

2,700+ ATTEND PPEC MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO



Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) hosted its most successful Member Appreciation Day yet, with over 2,700 members gathering at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo on August 3rd for an evening of exclusive access, unlimited fun, and community connection.

Members were treated to unlimited rides on zoo favorites such as the Sky Safari, Z.O.&O. Railroad, Crocodile Creek Adventure Ride, and Endangered Species Carousel. In addition to the rides, unlimited ice cream

and soft drinks were available at concession stands throughout the zoo.

The event began with free zoo entry starting at 4 p.m., and from 6 to 9 p.m., PPEC members had exclusive access to the entire zoo, turning the event into a private celebration of the cooperative members. As a special thank you, each member received a PPEC cooler and had the chance to win various prizes at booths set up throughout the zoo.

Demonstrating the spirit of the cooperative principle

'Cooperation among Cooperatives,' members of neighboring Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative (located in Malinta, Ohio) also joined the event, sharing the zoo with PPEC members. Tricounty REC had nearly 500 guests.

Members also had the opportunity to meet the PPEC staff, including CEO Randy Price and the Board of Trustees. Employees were easy to spot in their maroon "Zoo Crew" shirts, making it convenient for members to say hello and ask questions.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES, CHURCHES RISE TO HELP SCHOOL DISTRICT CHILDREN

It is no secret that in these times in which we live that financial struggles and economical burdens are swarming all around. It seems nobody is immune, especially the small rural communities that encompass Paulding County. As schools are getting ready to begin another school year, departments are doing inventory, setting schedules, plans, and menus for the multitudes that will don the halls of the schools for the next nine months.

Wayne Trace Local Schools' Food Service department recently made it known that there was a large school

lunch debt owed from last school year that had not been reconciled by students' families. They made the public aware using their social media page which sprung many residents, businesses, and churches into high gear. Local business, Puckerbrush Brewhouse, took the initiative and launched a fundraiser to pay off these students' account before the onset of the new school year. This inspiration sparked a fire in the community as Payne Maramart also threw their lending hat into the efforts.

Three hours into Brewhouse's fundraiser, Wayne Trace Local School rethought their initial plan to stave off this debt and are going back to reconsider how to handle the

situation in the future. However, by this time, Brewhouse decided to continue on through closing time at 5:00 p.m. to raise money to pay off that negative balance that exists for those struggling financially. A local church is donating the remainder of the funds to reconcile the lunch accounts at Wayne Trace Local Schools.

From Brewhouse owners, the Gonzalez's, "Thanks to our amazing Community we raised \$765 that will go to the school to pay on these balances! We live in an amazing and blessed community! Thank you all who stopped in to support the families in need!! Your kindness does not go unnoticed and we are so



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OKULEY'S SPEAK TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Kieu, Travis, and Konnor Okuley (Okuley's Pharmacy) as the guest speaker at the August 8, 2024, club meeting. The Okuley's came at the invita-

tion of Richard Kipp (Church Elder, Branch Christian Fellowship). Kieu spoke to the Kiwanians about the products and services that Okuley's Pharmacy will be offering from their new location.

Thankful for each and every one of you! Thank you for showing up Big Today for those who need it most! God Bless you All!"

Editor's note: Sometimes when rough times come along, humans are quick to talk and think and react negatively - it's human nature. It takes wisdom and love and compassion to look past that negativity in our humanity to see what good can be done. Acts of kindness and compassion is what makes the world a better place and it showed strong in Paulding County this past week.

PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED IN PAULDING COUNTY

With all of the news buzzing about the closing and opening of pharmacies in Paulding County, many ques-

tions have come up. Patients have been wondering how can I get my prescription transferred to a local pharmacy?

First off, in Paulding County after August 11, 2024 please know that you will have two choices to pick from for prescription refills in the county. Antwerp Pharmacy which is located in Antwerp, Ohio and Okuley's Pharmacy located in Paulding, Ohio.

If you do not contact a new pharmacy of choice your current prescription refill information will be sent to Walgreens in Defiance on August 12, 2024. Below are some options that patients have for prescription refills moving forward:

1. Before August 12th, you will need to contact your new pharmacy of choice and ask

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- August 12**
- Finance Committee Meeting @ Defiance Library, 12Noon
- August 14**
- Living Free Group @ Cecil Comm Church, 6-7:30pm
 - WBESC board meeting @ ESC Conf Rm, 5:30pm
- August 15**
- Patio Concert @ Huber, 5:30p
 - 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
 - BBQ Chicken Dinner @ Oakwood Fire Dept. 5-7pm
- August 20**
- West Ohio Food Bank Food Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm
- August 23**
- PC Sen. Center on the Road @ Cooper Comm. Library, 9:30a
- September 6**
- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm

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LATTY, OH:
Helen M. Stoller, age 101, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Country Inn Enhanced Living, Latty, OH.

Helen was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1923 in Paulding Co., OH to the late Roy and Marie (Boroff) Rhoad. On her birthday in 1942, she married Roy C. Stoller, who preceded her in death in 2012. They were married for 70 years. Helen spent her life creating a loving home for her family. Helen was the oldest member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Jeanette (Tim) Poston, Gate City, VA; grandchildren: Michele (Dave) Orn, Brandon (Elecia) Wobler, Chad Stoller, Todd (Trista) Stoller; great grandchildren: Dominic Orn, DaKota Orn, Trinity Wobler, Zachary Wobler, Jacob Wobler, Regan Stoller, Trighton Stoller, Taelynn Stoller.

Helen is also preceded in death by her sons, Alan and Stanley Stoller; grandson, SSG Zachary Wobler; brother, Lawrence Rhoad; sisters: Erma Zielke, Priscilla Schwartz, and Kathryn Clemens.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial will follow in Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Latty Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. There will also be visitation from 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Sunday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the donor's choosing.

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

ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- 8/12 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Rummy @ 11:30 a.m.; Birthday/Bingo Party @ 1:30 p.m.; Bible Stories @ 2:15 p.m.
- 8/13 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Pizza Toss @ 2:45 p.m.
- 8/14 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:15 p.m.; Euchre @ 2:30 p.m.
- 8/15 - What's For Dessert? @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING HOLDS FIRST ASSISTED LIVING FEEDBACK FORUM IN COLUMBUS



COLUMBUS, Ohio - Beginning its tour around the state, the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) held its first Assisted Living Feedback Forum at the Longaberger Alumni House on The Ohio State University's campus on Wednesday afternoon.

The session was an opportunity for citizens to provide their thoughts about assisted living facilities in the state. Attendees included assisted living residents and their families, facility staff and administrators, other health care workers, state ombudsmen, and more.

During Wednesday's two-hour Feedback Forum,

Ohioans were able to discuss their experiences in selecting an assisted living facility in small groups with ODA staff. In the second hour, they were shown mock-ups of "Version 2.0" of what is currently called Ohio's Nursing Home Quality Navigator and asked to give feedback on ways to incorporate assisted living into the Navigator's interface.

The Navigator, announced and launched in February at a press conference by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy, is an online tool providing users with detailed information about nursing homes across the

state in one convenient digital location. Navigator Version 2.0, set to be released later this year, will be updated to include assisted living facilities, among other features. Feedback Forums are scheduled to be held in the following communities:

- Dayton (August 13)
- Cincinnati (August 14)
- Bowling Green (August 20)
- Youngstown (August 29)
- Cleveland (September 5)

A full schedule of in-person Feedback Forums and more details are available at aging.ohio.gov/alf.

p.m.
 8/16 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time @ 3:00 p.m.

8/17 - Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; Scrapbook Club @ 1:15 p.m.; Puzzle Table @ 2:30 p.m.

8/18 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

8/12 - Turkey manhattan, mashed potatoes, tomatoe, cabbage & carrot medley, pineapple, WW bread, cookie bar

8/13 - Swedish meatballs, noodles, lima beans, grape juice, applesauce, dinner roll

8/14 - Barbecue chicken, baked potato, glazed carrots, banan WW bread

8/15 - Ham & scalloped potatoes, capri blend vegetables, fresh fruit, cornbread, sherbet

8/16 - Taco salad casserole, corn chips, grapes & pineapple, broccoli salad

MERCY HEALTH WELCOMES NEW FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTOR

Mercy Health is pleased to announce the expansion of its Mercy Health - Henry



County Family Medicine team with the addition of Alex Altman, MD.

Dr. Altman will join Dr. Anna McMaster, and certified nurse practitioner Lisa Thornton, to deliver personal, high-quality care for patients of all ages and all stages of life. He began seeing patients August 5.

"Being a physician allows me to be an active participant in the special physician-patient relationship as well as use my skills and medical knowledge to assist patients in improving their overall health," Dr. Altman said. "I am grateful for the patients that have allowed me into their lives in this unique way and commit to continually provide the type of care that makes patients feel heard, valued, and respected."

Dr. Altman received his medical degree from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and completed his residency locally at Mercy Health - St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency. He was born and raised in Henry County and is pleased to return to his hometown to care for patients.

"I was a patient of Henry County Family Medicine as a child and young adult and am excited for the full circle opportunity to now be working in this practice," Dr. Altman said.

Mercy Health - Henry County Family Medicine

provides diagnosis and treatment of common medical concerns; immunizations and preventive care as well as annual physical exams; camp, school and sports physicals; and prescription and medication management.

Mercy Health - Henry County Family Medicine is located: 1600 E. Riverview Avenue, Suite 101, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

For those looking to make an appointment, call 419-592-8774.

For more information visit mercy.com

THANK YOU

The Apostolic Christian, Zion Baptist, & Friends United Methodist Churches of Latty appreciate and want to thank the following businesses, community groups and individuals for contributing to the success of the 3rd Latty Community Festival, July 27. Your participation in the Opening Ceremonies, Educational Displays, Musical Talents & Door Prize donations highlighted a fun, loving, community event!

Ace Hardware-Paulding, Alco Products (electricity), Apostolic Choir, Balloon Artist-Chris Bercaw, Bob Bidlack (electricity), Boy Scout Troop 315, Dairy Queen-Paulding, Dennings Drive Inn, Power 2 Change, Ebel's Butcher Shop, Fiesta Habaneros, Fuel Good Energy, Habitat for Humanity, Holly Wood & Vine Florals, Memory of Krista Poling, Keepsake Beads by EAW & Boutique, Lifewise Academy, Marco's Pizza, Pancho's Pancake House, Payne Marathon Gas Station, Paulding County Amateur Radio Club, Paulding County Carnegie Library, Paulding-Putnam Electric Coop, Paulding County

Scripture of the Week

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,"

- Matthew 6:14

TO WALK IN FORGIVENESS



Father, in the Name of Jesus, I make a fresh commitment to You to live in peace and harmony, not only with the other brothers and sisters of the Body of Christ, but also with my friends, associates, neighbors, and family.

I let go of all bitterness, resentment, envying, strife, and unkindness in any form. I give no place to the devil in Jesus' Name. Now Father, I ask Your forgiveness. By faith, I receive it, having assurance that I am cleansed from all unrighteousness through Jesus Christ. I ask You to forgive

and release all who have wronged and hurt me. I forgive and release them. Deal with them in your mercy and loving-kindness.

From this moment on, I purpose to walk in love, to seek peace, to live in agreement, and to conduct myself toward others in a manner that is pleasing to You. I know that I have right standing with you and Your ears are attentive to my prayers.

It is written in Your Word that the love of God has been poured forth into my heart by the Holy Ghost Who is given to me. I believe that love flows forth into the lives of everyone I know, that I may be filled with and abound in the fruits of righteousness which bring glory and honor unto You, Lord, in Jesus' Name. So be it! Amen.

Scripture References:

- Romans 12:16-18; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:2; Ephesians 4:31; Ephesians 4:27; Psalm 91:11; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8,11,12; Colossians 1:10; Romans 5:5; Philippians 1:9,11

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 -Pastor Dwayne

Sheriff's Office & K-9 Dog, Paulding Subway, Paulding Taco Bell, Puckerbrush Pizza, Red Angel Pizza, Scott Ball-Ottawa Area McDonalds, Scott EMS, Stoller Honey Farms, Styles Unlimited, Sweet for the Soul-Atkins Family Bee Farm, WMEA-Shannon Ruschel

And many individuals who donated time, materials, prizes, & goods

ALLIANCE HEALTH CENTERS PARTNERS WITH HEADWATERS COUNSELING TO ENSURE ONGOING ACCESS TO CARE

Following the recent closure of Headwaters Counseling in Fort Wayne, Alliance Health Centers is stepping up to ensure patients have access to care.

"Here at Alliance, we recognize how crucial teamwork is to accomplishing our mission of improving the health of the communities we serve," said Dr. Nikki King, CEO of Alliance Health Centers. "Headwaters provided high-quality care for vulnerable populations in southeast Fort

Wayne, and it's important that we maintain that access to care. We are honored to step into the next chapter as a team dedicated to maintaining and growing access to healthcare in Fort Wayne, regardless of a person's ability to pay."

Alliance is adding five providers - all of whom previously served at Headwaters - to support substance use treatment services, as well as mental health care for adults and children age five and older.

The following providers are now accepting patients:

- Raphilla Dixie, LCAC, PhD
- Vanessa Jones, LMHC, CSAYC
- Trevor McCorkle, LMHC-A
- Sierra McDowell, MSW, LSW
- Samantha Singhi, LMHC-A

Headwaters Counseling traces its origins to 1873, initially serving as The Home for Friendless Women and Homeless Girls. After undergoing several changes through the years, in 2012, it

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In addition to the fun, the event provided information on PPEC's programs and services, including the account management tool SmartHub, Bright Futures Youth Programs, America's Electric Co-operative PAC, Operation Round Up, energy efficiency, and the cooperative's upcoming

ing broadband internet service, set to launch fall 2025.

PPEC encourages all members who attended to complete an event survey by Monday, August 26. Feedback will help shape future years' Member Appreciation Day. The survey can be found online at www.ppec.coop/member-appreciation.

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JUST A SNACKIN'

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

What is your favorite thing to do when you are watching TV? Me? I love to snack. I can sit and watch a favorite TV show and without even thinking I will be munching away and notice the bottom of my bag is empty.

I like to snack on hull-less popcorn, chips, cookies, candy, and pie or cake.

I know it's not good to eat a lot of food before bedtime but "snacks are my downfall at night."

Back when my little brother and I were growing up, I got home from school and was hungry. Mom got out a little waxed paper bag and put some chips in it and handed it to my brother to share.

Oh I got so mad because I wanted my own little bag. I started to cry and Mom said, "What's wrong?" I turned around and screamed "I want my own bag"! Well I made a sharp turn, stomping my feet and ran right into the door casing.

My head spun and blood was running down my face from my cut and I thought I was going to die.

Well back then the doctors made house calls and I recall lying on the couch until he got there. Little brother sat there licking his lips and chomping away on the chips. Grrrr

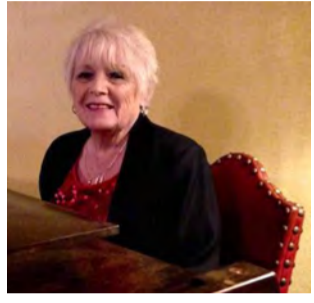
Back then sometimes we got chips for a snack but most times it was popcorn. When I had my kids I always gave them some kind of snack before bed. (and I still have to have that late night snack.)

I have always been a candy eater and I love chocolate. I could snack all day on any kind of chocolate or any kind of candy.

I remember going to a corner store when I was about 5 and having a penny in my pocket. I could get a piece of candy for one cent. Oh what choices! For my precious penny I could get some bubble gum, maybe a stick of licorice, a lollipop, or tootsie roll. So tempting.

One of the first penny candies was Necco wafers of which I liked the pink ones. Then we had jelly beans, root beer barrels, Kits, candy dots and candy cigarettes.

Now a lot of candy bars are either distinct or obsolete. I am thinking of Sky Bars, the round chocolate bars filled



with marshmallows, Caramelko, Bun Bars and Milkshake bars.

As late as the early 60's you could still go to a little store and get a bag of Penny Candy and take it home for a snack.

Another item was those big, red parafine lips and the orange paragon harps you could blow into. Then remember those little pardone bottles that had a liquid in them that resembled a pop bottle?

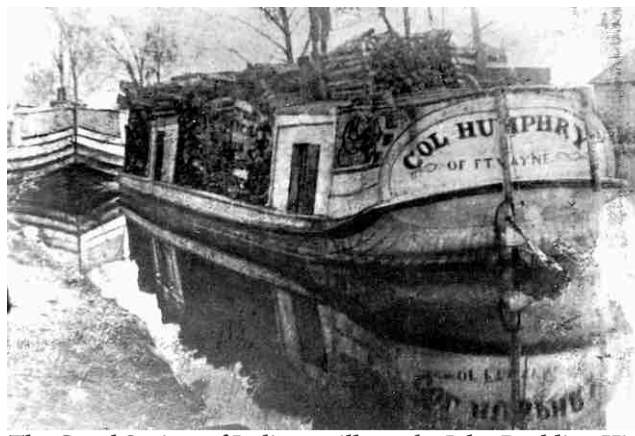
Some candies and snack items run their course, but there is the Hershey Company, Russell Stover that makes those delectable boxes of chocolate

You can look online and find some boxes of the old penny candies but to me I just want a penny, a small general store and a Safety pop lollipop.

Ready for snacks? Will it be chips, candy or popcorn? I love the Sour Worm Candy but I don't have any handy. So..... popcorn it is.

Do you eat snacks? What's your favorite? Do you miss any of the old candies? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for your thoughts.

MUSEUM TO HOST CANAL TOUR AUG. 17



The Canal Society of Indiana will use the John Paulding Historical Museum in Paulding as the starting point for its fall canal tour Saturday, Aug. 17. The event is open to the public. Antwerp (above) was a port on the Wabash & Erie Canal through the northern part of Paulding County during the canal era.

The John Paulding Historical Museum will host the Canal Society of Indiana for its fall tour on Saturday, Aug. 17. The theme is "Towpath & Warpath," following the Wabash & Erie Canal from Antwerp to Junction.

The event is open to the public.

Activities get under way with a meeting at 10 a.m. at the museum, followed by a self-guided driving tour. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the museum buildings to learn about local history; view a canal boat bell, dredge scoop and other canal items; and learn more transportation history.

Speakers will include John Nemcik, Defiance Section Supervisor of the Buckeye Trail Association, and Jerett Godeke, a director of both the canal society and the museum and author of The Reservoir War, who will speak about the Wabash Canal and the infamous Reservoir War.

Be among the first 50 attendees to sign in Aug. 17 to receive a special "swag bag" containing gifts.

Please bring a sack lunch to be eaten at the museum. Beverages will be provided.

The canal tour will be by

car. Guests may caravan with the group or follow the tour route on their own. Carpooling is highly encouraged. Organizers encourage drivers to be prepared with a full tank of gas. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Information will be provided for marked sites of interest with a docent at Six Mile Reservoir and at the Junction of the Wabash & Erie and Miami & Erie canals. The tour will follow the prisms of both canals. Sights will include a railroad bridge, Antwerp's canal prism, Six Mile Reservoir, Paulding Furnace, Junction, Little Flat Rock Creek Culvert and Viall's Lock.

The planned tour events should end by 3 p.m.

Those who have not pre-registered may still sign up by emailing jphs45879@yahoo.com or leaving a message at 419-399-8218, indicating how many will attend. The program and tour are free to museum members and canal society members. For non-members, admission is \$15 per person. More information is available online at <https://indcanal.org>.

The museum is located at 600 Fairground Drive in Paulding.

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

John Walter Musgrave was born in Paulding, Ohio March 8, 1887. The son of John Lynch Musgrave, born February 15, 1845 in Seneca County Ohio. And Elizabeth M. (Good) born August 12, 1848 in Pennsylvania. This couple was married in Seneca County Ohio May 3, 1874. John was a Civil War Veteran who served with Company B. 195th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

On February 16, 1876, a daughter, Gertrude H. was born. This couple was living in Kirby, Wyandot County, Ohio. On September 8, 1874, a son Arthur Clarence was born, followed by Charles Alva February 16, 1877.

By 1900, the family was living in Paulding. Daughter Gertrude and her husband Clyde Parent, were living with the parents. Arthur was off to school to become a dentist, as well as Charles. John Walter served in the Ohio National Guard for four years. John Walter then moved out west and worked as a brakeman on the railroad. On October 29, 1906 in Hamilton, Ohio, John married a gal named Ethel (Englehart).

By 1910, John and Ethel were living in Montana. Ethel gave birth to a daughter, Virginia Bessie Musgrave July 28, 1910. On May 19, 1912, John's mother, Elizabeth passed away. She was buried in Live Oak Cemetery in Paulding. John Walter stayed in the military and served as a corporal at Ft. Bay, Harrison, Indiana. On June 1, 1917, John regis-

tered for the draft. He was listed as medium height and build, blue eyes, black hair. Brother Arthur registered for the draft July 5, 1918.

He was shipped overseas and assigned to the Dental Corp. as a 1st Lieutenant. He was Honorably Discharged August 16, 1919. He passed away in Lucas County from cancer October 4, 1921. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City, Ohio. Charles had been in the military serving in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. He was discharged in 1902. He attained the rank of Corporal. While living in Sherwood, Ohio he enlisted to serve in the Army. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant May of 1918. Serving overseas in France in the Muese-Argonne Defensive Sector. Promoted to Captain in the Dental Corp. Awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star for valor. He was Honorably Discharged July 9, 1919. He passed away April 24, 1945 in Defiance.

He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. John Walter served in France in the Muese-Argonne Defensive Sector. After returning home, John served at Camp Sherman, Ohio and Washington D.C. He was Honorably Discharged March 4, 1919. In 1925, John returned to Montana to serve in various military special assignments.

On November 1, 1925, his father, John Lynch Musgrave passed away in Latty. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery. John stayed in the military serving as an instructor. John, Ethel and Virginia, lived in Toledo on Maplewood Avenue. By 1930, John and Ethel were living in Detroit, Michigan. John still working for the Government. By 1940, John and Ethel were living at 265 South Mildred Street in Dearborn, Michigan. John was a Manager at the Veterans Administration.

In 1942, John registered for the World War Two draft, he was not selected. On July 3, 1949, while living in Alpena, Michigan, John Walter Musgrave passed away. He was buried in Live Oak Cemetery.

NONEMAN FAMILY MAKES DONATION TO THE PAULDING VETERANS MEMORIAL



The children of James A. and Violet Noneman made a very generous donation to the Paulding Veterans Memorial in honor of their parents. Jim Noneman served in the U.S. Army during WW2 where he rose to the rank of Sergeant.

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them to contact Paulding Rite Aide Pharmacy for your prescription information.

2. After August 12th, you will need to contact your new pharmacy of choice and ask them to contact Defiance Walgreens Pharmacy for your pre-

scription information.

3. Additionally, you may choose to have your prescriptions filled at Defiance Walgreens.

For information about Antwerp Pharmacy, please call 419-258-2068. For Okuley's Pharmacy, please call 419-596-3898.

adopted the name Headwaters Counseling. Since 1873, Headwaters Counseling has had a long legacy of providing mental health services to residents of Fort Wayne.

"Learning about the Headwaters Counseling closing meant crisis for clients and staff," said Kris Wise, LCSW, director of mental health, Alliance Health Centers. "Our community can't afford to lose providers in an already taxed mental health system. We are elated to partner with Headwaters to be part of the solution."

The providers are now accepting new or established patients from Headwaters Counseling at Alliance Health Centers in the Lafayette Medical Center, 2700 Lafayette St.; Alliance Health Centers in the Rescue Mission, 404 E Washington Blvd.; Alliance Health Centers in the Positive Resource Connection, 525 Oxford St.; and Alliance Health Centers at Bridge of Grace, 909 Elmrow Drive.

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Registration is open for the new season of Science Central's monthly program for students learning from home, Science Matters. Designed for youth ages 6 to 13, Science Matters sessions are held on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The second session is a repeat of the first session. Science Matters gives attendees the opportunity to participate in a lab, watch a demonstration, and interact with exhibits. This season of Science Matters will cover the follow-

ing subjects:
 October 1 and 8 - Physics
 November 5 and 12 - Biology
 December 3 and 10 - Engineering
 January 7 and 14 - Chemistry
 February 4 and 11 - Paleontology
 March 4 and 11 - Physiology
 April 1 and 8 - Astronomy
 To register for Science Matters, visit Science Central's website. Registration closes two weeks before a session date.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING HOLDS EIGHTH WELL BEYOND 60! EXPO AT OHIO STATE FAIR



COLUMBUS, Ohio - Thousands of older Ohioans attended the eighth Well Beyond 60! EXPO, hosted by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) at the Ohio State Fair on Tuesday, celebrating Senior Day at the fair with free health screenings, wellness demonstrations, activities, giveaways, and more from nearly two dozen partner organizations in attendance.

Running from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the EXPO's partner organizations inter-

acted with fairgoers to share information about healthy choices they can make to ensure they live a healthier, more active life at age 60 and beyond. At this year's Well Beyond 60! EXPO, interactive exhibitions included balance testing, brain challenges, fire safety information, stress reduction, technology to promote independent living, and much more.

Guests were able to test Ohio's new Nursing Home Quality Navigator - an on-

line tool providing users detailed information about every nursing home in the state in one, convenient digital location: Aging.Ohio.gov/Navigator.

Visiting Ohioans were also able to learn about the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and its efforts to inform attendees about ways the office advocates for the rights of Ohioans living in long-term care settings.

Additionally, guests had the opportunity to see what services are available to them locally at booths run by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) from across Ohio. Other booths at the EXPO represented the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

FIELD REPORTS FROM OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE OFFICERS

Central Ohio - Wildlife District One

State Wildlife Officers Josh Elster, assigned to Pickaway County, and Brady Stevens, assigned at-large in central Ohio, responded to a complaint from the Deer Creek Lake spillway of unlawful fishing methods. The officers observed a group snagging various sport fish. The group was contacted with the assistance of State Wildlife Officer John Coffman, assigned to Fayette County. The officers discovered that some members of the group did not have a valid fishing license. Summonses were issued for fishing without a license, and the subjects were fined \$130 each. Five saugeye and three white bass were seized as evidence.

State Wildlife Officer Adam Smith, assigned to Logan County, assisted with the first annual fishing derby at Indian Lake State Park and Indian Lake Fish and Game in partnership with the ODNr Division of Parks & Watercraft. Eighty-four youth anglers participated in the derby and caught more than 100 fish. The largest fish caught was a 23.5-inch catfish. Another young angler caught the most fish, with a total of 27. Special thanks to all the parents, grandparents, and guardians who brought children to participate in this fun-filled event.

Northwest Ohio - Wildlife District Two

State Wildlife Officer Adam Stachler, assigned to Fulton County, received information that a wild turkey was game-checked one week after the spring turkey hunting season ended. Officer Stachler found that the hunter had harvested a turkey after the close of the south zone's season. The individual was issued a citation and paid a \$50 fine in addition to court costs.

State Wildlife Officer Matt D. Smith and Brock Williamson, assigned to Huron and Seneca counties, respectively, received a call from a kayaker that a bald eagle was caught in a trap on the banks of the Huron River. The officers hiked back to the river and located the eagle. Officer Smith crossed the river and safely captured the eagle. He removed the trap, assessed the eagle for injuries, and determined that the eagle would

make a full recovery and could be immediately released.

Northeast Ohio - Wildlife District Three

A master's student from the University of New York who was working on a mallard duck research project contacted the Ohio Division of Wildlife for help retrieving a duck fitted with a radio transmitter that had died on Leesville Lake. State Wildlife Officer Scott Cartwright, assigned to Carroll County, searched the area and enlisted the aid of Wildlife Officer Supervisor Eric Bear, who used a metal detector and quickly found the transmitter.

During the 2023 white-tailed deer archery hunting season, State Wildlife Officer Craig Porter, assigned to Jefferson County, received a call from the 1-800-POACHER (1-800-762-2437) line regarding a West Virginia hunter who harvested a deer in Ohio without a license or deer permit. Officer Porter investigated with the help of West Virginia's Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR). WVDNR contacted the subject and seized a deer mount and bow as evidence. Officer Porter contacted the suspect, who was found to be in violation of Ohio law for failure to game check a deer. The individual was issued a summons for the violation, found guilty in Jefferson County Court, and paid more than \$250 in fines and court costs.

Southeast Ohio - Wildlife District Four

State Wildlife Officer Chris Dodge, assigned to Hocking County, has been busy as a member of the Ohio Division of Wildlife's training unit. The unit consists of nearly 20 wildlife officers who administer semi-annual trainings for all of Ohio's wildlife officers, with topics including firearms, driving, defensive tactics, and scenario-based skills and qualifications. Additionally, the training unit routinely administers specialized and advanced training across the state. Having a dedicated training team allows the Ohio Division of Wildlife to provide a highly capable and effective workforce.

Southwest Ohio - Wildlife District Five

State Wildlife Officer Jason Keller, assigned to Warren County, received a call from a landowner that a deer had recently died in their wooded backyard, and it appeared shot with a bow. The landowner had to leave his residence but provided a picture of the deer location to Officer Keller. When Officer Keller arrived, the deer was gone. Officer Keller then deployed K-9 Scout to locate where the deer had been taken off the property. Eventually two individuals were identified. Further information revealed that the two individuals retrieved the deer when they watched the landowner leave. Both individuals were charged with hunting without permission and found guilty in Warren County Municipal Court. The two individuals in total paid \$550 in fines and court costs. Please remember to obtain written permission from the landowner even if it is to retrieve harvested game. The Wildlife Officer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to give a shout out to the entire community for turning out to help the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry's 127 Yard Sale. As a community (for we surely couldn't have done it without all of your contributions), we raised just over \$4,000 for the pantry. Money comes from item and refreshment sales and space rentals in our parking lot (think about it for next year), as well as just plain old, monetary donations during

the event. Special appreciation goes out to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church for use of the facilities, our food pantry angels (Bonnie, Marge, and Alice) for tagging into action when needed, local newspaper media for their assistance with promoting the event, as well as food pantry governance Jodie, Laurie, and fellow event co-coordinator Carol. It was another great year. —Brent Fishbaugh, Event Coordinator

GRANT RECEIVED FROM HENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Northeastern Local Schools Donor Advised Fund for Capital Projects received a grant from the Henry County Community Foundation for \$750. This grant money will be put towards the Grand Piano Capital Project, in memory of Becky Buchhop. Pictured are (L to R) Kaye Wesche, President of the Henry County Community Foundation, presenting a check to Emily Parsons and family for the Tinora Performing Arts Center, Grand Piano project.

Honor Guard presented the colors at Great American Ball Park during a recent Cincinnati Reds game against the San Francisco Giants. The honor guard team was thrilled to represent the Ohio Division of Wildlife and meet so many great supporters of wildlife law enforcement and conservation. The honor guard team is comprised of State Wildlife Officer Mark Schemmel, assigned to Auglaize County, State Wildlife Officer Tom Frank, assigned to Mahoning County, State Wildlife Officer Trent Weaver, assigned to Montgomery County, State Wildlife Officer Bob Nelson, assigned to Ross County, and State Wildlife Officer Josh Shields, central Ohio's Law Operations Manager.

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

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

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

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

Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments

Any questions, please call 419-399-8285

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Evil, Misguided Kamala
 Yes, I sometimes mention names that they may not like. I only do this when I feel they have strayed too far from reality. I pray that what I say will help them see their misguided ways.
 I believe the main reason people like Judi Grubb don't like Trump is they still believe they have their old Democrat party. What you can't see is

that Democrat morality took a huge hit with Clinton and his sexual behavior. The party was literally dumped down the sewer with your anti-God, anti-free America Obama.
 How could any thinking person ever have voted for the likes of Obama-Biden? What made you think a radical Muslim could guide a Christian nation? On top of that it was also known that Biden was the lowest rated Senator in the last 100 years. But as far as I can tell liberals are perfect at selecting losers. Just look at their success rate...Carter, Clinton, Obama, Biden, Harris.

It's time to set this misguided lady straight. I'm not of her religious world. Anyone can claim to be religious. That doesn't come close to being a Christian. I accepted Jesus in 1949. I have not always been perfect as this Judi Grubb expects out of Trump. At 88 years old I can proudly and honestly say I have never spoken a swear word. From her letter I take it that one reason she won't vote for Trump, even though the world was at peace when he was president, is because he was married three times. How very childish.

Judi, before you vote, or even repeat another liberal lie about Trump, ask yourself a few questions. If you are 50 or younger, pay close attention to these questions: What was America founded on? Which religion played the master roll in our birth, growth, strength and life for 248 years? Why are Democrats trying to destroy us?

Why did/do Democrats support anti-God people like Obama? Why are Democrats so set on keeping "separation of church and state" That they devised in 1947? Why did

Democrats pass a law forbidding any mention of God in school? Why are they so afraid of our God that they don't even know? Why did these Democrat scaredy-cats sensor pastors right to "free speech"?
 Why did Democrats pass laws legalizing the cold-blooded murder of our young and helpless? Are all elected Democrats so utterly stupid and heartless that they don't know what a girl is? Why do they want boys in girls bathrooms and showers?

I won't wait for your reply for those last two questions. I whole-heartedly believe that is another of your (not mine) radical Muslim Obama's effort to bring America down. Muslim's don't respect women's rights as we do. I think they prefer slaves and in a Muslim society, men rule the roost.

Are you aware that your Democrat leaders only pay tribute to their "sex god", "fun god", and themselves? Sorry, there is one more thing they care about. Their goal is to rule over a nation of stupids. They know it would never work with a nation of smart people.

After the 1950's and early 60's, liberals changed what was taught and how it was done, just in preparation for this day. The plan for this take over was presented in the mid 1930's by ACLU, "The Human Manifesto", their Bible.

It is a proven fact that those graduating high school after the 50's - 60's are not as smart as those before them. Why do you think Democrats opened our southern border to allow ten plus million illegals that know almost nothing about us?

I'm surprised Democrat voters can see the light of day because it appears none of you can read the writing on the wall. None so blind as those who will not see. These blind ones hold every Trump mistake before his being president against him. I doubt very many of them are Christians because no true Christian would vote for anyone who supports all of the anti-God, anti-moral things that the Democrat party stands for.

There is just a little more. Before you misguided liberal Kamala lovers vote in 2024. Please remember what she said on 6/18/20 "Once Trump's gone and we have regained our rightful place in the White House, look out if you supported him and endorsed his actions, because we will be coming for you next. You will feel the vengeance of a nation. No stone will be left unturned as we seek you out

in every corner of this great nation. For it is you who have betrayed us."

Also, she favors defunding police and personally had some criminals after '06 released. True to Democrats mode of operation, they are rewriting facts concerning Kamala to get rid of her "wicked witch of the west" image. If you still have a need to vote for her, go right ahead. But go knowing full well, that you are destroying mankind's greatest nation.

—Richard Mastin
 Hicksville, OH

529 PLAN CAN HELP EASE COLLEGE 'STICKER SHOCK'

The school year will soon be here. And if you have young children, you're one year closer to the day when they may be headed off to college. When that day arrives, will you be financially prepared?

College isn't cheap. For the 2023-24 academic year, the average cost — including tuition, fees, housing, food, books, transportation and other expenses — was nearly \$29,000 for in-state students at four-year public colleges and universities, and about \$60,000 for private schools, according to the College Board. Most students do get some type of financial aid or scholarships, or both, but even the "net" price of college can be considerable. So, it's a good idea to begin a savings program as early as you can.

One popular way to build money for college expenses is through a 529 education savings plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And while you can invest in any state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit if you invest in your own state's plan.

Despite these tax benefits, some people are concerned that a 529 plan can prove costly in terms of lost financial aid. And the value of a 529 plan is looked at as an investment asset on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, recent changes to FAFSA may mean

that a 529 plan has a relatively small effect on the amount of aid you may receive.

A 529 plan also can be used to pay for other costs, including:

- K-12 expenses — You can use a 529 plan to pay K-12 expenses, up to \$10,000 per student per year. Not all states comply with this 529 expansion for K-12, so you might not be able to claim deductions and your withdrawals could be subject to state tax penalties.

- Apprenticeship programs — A 529 plan can be used to pay for most expenses connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. These programs are often available at community colleges and combine classroom education with on-the-job training.

- Student loans — You can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay qualified federal private and student loans, up to \$10,000 for each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

Another potential advantage of a 529 plan is its transferability. If you've named a child as a 529 plan beneficiary, and that child eventually chooses not to pursue any post-secondary education, you — as the account owner — can name another family member as beneficiary. And with the passage of the SECURE 2.0 Act, any unused 529 plan funds up to a lifetime limit of \$35,000 can be transferred to a Roth IRA for a beneficiary, free of taxes and penalties. There are certain rules governing this 529-to-Roth move — for example, you must have had your 529 plan at least 15 years — so

you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves in this area.

If you'd like to invest in your children's future education, a 529 plan can be a good choice — so study up on it soon.

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

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

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

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

Ney: Marathon

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

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

Payne: Village office, Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichy'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

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

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

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

Hoagland: Mel's Town Market, Hoagland Pizza Pub

Milan Center: Milan Center Feed & Grain

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

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

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

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ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS: HOMETOWN SPEECH CONNECTION



The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce spotlight for August is Hometown Speech Connections in downtown Antwerp, Ohio. The business can be found at the new Main Street Business Center at 112 S. Main Street.

Hometown Speech Connections is a child-led play based speech therapy clinic that provides comprehensive speech/language/fluency evaluations and treatment sessions for children of all ages and abilities. The business is owned and operated by Jennifer (Womack) Smith, MS, CCC-SLP.

Jennifer previously worked as a pediatric speech language pathologist at Community Memorial Hospital for 8 years. When the hospital closed in early 2024, Jennifer was devastated for her patients and their families as there are not many options for speech services in our area without experiencing a long wait time. Jennifer seeing the need for these services made her dream a reality as she sought to provide a convenient option for families in the Antwerp and surrounding communities. Her concerns of running her own business were overcome and she pushed out on her own and made the best of a sad situation not only for herself but for the children and families that she had grown so close to while working at Community Memorial Hospital.

Jennifer is known for building strong and meaningful relationships with her clients and their families. She truly believes that children will take more communication risks and are more motivated to work on difficult tasks if there is a strong relationship foundation. She uses a child-led and play based approach to her task and many times she finds herself on the floor the entire session so her clients feel as if they are equals. She loves to see them having fun and working toward goals in a way that just feels like playtime for them.

Flexibility is a key word in

today's society. Jennifer is determined to make each treatment plan fit the needs of the child and their family. Sometimes there are boundaries that must be overcome, but she will try to find a creative way to use in person treatments and home programs to allow the child progress. Her clients continue to seek her out because their children enjoy the sessions and they see them making progress in expected and unexpected ways. Hometown Speech Connections provide services for Antwerp and all surrounding communities. Convenience is key and a willingness to drive for quality speech sessions for children in need. Jennifer is most proud of the time, thought and work she has put into opening her business and making it a space that is comfortable and inviting for children.

When a customer walks into her business they can expect to be greeted with a smile first and then asked about life outside of therapy. "I want them to know that I care about more than targeting our goals" states Jennifer. One of the unique things about Hometown Speech Connections and Jennifer is her "away from the table" approach to speech therapy. She seriously spends more time seated or crawling on the floor than she does sitting in a chair.

What stands out about Jennifer is her approach to her craft. She is not a traditional "clinic" setting. She wants her clients to feel like they are in a play room instead of at the doctor. She tries to accomplish this by dressing more casual and making sure that there is a variety of easily accessible toys and games.

Jennifer is most passionate about giving children a way to communicate better with ones they love by whatever communication method suits them best. She is very encouraging and has been known to cheer very loudly during a session when a child does something new. Be prepared to hear some noise!

To prepare for a visit with Jennifer, prepare a list of questions and concerns for that first appointment. It can be very easy to forget things when you are having a long discussion about a child's strengths and areas of need. You can reach Jennifer at 419-210-1822.

The Antwerp Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Hometown Speech Connections in the growth of Antwerp and the surrounding community.

YELLOW JACKETS NIP WT

Perrysburg nipped runner-up Wayne Trace by three strokes to capture the title of the Defiance Boys Golf Invitational at Eagle Rock Golf Course in Defiance Monday.

The Yellow Jackets shot a 313 to win the tournament while the Raiders took second with a score of 316. Ottawa Glandorf took third at 322 while Bryan finished fourth with a 334 and Van Wert placed fifth at 340.

Wayne Trace was paced by Kyle Sutton with a score of 70 while Brody Rosswurm chipped in an 80 and Connor Davis posted an 82. Jared Varner and Konnor Wannemacher completed the Raider roster with scores of 84 and 89, respectively.

Keaton Foster and Griff McCracken both recorded an 83 for the Cougars with Brock Stoller posting an 84 and Hayden Dowler chipped in a 90. Trevor Halker also finished with a 91 for Van Wert.

Archbold (341), Napoleon (344), Defiance (363), Paulding (372) and Lima Bath (372) placed sixth through tenth, respectively.

Defiance was led by Jaren Honsberger with an 84 followed by Drew Hoeffel (92), Casen Linebrink (92), Boden Stoller (96) and Brayden Weaver (98).

Pacing the way for Paulding was Johnny Lipps with an 89 and Austen Kinder chipped in a 93. Nico Stahl (94), Brandon Schroeder (96) and Max Stork (97) completed the Panther lineup.

Other teams in the tournament included Tinora (373), Ayersville (399) and Fairview (415).

Kaiden Massengale led the way for the Rams with an 83 and Logan Stein chipped in an 89. Logan Schroeder posted a 93 to top the Pilots while Kallen Foreman finished with a 96.

Fairview scorers included Reese Winkler (99), Xavier Shining (103), Drew Ford (104), Anthony Singer (109) and Jonah Shining (116).

DEALEY TAKES WAUSEON TITLE

Crestview's Mathew Dealey claimed the individual

MCGARVEY LEADS WT TO TITLE



The Wayne Trace Girls Golf Team captured the Lincolnview Invitational on Monday at Willow Bend Country Club. Pictured are members of the squad include (L-R) Olivia Baughman, Tori Young, Reagan McGarvey, Ella Crosby, Ryann Jay and head coach Jeremy Daeger. Wayne Trace shot a 398 as a team to nip second place Defiance's 407.

Six schools made the trip to Willow Bend Country Club in Van Wert Monday for the annual Lincolnview Invitational with Wayne Trace taking the team title with a score of 398.

The Lady Raiders got past second place Defiance's 407 while Lincolnview (494), Celina (500) and Antwerp (539) completed the list of full teams. Fairview also participated but did not field a full squad.

Defiance's Ava Hesselschwardt won the individual medalist honors with a round of 77 while Wayne Trace's Reagan McGarvey finished second overall in

totaling a 92.

Tori Young chipped in a 96 for the Lady Raiders while Ella Crosby posted a 97. Ryann Jay (113) and Olivia Baughman (114) completed the Wayne Trace scorers.

Aiding the Bulldog cause were Kaylee Harsha (103), Lilly Whiteford (111), Kenley Manriquez (116) and Arianna Helland (147).

Taking part for the Lady Lancers were Grace Custer (109), Eme Renner (111), Lindsey Hatcher (130), Lilly Holdgreve (144) and Avery Zielke (148).

Celina players were Ava Kelley (120), Bryn Baucher

(122), Brooke Baucher (122), Sarah Sweeney (136) and Jada Sharkey (141).

Topping the Lady Archer roster was Madison Schmidt with a 112 while Kara Pierce posted a 136 and Maylynn Carnahan totaled a 145. Sara Farr and Ava Conley chipped in scores of 146 and 154, respectively, for the blue and white.

Fairview also had three participants as the Lady Apaches were led by Natalie Timbrook with a 95 while Cam Whitaker chipped in a 126. Abri Elson also recorded a 152 for the Defiance County squad.

medalist honor at the Wauseon Boys Golf Invitational Monday at Ironwood Golf Course in leading the Knights to a fourth place finish as a team.

Dealey won the individual championship with a round of 75, nipping Maumee's Cranston Bannister who finished with a 76.

Miller City won the team title a score of 318 while Montpelier was second with a 338 and host Wauseon placed third at 356. After the Knights took fourth with a 363, rounding out the top ten schools were Toledo Christian (367), North Central (375), Antwerp (381), Maumee (383), Stryker (387) and Wauseon 'B' (434).

The Wildcats were led by Andrew Weis and Will Otto, who both posted rounds of 78, and Jesse Lammers added a 79. Owen Sommer paced Montpelier with a 77.

Braylen Moreno was the low scorer for Antwerp with a 78 and Zaine McMichael chipped in a 94. Drew Eaken carded a 104 for the blue and white followed by Draven Baumert (105), Griffin Kosch (108) and Dylan Hahn (108).

Logan Schlemmer added a 92 for Crestview with Keenan Smith posting a 94 and Evan Hart recorded a 102. Ayden Hyitt and Kash Lichtensteiger both totaled a 103 for the Knights.

BLUE STREAKS WIN DEFIANCE INVITE

The Archbold Lady Blue Streaks took first place in the Defiance Elks Girls Golf Invitational at Auglaize Golf Course on Friday as the Fulton County squad posted a team score of 346 to win the team title.

Otsego finished second at

369 with Bryan (385), Napoleon (388) and Defiance (388) rounding out the top five team scores. Wayne Trace placed sixth with a 395 followed by St. Marys (399), Bowling Green (405), Springfield (416), Tinora (417), Delphos St. John's (438) and Lima Shawnee (497).

Ava Hesselschwardt of Defiance took tournament medalist honors with a 73 with Otsego's Carley Etchie taking second in posting a 79.

Reagan McGarvey topped the Lady Raiders with an 85 while Ella Crosby recorded a score of 93.

Ryann Jay chipped in a 100 for Wayne Trace followed by Olivia Baughman (117), Tori Young (117) and Audrey Douglas (142).

PAULDING ELEMENTARY 2024-25 CLASS LIST

Miss Price K-1: Aldred, Jensen; Coressel, Kelsi; Escobar, Abdi; Federighi, Johanna; Gross, Boone; Grubb, Novallyn; Hudson, Alaric; Laney, Elise; Lockwood, Levi; Maroney, Delilah; Mulldune, Kashtin; Rittenhouse, Evely; Rohlf, Kade; Thomas, Harper; Thompson, Scarlett; Vance, Teagan; Weller, Rowan

Mrs. Keller K-2: Carnahan, Auden; Dermon, Olivia; Dunno, Tony "TJ"; Flynn, Venessa; Grindstaff, Charli; Longdo, Kambreigh; Mapes, Sydney; Mapes, Sylvee; Martinez, Andres; Masters, Linkin; Melo Posada, Jose Emilo "Emilo"; Mericle, Harper; Owens, Brysin; Pease, Scarlet; Snyder, Van; Sprouse, Atticus; Thompson, Grayson; Wagenhauser, Vinnie

Miss Martin K-3: Combs, Kennedy; Deel, Izayah "Zaya"; Denny, Isabella "Izzy"; Dysinger, Oliver; Feehan, Gracelyn; Hankinson, Ethan; Heller, Allen; Jenkins, Carter; Jones, Nimsi; Lawrence, Breanna; Lechuga, Elizabeth "Lizzy"; Lewis, Jaden; Marcos Lara, Mauricio; McClain, Garrett; Meard, Willow; Salas, Kase; Vance, Alana; Verdis Sales, Ilse; Wulff, Analeigh "Ana"

Mrs. Deisler 1-1: Arend, Adrienne; Arriaga Marin, Adolfo; Borkosky, Gunner; Branch, Avery; Burtch, Ramona; Font, Romy; Goins, Matthew; Hanenkraft, Owen; Hudson, Hunter; Keeling, Nova; Kosch, Nicklaus; Manz, Cecelia; Schlueter, Kylie; Showalter, Ryker; Simonin, Scarlett; Tavares-Vasquez, Elizabeth; Thompson, Aubree; Verfaillie, Harper; Wilhelm, Garrett

Mrs. March 1-2: Baker, Emery; Bullinger, Aurora; Calixto Gutierrez, Thiago; Colley, Wyatt; Guerra-

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JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY & SNAP-ED PRESENT:

The CELEBRATE YOUR PLATE Series

This September, kids in grades 3-5 are invited to Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library for a special, three-part series of programs focused on healthy eating.

The 'Celebrate Your Plate' series will be presented by Annie Crowder Reynolds, SNAP-ED Program Assistant at the Defiance County OSU Extension Office. Sessions will take place at the library, 116 W.

High St., Hicksville, from 4:00-4:45 p.m. on September 6, 13, and 20.

Attendees will learn all about nutrition, and use the library's Charlie Cart mobile kitchen to create simple and healthy snacks.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register for the series, visit defiancecounty.org/snap, or call the library at 419-542-6200.

Estrada, Mateo; Hernandez, Enzo; Hoffman, Brinlyee; Lopez, Marianna; Mangette, Aubree; Manz, Eli; Martinez, Vazquez, David; Messmann, Liam; Munoz, Mason; Reed, Everliey; Schang, Luna; Stairhime, Rhemi; Steingass, Ivan; Van Deurzen, Emma; Vance, Maria; VanVlerah, Leonah

Mrs. Karzynow 1-3: Aldrich, Nicholas; Blair, Dawson; Bland, Brayden; Blue, Cambrie; Brobst, Paisley; Grace, Hannah; Howard, Maxtyn (Max); Kipfer, Haven; Laboe, Gabriella; Laney, Grace; Manz, Avianna; Martinez, Oliver; Ramon, Isabel; Reinhart, Lydia; Renollet, Lacey; Rhonehouse, Luke; Schroeder, Evie; Sears, Noah; Summers, Zane; Witkowski, Holland

Mrs. Buss 2-1: Arend, William; Dunakin, Ayrallynn (Arya); Dunno, BriLynn (Bri); Eddy, Mason; Gochenour, Julia; Grace, Lucas; Iliff, Rhett; Johnson, Preston (PJ); Kleman, Anthony (Tony); Lawrence, Alison (Ali); Miller, Kenley; Morales, Anson (AJ); Pittman, Deelan; Schlueter, Carrol; Strickler, Teagan; Turner, Wyatt; Vance, Audrina; VanVlerah, Emberly; Webb-Fry, Braxton

Miss Metcalfe 2-2: Coil, Savannah; Crossland, Logan; Deel, Essence (Essie); Dulaney, Katlynn; Fitch, Aliyana; Hernandez-Reyes, Leonardo; Hernandez, April; Hernandez, Eli; Jack, Kyrie; Kinnaley, Emery; Lockwood, Ariya; Overmyer, Benjamin; Rison, Remi; Schuchart, Andrew; Stiner, Lucas; Tavares-Vasquez, Gabriel; Turner, Conner; Vance, Samuel; Wolffe, Maddock; Zimmerman, Ilah

Mrs. Richey 2-3: Adkins, Emily; Anderson, Nicholas; Bolter, Tobias; Carlisle, Hendrix; Cox, Evelyn; Dasher, Bayne; Galeana Monterrubio, Jesus; Grinnell, Vincent (Vinnie); Hankinson, Wyatt; Jones, Marcello; Keeling, Devan; Mead, Kyra; Morrow, Amira; Ringler, Kash; Rue, Olyn; Schoepflin, Clayton; Seibert, Naomi; Snyder, Harper; Wagenhauser, Rozalia; Weible, Effie

Mrs. Doster 3-1: Boecker, Brooklynn; Cantu, David; Eckhart, Molly; Gross, Lute; Gutierrez-Santillan, Jose; Horner, Mason; Houck, Sebastian; Laboe, Gwendalyn

(Gwen); Manz, Andrea; Manz, Edison (Eddie); Melo Posada, Jose Efrain (Efrain); Mericle, Natalie; Monifette, Eliza; Sexton-Scott, Rylee; Smith, Arianna; Thompsen, Lyndon; Van Deurzen, Max; Walz, Emma Sue; Wilhelm, Wyatt

Mrs. Agler 3-2: Banks, Da'Lonnice; Bautista Salto, Angel; Brown, Adeline (Addie); Font, Mervin (Dean); Johnson, Ryker; Jones, Meela; Krill, Macyn; Manz, Aubrey; Manz, Keatyn; May, Paislee; Powell, Kaylee; Ramon, William; Riley, Nora; Rosalez, Nora; Schroeder, Payton; Smith, Adriana (Adrie); Spangler, Sophia; VanVlerah, Wyatt; Wilhelm, Everett; Wiswell, Liandra (Liah)

Mrs. Rohlf 3-3: Arend, Quynn; Branch, Ellie; Calixto-Gutierrez, Dilan; Carpenter, Rayna; Chapman, Elizabeth; Clevinger, Mattalyn; Gill, Hunter; Grubb, Adalyn; Kline, Alyana; Kosch, Carl; Mangette, Cole; Reinhart, Trent; Schlueter, Nolan; Seibert, McKenna; Stork, Hudson; Turner, Chance; Wilhelm, Marshall; Witkowski, Rowan

Mrs. Bostelman 4-1: Adams, Mariana (Mari); Ball, Allison; Bullinger, Damian; Dobbelaere, Caydius; Foltz, Boston; Froelich Jr, Richard; Gonzales, Chloe; Helms-Grubb, Ranger; Hull, Jesse;

Jasso, Bella; Jones, Liam; LaBoe, Grace; Martinez, Santino (Tino); Niemasz, Arabella (Ellie); Ringler, Kolby; Simonin, Ezra; Steingass, Emma; Thomas, Alyssa; Vance, Ashlynn; Webb, Hadlee

Miss Arellano 4-2: Cantu, Abigail; Cortes-Becerra, Elizabeth; Dangler, Evelyn; Dasher, Braxton; Dunakin, Rylan; Eutsler, Miracle; Gochenour, Nora; Hankinson, Gavin; Harshman, Landyn; Miles, Alonzo (Lonzo); Miller, Noah; Rohlf, Kye; Salisbury, Madison; Schuchart, Logan; Smith, Glen; Sprow, Liberty; Thomas, Lilly (was Charlie, adopted); Tromblay, Charlier; Wannemacher, Leo; Wolffe, Merrick; Worman, Lincoln

Miss Tressler 4-3: Coressel, Mallory; Foltz, Brooklynn; Foltz, Kenan; Galeana Monterrubio, Dulce; Hale, Ella; Hernandez-Reyes, Edith; Howard, Kyson; Kipfer, Harlow; Kline, Jaxon; Leal, Abigail; Luna, Giovanni; McCoskey, Rayne; Mullins, Ximena (Mena); Omlor, Owen; Pena, Damian; Ramirez Cortes, Brayden; Shaffer, Jacob (Jake); Vance, Mackinlee; Wilson, Maggie; Wolpert, Fredrick (Ricky)

Mr. Harder 5-1: Arend, Kiersten; Bautista Enriques, Christopher; Brownell, Ava; Crossland, Carter; Doctor, Nolan; Gutierrez-Santillan, Violeta; Hoffman, Payten; Kauser, Bayne; Kinnie, Zenda; Laney, Cooper; May, Carson; Miller, Caroline; Parrett, Avery; Richards, Brooklynn; Smith, Lexis; Smith, Wyatt; Stoller, Briggs; Wesley, Isabella; Wilhelm, Wyatt; Wood, Brooklyn

Mrs. Stoller 5-2: Arend, Georgiana (Georgie); Buchholz, Olivia; Dasher, Logan; Gastelum Martinez, Cruz Santiago; Hahn, Leigha; Harris, Sienna; Heller, Graeson; Kennedy, Alexis; Mapes, Easton; Marcos Lara, Angel; Mason, Elliana; Phlipot, Ronan; Reilly, Mackenzie; Rosalez, Nolan; Ross, Zayla; Salisbury, William; Spangler, Ella; Stoller, Bristyl; Watson, Zoey; White, Landen; Wirts, Rya; Workman, Milo

Mrs. Richards 5-3: Bortel, Bayla; Brehm, Dominic; Copeland, Lonzo; Dunbar, Troy; Fenter, Karmyn; Frederick, Jase; Gonzales, Isabella; Hernandez-Palacios, Erick; Hunt, Hadlyn; Laney, Camden; Lero, Reese; Manz, Kendra; Mericle, Rebeka;

BEES ARE BUZZING AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare were recently visited by Jamie and Addison Clemens. They talked with us about bees and beekeeping. Addison showed us her beekeeping suit and taught us so many interesting things about

bees. Jamie even showed us a swarm! Call NOW at 419-399-KIDS to get your 3, 4 or 5 year old on the list for fall preschool! Preschool starts September 3!

Shown here with both guests are in back: Joziah

Ward, Jaylani Ward and Jazlynn Ward with Jamie Clemens. Center is: Savannah Coil, Elizabeth Molnar, Johanna Federighi, Levi Lockwood, and beekeeper Addison Clemens. In front are: JaNaya Ward and Ariya Lockwood.

Miller, Elizabeth; Paputsakis-Mead, Sage; Ross, Zarla; Sajuan, Jeremiah; Small, Wyatt; Smith, Sophia; Snyder, Bay; White, Aleigha; Whiting, Phoenix

MERCY HEALTH OFFERS SATURDAY HOURS FOR ORTHOPEDIC AND SPORTS MEDICINE

Mercy Health Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine is now offering Saturday clinic hours - adding additional access to comprehensive and convenient orthopaedic care.

Saturday morning hours are now available from 8 a.m. to noon at Mercy Health - Perrysburg Orthopaedics and

Sports Medicine, 12623 Eckel Junction Rd. (Entrance C). Walk-ins are welcome from 8-9 a.m.

"Mercy Health is looking to expand access to orthopaedic care for those who have difficulty fitting a doctor's appointment into their weekday schedule," said Zach Boone, PA-Ca, Mercy Health - Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. "This Saturday morning clinic is especially convenient for those athletes who may have experienced and injury during a Friday night game. Now they can come during these Saturday morning hours, and they will be seen."

These hours will extend be-

yond the fall sports season, and they will provide a range of services, including, but not limited to:

- In-suite radiology services
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- Injections
- Medication and additional testing
- Treatment for sports injuries, such as sprains and strains

"What we're really trying to do is open access points. It's all about finding ways to enhance community access to high-quality care," Zach said.

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THE LEFT TURN



Ryan Okuley takes the Sport Compact victory. Charlie Orns Photo



Aiden Salisbury leads feature winner #3x Jamie Miller. Action Photos Ohio



Ryan Davis wins the Sportsman feature. Charlie Orns Photo

By: Ron Burt

There's a reason Fremont Speedway is called "The Track That Action Built". All three classes last Saturday were competitive. Kalib Henry switched lanes and won 410-feature. Jamie Miller must have watch Henry and made the same move in the non-wing sprints to get a win. Dustin Keegan held on for the truck win.

For 25 laps Kalib Henry and DJ Foos battled for the lead of the 410 sprint car feature. The two swapped the top spot several times but a caution with five laps to go and a decision by Henry to change lanes took him to his third win of the year. Foos led the first 13 laps of the 410 Sprint A-main with 6th place starter

Henry leading laps 14-18. Foos regained the top spot on lap 19 with Henry taking the lead back on lap 21. Foos drove under Henry, who was committed to the top ledge of the track, on lap 24 with Henry back to the point right as the caution flew on lap 25. On the restart Henry opted to drive to the bottom of turns one and two and that was the winning move as he pulled away for the win over DJ Foos, Zane DeVault, Cap Henry and Sean Rayhall. The win pads Henry's lead in the track's points.

305 Sprint driver, Jamie Miller added a non-wing victory Saturday in an exciting battle with Aiden Salisbury in the first ever appearance of the American Sprint Car Tour at

Fremont. Salisbury led the first three laps before Miller, who started 3rd, took over. The pair raced side by side with Miller up top and Salisbury on the bottom. Salisbury retook the lead on lap 21 but Miller moved to the bottom on the racetrack in turns three and four as they raced to the white flag and took the lead and his 51st career win at Fremont over Salisbury, Tyler Miller, Larry Kingseed and Brian Smith.

Closing the night in the dirt trucks was former track champion Dustin Keegan. He led the opening lap before Kent Brewer took over for a lap with fifth starter and current point leader Keith Sorg moving into the lead on lap three. Sorg led until lap nine when Keegan regained the top spot with Sorg battling back to the point on lap 12. On a restart, Keegan moved to the lead once again. Keegan held off several challenges from Sorg the final seven laps to score his second win of 2024 and the 11th of his career at the track. Sorg, Jamie Miller, Shawn Valenti and Brewer rounded out the top five.

One week after getting his first Oakshade Raceway UMP Late Model feature win, Rusty Smith backed it up with a second consecutive win last Saturday. Picking up 2nd was Carter Munday, 3rd Devin Shiels, and 4th Dusty Moore. Ryan Davis, padded his point lead in Sportsman class, picking up his third feature win of the season. Ian Palmer finished 2nd, and 3rd Karl Spoore. Chane Stuckey started the Dominator Super Stock A Main on the outside of the fourth row and drove around the outside of Jake Rendel to take the lead on lap three. Stuckey held off a late race challenge from point leader Jarrett Rendel to earn his second A Main win of the year. Rendel settled for second followed by Jeff Foks Jr., Adam Noonan and Dylan Burt. Ryan Okuley made a bid late in the Compact A Main to get the win, with 2nd Nathan Goodman, 3rd Jason Deshler, 4th Ken Wells, and 5th James Stamper. Until next week, keep your wheels down. Ron out!

In May, the Secretary of State's Public Integrity Division and Office of Data Analytics and Archives initiated a review of voter records for compliance with Ohio's constitutional citizenship requirement. Using identification records provided by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), the office found 136 voter registrations assigned to Ohio residents who twice confirmed their non-citizenship status to the BMV. Eighty of those individuals failed to respond to notices asking that they either confirm their citizenship status or cancel their registration, and boards are initiating the removal of those registrations.

The latest removals announced today include individuals who confirmed their non-citizen status to the BMV, and a subsequent review of the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database system has confirmed them to be non-citizens. These individuals failed to respond to notices from the Secretary of State's office asking that they either confirm their citizenship status or cancel their registration. Any individual whose registration is removed pursuant to the Secretary's directive can submit a provisional ballot, which will be counted upon proof of citizenship.

"I want to give these folks the benefit of the doubt and say that most of them didn't intend to break the law," said LaRose. "We want to make sure a mistaken registration doesn't become an illegal vote. We also want to make sure that lawfully registered citizens can participate seamlessly in the process, especially if their citizenship status changed recently."

Secretary LaRose added that investigations into the citizenship of voter registration records remain ongoing, and additional removals may be ordered ahead of the November general election. The office's Election Integrity Unit also will refer cases for criminal prosecution.

Election integrity remains an ongoing priority for the Secretary of State's office, which continues to be a national leader in ensuring the honesty and accuracy of voter rolls. At the direction of Secretary LaRose, boards completed last week the removal of nearly 155,000 registrations confirmed to be abandoned and inactive for at least four consecutive years. Many of the registrations became eligible for removal due to an address change, where the voter both failed to cancel their old registration as well as respond to a notice asking for confirmation of the registration's status. The office also recently deployed a new digital dashboard tool to help county election officials better identify voter registration discrepancies, such as illegal characters in name fields, placeholder birth dates, unreasonably high ages, and improper birth/registration date combinations.

SECRETARY LAROSE ANNOUNCES LATEST ACTION IN STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION INTEGRITY AUDIT, ORDERS REMOVAL OF 499 NON-CITIZEN REGISTRATIONS

(Columbus) - Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced that county boards of elections are being directed to remove an additional 499 non-citizen registrations from Ohio's voter rolls. The latest action comes as part of a multi-phase, comprehensive audit of the statewide voter registration database ahead of the November general election.

"I swore an oath to uphold the constitution of our state, and that document clearly states that only United States citizens can participate in Ohio elections," said Secretary LaRose. "That means I'm duty-bound to make sure people who haven't yet earned citizenship in this country aren't voting. If or when they do become citizens, I'll be the first one to congratulate them and welcome them to the franchise, but until then the law requires us to remove ineligible registrations to prevent illegal voting."

OHIO'S NEW HEART OF IT ALL STATE MAP NOW AVAILABLE



Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is now distributing 1.4 million copies of Ohio's new state map highlighting the "Ohio, The Heart of It All" tourism brand.

"Our state map is a gateway to all things Ohio," said Governor DeWine. "Our new map is about more than just our roads, it's a tool we can use to showcase all we have to offer in Ohio the Heart of It All!"

Ohio's new state map, which debuted at the 2024 Ohio State Fair, features the latest road changes, updated routes, and points of interest to help travelers navigate Ohio with ease. Designed for both local residents and tourists, the map provides essential information on highways, byways, and notable destinations.

The 2024 map contains photos of attractions, families enjoying the outdoors, and notable locations in the state. It also lists facts about the

state, contact information for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, information on Ohio's distracted driving law, and reminders to move over and slow down for roadside workers.

Members of the public can pick up a free copy of the map at one of the state's rest areas or order a free copy on ODOT's website.

"Online navigation services can go offline. Cell service can drop. It's always smart to have hard copy back-up in your vehicle with you," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks. "Whether you are taking your family to explore one of our state's beautiful parks or attractions, planning a business trip, or need to plot the best route to get from point A to point B, Ohio's new state map will get you there."

The new maps were printed by RR Donnelly in Macedonia, Ohio.

The first official state map was published in 1912.

SCIENCE CENTRAL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TOTS



Registration is open for the new season of Science Central's monthly program for toddlers, TOTS: Today's Observers, Tomorrow's Scientists.

Designed for children ages 3 to 6, TOTS sessions are held on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The second session is a repeat of the first session. TOTS features engaging, age-appropriate activities designed to introduce young learners to the world of STEM.

This season of TOTS will cover the following subjects:

October 1 and 8

Physics - Discover how wind works by playing! Make wind-related activities that will help you explore more at home.

November 5 and 12

Biology - Explore the world of trees. Get to know how these giants work.

December 3 and 10

Engineering - Get an introduction to the world of coding through fun, unplugged activities.

January 7 and 14

Chemistry - Take a closer look at things that glow. Explore how some chemical reactions can make things illuminate, even in animals.

February 4 and 11

Art - Learn about shapes and color by making art.

March 4 and 11

Geology - Get to know the Earth by looking beneath our feet. Explore the soil and rocks in the ground.

April 1 and 8

Biology - Take a look at the plants and animals that you can find living in your backyard.

To register for TOTS, visit Science Central's website. Registration closes one week before a session date.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING ACCIDENT SHUTS DOWN 127 NORTH IN PAULDING COUNTY



On Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7:25 a.m. Ohio State Highway Patrol was dispatched to an accident involving two semis at US 127 / SR 111 intersection in Paulding County.

A 2014 Peterbilt, driven by Kevin Johnson, 44, Grand Rapids, MI was southbound on 127. A 2021 Freightliner, driven by Anthony Welch, 39, Orlando Hill, IL was also heading southbound on 127.

Johnson failed to provide assured clear distance and struck the rear of Welch's rig, causing the semi to go off the right side of the road and come to rest on its side.

Paulding EMS treated the drivers at the scene and transported Welch to Paulding County Hospital for further treatment. John's Towing and Gideon's Towing also assisted at the scene.

Johnson was issued a cita-

tion for Assured Clear Distance Ahead.



Ohio Department of Transportation arrived at the scene to assist with traffic control and check damage to the roadway. The rear doors to Welch's trailer needed to be cut open to allow cargo to be offloaded.

US 127 was shut down for 7.5 hours to allow Gideon's Towing to offload the trailer in order for it to be set upright and moved off of US 127.

PAULDING COUNTY GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Paulding County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Burkard announced that the Paulding County Grand Jury Indicted (13) persons on Thursday, August 8, 2024:

Shemar Marcus Lewis, (10/18/1997) Memphis, TN; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse of a combination of them, OVI - M1

Luis Miguel Morales, (10/25/1995), Scott, OH; Rape (4 counts), F1; Domestic violence, M1

Shon David Cantu, (8/27/1996), Defiance, OH; Aggravated possession of drugs, F5; Assault, F4; Disorderly conduct, M4

Rollin Bullinger Jr., (10/30/1983), Melrose, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Eric A. Evans, (9/7/1990), Defiance, OH; Nonsupport of dependents (2 counts), F5

Aden L. Kendra, (2/24/2004), Toledo, OH; Trafficking in marijuana, F5

Ethan R. Lawrence, (9/22/2003), Antwerp, OH; Corrupting another with drugs, F4; Trafficking in marijuana, F5

Jacqueline Anita Wetoskey, (6/8/1995), Fort Wayne, IN; Grand theft, F4; Theft, F5

Christopher L. Storer, (8/29/1980), Cecil, OH; Pandering obscenity (2 counts), F5

Raychel R. McGill, (3/10/1992), Grover Hill, OH;

Aggravated possession of drugs (2 counts), F5

Sheri S. Kraegel, (12/26/1986), Antwerp, OH; Nonsupport of dependents, F5

Barret Joshua Carl Ramsey, (5/31/2005), Oakwood, OH; Assault, F4

Joseph M. Hire, (11/17/1971), Paulding, OH; Receiving stolen property, F5

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic

Disposition Report

Isaiah K. Carter, Cincinnati, OH; Driving under suspension, Guilty, Warrant and warrant block recalled, To be released today; Display plates, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Child restraint, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs

David L. Jones, Defiance, OH; Driving under OVI suspension, 8 days jail, operator license suspended from 7/31/24 to 10/29/24, Jail days concurrent with current sentence, Warrant and warrant block recalled; Headlights, Count B dismissed

Nathan E. McAlexander, Hicksville, OH; Menacing, 30 days jail, 27 days suspended, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, No contact with victims, Risk assessment, No alcohol, drugs, bars or taverns, Write a letter of apology; Disorderly conduct, Guilty, Defendant to pay all costs

Michael P. Daniels, Defiance, OH; Assault, Pled no

contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Placed on standard probation, Evaluation and complete such counseling, 40 hours community service, Risk assessment, Restitution \$742.00, Maintain general good behavior, 180 days jail, 150 days suspended; Assault, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all costs

Jacqueline A. Wetoskey, Fort Wayne, IN; Theft; Defendant waived the preliminary hearing; Case shall be bound over to the Paulding Common Pleas Court; Bond shall continue

Margarita Bahena Pedroza, LaFayette, IN; Child restraint; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Airriion T. Neville, Indianapolis, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Leon C. Goyings, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

James Powell, Paulding, OH; Cruelty animals; Case dismissed per state, with prejudice; Costs waived

Aaron C. Contreras, Paulding, OH; Confinement of dog (2 counts); Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Roger C. Gerlack, Melrose, OH; Confinement of dog; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs

Michael A. Cutler, Morenci, MI; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dusty L. Ruggles, Grover Hill, OH; Assured clear distance; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel L. Kent, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Tommi M. Hurley, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Dillon L. Dilsaver, Greenwood, IN; Left of center; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

George C. Sirca, Livonia, MI; Cross yellow line; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Jimmie T. Praul, Haviland, OH; Assault, Count A dismissed; Disorderly conduct, Pled no contest, found guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Assault, Count B dismissed

Cathy L. Anderson, Liberty Center, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Madeline R. McMorrow, Paulding, OH; Driving/texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Peter A. Arnold, Fort Wayne, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Kelsey Dilling, Payne, OH; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Carolyn S. Merz, Paulding, OH; Failure to yield/left turn; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH

The Defiance Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred on August 7 at approximately 12:10 P.M., at the intersection of U.S. Route 6 and State Route 66 in Springfield Township, Williams County.

A 2021 Ford Transit Van

operated by Timothy C. Crowley Jr, age 35, of Toledo, Ohio, and his front seat passenger, Shayn Vincent Gonzalez, age 29, of Toledo, Ohio, were traveling north on State Route 66. A 1997 Peterbilt 379 tractor trailer operated by Jordan M. Luecke, age 30, of Huntsville, Missouri, was traveling east on U.S. Route 6. Mr. Crowley failed to yield at the posted stop sign on State Route 66, striking Mr. Luecke's vehicle in the side. The Transit Van traveled off the southeast side of the intersection and overturned, striking a fence before coming to rest on its side. Mr. Crowley and Mr. Gonzalez were not wearing safety belts and Mr. Crowley was ejected from the vehicle.

Mr. Crowley was pronounced dead at the crash scene. Mr. Gonzalez was transported by Life Flight to St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo with serious injuries. Mr. Luecke was wearing a safety belt and was not injured. A portion of U.S. Route 6 east of State Route 66 was closed for approximately six hours.

Defiance Post Troopers were assisted at the crash scene by Ohio Department of Transportation, Ridgeville Township, Bryan Fire Department, Fulton County EMS, Williams County EMS / EMA, and Springfield Township-Stryker Fire Department. The Williams County Sheriff's Office, the Williams County Prosecutor's Office, and the Williams County Coroner's Office also assisted. John's Towing assisted with the recovery of both vehicles. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol wants to remind motorists to always wear their safety belts and to never drive distracted.

SECRETARY LAROSE NAMES FORMER OHIO SENATE PRESIDENT LARRY OBHOF AS CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL

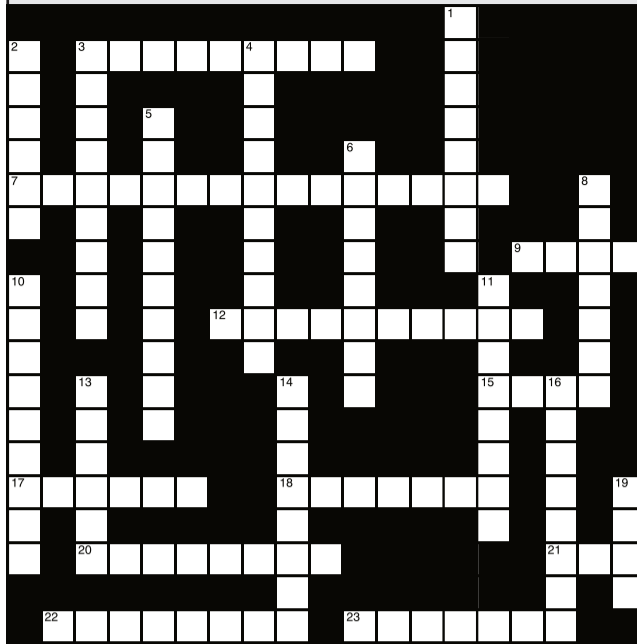
(Columbus) - Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced today that former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof has joined the Secretary of State's office as Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

"We're incredibly fortunate to have someone of Larry's caliber take on this critical role in what's becoming one of the most historic presidential elections in our nation's history," said LaRose. "Larry is both an experienced litigator and an accomplished legislator with a well-deserved reputation that transcends partisan politics. I've relied on his counsel many times over the years, and it's an honor to have him step back into public service on behalf of the citizens of our state."

A summa cum laude graduate of The Ohio State University and a JD graduate of Yale Law School, Obhof is an accomplished trial and appellate litigator and a widely respected constitutional law expert. He served for nearly a decade as a member of the Ohio Senate, where his colleagues unanimously elected him to serve as the presiding officer of the 33-member chamber from 2017-2020. During his time in the Senate, Obhof successfully sponsored a wide range of legislation, from education and fiscal policy to election administration and a comprehensive update

WEST BEND NEWS Crossword Puzzle

BACK TO SCHOOL!



ACROSS

3. Room where students are taught by a teacher.
7. Activities outside the regular academic curriculum.
9. Short assessment to test students' knowledge.
12. Ceremony marking the completion of a school level.
15. Comprehensive test assessing students' understanding of subjects.
17. Break period for students to play and relax.
18. Person who instructs and guides students in learning.
20. Container used to carry meals to school.
21. Vehicle used to transport students to and from school.
22. Essential item for taking class notes.
23. Place in school with books and resources for students.

DOWN

1. 1. Bag used to carry school supplies and books.

2. Small storage space for personal belongings and books.
3. Place where students eat their meals at school.
4. Document showing a student's academic performance.
5. Surface used by teachers to write and teach lessons.
6. Timetable of classes and activities for students.
8. Standardized clothing worn by students in some schools.
10. Educational outing to a place of interest.
11. Assignments given to students to complete outside of class.
13. Basic writing tool used by students.
14. Book containing the material for a specific subject.
16. Gathering of students for announcements and presentations.
19. Piece of furniture where students sit and do their work.

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to Ohio's corporate code and limited liability company law. In 2018, he received the Ohio State Bar Association's Lawyer-Legislator Distinguished Service Award.

Obhof has also taught courses on Civil Procedure and Legislation as an adjunct law professor and has published legal scholarship on a range of issues, including constitutional law, education, law and economics, and securities. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Alice M. Batchelder of the United

States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and has since worked at some of the nation's largest law firms.

From 2018-2020, Obhof was a Rodel Fellow at the Aspen Institute, a program designed to bring greater civility to public discourse. He is also a former member of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, and the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee.



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ROLLAND CENTER WELCOMES FORMER TEACHER TO EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR ROLE



Sarah Schoolman

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is pleased to welcome experienced educator Sarah Schoolman to the new position of Educational Outreach Coordinator with the Rolland Center for Lincoln Research. The position was created to more deeply connect the Center with local K-12 educators and students. The position is fully-funded for three years through the generous support of the Friends of the Lincoln Collection of Indiana.

"We are very pleased to have this new role completely dedicated to connecting educators and their students to the vast array of learning opportunities available in the Rolland Center," said ACPL Director of Special Collections Curt Witcher. "With Sarah's extensive experience, we know we have found the perfect person to build those bridges, create engaging experiences, and bring this world-class collection to the students of Allen County and beyond in new and exciting ways!"

Schoolman will primarily focus on working directly with educators in creating engagements where students can interact with the Lincoln Collection's artifacts on display at the Main Library's Rolland Center for Lincoln Research and virtually on a number of collection-related websites. She is also available for classroom visits. In addition to providing direct engagement with the collection, School-

man will develop content for educators' use including comprehensive e-learning lessons, engaging enrichment activities, and a wide range of classroom materials that blend reading and history instruction. All of these services are available free of charge to educators in Allen County and online.

Schoolman joins the library from FWCS where she was a curriculum writer, upper elementary-classroom teacher, and team lead. She also brings experience evaluating and implementing curricula, coordinating technology for groups of educators, and creating meaningful content for learners of diverse abilities.

The Rolland Center for Lincoln Research opened in January of 2022 and welcomes more than 20,000 visitors per year. It houses the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection, which is curated and highlighted regularly by expert Lincoln Librarians through tours, programs, and virtual offerings. The public can view the collection at the Main Library (900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne) during normal library hours. There is no cost to visit. For more information visit acpl.lib.in.us/rolland-center.

BENEFITS OF NON-GMO CORN

Farmers are starting to buy seed for next year to get the early discounts. GMO (genetically modified) corn and soybeans are popular in the United States. About 90-94% of soybean and 87-92% of corn in the USA are GMO. The USA produces 38% of all GMO crops in the world.

Other countries, like Europe (Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Italy) and Mexico have banned or limited GMO crops. Mexico and

Europe want food security against monopolies. In Europe, after World War II, food security became a big issue and they consider the prices too high to accept GMO crops.

What constitutes a GMO? Scientist select a gene that helps with a certain trait (insect resistance, herbicide tolerance, drought, etc.). They transfer that gene to another plant, test it, get government approval for the gene, and then release it for commercial production. A benefit of GMO crops is that they speed up natural selection for beneficial genes. Gene stacking involves putting several beneficial GMO genes in the same seed.

Proponents of GMO crops say the benefits include less insect loss, tolerance to herbicides, less virus and disease, and overall higher yields. In some cases, GMO crops have less overall herbicide use but possibly more of a certain type of herbicides (example more Roundup (glyphosate) in Roundup ready crops but less of other herbicides). So far, there is no direct evidence that GMO foods cause cancer. There are some reports of increased allergic reactions or increased antibiotic resistance with consuming GMO foods. Bioengineered (GMO) corn may cause novel organisms or substances in our body such as novel proteins that may cause allergies or antibiotic resistance.

When Roundup Ready crops were first released, yield lags of 10-20% were common. Scientist say they have fixed that problem. However, every time you stack genes, you mess up the plant biology and the plant produces a slightly lower yield. Corn rootworm genes inserted into the genetic background of corn plants seems to reduce yields the most. BT corn to control corn borer may reduce yields because it takes energy to make the proteins and enzymes to fight the corn borer. The result is lower protein content. Roundup Ready genes inserted in the plant reduce the micronutrient levels in a plant. Roundup (glyphosate) is known to chelate or tie up many micronutrients. The result is corn with less nutrients, so the corn is less healthy to consume. Pigs, cattle, and chick-

ens may not gain as much due to eating corn that are not as rich in nutrients. Non-GMO corn or regular corn with no inserted genes have some benefits. First, there is more diversity and less mono-cultures. Regular crops without GMO keep our agricultural ecosystem more diverse with less herbicide resistance or chances for super bugs or super weeds that become resistant to traditional herbicides and pesticides. If a certain GMO crop variety becomes popular, everyone plants it. If it crashes, a new GMO crop variety has to take over. That can create food insecurity if the crash is wide-spread. Second, regular corn has higher crude protein, as much as 28% higher. GMO corn may have 5-7% crude protein for a certain corn variety, but regular corn may have 7-9% crude protein. The benefits to livestock production is faster growth. In some cases, pigs will get to market 20-30 days faster. Given a choice, livestock performance is generally better with regular corn, maybe because it tastes better and has higher protein. Third, regular corn generally has more nutrients, fiber, but also 60% more antioxidants and flavonoids. This creates food that is healthier to eat for both the animal and the consumer, but it also makes the plants healthier

"URINETOWN" DELIGHTS AT VAN WERT CIVIC THEATRE



The Van Wert Civic Theatre's latest production, "Urinetown", is a satirical musical that delivers a thought-provoking, entertaining experience for audiences of all ages. The show, which ran from August 2-4, was a resounding success, showcasing the exceptional talents of the Adolescent and Young Adult Theatre and the dedication of its production team.

Cast Highlights:

Bobby Strong: Nick Long's portrayal of the idealistic hero was both powerful and heartfelt, capturing the character's struggle for justice.

Hope Cladwell: Sawyer Holbrook brought innocence and strength to the role of Hope, perfectly complementing Nick Long's Bobby.

Little Sally: Abbie Mengerink's performance as Little Sally was charming and engaging, providing much of the show's comic relief.

Officer Lockstock: Marcus Freewalt delivered a commanding performance as Officer Lockstock, narrating the story with a mix of humor and authority.

Officer Barrel: Evan Joseph's portrayal of Officer Barrel was both menacing and amusing, adding depth to the law enforcement duo.

Penelope Pennywise: Emily Gehle's strong vocals and dynamic presence made

her a standout as the tough yet sympathetic Pennywise.

Mr. Cladwell: Carson Caprella excelled as the conniving villain, bringing a sense of gravitas to the role of the corrupt company owner.

Supporting cast members also delivered noteworthy performances, including Hunter Meiring (Ms. McQueen), Cheyenne Linton (Little Becky Two Shoes), Doug Long (Hot Blades Harry), Alivia Hines (Josephine Strong), Finley Foehl (Old Man Strong), Meah Johnson (Soupy Sue), Reese Horstman (Tiny Tom), Hadley Goins (Robby the Stockfish), Ella Lamb (Billy Boy Bill), Maddy Lamb (Dr. Billeaux), and Emily Ayers (Ms. Millennium). The ensemble, featuring Noelle Prine, Alyssa Wells, Beth Garrett, Alyssa Taylor, Jaxyn Hogan, and Gabby Thomas, added vibrancy and energy to the production.

The success of *Urinetown* can be attributed to the talented production team. Directed by Alyssa Taylor, with musical direction by Perri Webb and choreography by Emily Gehle, the show was a seamless blend of music, seamstress, and storytelling. Their vision brought this unique musical to life, captivating the audience from

start to finish.

This production was proudly sponsored by Gehle Transport, whose support was instrumental in bringing "Urinetown" to the Van Wert Civic Theatre stage.

"Urinetown" at the Van Wert Civic Theatre was a triumph, thanks to its talented cast, dedicated production team, and generous sponsors. The show not only entertained but also brought to light important social issues, making it a more than memorable experience for all who attended.

The Van Wert Civic Theatre looks ahead to the start of their 2024-2025 season and are thrilled to present "The World Goes 'Round," a musical revue celebrating the songs of Kander and Ebb, directed by Jerry Zimmerman. Performances will take place on September 19, 20, 21, 22*, 26, 27, 28, and 29*, 2024, with curtain times at 7:30 PM and matinees on Sundays at 2 PM.

This captivating production features a delightful collection of songs from the celebrated Broadway team, known for their work on classics such as "Chicago" and "Cabaret." Audiences can expect an evening of vibrant music, engaging performances, and unforgettable moments.

and the soil healthier. More diversity of soil microbes creates a healthier plant and that passes on to everyone who consumes those plants. One report says that regular corn has low releasing starch and more organic or natural protein which is a regular corn benefit.

An economic benefit to raising regular corn is that often there is a sales premium for NON-GMO or regular corn. Premiums vary by year, but may be \$.25 to \$1.15 per corn bushel and \$1- \$2 higher for certain regular soybeans varieties. Soybeans have spe-

cialized market for tofu, soy milk, sprouts, Natto etc. which are used for human consumption. GMO seed corn can cost from \$200 to \$300 per unit or higher compared to regular corn (\$65-\$150) per unit. For soybeans, regular soybeans may cost \$30 to \$40 per unit while GMO soybean can cost up to \$75 per unit or more. GMO crops offer farmers many benefits, but regular or Non-GMO crops have a place too.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

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maids 6 days, milking 800 cows, to make his cheese. It was 6 ft in diameter, nearly a foot thick and weighed 2,400 lbs. Over a ton. It was a struggle to get it onto a steamer, and even more difficult to get it off. Then he hid gold coins in it, like the Scottish custom of hiding coins in a cake. Sovereigns and half sovereigns and it was to be sold on Christmas Eve.

THE GROCERY STORE

In 1865 there was a small grocery store in Glasgow, Scotland. It was a small tenement house with living quarters above and a small grocery below. The owner's 15-year-old son had worked in various shops, including his father's, and was destined for greatness, so he came to America at age 15 and got a job in a grocery store.

Crowds were lined up and down the street, and it took several police to control them. This was such a success that he did this in all of his stores, and it became a holiday tradition. In those days nearly everyone drank tea. The water wasn't safe to drink, but they could boil it and make tea. However, tea was quite expensive and the quality wasn't the greatest.

He worked here 5 years and then went back to help his father in Scotland. In the time he was in America he was able to gain invaluable knowledge of the grocery business. He learned the value of advertising, and how to draw a crowd. His is a name that you still see in our grocery stores today.

Mr Lipton, the grocer was Sir Johnstone Lipton. In 1890 he went to Ceylon and bought a 1,000 acre tea garden to make his own tea. He advertised tea would be cheaper, a better quality, and there would be no middle man. Competitors who claim they had the finest tea, could not match the quality of his tea. He packaged his tea in beautiful boxes, and became the tea supplier for the world.

He set up his own grocery in Scotland. It was immaculate, and he hired people just to keep it clean. He hired a cartoonist to make humorous ads. He made beautiful displays in the windows, kept the store lighted all night with gas lites. and soon he was able to open a second shop. His name became a household word in Scotland.

In 1908 an American invented the tea bag. He was giving away samples each in a small bag, and people discovered that they could drop the entire bag into a cup. Lipton started making boxes of tea bags, which were easy to use to make tea. Today the Lipton name is probably the biggest name in tea.

He came up with a gimmick, that would draw people to his stores. He would have the world's largest cheese.

All this talk about tea, I think I will go make me a cup of tea, perhaps even a cookie. Later on a glass of iced tea would be good, I think I'll have mine half sweet and half unsweet.

He imported it from America. It took 200 dairy

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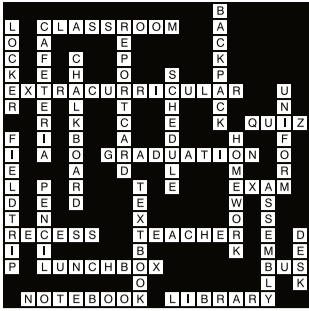
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tions to continue its mission of education and preservation.

New Construction While at the event, you can also check out the new construction. The Old Fort is almost fifty years old! Time and weather have taken their toll! Check out how you can help "Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne" at <https://oldfortwayne.org/about-us/fortrestoration/>.

VILLAGE OF ANTWERP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/27/24

At the Village Hall Council Chambers, 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp at 5:00 p.m. There was a special council meeting
Call to order - Mayor (Pledge of Allegiance)
Roll call
Motion to enter executive session under ORC 121.22 (g) (2) Sale of village property
Motioned by Dean Rister; Motion 2nd by Bryan Smith
Roll call to vote: Bryce - Yes; Jason - Yes; Dean - Yes; Steve - Yes; Bill - Yes; Bryan



Crossword solution from page 9

Exit executive session at 5:28 p.m.
Motion to authorize the mayor to execute two agreements
Motioned by Bryan Smith; Motion 2nd by Bill Boylan. Roll call to vote: Bryce - No; Jason - No; Dean - Yes; Steve - No; Bill - Yes; Bryan - Yes. Due to a tie vote, the mayor voted yes.
Motion passes
Motion to adjourn
Motioned by Bryce; Motion 2nd by Steve
Roll call to vote: Bryce - Yes; Jason - Yes; Dean - Yes; Steve - Yes; Bill - Yes; Bryan - Yes
Attendees: Cam Stanley - Legal Counsel; Brian Davis - Administrator

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POST MIAMI @ THE OLD FORT



Post Miami will take place at the Old Fort on Spy Run Avenue Saturday - Sunday, August 24-25, 2024. As you enter the grounds of the fort, you will step back into a French fort in the 1700s. The French completed the construction of Fort Miami in 1722, the first of two French forts built in the area.

A Portal to the Past The French were the first Europeans to settle in the Great Lakes region. They arrived in northeast Indiana in the late 1600s. The confluence of the three rivers helped facilitate a lucrative fur trade with the Native American tribes. Political enmity between the British and the French in Europe carried over into North America. To protect their new venture, the French built a fort. This weekend at the Old Fort, witness French and British forces reenact the clash for control of the area. Visitors will experience the sound of muskets and cannons!
Sweet Treats and Treasures No event at The Old Fort would be complete without its Bake Sale. Visitors can indulge in a variety of homemade baked treats. There is also Old Fort-themed merchandise, for those looking to take a piece of history home with them.
Immersive and Interactive Families and history enthusiasts can explore the buildings of the fort and interact with the soldiers, civilians, Native Americans, fur traders, and local artisans. Visitors will be immersed in the daily activities of life in a French fort.
A Community Effort Admission to the event is free. Freewill donation. Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the rich heritage of Fort Wayne. As a volunteer-driven organization, it relies heavily on community support and dona-

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NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES NOW LEGAL IN OHIO



Cannabis consumers and retailers alike are celebrating in the Buckeye State today as legal adult-use marijuana sales have finally come to fruition.

Last November, Ohio voters passed a new law to legalize the recreational use of marijuana by any adult age 21 or older and sales by licensed businesses. After eight months of rule-writing by the Division of Cannabis Control, today select existing medical dispensaries will transition to serve adults as well.

Medical marijuana has been relatively commonplace in Ohio since the first dispensaries opened in 2019, and the new law ensured that these vetted, licensed establishments would get first crack at selling adult-use products. Theory Wellness in Sherwood is taking full advantage of the opportunity.

"We've been helping people with chronic pain and other medical conditions for several years," said Braden Ratliff, dispensary manager at Theory. "Now, recreational customers are welcome to purchase our products, too, no prescription required."

Newer consumers will find

a variety of products available that go far beyond the loose-leaf marijuana that most are familiar with.

"Just as some people prefer a cold beer while others like a glass of wine, there are many ways to responsibly use marijuana," Ratliff said. "At Theory Wellness, we offer gummies, vapes extracts, tinctures, infused beverages, and more. People can precisely control how much they consume, confident that everything has been independently tested and labeled for safety."

As legal marijuana becomes more commonplace, lookalike products will find their way into gas stations and convenience stores. These products have no state-controlled regulations for safety or product testing, so the old adage of "buyer beware" holds true.

At Theory Wellness, however, they're focused on selling the proven products their medical customers have come to know and buy.

"Theory's Dispensary is the only legal marijuana dispensary in this part of Northwest Ohio," Ratliff said. "We're expecting new customers

from all over the region. We look forward to being a trusted resource for our new customer base."

OAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

Oakwood Fire Department will host a BBQ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 17th, 2024 from 5p.m. to 7p.m. at 201 North 6th Street, Oakwood, Ohio.

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Dine in or carry out

PPEC TO HOST MEMBERS AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS FOR PAC DINNER

Paulding Putnam Electric is hosting a joint PAC Legislative Dinner with St. Marys, Ohio-based Midwest Electric, August 19, 2024. The dinner will feature confirmed speakers U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan, State Representatives Angela King and Roy Klopfenstein, and State Senator Rob McColley.

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC is a bipartisan political action committee focusing on issues affecting electric co-ops like Paulding Putnam Electric. They work to keep co-op members' energy bills affordable and improve members' quality of life while protecting our nation's economy and jobs when making energy laws. PPEC is a political leader in the state of Ohio with more than 600 America's Electric Cooperative PAC members. Learn more about PAC by visiting PPEC.coop/PAC.

The event will be hosted at the historic and scenic Lin-

coln Ridge Farms, 6430 Pollock Rd, Convoy, OH. Members will enjoy a free Italian dinner with additional beverages available from Sycamore Winery and Moeller Brew Barn. This event is exclusively for members of the co-op's political action group, Americas Electric Cooperatives PAC. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by comments from the elected officials, who will take questions and discuss current industry topics.

Buckeye Power Chief Operating Officer Craig Grooms will join political speakers and present on issues affecting members' lives and electric bills.

SCIENCE CENTRAL ANNUAL SHUTDOWN TO BEGIN 8/19/24

Science Central will be closed to the public from Monday, August 19, through Friday, August 30, for its annual fall shutdown.

The center dedicates this time to cleaning, maintenance, and working on large-scale projects.

Science Central will reopen to the public on Saturday, Aug. 31. At that time, the center will resume the following schedule:

- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday: 12:00–5:00 p.m.
- Closed Monday and Tuesday

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

8/12 – Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Cornhole @ 10:30 a.m.; Diamond Art w/Mike & Barbara @ 12:00 p.m.; Bridge club @ 12:30 p.m.

8/13 – Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Bingo w/Kingsbury Place @ 12:00 p.m.

8/14 – Rummy @ 9:00 a.m.; Witt's Workout @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo w/Vancrest of Payne; Farmer's Market @ 1:00 p.m.; Grocery shopping @ 1:00 p.m.

8/15 – Digital Navigation; Drumming w/Ann's Bright Beginnings @ 9:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 9:45 a.m.; Exercise @ 10:00 a.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE OASIS BAR & GRILL



Antwerp Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a Trivia Night for the community on Thursday, August 8th. This event coincided with Main Street's Ladies Night Out organized by the local small businesses of Antwerp.

Trivia at the Oasis was a hit! Seven teams came out for a night of stimulating trivia questions (including bonus questions of deliberate Basketball) to deliberate against each other. The winning team were the guys from The Upper Nine – but it was a close one: only by one point!

Antwerp Chamber appreciates all who came out for a

fun night and to support their local Chamber and restaurant. Jennifer Ankney of Sam Switzer Realty organized the event and Bill Murphy MC'ed calling the questions. Lora Lyons of the United Way of Paulding County helped to tally up the points. Oasis Bar & Grill owner, Doug Bragg and his crew did an awesome job taking care of all the customers on this busy evening. Bragg also stepped up and covered the winners' winnings allowing Antwerp Chamber to keep their portion for future Chamber support of the Antwerp business community.

THIS WEEK ON PCBW: GREG JOHNSON & JEFF STARNER (HERBERT E. ORR)



This week on Paulding County Business Weekly we have Greg Johnson, President & CEO, and Jeff Starner, CFO of the Herbert E. Orr company. Listen in to hear how the business began, where it's been, and where it's headed as it continues to be a viable employment option in Paulding County that continues to support #pauldingcountystrong efforts.

Thanks to OhioMeansJobs, you can tune in on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or listen online at www.my1027.org/paulding-county-business-weekly/. Paulding County Business Weekly is also available on many podcast platforms including Apple, Google & Spotify. #pauldingcountystrong



47th Annual Maumee Valley Steam & Gas Engine Show

August 15-18, 2024

East of New Haven, IN at 1720 South Webster Road between U.S. 24 & U.S. 30 East






FEATURING: JOHN DEERE, J. I CASE, FORD, FORD FERGUSON, AND GARDEN TRACTORS & GAS ENGINES.

DAILY ADMISSION: \$5 a day or \$10 all 4 days

• Daily Plowing Fri & Sat	• Antique Cars & Trucks	• Horse & Mule Demonstrations & Hay Rides Fri & Sat	• Fri Fish & Chicken Dinner Sat Chicken Dinner
• Threshing & Sawing w/ Tractor & Steam Engines	• Stationary Steam Engines	• Quilt Show	• Church Service Sunday 9:00 A.M.
• Buzz Saw	• 125 hp Buckeye Oil Engine (one of two running)	• Flea Market	
• Baker Fan	• Tractor Pulls Fri & Sat	• Trading Post	
• Shingle Mill	• Working Blacksmith Shop	• Variety of Food Vendors	
• Steam Engines	• Steamed Sweet Corn	• Live Entertainment Fri & Sat Evening	
• Antique Tractors			
• Gas Engines			

FOR THE CHILDREN:

- Kiddie Tractor Pull
- Animal & Magic Shows Saturday Afternoon

Cruise-In of Vintage Cars and Trucks Friday and Saturday
Show Time is 9:00 A.M. to Dark • Sunday Till 3:00 P.M.

President: 260-414-9489	Camping: 260-341-4805	Garden Tractors & Gas Engines 419-769-9635 or 260-705-8226
Flea Market: 260-341-4805	Tractor Pull: 260-223-3879	Free Parking
Trading Post: 260-460-0569	Model Show: 260-579-7303	
Exhibitors: 260-580-5416	Quilt Show: 260-580-5285	

All other exhibitors are welcome. A fun show for the whole family.



**125 HP, 15 Ton Buckeye Engine
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**Sawing Lumber
with Steam Engines & Tractors**



Plowing with Mules

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August 17 - 24

FREE DAILY MIDWAY ENTERTAINMENT

Admission daily: \$5
 ages 13 & up
Last Saturday: FREE Gate Admission /Family Day

Please support our youth at the
 Jr Fair Livestock Auction on
 Friday August 23 @ 9 am



**Full schedule at
defiancecountyfair.com & f**

More information to come
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