; 2 watercolor paints; 1 pocket folder; medium size pointed scissors (Fiskars); markers wide, not thin (8 or 10 count); hand sanitizing gel-large bottle; 2 Lysol Wipes-large container; headphones- NO EARBUDS; 1 box gallon size bags; Composition notebook (Mrs. Fidler's class only); 3 ring binder, "1 or 1/" size only (Mrs. Soto's class only); 8 or more black dry erase markers; 2 bottles of Elmer's white school glue (Mrs. Soto's and Mrs. Fidler's class only); 1 subject wide lined spiral notebook, 70 pages (Mr. Lee's class only) ***NO PENCIL BOXES***

Third Grade:

Headphones ni a Ziploc bag labeled with name; gym shoes (rubber soled); crayons (24 or larger); 1 bottle Elmer's school glue (4 oz. or larger); Glue sticks; Ticonderoga pencils (8 or more-sharpened); erasers; 32- pocket folders (yellow, red, blue); pointed scissors; markers (8 count); 2 red grading pens or pencils; colored pencils; 2 highlighter markers; 4- dark colored dry erase markers; 2 boxes of tis-

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FIESTA FORT WAYNE 2024: "CELEBRATING HISPANIC & LATINO CONTRIBUTIONS IN NORTHEAST INDIANA"



Get ready for a vibrant and exciting event that celebrates the achievements and contributions of Hispanics and Latino Americans residing in Northeast Indiana! The much-awaited "Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024" is back, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024 is an annual cultural extravaganza that aims to showcase the rich heritage, diversity, and spirit of the Latino community in Fort Wayne. This event will feature a plethora of engaging activities, including local, national, and regional Folkloric Dancers, traditional food stalls offering authentic tacos/ pupusas/ arepas/ Latino foods, lively piñatas, sensational live music, interactive games, face painting for the kids, and an abundance of information-sharing opportunities!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 10th, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The festivities will run all day, offering non-stop entertainment and delightful experiences for attendees of all ages.

The primary objective of Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024 is to celebrate the remarkable diversity and invaluable contributions of the Latino community residing in Northeast Indiana. It serves as a platform to foster unity, understanding, and appreciation for the rich

cultural heritage that enriches the tapestry of Fort Wayne.

This event is for the entire community! Whether you're a resident of Fort Wayne or visiting from neighboring regions, Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024 welcomes you to join in the festivities. Bring your family, friends, and loved ones to experience the authentic flavors, folklore, and traditions of the vibrant Latino community.

We are thrilled to announce that Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024 will take place at The Headwaters Park Lincoln Pavilion. With its spacious and scenic surroundings, the venue provides the perfect setting to enjoy a day filled with cultural immersion and celebration.

"We are excited to present Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024 and showcase the incredible contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities in Northeast Indiana," said Fernando Zapari, Fiesta Fort Wayne Coordinator & Organizer. "This event brings people together, fosters unity, and allows us to share our beautiful traditions and culture with everyone."

Come one, come all, and be a part of an unforgettable celebration at "Fiesta Fort Wayne 2024." Let's immerse ourselves in the colors, sounds, and tastes of Latino culture, and create cherished memories with friends and family. See you there!

book; 1 spiral notebook; 1 two-pocket folder; colored pencils; scissors; colored pens; highlighters; dry-erasemarkers; pencils; pencil pouch/bag; pencil box; headphones; gym shoes; 2 boxes of tissues; 2 tubs of sanitizing wipes

Teachers will let students know of any other needed materials on the first day of class.

WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

PRESCHOOL:

Large book bag (that student can open & close); 2 boxes of markers (thick); 12 glue sticks; 1 box of Kleenex; 1 roll of paper towels; 3 containers of disinfectant wipes; 2 packages of baby wipes; 1 box galon size Ziploc bags (Tue./Thur. class); 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (Mon./Wed. class); Extra set of clothing (pants, shirt, underwear, socks); Clean gym shoes (velcro preferred)

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN: KT

Large book bag; 6 boxes of 8 count Crayola crayons (not jumbo); 1 set of Crayola watercolor paint; 1 pair of scissors 6glue sticks; 1 plastic folder; 1 spiral notebook (plastic binding preferred); 3 Expo dry erase markers (black, thin size) 1 black Sharpie marker; 3 containers of disinfectant wipes; 2 boxes of Kleenex AND 2 rolls of paper towels; 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags (girls); Art box; 1 box galon size Ziploc bags (boys); Extra set of clothing Headphones for Chrome books

KINDERGARTEN: KA & KB

Large book bag; Plastic art box; 4 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons (not jumbo); 10 #2 pencils; 1pair of safety scissors; 1 bottle of Elmer's glue AND 12 glue sticks; 4 Expo dry erase markers (black, thin size); 4 containers of disinfectant wipes 2 boxes of Kleenex; 1spiral notebook; 2 large pink erasers; Clean gym shoes(Velcro preferred); 1 roll of paper towels; 1 black Sharpie marker; Headphones for Chrome books

FIRST GRADE:

Large book bag; 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons; 1 bottle of Elmer's glue; 1 black Sharpie marker; 2 glue sticks; 2 packages of #2 yellow pencils; Large book bag; 1 pocket folder (sturdy); 1 pair of scissors; 1 package of black Expo dry erase markers; 2 large pink erasers; 1 clean sock for dry erase boards; 1 roll of paper towels; 1 box galon size Ziploc bags; 2 containers of disinfectant wipes; 3 boxes of 200 count Kleenex; Clean gym shoes; Headphones for Chrome books

SECOND GRADE:

Large book bag; Art box; 2 boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons; 1 black Sharpie marker; 1 desk folder; 1 box of 24 count pencils (some sharpened, no mechanical); 1 bottle glue & 8 glue sticks; 1 pair of scissors; 8 black Expo markers; 3 large boxes of Kleenex; 2 containers of disinfectant wipes 1 clean sock for dry erase boards 1 roll of paper towels; Clean gym shoes; Headphones for Chrome books (no ear buds)

THIRD GRADE:

Large bok bag; 4 spiral notebooks; 1 folder; 36 #2 Ticonderoga pencils; 4 glue sticks; School scissors; 2 boxes; 24-count Crayola crayons; 1 bag pencil top erasers; 4 Expo dry erase

DELPHOS JEFFERSON FOOTBALL TEAM EXPANDS TRAINING TO MAUMEE RIVER



Friday, July 26 the Delphos Jefferson 2024 Football Team took off in canoes from the Antwerp Riverside Veteran's Memorial Park Boat Launch. The canoes were provided by Upper Maumee Canoe & Kayak. Louis Beregszazi was contacted by the Delphos Jefferson Football coach Allan Pohlman to confirm this was an acceptable venture for the team to do as a team bonding experience. Beregszazi said he has had boy scouts, and other groups, but never a high school team that wanted to

take to the water. He now realizes what good upper body training this would be to kayak for two hours and get these young men out in nature at the same time. There were 33 individuals all together including the team and staff and others.

The team building training group left the park at 1:00 p.m. and the water trek took about two hours to get to their final destination down stream at the landing at Upper Maumee Canoe & Kayak off of Rd. 192 outside of Antwerp. Teams

around the area know that the Wildcats can be a tough team to beat, and so is going out on the Maumee River to kayak out in Antwerp's waterway!

Mr. Beregszazi - owner of Upper Maumee Canoe & Kayak was waiting at the finishing spot for the crew & when he flagged down the first canoe, he asked, "Which one of you is the quarterback?" The athlete at the front of the canoe yelled out, "I am!" Just like a leader on the field, this quarterback led his team down the Maumee River.

markers; 1 roll of paper towels; 3 boxes of Kleenex; 1 container disinfectant wipes (no baby wipes); Clean sock for dry erase board; 2 highlighters; Pencil pouch (with 3 holes, not an art box); 2in. binder (No Trapper Keepers); Headphones for Chrome-books (not wireless)

FOURTH GRADE:

Large back pack; 3 plastic, 3-hole pocket folders Trapper Keeper; 1 pencil pouch for Trapper Keeper; 4 spiral notebooks; 1 pkg of 48 pencils; 1 pack blue ink pens; 1 black Sharpie marker; 2 packages of Expo dry erase markers; Scissors; 1 box of colored pencils; 1 box of crayons; 2 highlighters; 1 bottle of Elmer's glue; 1container disinfectant wipes; 1 box of Kleenex AND

1 roll of paper towels; Headphones for Chrome books (not wireless)

FIFTH GRADE:

1 Large back pack; Zipper Binder with or without straps; 1 folder for inside zipper binder; 1- 1 lin. blue binder (Math); 1 - 1 lin. blue binder (Science); 1 - 2in white binder (ELA); 1 pack of pencils with erasers; Clean sock or eraser for dry erase boards; 21 Expo dry erase markers (black only); 2 boxes of Kleenex; 1 roll of paper towels; 2 containers Clorox wipes; 1 packages of 10 count index cards; Earbuds or Headphones for Chromebook (MUST HAVE)

ART SUPPLIES FOR GRADES 3-6: 1 Black Sharpie; 2 Disinfectant Wipes or Baby Wipes; 3 School/Art Box

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR GRADES 3-6: Clean gym shoes, shorts, and t-shirt; Deodorant; Gym bag

SIXTH GRADE:

Large back pack; Zipper

wipes; 2 containers disinfecting wipes; Hand sanitizer 1(bottle)

Pencil pouch; HEADPHONES ni a gallon zip lock bag with name medium size, pointed scissors; Gym Shoes (rubber soled); 2-sanitizing wipes; Crayola watercolor paint; Glue sticks

Fifth Grade:

3-1" -3 ringed binders (white, black, and blue preferred); 1 package of binder tabs (at least 6 tabs in the pack); 1 package of loose-leaf paper; 1 composition note-

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THE LEFT TURN



Otto Sitterly #7 wins the 100 lap HyMiler at Sandusky. Jim Feeny Photo



Cody Coughlin victorious in Toledo. Charlie Orns Photo



Rusty Smith gets the UMP Late Model victory. Charlie Orns Photo

By: Ron Burt

It was another busy week of short track racing in the tri-state. Friday on Toledo's high-banked 1/2 mile asphalt oval, it was the 100 lap CRA/Jegs All Star Late Models. Delaware Ohio's, Cody Coughlin took care of business and put his #72 in victory lane. Kyle Steckly was able to hang onto 2nd followed by Blake Rowe, Chase Burda, and Barrett Polhemus. Aaron Tatman won the Vores Compact Touring Series race, and the Factory Stock feature went to James Hazlett.

Saturday evening at Flat Rock Speedway the action continued with more great racing. It was the annual Stan Yee 150 for the Outlaw Late Models. In qualifying for the Outlaws Justin Claucherty set the fast time with a lap of 11.684. Scott Hantz was the race winner, followed by Paul Pelletier, Connor Zbozien, and Justin Caugherty. Local favorites Stan Yee Jr. finished 7th and Joy Fair Jr. started 2nd but had car problems and came

in 20th. Ron Allen won the Street Stock feature and Dennis Whisman took the Figure 8 victory.

Sandusky's half mile ran Friday, and Saturday with the big block winged Supermodifieds, 350 Outlaw Supermodifieds and Must See Racing 410 Sprints (Friday only). Thursday was \$1. admission night with a local show. The big cars started Friday, Bobby Santos III, took time off from Silver Crown and the 500 Sprint Car Tour and found the checkered flag in the 410 Sprint Feature. Sawyer Stout has had a win streak going in the Outlaw 350 Mods, but on Friday the victory went to Cody Gallogly, who started 5th and had to work his way through traffic for the win. Stout started 4th and couldn't advance. The ISMA/MSS Super Modifieds were the headliners all weekend and on Friday it was no surprise Mike Ordway Jr. started on the pole for the Fast 40, but feature winner Mike Lichty started 5th and took the victory and Ordway

settled for 2nd.

Saturday was the annual Hy Miler 150 for the ISMA/MSS Supermodifieds, Cars came in from 4 states and Canada to compete. After the tracks Hall of Fame inductions, it was finally time to go racing with the Outlaw 350 Supermodifieds. It's been 30 years since Jim Shirey won the HyMiler and Saturday night his son, Danny won the Gibson Family Memorial, 30 lap feature for the Outlaw 350 class. Danny set the early tone for the evening by capturing the Jim Valentine Fast Time Award. Finishing behind the winner was 2nd Sawyer Stout and 3rd Todd Buchanan. Danny Shirey had the fastest qualifying time of 16.907. Doug Neubauer was involved in a scary wreck that brought out the red flag to stop the feature. Doug was released from the hospital early Sunday morning with a vertebrae fracture at T-12 and other contusions from the safety gear doing its job. He is home and recovering.

A full house was ready for the annual HyMiler 100. It was a huge night for the winner Otto Sitterly. This victory was another milestone to his illustrious Supermodified racing career. The Canajoharie, N.Y., veteran is also a nine-time Oswego Speedway Supermodified champion, and this was his first race at Sandusky Speedway. Mark Sammut came in 2nd followed by Dave Shullick Jr. 3rd.

Here's some of the area feature winners over the weekend. Attica Raceway Park UMP Late Models Kyle Moore, 410 Sprints Kalib Henry, 305 Sprints Jamie Miller. Limaland Motorsports Park UMP Modifieds Dylan Woodling, Dirt Trucks Rolly Heyder, and Thunder Stock Craig Dippman. Waynesfield Raceway Park UMP Modified Jeff Koz, Dirt Truck Rolly Heyder, Sport Compact Brandon Rose and 360 GLSS Jay Jdrzejek. Fremont Speedway 410 Sprints Cale Thomas, Dirt Trucks Steve Miller and 410 Sprints Bryan Sebetto. Oakshade Raceway UMP Dirt Late Model Rusty Smith, Late Model Sportsman Kolin Schilt, Dominator Super Stock Mason Luttrell, and Sport Compact Ryan Okuley. Angola Motorsport Speedway Midson Championships Late Models Hunter Jack, UMP Modifieds Hunter Jack, FWD Riley Mason, and Street Stocks Zach Henderson. Until next week, keep your wheels next. Ron out!

ANTWERP ELEMENTARY CLASS LIST 2024-2025

Homeroom KA; C. McMichael

Brandenburg, Landon; Chafin, Arin (BUBS); Clevinger, Issabeaux (BEAUX); Derck, Bryson; DeVore, Hadley; Gaisford, Elizabeth (ELLIE); Ganger, Elly; Graham, Isla; Kobee, Georgia; Kutzli, Pierceton; Ladd, Cash; Laker, Simon; Manella, Adley; Masters, Linkin; McVay, Bostyn; Overman, Logan (LOGAN); Rothenbuhler, Barrett (BEAR); Sensabaugh, Avian (VIV); Smith, Amari (MARI); Smith, Saylor; Soss, Hank

Homeroom KB; T. Kennedy

Adams, Brynleigh (BRYNN); Arme, Kendalyn; Ash, Mateo; Chafin, Freya; Dailey, Pete; DeVault, Alexa (LEXI); Dillon, Caspian; Feehan, Jaxon (JAX); Fletcher, Braizlynn; Gordon, Georgia; Johnson, Mckenna (MCKENNA OR KENNA); Koenn, Theodore (THEO); Landwehr, Abel; Lane, Skylah (SKY) Maller, James (JIM); Noya Machado, Lukas; Otto, Amelia; Pashova, Opal; Traxler, Ava; Wells, Oktavia; Yanez, Jimmy (LITTLE JIMMY)

Homeroom KC; J. Bok Bermejo, Gemma; Bidlack, Revan (REV); Bok, Kainen (KAINEN JAMES); Cook, Sarabel (Sara); Crow, Dimitri; Denning, Colton (COLTON); Hahn, Maddison; Hamrick, Sawyer; Harris, Gannon; Neace, Summer; Shaffer, Cora; Shull, Dale; Slattman, Phelix

Homeroom LA; K. Scharr Barker, Harrison; Bechstein, Claire; Bidlack, Melody; Coressel, Ruby; Fidler, Amelia; Foust, Anderson; Gill, Jensen; Gordon, Canaan; Hahn, Maximus (MAX); Larson, Rose; Livingston, Emerson (EMMIE); Mendez, Micah; Miller, Landon; Treesh, Cassidy; Zuber, Amelia

Homeroom 1B; M. Lillemon

Billman, Saylor; Bissell, Brynleigh; Bowlin, Anthony; DeVault, Allura; Feasby, Adelyn (ADDYJO); Gaisford, Evelyn; Griffiths, Sophia; Hersey, Anikah (NIKA); Howell, Brady; McVay, Braxton; Miller, Silver; Muir, Johnny; Parisot, Waylon; Perry, Bryson; Shull, Anna; Smith, Emma

Homeroom 1C; K. Tonneas

Ash, Darius; Busch, Sophia; Cross, Emma; Dickess, Chance; Dillon, Juliet; Forbes, Malachi; Foust, Camden; Glowinski, Jöslin; Krick, Alayna (LAYNA/LAYNI); Lavers, Chloe; Mylek, Freyja; Schar, Eloise; Smallwood, Kyler; Smith, Mackenzi; Sweeney, Jasper; Webster, Tucker

Homeroom 2A; C. Soto

Cruz Melgar, Jonathan (JONATHAN); Dunham, Amelia; Edgar, Kalieaha; Flannery, Ethan; Friend, Thatcher; Gaisford, Stella; Gerhardt, Analiese; Gill, Liam (LIAM); Graham, Elise; Laker, Ezekiel; Miller, Deana; Moore, Anya; Myers, Landon; Schneider, Cole; Smith, Coralyn; Taylor, Ethan; Yenser, Evelyn

Homeroom 2B; Z. Lee

Baumert, Emmagrace; Custer, Lukas; Dunderman-Hutchinson, Emberly; Dzib, Brooke; Gordon, August; Henschen, Riley; Jackson, Hadley; Kauser, Abel; Larson, Owen; Lopez, Paula; Martinez Rohdy, Arlo; Morrow, Rowan; Parisot, Sawyer; Putnam, Tekota (KOTA); Reith, Maxx; Ruffing, Starlette; Wells, Owen; Zuber, Lane

Homeroom 2C; A. Fidler

Bauer, Ava; Baumert, Easton; Brown, Nikolow (NIKO); Burelison, Evan; Dix, Zoey; Johnson, Jett; Kobee, Greta; Martenies, Lilah; Miller, Whitney; Muri, Adalind; Overly, Ashton; Ruffing, Leah Shull, Grace; Wiesehan, Duke; Winslow, Westin (DUBS)

Homeroom 3A; S. Schaper

Barker, Zachary (Zac); Beregszazi, Cambria; Budd, Riley; Chrisman, Addalynn; Cotrel, Maryn; Gutierrez,

BOWERSOCK SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Cody Bowersock (New Superintendent, Paulding County Board of Development Disabilities) as the guest speaker at the August 1, 2024, club meeting. Cody came at

the invitation of Tricia Taylor (Western Buckeye Educational Services). Cody spoke to the Kiwanians about the many services provided and also shared that Special Olympics are back in Paulding County!

Alizae (ZAE); Hand, Irenia; Justinger, Casey; Kenner, David; Klender, Max; Leiter, Jarron; Overmyer, Tesla (Pearl); Reyes, Mariano (MO); Schilt, Jaxton; Schneider, Braxton; Slattman, Benson; Smith, Lyric; Weible, Kimber; Willson, Sarah

Homeroom 3B; J. Eklund

Backus, Malakai (KAI); Dunderman-Hutchinson, Grace (GRACELYNN); Fidler, Ava; Foster, Azlyn; Gordon, Kinley; Graham, Evangeline (Eve); Karas, Julian; Keeler, Sydney; Keith, Blain; Landwehr, Paisleigh; Martinez Rohdy, Damario; Elias Meglich, Stella; Miller, Deacon; Muir, Madison; Mylek, Thorin; Rivera, Matias; Treesh, Elaine; Zartman, Nash; Zuber, Joanna

Homeroom 4A; B. Smazenko

Adams, Brody; Bair, Garrett; Brandenburg, Artoria (Tori); Cover, Paizley; Dunham, Ashlynn; Griffiths, Addison; Hogans, Madilyn; Johnson, Damian; Johnson, Wynetr; Laker, Roman; Malfait, Sutton; Martenies, Hudson; Pierce, Skyler; Ruffing, Blade; Zuber, Beckett

Homeroom 4B; J. Reyes

Bidlack, Reece; Bissel, Hadley; Dangler, Duke; Eicher, Brevyn; Feasby, Aria; Hanenkrat, Colton; Hitzeman, Deacon; Justinger, Madison; Kauser, Bristol; Moreno, Keegan; Poppe, Roberta; Ruffing, Rylan; Schmidt, Parker; Straley, Addison (Addie); Sutton, Carson

Homeroom 4C; A. Malfait

Borof, Chloe; Ganger, Mason; Gibson, Landyn; Hermiller, Greysyn; Johnson, Lenore (Leni); Kobee, Grace; Parisot, Ensey; Rhonehouse, Owen; Stairhime, Gradyn; Taylor, Carter; Welker, Akasha; White, Lydia; Wiechart, Anna; Winslow, Brayton; Zielke, Wayne

Homeroom 5A; C. Bauer

Adams, Richard; Barkley, Shyahna; Dockery, Chance; Fish, Jayden; Friend, Sophia; Getz, Jesstin; Hostetler, Wesley; James, Annabelle; Kosch, Olivia; Ladd, Layton; Morow, Harper; Mowery, Lilian; Smith, Braxton; Smith, Greyson (Greyson); Starr, Ava; Wiesehan, Madison; Yanez, Sebastian

Homeroom 5B; D. Smalley

Barker, Brock; Beck-Bragg, Grace; Bennet, Olivia; Burelison, Jase; Cline, Adele; Cottrell, Missouri (Zoey); Cruz Melgar, Brandi; Gorbey, Tsarina; Graham, Bennett; Henschen, Eliot; Kemerer, Elie; Kutzli, Hanson; Phillips, Lucas; Reeb, Jameson; Reyes, Quintin; Slattman, Rylee; Smith, Ethan

Homeroom 5C; J. Jeffery

Bowlin, Blair; Conley, Soren (Soren); DeVault, Arai; Frost, Aubrey; Hounshel, Waylon; Hughes, Ariya; McCague, Oliver; Mylek, Zoey; Overman, Lauren; Rohrs, Cora; Sheehan, Gannon; Smith, Brody; Winslow, Finlee (Fin); Wurster, Emmett; Zijlstra, Ulrik; Zuber, June

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INDOT HOOSIER HELPERS AND GEICO PROMOTE BUCKLE UP PHONE DOWN SAFETY CAMPAIGN



The evidence is clear: distracted driving is dangerous, and seatbelts save lives. With the help of sponsor GEICO, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) today announced the addition of the Buckle Up Phone Down logo on its fleet of Hoosier Helper Safety Service Patrol vehicles to increase awareness of this important initiative. Buckle Up Phone Down tackles two of the most impactful actions drivers and passengers can take - wearing a seatbelt and putting the phone down behind the wheel. "Changing driver behavior is crucial to improving safety on Indiana roadways, said INDOT Commissioner Mike Smith. "I urge both drivers and passengers to make safe, smart decisions each and every time they get into a vehicle. I also thank our Hoosier Helpers for the assistance they provide to motorists in need, and the work they do to clear incidents and keep traffic moving."

Indiana ranks high in seat belt use at 93 percent, as reported in NHTSA's 2021 National Occupant Protection Use Survey, but those who don't buckle up are putting their lives at risk. While only seven percent of vehicle occupants are unbelted, they account for nearly half of all fatalities on Indiana roadways.

Indiana enacted its Hands-Free Law in 2020, which prohibits drivers from holding mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, in their hands while driving to reduce distracted driving and improve safety on Hoosier roadways. However, talking or texting while driving is only one of many types of distracted driving that leads to crashes including:

- Cell phone use (talking, texting, taking photos/videos, etc.)
- Eating or drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming (applying makeup, brushing hair, flossing, etc.)
- Using a navigation system (GPS)
- Watching videos
- Changing music (connected devices, CDs, radio, etc.)

GEICO has been the exclusive sponsor of the INDOT Hoosier Helpers since 2021, and support from the insurer helps spread awareness of the Buckle Up Phone Down campaign to improve roadway safety by changing driver behavior.

INDOT at the State Fair and INDOT will once again host a booth at the Indiana State Fair this year, with INDOT employees sharing agency information and materials throughout the event, which runs from Friday, August 2, through Sunday, August 18. INDOT Day will be on Saturday, August 17, featuring a Hoosier Helper patrol vehicle on site at the INDOT booth

outside the Mercantile Building, providing families an opportunity to get an up-close look at the trucks and safety equipment, and learn more about the patrol's free services.

All 26 Hoosier Helper patrol vehicles are outfitted with reflective striping making them more visible to passing traffic, and they now display Buckle Up Phone Down decals in addition to INDOT and GEICO identifiers. The INDOT Hoosier Helpers, sponsored by GEICO, patrol 177 miles of roadway in the state, seven days a week, with patrol hours varied by day and coverage area. The program is a key part of INDOT's effort to safely and efficiently keep traffic moving on heavily traveled highways in and around central Indiana (Indianapolis), northwest Indiana (Gary) and southern Indiana (Jeffersonville).

The main priority of Hoosier Helpers is quick incident clearance, in an effort to increase traffic flow and reduce secondary crashes. The patrol has attended to nearly 30,000 incidents so far in 2024. The patrol helps keep drivers safe by changing flat tires, fixing minor mechanical problems, providing minimal amounts of fuel, removing debris from the road and providing emergency medical assistance.

More information can be found at SafetyPatrolInfo.com, on the INDOT website (INDOT: Hoosier Helpers) and at BUPDIN.com; GEICO Living is also a source for auto safety related articles and tips. Assisted motorists are encouraged to share about the help they have received by posting to social media. Fans of the service can tag the patrol using #GEICOSafetyPatrol.



ANTWERP POLICE REPORT

July 13 - An alarm was reported at one of the downtown businesses. Officer responded and found nothing.

July 16 - Pit Stop reported someone had driven off without paying for gas. The person was located and returned and paid for the gas.

July 17 - Records check was done for United States Navy for a resident.

July 17 - A resident requested a golf cart inspection. The inspection was performed.

July 18 - A domestic dispute was reported at Leinard

Mobile Home Park. The case was investigated and one of the parties left for the day.

July 19 - A resident reported that one of their adult children had used a credit card without their permission and had accumulated around \$8,000. The case was investigated and report forwarded to the prosecutor.

July 19 - It was reported several semis were parking on property owned by Mercer Landmark, none had permission to be parking there.

July 20 - A domestic dispute was reported at a residence on N. Main St. Officer responded and a report was sent to the prosecutor.

July 21 - There was a motor vehicle accident reported at intersection of SR49/US24. An officer responded and prepared accident report

July 21 - Antwerp Police was requested to do welfare check for a resident of Park Avenue Villas. Officer went to the location and verified the individual was okay.

July 22 - Officers were called to 208 W River St. All the tenants were arguing. A report was prepared and sent to prosecutor.

July 22 - A person reported losing their wallet somewhere in the village.

July 22 - Owner of a residence on Daggett St. was contacted in reference to tall weeds and trash.

July 22 - A person reported seeing a man and woman arguing near 208 W. River St. Officer responded and was unable to locate the female.

July 23 - Security alarm went off at the Pop and Brew gas station. Officer responded and everything was secure.

July 23 - A resident of North Garden Apartments reported the he had been scammed through Facebook Messenger and he sent \$250 gift card.

July 23 - A resident reported seeing that someone had carved initials and things in a picnic table at the park.

July 23 - A certified letter was sent in reference to junk violations at a residence on Mervin St.

July 23 - Antwerp Police Department assisted Antwerp EMS at North Garden Apartments for someone having a medical emergency.

July 25 - A resident reported a UTV parked on the sidewalk at Main and River. Officer responded and explained to the driver that those vehicles cannot be blocking the sidewalk or riding on the streets in town without proper license.

July 26 - Officers were called to 102 Shaffer Rd. One resident reported that another had threatened him with a knife a week earlier. The case was investigated and referred to prosecutor.

July 26 - A resident found change and keys near River St.

July 27 - Officers were called about a dispute on Main St. A report was prepared and sent to prosecutor.

July 27 - A resident reported that it appeared someone had dumped coal into a tree stump down by the river at the park.

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

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Anais Melendrez, Warsaw, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

Alexandria M. Langston, Woodburn, IN; Disorderly conduct; Defendant appeared in court without counsel, pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail, suspended

Thomas W. Welch, Grand Rapids, OH; Driving under suspension; Pled no contest, found guilty; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Amber L. Rodriguez, Van Wert, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Sebina Husidic, Fort Wayne, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel R. Pollard, Bryan, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dylan P. Ramer, Arcadia, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua L. Leggitt, Oakwood, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Pamela K. Porter, Grover Hill, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Hailey M. Stahl, Paulding, OH; Assault, Count A dismissed per state; Criminal damage, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, 90 days jail, 89 days suspended, Placed on standard probation, Mental health evaluation, No contact with victims, Complete online course, Seek and maintain employment, 20 hours community service, Restitution

Sara T. Salmons, Defiance, OH; Criminal damage, Guilty, 30 days jail suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on probation, May be considered for early release of conditions completed within 6 months, 20 hours community service, Restitution paid through the clerks office, General good behavior; Disorderly conduct, Count B dismissed per state

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Sudoku Puzzle

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	7	9					6	5
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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

Cassandra K. Hostettler, Defiance, OH; Assault; Guilty; 180 days jail, 148 suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Driving/texting; Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Derrick M. Bennett, Grover Hill, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James C. Berger, Paulding, OH; Driving under suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Warrant and warrant block released, Defendant to be released today; Seat belt/drive, Pled no contest, found guilty; Registration violation, Pled, no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Jemariea D. Scott Ward, Cincinnati, OH; Driving under suspension; Guilty; Proof of insurance not provided; Warrant and warrant block recalled

Anthony M. Alba, Grover Hill, OH; No motorcycle license; Count A dismissed

Darcy D. Stoller, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Moises Bahena Nava, Houston, TX; No operator license, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Driving/texting, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Lindsay N. Bowling, Defiance, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Christopher L. Runyon, Van Wert, OH; Driving under FRA suspension, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Failure to control, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Kristen N. Sargent, Antwerp, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Yassine Amaziane, Eules, TX; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Joshua L. Hart, Auburn, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Raul A. Guerrero, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to yield emergency vehicle; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

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PUPPY LOVE DOCUMENTARY TO SCREEN AT CINEMA CENTER ON AUGUST 17th



Amanda Marien, Producer and cameraperson for Puppy Love, with Red.

Director Gail Gilbert's inspiring tale of special needs puppies touches the audience's hearts

PUPPY LOVE is the story of Labrador puppies stricken with a paralysis and neurologic disorder after their regular puppy vaccinations. The storyline follows the breeder, dog owners and even the filmmakers who adopt one of the

pups as they use a special diet and physical therapy to bring them back to their true retriever ability.

The PUPPY LOVE documentary, produced by Cerise Films of Chicago, is an exciting and inspiring documentary written and directed by Gail Gilbert.

The movie will screen at a special presentation on Satur-

day, August 17 along with green DogGoods, a family-owned and operated local Fort Wayne business and trusted source for natural pet products, dog training, education, and support for over 10 years.

"A healthy litter of purebred pups suddenly become paralyzed and the vets say they should be euthanized," explains writer-director Gilbert. The documentary follows a literal "life and death" struggle and everything from chicken soup to Chinese herbs are used to nurse the pups

back to health.

"PUPPY LOVE is more than a movie about dogs -- it's a universal story about the power of love and commitment in everything we do," said Gilbert.

"The feel-good movie of the year!" according to celebrated author Dorothy Marks.

To watch the trailer: <http://puppylovefilm.com/>

PUPPY LOVE will screen at 2:00 p.m. on August 17th with Director Gail Gilbert and Canine Star SCOUT in attendance.

MY FRIEND



The latest article on visiting old friends reminds me of a close friend that I I had

in high school and haven't seen since we graduated. I don't know where he is or

even if he is still living. I look back and see him as a high school kid. I'll give you his real name in case anyone is an expert at finding people.

From grade school, one of my passions was hunting rabbits in the fall. I used my dad's single shot 12 gauge shotgun. It was lightweight and had no frills. Later I received a three shot bolt action 16 gauge for Christmas, but it was heavy and not nearly as much fun. My dad taught me never to point a gun at anything or anyone, unless you intended to shoot, even when we thought the gun was not loaded. If we got a rabbit we always ate it. There is a surprising amount of meat on a rabbit. Of course you can always carry a foot for good luck. We owned two woodlots and there were several woods adjacent to ours.

In those days there were always brush piles from cutting firewood. Also the railroad track was a good spot to hunt. My high school friend owned a beautiful trained beagle and lived adjacent to the wildest country I have ever seen. Much of it you couldn't walk through. Seems like every time we went hunting we always were successful.

If you ever hunted with a Beagle it is the most fun. You simply wait till you hear the Beagle start to brey and you know it has spotted a rabbit. You would hear it going through the woods. The funniest thing the rabbit would eventually come back past where you were. Something about rabbits are curious, and I've heard deer are also. I've never hunted deer and can't believe people would actually shoot them.

We also had some good social times even though we never went anywhere. Larry and his mother were the only two people in a large two-story house. I would always stay for a visit before leaving and his mother would always have something for us to snack. Their drink of choice was Morgan David wine. Probably the cheapest money could buy, three dollars a gallon. It was the first time I was exposed to alcohol. I particularly remember one time that I was there just before Christmas.

We must have hunted for years after high school because I took my girlfriend, now my wife, hunting with us, an experience witch she still remembers. We must have had a lousy day hunting, so we let her shoot my 12 gauge shotgun. I guess you can say it made an impression on her.

The boy's name was Larry Jack, and I don't recall his mother's name. I had heard he moved to Minnesota but I

don't know who told me. One of our classmates tried to contact him all these years when we had class reunions, but never found him. There is a gentleman by the same name at Pleasant Lake, Indiana, that does auto and tractor repair. I have spoken to him and he is not the lad I knew in high school.

I still wonder what happened to Larry. At my age I would not be able to travel to see him but it would be nice to speak to him.

—James Neuhouser

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION INVESTS UP TO \$400 MILLION TO ADDRESS DROUGHT, CONSERVE WATER THROUGH PRODUCTION OF WATER-SAVING COMMODITIES

USDA also announces record \$2.3 billion investments under the Western Water Framework; Funding builds on Administration's historic water conservation efforts, which have stabilized short-term western water supply and are investing in long-term solutions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1, 2024 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will invest \$400 million with at least 18 irrigation districts to help farmers continue commodity production while also conserving water across the West. This funding – which will support irrigation districts and producers in using innovative water savings technologies and farming practices while producing water-saving commodities in the face of continued drought – is expected to conserve up to 50,000 acre-feet in water use across 250,000 acres of irrigated land in production, while expanding and creating new, sustainable market opportunities.

This historic funding builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's work to conserve water, increase the efficiency of water use, upgrade existing infrastructure, and overall strengthen water security in the West. With historic water conservation enabled by President Biden's Investing in America agenda, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation announced in May 2024 it had staved off the immediate possibility of the Colorado River System's reservoirs from falling to critically low elevations that would threaten water deliveries and power production. Due to record conservation investments as well as improved hydrology, Lake Mead levels today are the highest since May 2021. The Administration is now working to ensure the long-term

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- 3 years' experience in diesel commercial motor vehicle diagnosis and repair.
- Electronic engine controls and computer-based diagnosis.
- Diagnosis and repair of gasoline engines, hydraulic and electrical repair
- Class B CDL driver's license to be obtained within 1 year.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Cummins engine diagnosis certifications
- Class A driver's license.
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sustainability and resilience by focusing on long-term water conservation in several basins across the west.

"Agricultural producers are the backbone of rural communities across the West and many of them are struggling under prolonged drought conditions," Vilsack said. "USDA is taking an 'all hands' approach to help address this challenge, including these new partnerships with irrigation districts to support producers. We want to scale up the tools available to keep farmers farming, while also voluntarily conserving water and expanding markets for water-saving commodities."

Partnering with Irrigation Districts to Support Water Conservation, Produce Water-Saving Commodities

USDA worked to select irrigation districts based on several commodity production and water management-related criteria in order to maximize the ability to achieve program objectives, leveraging available data from the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation to ensure close alignment and partnership. USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) provided data and analysis to support the preliminary selections. Districts that have been preliminarily selected for potential inclusion in this program include:

- Black Canyon Irrigation District, Idaho
- Brooklyn Canal Company, Utah
- Central Oregon Irrigation District, Ore.
- Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District, Ariz.
- Corcoran Irrigation District, Calif.
- East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Wash.
- Elephant Butte Irrigation District, N.M.
- Glenn - Colusa Irrigation District, Calif.
- Greybull Valley Irrigation District, Wyo.
- Hidalgo & Cameron Counties Irrigation District 9, Texas
- Huntley Project Irrigation District, Mont.
- Imperial Irrigation District, Calif.
- Maricopa - Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District, Ariz.
- Palisade Irrigation District, Colo.
- Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Wash.
- Solano Irrigation District, Calif.
- Sutter Mutual Water Company, Calif.
- Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, Nev.

The preliminary selected districts may receive up to \$15 million each in the awards and will enter into sub-agreements with the producers participating within the district. Depending on available funding, awards to additional districts may be possible.

Producers who participate will receive payments for voluntarily reducing water consumption while maintaining commodity production. The needs of producers will determine the specific strategies for water conservation, including irrigation improvements, shifts in management practices, shifts in cropping systems, and other innovative strategies. USDA will learn from the diversity of strategies

used and identify additional opportunities to maintain and expand water-saving commodity production in the future.

Participating producers and irrigation districts will commit to ensuring continued commodity production in the areas where water consumption is reduced. USDA is working to finalize agreements with the preliminarily selected districts, which will include the details of each individual district's water-saving strategies, commodities to be produced, and specific budgets. Following the finalization of those awards, producers within the participating districts will work directly through their irrigation districts to participate. USDA and the preliminarily selected districts will provide more details on the agreements and opportunities for producers to directly enroll.

In addition to the preliminarily selected districts announced today, USDA is also announcing a Tribal set-aside within the program, targeting up to \$40 million in funding for additional awards within Indian Country. USDA will work with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Tribes, and Tribal producers to reduce water consumption and maintain land in agricultural production - supporting the production of water-saving commodities. USDA is partnering with BIA to use available data and ensure meaningful engagement with Tribes to establish selection criteria that reflect the specific needs and water management systems within Indian Country. Additional information for further engagement and selections will be provided in the weeks ahead.

USDA will also include targeted assistance to support water-saving commodity production for acequias, recognizing that many irrigators in the Southwest are formed under the community-based acequia model instead of the irrigation district model. Additional information regarding targeted assistance to acequias that reflects the historical nature of their water distribution structure will follow.

Historic Investments in Western Water Complement Water-Saving Commodities Program

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is working to help producers and communities conserve water, manage and prepare for the effects of climate change and build drought resilience in the West through its Western Water and Working Lands Framework for Conservation Action (Western Water Framework), which was launched in 2023. The Western Water Framework describes how NRCS assistance is used to address water resource related issues in 17 states in the West. In fiscal year 2023, NRCS provided \$2.3 billion in conservation investments that help producers and communities in Western states better steward water resources, including investments that also support climate change mitigation. This total includes a boost of 9.7 percent or \$213.3 million from the Inflation Reduction Act.

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NRCS selected 9 new priority areas and is continuing to offer funding in 36 prior approved areas, making \$29.7 million in EQIP funding available through the WSI across 16 states.

Together, these efforts by FSA and NRCS advance USDA's efforts to create more, new, and better market opportunities, sustainably grow agricultural productivity to feed a growing population, and help farmers and natural resource managers manage and prepare for the effects of climate change.

STRIVING FOR 300 BUSHEL CORN

At the 2024 National No-till Conference, Dr. Fred Below, University of Illinois talked about "Striving for 300-bushel Corn." Almost all of his research was done on conventional tillage corn plots, however; he made important points that apply to all farmers striving for higher yields. With the world population currently 8 billion and reaching 9 billion by 2037, higher yields will be needed to feed the growing world population.

Dr. Below emphasized three pre-requisite conditions that all farms need to follow to achieve optimal yields. First, good soil drainage and good soil structure. Without good drainage, roots can not grow to reach soil nutrients. Without good soil structure, both the soil microbes and root development is limited. Second, control all pests including weeds, insects, and diseases. Pests reduce yields by about 30% world-wide. Healthy plants can reduce the harmful effects of almost all agricultural pests. Third, soil test to get adequate fertility (pH, macro-, and micro-nutrients). Current soil tests are not calibrated for 300-bushel corn, so stay in the mid to slightly higher range

interactions with each other. The 4 R's (right placement, right rate, right source, right time) are all important; but Dr. Below emphasized right placement. Get it close to the roots! Putting N on in the middle of the row may not allow the corn roots to get access, especially in conventional soils with compaction and poor soil structure. On conventional tilled soils 30-inch rows apart, most roots only reach out 6-8 inches into the middle of the row. Most long-term no-till fields roots with good soil structure can reach the middle of a 30-inch row.

For fertilizer, starter fertilizer on the seed (low salt) and 2-inch by 2-inch placement is needed. You never want your corn to turn yellow or light green. Corn determines yield from V2 (two true leaves) to V6 (six true leaves). Spoon feeding corn throughout the corn season is beneficial, and Y drops, putting the N fertilizer right at the base of the corn plant are beneficial.

Over the last 4 years, Dr. Below said corn hybrids had a 38 to 62-bushel swing, averaging 50 bushel. Get hybrids that are adapted to your soil type and environmental conditions. For No-till (NT) farmers, get varieties that do well in those conditions. Most corn hybrids are tested under conventional tillage, corn hybrids need to be tested for NT conditions. According to Dr. Peter Thomison, retired OSU corn specialist, moisture at pollination is a big factor in determining final yield, more so than crop maturity (e.g. 100-day corn versus 115-day corn).

On corn population, the average increase in corn yield is 2 bu./acre/year due to a linear increase in corn population of about 400 seeds/year. More plants

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4	5	1	7	9	8	6	2	3
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equal more grain with adequate moisture. Yield is based on the formula Number of Plants/Acre * Kernels/corn cob * grain weight/kernel. The only factor farmers can really control is the corn population. In 30-inch rows, 38,000 (38K) seeds/acre is about maximum while 20-inch rows can intercept more sunlight and max out at 44K. Average yield increase is 25 bu./A in 20-inch rows versus 30-inch. As farmers increase population in a row, roots get smaller (2.5% decrease in root mass/1K seeds) but root size increases in 20-inch rows due to better distribution and sunlight interception. Dr. Below says, on root mass, 38K on 30-inch rows equal the root mass on 44K on 20-inch rows except the yields are higher in 20-inch rows.

A good crop rotation (Corn-Soybeans-Wheat) may add 20 bushel per acre by decreasing pests. Tillage or long-term NT may add 15 bu./A and good biological activity may add another 10 bu./A. Biologicals and NT is of higher importance in long-term NT plus a cover, but less of a factor in conventional tilled soils where corn is more dependent on commercial fertilizer. More info to come!

—James J. Hoorman
 Hoorman Soil Health Services

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PAULDING COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE INVITES JUDGE TO SPEAK



Standing in front of the iconic Paulding County Courthouse is Gena Campbell, Judge Dan Hawkins, Laurie Lucas, and Shannon Ruschel.

On Thursday, August 1st the Paulding County Republican Central Committee met at Holly, Wood, and Vine to discuss several items.

State Rep Roy Klopfenstein brought up that a Constitutional Amendment is up on the ballot in November that will create an anti-democratic method of redistricting through an unelected committee rather than through the legislature. If approved by the voters (50%+1 vote) it would place all redistricting in the state of Ohio to a committee selected by retired judges and a private hiring firm. The committee would comprise of five democrats, five republicans and five independents. It would change gerrymandering to require districts to be race and politically based, with no oversight and no ability to challenge districting in the courts. They would also

be able to spend pretty much any amount of money because the legislature wouldn't be able to set their budget. The committee recommends voting NO on issue 1 to keep this in the hands of the voter's representatives instead of unelected bureaucrats.

Bernie Moreno will be in attendance at the McClure Farms Reception on August 13, 2024.

Laurie Lucas brought up that the committee will need to send out letters for finding sponsors for the fall Lincoln-Reagan Banquet.

A Building for rent next to Past Time Cafe will be the Republican headquarters from September through October.

The headline speaker for the evening was Judge Dan Hawkins, who is running for a Ohio Supreme Court Justice seat, spoke about his experiences as an assistant prosecutor. He worked in the Special

Victims Unit trying the cases, and within 18 months was overseeing the entire department. He has participated in over 100 jury trial cases. He has won in Franklin County numerous times in various judge positions.

He and His wife, Amy, have been married 18 years with three children. Their family has a business in Columbus and are traditional blue color workers. Dan stated that he is for law and order because businesses and individuals need this for a good society, "Providing Long term stability is the goal." His website is Hawkins-forOhio.com

The Central Committee is working on making slate cards that will be available for people to take with them to the polls or to have on hand for those voting absentee.

Gena Campbell, from Hancock County, spoke next on her experience of the Republican convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She said Trump showed up early on the first day, and that was a big surprise since just a couple days before there was an assassination attempt on his life. She said it was a miracle he was alive. "It doesn't matter if you are a Democrat, or Republican: our freedoms are being taken away, and that's why we need to all vote for President Trump," proclaimed Campbell. She said they had to sign a form to release JD Vance from the senate for the VP candidate position.

Laurie asked for volunteers for Saturday, August 10 for the Antwerp Day in the Park Parade, and for Oakwood's Labor Day parade.



FWPD TEAMING UP FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Science Central and the Fort Wayne Police Department are teaming up to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

In honor of this special event, Science Central will be observing special hours of 5:00-8:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024 with no admission charged. The free admission is courtesy of Fraternal Order of Police Indiana Wayne Lodge 14.

In addition to free entry, visitors can look forward to a backpack and school supplies giveaway at the center. While supplies last, school-aged visitors can take home a backpack stuffed with materials they will need for the upcoming academic school year. Youth must be present in order to receive these items. FWPD is conducting the giveaway in partnership with its Victim Assistance program. All items were donated by local Walmart stores.

Throughout the event, visitors will have the opportunity to meet FWPD personnel. The department's specialty teams will be in attendance, including the K9 unit, bomb unit, and more.

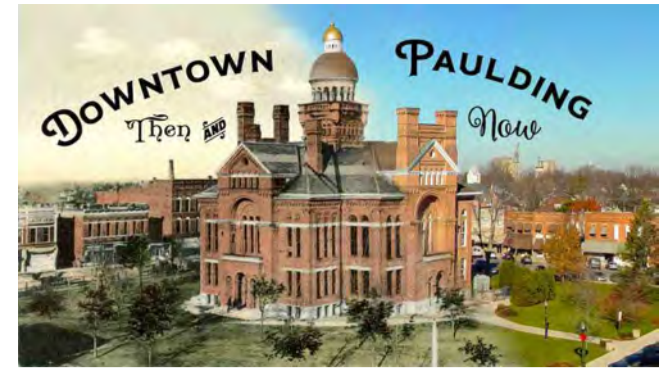
Aside from FWPD, representatives from 11 other entities will be present at National Night Out, running resource tables for visitors.

Event sponsors include Anthem, Blessings in a Backpack, FOP Indiana Wayne Lodge 14, Surack Family Foundation, and Walmart.

To claim free tickets to National Night Out, visit Science Central's website.

The center will observe its regular hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 6, with its standard general admission fee in effect until the start of the event.

JPHS MUSEUM 'MOVIE NIGHT'



The third annual "Movie Night at the Museum" will be presented at John Paulding Historical Museum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6. The public is invited to watch new video "Downtown Paulding: Then & Now."

Black Swamp Arbor, Gleaner Life Insurance is again sponsoring this popular event. All proceeds go to the museum.

A free-will donation will be accepted at the door. Popcorn and drink will be provided.

This year's presentation is a new video inspired by the recent designation of the Paulding Downtown Historic District by the National Park Service. The application process included hundreds of hours of research on downtown buildings by a local team comprised of Ann Walker,

Jane Nice, and museum vice president Kim Sutton and president Melinda Krick. Krick assembled the video, using more than 100 images of buildings and storefronts from the 1880s to today. The audience will be encouraged to reminisce and share information about their favorite places "Around the Square" and beyond.

The first two Movie Nights featured the PBS documentary "The Story of the Great Black Swamp" and the original video "Les Weidenhamer's Museum Stories."

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding. Its mission is Preserving the Past For Future Generations. For additional information, check the museum's Facebook page at facebook.com/jphsmuseum.

INCLUSION IS THE CENTER OF LIMITLESS BLOCK PARTY EVENT AUGUST 11

Limitless, a retail store by PC Workshop, will host a free community event August 11 from 5 - 9:30 on the square in Paulding. The event features an outdoor movie, Limitless League 2, created by participants of all abilities, inflatable obstacle courses, animal are rides, face painting, craft vendors, food trucks and more!

The event is free and family-friendly with food trucks by Grant's Smokin' Wheels BBQ, The Donut Hole, Kona Ice and more, inflatable obstacle courses, a 360 Photobooth sponsored by Bashore Reineck Stoller & Waterman Inc. Animal carts sponsored by Schweller Electric, and face painting.

Craft vendors are being

organized by Keepsake Beads by EAW Boutique on Perry Street.

Limitless League 2 will be shown on the former site of the movie theatre on Perry Street at dusk. Limitless League 2 is a superhero movie created by participants of PC Workshop, where people of all abilities wrote, designed the set, acted and edited the movie to work on skills needed to work in the community.

Limitless is owned by PC Workshop, INC., A 501 (c)3 dedicated to helping clients of all abilities live their best lives. This is done through educational programming, experience-based paid work training in the Limitless store. PC hosts 65 clients from five counties, including school ages 14+. All clients receive at least minimum wage while working, and get to participate in tons of activities.

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