

CRANE BICENTENNIAL GROUP HONORS EARLY PIONEER



Pictured above working on Horatio Nelson Crane's tombstone are (l-r) Kristine Stuart (with granddaughter Oaklynn), Judy Copsey, and Lori Manon. Not pictured, Carol Razo (she was behind the camera).

Crane Township, like many Ohio townships, was established in a place where there was no existing government and there were very few people. As a result, early Ohio townships assumed the responsibility of maintaining order. Horatio Nelson Curtis was elected Crane Township's first Justice of the Peace in 1825. Justices were responsible for keeping the peace, but also possessed the authority to perform marriages, write deeds, settle debtor claims, and administer oaths of office. All townships had a constable until 1957 when the Secretary of State eliminated the position.

centennial Committee met at Riverside Cemetery in Antwerp recently to honor the Township's first Justice of the Peace by cleaning his tombstone. Curtis is one of just two pioneers identified in the Township's origin. The other is Oliver Crane, for whom the Township is named.

The Committee is planning a bicentennial celebration which will take place in August 2025. Activities will include:

- A hog roast at New Rochester Park prepared by Crane Township Cecil Volunteer Fire Department.
- Homemade ice cream at New Rochester Park made by

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SHOP THE VILLAGE RETURNS WITH EXCITING NEW DATE!

By: Erica Noggle

Paulding, OH: Shop the Village, our local twist on Shop Small Saturday, is back and better than ever! This beloved Paulding County community event, designed to support and showcase local businesses and entrepreneurs, will take place a week earlier this year to ensure everyone can enjoy it before the holiday rush.

Mark Your Calendars! This year's Shop the Village will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, strategically placed before Black Friday and the highly anticipated Ohio State vs. Michigan football game. This change allows residents to enjoy a day of shopping and community engagement without the worry of missing out on the big game or getting caught up in the Black Friday frenzy.

The Chamber is now accepting vendor registrations for this year's event. If you're a local business owner or entrepreneur looking for an opportunity to connect with the community and boost your holiday sales, now is the time to sign up! Don't miss this chance to showcase your unique products to an eager and supportive audience.

We're counting on the community to help make this year's event the best yet. Please share the event with friends, family, and anyone who might be interested in being a vendor or simply enjoying a day of shopping in support of local businesses. The more, the merrier!

For more information, including how to register as a vendor, please contact Erica Noggle at the Paulding Area Chamber of Commerce or visit www.pauldingchamber.com/Shop-the-Village.

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CONGRESSMAN JIM JORDAN HIGHLIGHTS LEGISLATIVE DINNER WITH NEARLY 300 MEMBERS OF PAULDING PUTNAM & MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



With the upcoming election on the horizon and critical energy issues at stake, close to 300 America's Electric Cooperative PAC members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) (Paulding, Ohio) and Midwest Electric (St. Marys, Ohio) gathered at Lincoln Ridge Farms in Convoy, Ohio, for a Legislative Dinner. The event featured a lineup of influential speakers, including U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan, who discussed pivotal issues affecting both the nation and the electric industry.

Attendees were treated to a complimentary Italian dinner before diving into a night of engaging discussions. Congressman Jordan took the stage to highlight the "moments of magnitude" that define the future of the country, stressing that the

upcoming election is one of those critical moments. He also touched on national security and expressed his appreciation for the work that electric cooperatives do in serving their communities.

State Senator Rob McColley, along with State Representatives Angela King and Roy Klopfenstein, addressed several pressing issues. They discussed the uncertainty surrounding the future of energy, including the possibility of rolling blackouts due to the premature closure of power plants. They also spoke about Issue 1, an upcoming ballot measure in Ohio that will determine how the state draws its legislative and congressional districts.

"Due to the federal government's uneconomical EPA regulations, we will be

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Community Calendar

- MON & WED**
- Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp GMC, 9a-12p
- September 3**
- Smokey Bear's Birthday celebration @ Defiance & Sherwood Library (thru 9/30)
 - Nut Sale @ PCH Gift Shop
- September 6**
- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- September 7**
- Heritage Lions @ St. Aloysius in Yoder, IN
 - Dave Brown Designs Fall Festival, Hicksville, 9a-3p
- September 8**
- PC Sen. Ctr. Car & Truck Show @ Paulding Square, 2p
- September 9**
- Jeanne Calvert @ Defiance Library, 6pm
- September 10**
- Alzheimer's Education Series @ Defiance Library, 3pm
- September 13**
- Celebrate Your Plate @ Johnson Memorial Library, Hicksville, 4-4:45pm
- September 14**
- Woodburn Lions Donuts @ Payne Celebration
 - Rock the Block Fall Festival @ Payne Village, all day
 - Cruise In & Fall Fest @ Edgerton Village Hall Grounds, 10am-2pm
- September 17**
- Child/Fam Resource Fair @ Little Sprouts, Paulding, 4-6p

Add your event to the calendar
info@westbendnews.net

OBITUARIES

PAYNE, OH:
Donnie L. Schmidt, 84, of Payne, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at her home. Arr By Dooley Funeral Home.
 PAYNE, OH:
Tyler Matthew Mullins Cavanaugh, of Payne passed away Thursday, August 21, 2024. Arr by Dooley Funeral Home.



ROCK THE BLOCK COMING TO PAYNE OHIO SEPTEMBER 14-15!

Get ready to kick off the autumn season with the Village of Payne's Rock the Block Fall Festival.

Saturday, September 14th will start off the morning with softball games at the Payne Park and the Market Bazaar at Puckerbrush Pizza.

At 11:00 a.m., Lions Donuts and Poker Run registration starts at the American Legion building (Poker Run kick stands up @ 11:30 a.m.). The Big Guys Firehouse BBQ begins as well downtown

VILLAGE OF PAYNE'S ROCK THE BLOCK -FALL FESTIVAL EVENT-

Payne. There will be a Candy Fun Run and Spray House at the American Legion at 12:00 Noon.

At 3:00 p.m. the Parade line up begins at the Payne Elementary School with the parade commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Janice Anne & Power Train will perform at the Legion at 4:00 p.m. along with Bounce Houses, Justin the Clown, a Petting Zoo and Brats by the Knights of Columbus.

At 5:00 p.m. there will be speeches, awards and blessings presented to the commu-

nity at the American Legion followed by a dinner catered by Puckerbrush Pizza.

Concluding the full day of activities, Rapid Fire will be in concert at the American Legion beginning at 8:30 p.m. with Fireworks in the Park at 9:30 p.m.

On Sunday September 15th, there will be a Community Church service at the American Legion under the big tent with a lunch to follow of hot dogs, chips and ice cream social.

Make your plans to venture to Payne Ohio for the Rock the Block Fall Festival, September 14-15!

Time @ 10:30 a.m.; UNO @ 12:30 p.m.; Puzzle Table @ 2:30 p.m.

9/8 - Catholic Communion; Sittercise @ 11:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Service w/ Bryce & Chad @ 4:00 p.m.

HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATING INJURY CRASH IN PAULDING COUNTY

On August 25, 2024, at approximately 1:00 A.M., the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post was dispatched to a single vehicle injury crash on County Road 177 west of County Road 171 in Brown Township, Paulding County.

A Polaris RZR-XP1000, driven by Savannah Ridgway, age 24, of Convoy, was traveling west on County Road 177. The Polaris drove off the right side of the roadway and struck a tree. The Polaris also had a passenger, Westen Phlipot, age 23, of Paulding. Both occupants of the Polaris sustained serious injuries.

Ridgway was flown by helicopter to Saint Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. Phlipot was flown by helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Paulding

County Sheriff's Office, Oakwood Fire and EMS, Mercy Health Life Flight, Promedica Life Flight and John's Towing.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash and safety belts were not used. The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists not to drive impaired and always wear a seat belt. The crash remains under investigation.

Scripture of the Week

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,"

— Ephesians 2:19



ANTWERP, OH:
Denise Ann Doll, 75, of Antwerp, passed away August 29, 2024, at home.

Denise was born in Fort Wayne, IN on January 28, 1949, a daughter of the late Betty (Lydiksen) & Jean Martin.

Denise was the cherished proprietor of Looking Back Antiques, where her passion for garage sales and antiques shone brightly. She was also a devoted quilter for many years. She found great joy in her active participation at Antwerp Global Methodist Church, particularly in her beloved Bible study group. Denise's deep faith and love for Christ were evident in all she did, especially in her roles as wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

She delighted in attending her family's sporting events and spending time with everyone around the holidays. She will be remembered for her unwavering love for her family and friends, her strong faith, and her selfless nature, always putting others before herself.

She will be sadly missed by her husband of 56 years, Willie; children; Dawnita Doll & Matthew (Nicole) Doll; siblings, Linda (Ronn) Owens & Luann Martin; her two grandchildren, Kaitlyn Mosier and Kaden Doll, as well as her nieces and nephews.

Viewing is Tuesday, September 3rd from 4-7 PM at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Service is Wednesday, September 4th at 10:30 AM with viewing one hour prior at the Antwerp Global Methodist Church.

She will be laid to rest in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Memorials are to Antwerp Global Methodist Church.

Fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

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down to the lowest energy reserves ever in the next three to five years," said Senator McColley. "We are facing a situation where there is a high potential for rolling blackouts and brownouts during times when people need energy the most. This is a government-created problem that must be fixed with the election."

Buckeye Power Chief Operating Officer Craig Grooms, who will take over as CEO once current CEO Pat O'Loughlin retires, spoke about the benefits of being a cooperative member. He explained that being a member makes you an owner of several power generation plants, including the Cardinal coal-fired plant in Brilliant, Ohio, and natural gas-fired plants in Convoy and Greenville, Ohio. Grooms explained how the cooperatives continue to invest in these resources to ensure their reliability, especially during peak demand times.

"We are making significant investments in the Cardinal coal-fired plant to comply with EPA rules that have already been passed, but we already have a group of new rules coming in that are intended to supersede the rules that the plant is already in compliance with," Grooms stated.

The evening concluded with a Q&A session, allowing members to interact directly with the legislators and gain deeper insights into the issues being discussed.

Both PPEC and Midwest Electric Cooperatives are political leaders in the state of Ohio, with more than 1,400 America's Electric Cooperative PAC members. The PAC is a bipartisan committee dedicated to ensuring affordable energy, protecting jobs, and fostering economic growth through effective energy legislation.

OHIO DEPT OF AGING TO HOST VIRTUAL ASSISTED LIVING FEEDBACK FORUM

ODA will solicit feedback from assisted living residents and their family as well as staff and administrators to inform 'Version 2.0' of Navigator dashboard

COLUMBUS, Ohio - To ensure every Ohioan has the opportunity to share their experiences with assisted living in the state, the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is announcing that it will hold a virtual Assisted Living Feedback Forum for people who could not attend one of the six in-person sessions over the last month.

ODA's virtual Assisted Living Feedback Forum will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 3-4 p.m. EDT. Like the in-person events, this virtual session is open to assisted living facility residents, family members, staff, administrators, and any other residents who wish to provide feedback about assisted living in Ohio.

Registration for this virtual event is limited. Those who are interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible to secure their spot.

Accommodations will include American Sign Language and CART (live captioning). Requests for additional accommodations can be made by emailing assistedlivingfeedbackforum@age.ohio.gov.

During the virtual forum, Ohioans will be able to share their experiences in selecting an assisted living facility. Then, attendees will be able to view a prototype of "Version 2.0" of what is currently called Ohio's Nursing Home Quality Navigator.

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.

Insights from this virtual listening session will be integrated with feedback provided at the six in-person

Feedback Forums held across the state to help improve future versions of the Navigator.

About ODA - The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit www.Aging.Ohio.gov.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

9/3 - 9:45 a.m. Euchre; 12:00 p.m. Bingo w/ The Country Inn

9/4 - 9:00 a.m. Rummy; 10:00 a.m. Witts Workout; 11:30 a.m. Birthday & Anniversary Celebration w/ Alan Seibert; 1:00 p.m. Grocery Shopping

9/5 - 9:45 a.m. Euchre; 10:00 a.m. Exercise

9/6 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study; Reminder: Car Show on 9/8 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING MENU

9/03 - Baked Ham, Red-skin Potatoes, Spinach/Cornbread, Applesauce, Sherbet

9/4 - Swiss Steak, Hash-brown Bake, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Birthday Cake, Dinner Roll

9/5 - Chicken Salad, Shredded Lettuce, Vegetable & Rice, Soup, Fresh Melon, Roll, Cookies/Crackers

9/6 - Baked Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Lima Beans, Fruit Cup, WW Bread, Oatmeal Cookie Bar

ANTWERP MANOR ACTIVITY CALENDAR

9/3 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; UNO @ 10:30 a.m.; Bingo @ 1:30 p.m.; Library Service

9/4 - Nails by Taylor @ 8:30 a.m.; Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Dominoes @ 10:30 a.m.; VFW Lunch @ 12:00 Noon; Bingo @ 1:15 p.m.

9/5 - What's For Dessert? @ 9:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Beauticians @ 12:00 p.m.; Movie & popcorn @ 1:30 p.m.

9/6 - Sittercise @ 10:00 a.m.; Bingo @ 10:30 a.m.; Euchre @ 1:30 p.m.; Movie Time 3:00 p.m.

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50'S SCHOOL DAZE

Penny For Your Thoughts

By: Nancy Whitaker

I started Kindergarten when I was age 4. The only thing I remember is running around with other little girls chasing the little boys. Don't ask me why we did that.

In approximately 2nd Grade I went to a little school in Middle Point. We lived in a house with a long lane to get to the road. I would walk that long lane every morning to get on the bus and each night when I got home.

When snow got up to our knees we still had school regardless of cold, ice, or bad weather. Of course I was the last one on the bus and the last one off.

We weren't allowed to wear jeans or pants to school, but the girls had these long wooly leggings and bulky rubber boots that pulled up around our ankles.

At the end of summer for the next school year I got a few school clothes, either handmade or hand me downs. But to me I looked pretty in them.

We also had yellow tablet paper, a number #2 pencil, 8 crayons, a jar of paste and some little scissors. I could not wait till I could get a box of 16 and get pink or magenta.

Our paste was in a jar and somewhat doughy and white. I hate to say this but I saw some kids eat their paste.

The little school had old fashioned desks with the seats attached. The first thing we did was say The Lord's prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading, Writing and Arithmetic were the main subjects but my favorite thing was Spelling. Well I got tired of having the teacher give me a perfect score, so one day in a test I misspelled a word. The word was COAT. I spelled it CAOT.

The teacher then said, "Oh another 100% for you!". I pulled on her jacket and said "Teacher, I missed a word." She looked at my paper, and said, "Awe, you did that on purpose."

If the weather was nice, we

went outside at recess. There were some swings, a merry go round and monkey bars.

Most of the girls played Jump Rope chanting different sayings. We had a long rope and took turns turning it. One of the song chant's was:

Janey and Johnny
Sitting in a tree,
K-I-S-S-I-N-G
First comes love,
Then comes marriage
Then comes Janey
With a baby carriage.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5...

In bad weather we sat on the floor and played Jacks.



How many know what Jacks are, played jacks or still play jacks?

In elementary school a lot of students packed a lunch and another school had a cafeteria. We did not have pizza, but had things like Johnny Marzetti, Hot Dogs and beef stew.

One item everyone still talks about is Lunch Ladies Brownies. A recipe for Lunch Ladies Brownies is below:

- BROWNIES**
- 1 cup salted butter melted
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 cups granulated sugar
 - 4 large eggs
 - 4 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - Chocolate Frosting
 - 1/4 cup salted butter-softened
 - 1/4 cup 2% milk
 - 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 3 cups powdered sugar
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9x13-inch baking dish with parchment paper and spray paper with oil. Bake 30 minutes and let cool; then frost.
- I have not tried this recipe but it's probably delicious, if they taste like our school lunch ladies brownies.
- By the end of the school day, I was ready to climb in the school bus and go home. But I had to ride the bus for almost an hour.
- I had a couple of library books and I wanted to just go home eat a snack and read.

"Hi Mom, hi grandma and Jimmy." "How was school?" Mom asked. "Great," I said, "I missed a Spelling word... can I have a cookie?"

Munching on one of Granny's sugar cookies, I got out my book and I placed my little yellow tablet on the table along with my school books.

Then Mother said, "Change your school clothes you need to wear them all week." "But Mom, other girls change their clothes about every day." Mom replied, "You only have a couple of school dresses so we need to take care

of them." Sighing, I went upstairs to put on my old dress. I so loved school and wanted to be popular just like the other gals. But, this little girl was always the shortest and the poorest in her class.

A little girl, a little school, a long lane and a long bus ride. But this little old lady would sure love to go back and spend a day of school in the 1950's.

How about you? How was your school days? Did you ride a bus? Pack your lunch? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny For Your Thoughts.

NSCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AMENDED INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES



L to R: Dr. Tom Stuckey (NSCC President Emeritus), Bonnie Stuckey, Sandra Barber (NSCC Board of Trustees Chair), Dr. Todd Hernandez (NSCC President)

The Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, August 23rd at the Archbold Campus. As part of the meeting, the Board approved the amended Institutional / General Education Learning Outcomes (ILOs).

DEFINING THE ILOS - "PROFESSIONAL, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS..."

The ILOs state that graduates from Northwest State Community College will become professional, lifelong learners and responsible global citizens through achievement of the following outcomes:

- A. Communication
 - a. Create effective written communication
 - b. Adapt communication skills beyond written form
- B. Critical / Creative Thinking
 - a. Evaluate and appropriately use resources
 - b. Use problem-solving strategies to draw conclusions or find solutions
- C. Quantitative Rea-

- soning / Literacy
 - a. Apply mathematical problem-solving skills
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- D. Ethical Responsibility in a Diverse Society
 - a. Analyze the ethical implications of individual actions
 - b. Recognize the complexities of diverse identities and the impact on equity of historical, social, economic, or political systems

BONNIE STUCKEY HONORED THROUGH TREE DEDICATION

Bonnie Stuckey was also recognized for her nearly 30 years of service to the campus with a tree dedication on the east side of campus. Stuckey has provided campus beautification through maintaining the many flowers around the campus exterior, and the selfless gesture has been most appreciated by the Board, and the campus community. Dur-

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MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY



By: Mark Holtsberry

Samuel Reed Heller born October 12, 1890 in Norfolk, Virginia. The son of Edward W. born April 16, 1869 in Indianapolis, Indian. And Levina Elizabeth (Oswalt) Heller born December 6, 1870 in Poneto, Indiana.

This couple was married August 25, 1888 in Indiana. On February 21, 1889, a son, Jessie Clyde was born, followed by Verna May May 30, 1896, Russel Edson April 23, 1899. By 1900, the Heller family was living in Harrison, Indiana. Edward was a farmer and the Samuel was in school. On June 25, 1905, a daughter Minnie Marie was born, followed by Florence (Flossie) Irene March 5, 1908.

By 1910, the family was living on Walnut Street in Harrison, Indiana. Edward, still farming and Samuel, now eighteen, was working odd jobs. A son, Melvin Adolph was born May 28, 1910, he was a sickly child and passed away, August 11, 1910.

On November 10, 1911, a daughter Rosetta Helen, died at birth. In 1917, a daughter, Sylvia Margrinta died at birth. As the world went to war, the United States called for the registration of a draft.

On June 5, 1917, Samuel registered for the draft in Wells County, Indiana. Listed as medium height and build, brown eyes, brown hair, and single. He was living near Bluffton, Indiana. Samuel's brother, Russel Edson registered for the draft, June 5, 1917 at Wells County. Samuel enlisted into the military April

27, 1918. He served in the United States Medical Corp out of Indiana. During that timeframe, Jessie Clyde Heller, caught influenza and pneumonia and passed away November 27, 1918. He was discharged February 3, 1919 with the rank of Private First Class. He was discharged at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. As for Russel Edson Heller, he was killed in action, October 11, 1918 in France.

On September 4, 1919, Samuel's mother, Levina, passed away from chronic pneumonia. She was buried in Paw Paw, Michigan. By 1920, Samuel was living in Paw Paw, Michigan on North Brown Street.

He was working as a driver for a company. Still single, his sister's Minnie, Flossie and Rosetta along with his father, Edward were living with him. By 1930, Samuel was living in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on 215 and a half Main Street in a boarding house. He was working as a glass cutter in a glass factory. Sometime after 1931, Samuel married a gal named, Lillian (Lida) May Donley, Bailey, Cramer, Myers, Beineke. Her first marriage was not to the Bailey man, records are not clear what his name was. She was born February 9, 1880 in Paulding County. On January 20, 1934, Samuel's father, Edward Heller passed away in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was buried with his wife in Paw Paw, Michigan. In 1935, Samuel became ill. Samuel and Lillian were living at 2430 Elyetta Street in Ft. Wayne. In March of 1935, Samuel took ill in his bed and on June 25, 1935, and passed away. His cause of death was coronary occlusion. He was buried in Sherman Cemetery lot 24, space 4.

On July 9, 1935, Lillian applied for his Government Issue tombstone. August 8, 1935, application for his stone was accepted, and on September 9, 1935, the stone was shipped. It is unclear who installed his stone. On April 16, 1940, Lillian passed away in Defiance. She is buried with Samuel. Looks like she finally settled down.

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Curtis' tombstone AFTER cleaning.

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Bethel United Methodist Church.

- Guided nature tours at Forrest Woods Nature Preserve, focusing on how the area looked two centuries ago and what wildlife existed at that time.



Curtis' tombstone before cleaning.

- Production of the play titled "No Compromise!" at the Cecil fire house. The play was written by local historian Jane Nice about the Reservoir War which took place in 1887.

ing a surprise dedication, Board Chair Sandra Barber thanked Stuckey for her work, and Stuckey in turn thanked past members of the NSCC community for their support and service as well.

- In other Board action:
- Approved the employment of Ethan Eberly (part-time Marketing & Communications Assistant), Jeffrey Dupureur (1st shift Custodian), Aaron Hess (Training Coordinator-Mechanical & Fluid Power / Maumee), Tim Lucas (Maintenance Techni-

cian), Brad Poeth (Training Coordinator-Mechanical & Fluid Power / Van Wert), Cynthia Zdanczyk-Westhoven (Faculty-Psychology), Nicole Schwab (Faculty-Nursing), and Zachory Tucker (2nd shift Custodian).

- Approved the transfer of Dennis Hartley to Clerk-Bookstore/Retail & Food Services.
- Approved miscellaneous employment contracts.
- Approved three resignations and one retirement.

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Get ready to be swept off your feet by the vibrant energy of Broadway, right here in Van Wert! The Van Wert Civic Theatre proudly presents "The World Goes 'Round'", a dazzling revue that brings together the iconic songs of Kander and Ebb in a spectacular celebration of life, love, and show-biz.

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Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Broadway in your hometown. See you at the theatre!

SECRETARY LAROSE CALLS FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

(Columbus) - Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose called on the Ohio General Assembly today to enact legislation giving his office authority to require proof of citizenship on state-issued voter registration forms.

"American elections are only for American citizens. This is common sense and it's also the law. Despite roadblocks and lack of support from the federal government, Ohio has led the way in removing noncitizens from the voter rolls and referring those who violate the law to prosecutors," said Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose. "Following a recent ruling by the US Supreme Court, we now have the opportunity to require front-end citizenship verification prior to a registration being processed. This would be a great step forward for future elections, and I'm asking the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation further protecting the integrity of Ohio's elections."

Secretary LaRose sent a letter to legislative leaders of the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives asking lawmakers to take legislative action on the proposal. The request comes on the heels of a U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing the state of Arizona to issue use a state-prescribed registration form requiring proof of citizenship.

Ohio law gives the Secretary of State exclusive authority to issue an official voter registration form, but state law does not currently allow the Secretary to require proof of citizenship.

PARKVIEW HEALTH NAMED TO FORBES' BEST-IN-STATE EMPLOYERS LIST FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Parkview Health has been named to the Forbes list of America's Best-In-State Employers 2024, ranking No. 25 out of 75 companies included on Indiana's list.

It's the third consecutive year Parkview has made the Forbes list, previously ranking No. 10 in 2023 and No. 26 in 2022.

This prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. America's Best-In-State Employers 2024 have been identified in an independent survey from a vast sample of over 160,000 employees working for companies employing at least 500 people within the U.S. The ranking is open to companies from all industry sectors. Around 4.4 million employer evaluations were considered.

The ranking looks at three years of data, allowing for a robust differentiation between organizations that consistently perform well and those that may only have had a single good year. An employer's final score is determined on a state-by-state basis and is built upon two sources including personal evaluations, employees' willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family, and public evaluations, recommendations from friends and family members of employees, or members of the public who work in the same industry. Parkview was the top-ranked employer headquartered in northeast Indiana on this year's list, joined by fellow Fort Wayne-based Steel Dynamics Inc. at No. 50.

On top of competitive pay and strong benefits, Parkview offers numerous additional perks to its co-workers. Those include programs like the quarterly "lifestyle benefit" stipend, allowing employees to make personal purchases of their choosing; discount opportunities at local businesses, opportunities for free admission to local attractions and events and co-worker contests and giveaways; an employee well-being department (named a Best and Brightest in Wellness for six consecutive years) that offers numerous physical and mental health programs for co-workers; flexible work arrangements for eligible departments; and innovative support like the Parkview Pups therapy dog program.

Forbes is the latest to recognize Parkview as a top employer. Parkview has been named a Most Loved Workplace by the Best Practices Institute in 2023 and 2024 and by Newsweek in 2023; ranked as the No. 18 top Inspiring Workplace in North America by Inspiring Workplaces Group; selected as one of 150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare by Becker's Healthcare; and had three facilities - Parkview Ortho Hospital, Parkview Wabash Hospital and Parkview Whitley Hospital - named among the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Best Places to Work.

Statista publishes hundreds of worldwide industry rankings and company listings with high-profile media partners. This research and analysis service is based on the success of statista.com, the leading data and business intelligence portal that provides statistics, relevant business data, and various market and consumer studies and surveys.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Judi Grubb's incorrect answer to America

First of all, I'm praying you will wake up from your leftist nightmare you are living. The main thing you are doing wrong is fact checking. Fact checkers are left wing basement dwellers telling you what the alphabet soup media, (FOX) included, says is true and any disagreement is false. Sound familiar, China, Russia, Cuba, etc. Both the lying media and the lie checkers are the mouthpiece of what used to be the democrat party. When you can treat antifa and blm the same as Jan. 6th, then you may have some credibility. I research info, everything you mentioned was a lie. You were almost 4000 pts short on the DOW, Kelly's beef with Trump was equating the Medal Of Honor as equal to the highest civilian award, which I agree with him, (Kelly). They are two different animals. Agenda 47 is the Trump platform, not Heritage 2025 and yes, some things are the same. Nancy P. already realized, years too late of course, that she blew it by not accepting TRUMPS OFFER of the NATIONAL GUARD to AVOID the RIOT that the capitol police helped by letting them in. The capitol police were responsible for two killings, shooting one and beating another, the rest were medical conditions. There was no fire extinguisher to the head. Trump always plays with the media, that's why he says things like you won't have to vote again, because our fraudulent voting system will be fixed. And right on cue the media calls him a dictator. Really, are you that dumb. What did he do that was dictator like his 1st 4 yrs. I'll wait, oh yeah you lefties favorite thing killing babies. Well wrong again it was sent back to the states where it should be decided. Health care, like welfare and education are not constitutional. Remember, Socialism is not for the socialist, it's for the lower class, you see your party has just about destroyed the middle class. Your elitist

friends running the country will finish the job with their second puppet, Kamala. Then like all other socialist countries, we will fail because they ran out of other people's money. I pray to Lord Jesus to open the eyes of the lost so they may see what is right and what is wrong. For those of us that are awake, the choice is obvious, for those who are woke, you are blurred with emotion. Judi, if you respond again, I hope you've seen the light and walked away from the communist party, because I won't be arguing with a fool anymore.

—Robert Hesse
SMS Retired
Woodburn, IN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From "Sworn enemy of lying, pomposity, smugness and group think"

Sorry Judi Grubb of Van Wert, Ohio, but here's the FACT CHECK of your August 19 letter to the editor, where you thought you corrected Robert Hesse. But first, let me broaden your horizons by letting you know that for a couple more bucks, you can get Dish or Direct tv to add news networks to your programming. There are not enough minutes in our lifetime, and certainly not enough space in this newspaper for us to continue correcting the lies that you are parroting from CNN and MSNBC! It should be an indicator, that when you sign up for direct tv, Comedy News Network and Rachel Maddow are included, for free, with the basic package, right along with the rest of the state sponsored information. They charge more to add Newsmax and Newsnation. I don't know about FOX. I blocked that awhile ago. They used to charge for that too.

In your letter, assuming it's not satire, and you actually believe what you are saying, did you seriously site the DOW from the height of the COVID lockdowns as your reference to the Trump administration? Professional economists and business women and men would take a much broader and more inclusive view of the entirety of his time in Washington. In fact, they have come to the conclusion that it truly was one of the most prosperous times in American history. Policy and leadership matters. Weather trying to destroy a nation for the sake of the new world order, like the current administration, or trying to make a great future for all Americans, policy matters!

You and the fake news continue to claim that "John Kelly says", in spite of the fact that dozens of men and women with first hand knowledge of the words and events of that day have already debunked his claims. John Kelly was fired by the Trump administration. So as disgruntled former employee, he is more than willing to play along with the lie. Who is harmed the most by this type of behavior? The American people, when too many voters are not properly or accurately informed.

I believe that President Trump was changed by the assassination attempt. I believe God has all of us here in this time and place for good reason, and I'm proud to be on the right side of history. President Trump has been under attack for 9 years now. Most of us could not and would not follow a leader that gave into it

without a fight, and the rest of the world certainly takes advantage of weakness. I don't know how I or you would react with that kind of attention or lying about us, but it probably wouldn't always be mature or warm & fuzzy.

As for your concern for women's rights, explain to me how any of the millions of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood was a decision between a woman and her doctor. Most of those girls never met that Doctor who killed her baby. I know you like to follow the science. Science has proven time and time again that the pre-born girl or boy is absolutely a living human being. I think you misunderstand those of us that are pro-life. We absolutely support the life of every mother. It's never been illegal for a doctor to save the life of a woman in labor or to advise those with life threatening pregnancies. None of these things would ever be threatened by another Trump presidency, especially since those laws will be made at the state level. President Trump and I, along with millions of Americans, believe that abortion is always wrong (given that the Holy spirit is the source of all life), but he has clearly stated, numerous times, that he would not sign a national abortion ban as we cannot expect to force our views onto everyone else through law makers in Washington DC. Another example of your lies or simply a lack of accurate information is demonstrated by your statement about "vitro fertilization". I'm not sure what that is, but I think you were trying to refer to IVF. Trump supports IVF for those couples that are having trouble but would like to have children through the use of In-Vitro Fertilization. As for Obamacare, our country has had Medicaid and Medicare for a long time and if we enforce or immigration laws and balance our budget, it will remain, along with Social Security, but anyone with the slightest business mind can see that we cannot allow The Affordable Care Act to eliminate our private insurance. That type of Communist thinking is the reason your friends or family from Canada, that need important health care, come to America to get it.

Personally, I was shocked to see anyone from Van Wert, Ohio still spewing those same old lies about January 6. I mean, I get it from Chicago, Minneapolis, New York or California, but Ohioans, espe-

cially those of us out here in the free world, have been exposed to the Truth about that day so many times and in so many ways that you would have to be purposefully seeking out and committing yourself to the wrong information to even remotely believe what you said. I will continue to pray for you and those that you influence. But in the meantime, a brief fact check for you; It was President Trump that offered the National guard, more than once, leading up to that day. It was President Trump that asked us all (those of us in attendance) to peacefully walk down to the capital building and make our voices heard. It was President Trump that told us to please go home. By that time, it was like a tourist site. Police allowing people in, escorting people around, and when they asked Trump supporters to leave, we did. I could predict by 2:00 that thousands of people would make their way to the capital building, by 3:00 and have no idea that they were not allowed to be in there. I could have told you on Jan. 4th that they were not prepared with any kind of perimeter to handle any crowd that size, especially given the past year of violent protest all over the country. Now, looking back, with all the information that has been made available, we can see that it was all a set-up, executed by the DC power. Ray Epps was not the only FBI plant in that crowd, working to provoke and insight bad actors from Antifa and BLM, along with thousands of emotional and, quite frankly, ticked-off Americans. Nancy Pelosi and Muriel Bowser refused to protect the capital, when they ignored the warning and requests from DC Police, Capital Police and President Trumps request to have The National Guard ready.

I'm not only shocked, but appalled that you and others are still telling the lie that Trump supporters killed anyone that day! The only person murdered that day was Ashley Babbitt. The un-armed woman and military veteran. Shot to death at point blank range by an incompetent officer, that would be in prison today if it happened to an armed rioter who burned a Minneapolis police car.

Another Trump supporter, Rosanne Boyland, was beaten by capital police before she died from injuries that occurred in a stamped, as capital police sprayed tear gas in a tunnel, and yet another supporter died that day after suf-

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- 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.

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fering a heart attack. A group of people prayed a Rosary for him, while others performed CPR.

Certainly you and your "fact-checkers" are no longer claiming that any capital police were beaten with a fire extinguisher? That lie was so bad that even NPR and NBC have reported that Brian Sicknick died of natural causes, the next day, in his home.

You were also quite wrong with what you said about President Trump's words to an evangelical group. Once again, your hateful sources have changed the actual information for the purpose of fear mongering. He was simply promising to help clean up our elections as demanded by hundreds of millions of Americans that are embarrassed that we spend our tax dollars around the globe, helping other countries "with democracy", while ignoring the security, accuracy, integrity and transparency of our own elections!

Anyone that allows themselves and the people around them to continue believing the state run media, at this point, has no room to state that anyone else are not "true Americans". If you keep it up, you will continue to move this country closer and closer to full Communism. Who then, will be True Americans? Those of us fighting for the rights of all!

—Chuck Schroeder, Paulding, OH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At a rally in Michigan recently, President Trump announced that in his administration, all IVF treatments would be paid for or health

insurance would be required to pay for IVF. He justified this by saying that the Republican Party is pro-family. This message has come up a lot recently, especially since the Alabama Supreme Court ruling in February that said that fertilized embryos kept in IVF facilities were persons with rights. This ruling from the court was the only morally correct ruling and republicans and Trump are wrong headed in their support of IVF.

I understand the heart-break and pain of child loss or fertility troubles. I myself have suffered the loss of my first son. People in this day and age are floundering in a sea of moral confusion, so I do not, in any way, wish to attack those who are hurting. Rather, I am speaking as a voice of Truth in an age that seeks to sow confusion in the hearts of all people. This is a message of love to those who may have never heard it. These are the Truths that have been proclaimed by the Church and Saints of the Church in every age.

IVF is a morally evil invention that seeks to supplant the will of God and destroys innocent life in the process in order to fulfill selfish desires. I must first begin with a definition of evil in order to explain what I mean. Beyond pure sadistic, torturous evil acts, evil generally speaking is the privation of a good. For example, eating and nourishing our bodies is a good, but overeating leads into the sin of gluttony; rest and sleep are goods that restore our bodies, as even God rested on the 7th day of creation, but sitting around too much and not doing work that needs done

leads into the sin of sloth and laziness. Sexual intimacy is a good for the bonding of a husband and wife and bearing of children, however outside of the union of one man and one woman it becomes a wicked depravity, i.e. masturbation, homosexuality, fornication, bestiality, etc.

When looking through this lens, we can see that the desire to bear children and have a family is a beautiful good, however to commit evil acts as the means and to subvert God's Will transforms it into a selfish evil. This is IVF.

First the process begins with a woman injecting herself with a series of hormones in order to force her body to eject multiple eggs at a time which are collected by a doctor. I am not sure whether this has moral implications, but it definitely seems like it may have possible health repercussions. Then a man must commit the sin of Onanism, that is to intentionally ejaculate without the intention of creating life, and the semen is collected. Another moral implication here that is an evil as well, is that there is no requirement for this man and woman to be husband and wife. In a laboratory, a doctor then plays as a god and artificially fertilizes the eggs with the collected semen to create blastocytes and embryos. Sometimes as many as 25 eggs can be collected and fertilized. After fertilization, we have now created a new life, a new set of unique DNA has been produced and the process of life and growth has begun for this tiny person. This is the only consistent definition for the beginning of life, which is why the Alabama court ruling was correct in recognizing the rights of frozen embryos. As a consequence of the IVF process, of those say 25 fertilized eggs, a large portion will die immediately or soon after, unique human lives created and destroyed to satisfy human selfish desires. Of the ones that survive, they are either implanted into the uterus of the woman, or frozen for later as most women do not want to carry more than one child at a time in the womb. Another moral dilemma that can come up here is the possibility of implanting the embryo into a woman that it does not belong, that is the use of a surrogate. This is also a morally abhorrent thing to do as she is performing the mothering act to a child not her own while another woman, out of

selfish desire, is neglecting her own child.

The remaining embryos, unique human persons, are then stored in freezers. Being treated as cattle, these human beings will sit in these freezers until they either die or are deemed worthy enough to be implanted and allowed to grow. This is such a sickening thought. I would compare it to slavery, but it seems so much more evil than that.

This whole process is tainted with evil and there is no avoiding it. While it stems from the good and wonderful desire to raise up children and families, it warps and twists it with human selfishness to bring about our own wills in subversion to God.

Another consequence that Trump and the republicans who rally around IVF are not wholly grasping is that it will be used in even more deviant ways as well, such as by homosexuals and single persons who selfishly want to raise children outside of a household with a mother and a father. Or maybe they are grasping it and celebrating it, must we all celebrate the degeneracy of our age?

If that is what republicans and conservatives stand for then I cannot count myself as one of them, neither could any other follower of Christ in good conscience.

What has been laid out here is merely a commentary on a moral issue facing our society and is in no way an attack on those suffering from fertility issues or the loss of a child. To those people, I pray that God's will be done in your lives and He brings you comfort.

—Jarrison Steiner Antwerp, OH

WHAT CAN INSURANCE DO FOR YOU?

It's probably not on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. And it's indeed a pretty good idea to be aware of what life insurance can do for you.

Life insurance can help you in two main ways. First, life insurance policies offer a death benefit that can assist your family if you're no longer around. And second, some types of life insurance offer the chance to build cash value, which can work for you during your lifetime.

Let's look at the death benefit first. If something were to happen to you, your life insurance proceeds could help your family meet at least three major needs:

- **Paying a mortgage** – The biggest expense many families face is their monthly mortgage. If you weren't around, could your family continue paying the mortgage? Or would they have to move? With a sufficient life insurance death benefit, they could remain in their home, meeting the monthly mortgage payments, or perhaps pay off the loan entirely (although this might not be in their best financial interest).
- **Paying for education** – If you have young children, you may already be saving for their college education — because you know college is expensive. Without your income, would college, or some other form of post-secondary education or training, still be realistic? Again, the proceeds from an insurance policy could make the difference.
- **Paying off debts** – You might have a car loan, credit card debt or other financial obligations. If your surviving spouse is a joint account holder for these debts, they could still be liable for paying them off. But insurance proceeds could be used to retire the debts immediately, or over time.

All life insurance policies offer a death benefit. But permanent insurance, unlike term insurance, also offers the chance to build cash value — which can be a valuable supplement to your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement accounts.

A cash value policy such as whole life also can provide flexibility for changing financial needs or emergencies in retirement. And here's another key advantage: Because this type of policy provides fixed, guaranteed returns, it is not dependent on the performance of the financial markets and is thus insulated from the market downturns that can happen while you're retired. So, taking money from the cash value of your whole life policy may help you avoid selling investments that have temporarily declined in value.

Keep in mind, though, that the premiums for a cash value policy will generally be substantially higher than those for term insurance. That's why some people choose to "buy term and invest the difference" rather than purchase a permanent life policy with cash value. Whether this strategy is right for you depends on a few different factors, perhaps the most important of which is your ability and willingness to consistently invest the money you would have otherwise placed in a cash value policy.

In any case, should you choose cash value insurance, you generally have three ways to get at the money: withdrawals, loans or surrender of the policy. You'll want to weigh all the factors involved — including taxes and the effect on the policy's death benefit — when deciding on how to access the cash value.

Life Insurance Awareness Month ends on Sept. 30. But your need for life insurance, and the potential benefits it provides, can last a lifetime.

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Cecil: 127 Maramart, Paulding Pancake House

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scott: Scott Post Office

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

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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

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ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS WELCOME THE LAST GUEST OF THE SUMMER



Shown here with EMTs Pam Echols and Mandy Bryant are Savannah Coil, Johanna Federighi, Ariya Lockwood, Levi Lockwood and Sam Vance.

Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool & Daycare welcomed the Paulding EMS as the last guest of the summer. They checked everyone's

heartbeat, pulse-ox and blood pressure. They declared us all to be very healthy children and ready to go to school! It's not too late to sign up for fall

preschool or before and after school care! We still have openings! Call 419-399-KIDS (5437) for more information.

BLAZERS USE DOMINANT SECOND HALF FOR WIN OVER WARRIORS

The Eastside Blazers limited Woodlan to just a field goal in the second half in rallying to record a 25-11 win in the high school football season opener for both schools Friday night.

Visiting Woodlan held an 8-0 advantage at the midway point of the contest, scoring in the final minute of the second quarter.

Taking advantage of an Ashtin Jacquay interception of a Blazer pass, the Warriors scored on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Ty Loudon to Drew Fleek with 36.2 seconds remaining in the period. Loudon then found Oliver Adams on the two-point conversion play for an 8-0 advan-

tage. Eastside got its first points in the third quarter.

Linkin Carter, who came into the contest after starting quarterback Job Richman was injured, hooked up with Sam Pittman on a nine-yard touchdown toss that got the Blazers on the scoreboard. Carter then ran in the two-point conversion to knot the game at 8-8 with 8:48 remaining in the third quarter.

After Woodlan was forced to punt following a three-and-out, Eastside took the lead for good on a 25-yard field goal by Ethan Barnes for an 11-8 advantage.

A Blazer interception then set up the hosts for another score when Tobin Biddle plunged into the endzone from five yards out to expand the Eastside lead to 18-8 at the 7:45 mark of the fourth quarter.

Woodlan did cut the deficit to one score as Evan Koch split the uprights with a 30-yard field goal to pull the Warriors within 18-11 at the 3:20 mark before the Blazers put the game away.

After Eastside recovered the onside kick, Richman reentered the contest and capped the game sealing scoring drive with a five-yard touchdown scamper to set the final margin at 25-11.

Woodlan will hit the road in week two of the season with a road trip to Central Noble before the Warriors have their home opener in week three with rival Heritage visiting the Warriors.

LANCERS POST FOUR-SET WIN OVER RAIDERS

Lincolnview won the final two games and the Lady Lancers posted a four-set win over Wayne Trace in non-league high school volleyball action Thursday night outside of Van Wert.

The blue and gold took the opening game 25-19 but the Raiders answered with a 25-20 victory in the second set to even the match. However, Lincolnview then captured game three 25-21 before outlasting the Raiders 27-25 in the fourth set to wrap up the victory.

Brooklyn Byrne topped the Lancers with nine kills while Emma Bowersock, Ila Hughes and Kara Suever all chipped in

seven. Makynlee Dickinson recorded a trio of aces for the blue and gold and Byrne posted seven blocks to lead Lincolnview.

Allie Miller and Beth Hughes picked up 29 and 12 digs, respectively, while Dickinson and Lauren Anspach dished out 16 and 12 assists, in that order.

For Wayne Trace, Lorie Sinn finished with 18 assists and Amber Stoller added ten while Caroline Winans, Amber Stoller and Kendall Denning posted 14, 13 and 10 digs, respectively.

Lexie Moore totaled six blocks and Torrie Sinn added four while Harper Myers led the Lady Raiders with 11 kills. Moore added eight slams while Stoller and Torrie Sinn both picked up seven.

Lincolnview also captured the junior varsity match on the night, recording straight set wins of 25-14 and 25-17.

XC EARLY BIRD INVITATIONAL

Saturday, the XC teams traveled to Defiance for the Early Bird Invitational. It is the cross country version of a scrimmage and has no team scoring.

The Antwerp Varsity Girls started off the day strong with Leigha Doster and Gabby Snyder finishing 27th and 30th respectively. Emily Laker, Alia Clem, Raelynne Zuber, and Annaliese Zijlstra were close behind.

The Varsity Boys were next and they were led by Kamren Johnson with a very solid 6th place finish. He was followed by the pack of Gage Barker, Isaac Buherer, Bryceton Barker, Aiden Hook, and Tucker Doster. Rounding out the Archer lineup were Camden Herber and Levi Shelton.

Next up were the junior high Lady Archers. They were led by 19th place finisher Gianna Laker. She was followed by Annabelle Mowery, Charlotte Hook, Aleta Sorrell, and Heidi Rice.

Rounding out the day were the junior high boys. They both ran well and Marshall Rice led the way with a 49th place finish. He was followed by Krayston Eicher.

The Archer Harriers return to action Tuesday night at Edon.

WOODLAN WARRIORS CROSS COUNTRY AT THE MISSISSENEWA INVITE



This past Saturday (8/24/24) the Woodlan Warriors Cross Country team competed at the Mississequa Invite. The High School Ladies earned 2nd place and the Men 3rd place.

The lady Warriors were led by Junior Katy Niles placing 3rd with a time of 21:29, followed by Layla Hodson in 10th place with a time of 23:54. Next was Lenae Lothamer in 13th place with a time of 24:24, Brookly Hetrick in 18th place with a time of 25:42, Vivienne Cook in 19th place with a time of 25:54, Bethany Lockridge in 25th place with a time of 26:54 and Alexis Smith in 31st place with a time of 29:36.

The men Warriors were led by Junior Jerry Troyer placing 8th with a time of 18:42, followed by Collin Klepper in 10th place with a time of 19:15. Next was Eli

Washler in 11th place with a time of 19:19, Nathan Culler in 14th place with a time of 19:29, Cruz Lipscomb in 26th place with a time of 20:39, Xander Doerr in 27th place with a time of 20:40, Cooper McDaniel in 28th place with a time of 20:45, Ayden Malfait in 48th place with a time of 25:14, Gavin Bargo in 50th place with a time of 26:32 and Robert Kimpel in 53rd place with a time of 30:36.

Middle School Girl Warriors earned 1st place and Boy Warriors snagged 4th place. The girl Warriors were led by Eva Koch placing 2nd with a time of 13:20, followed by Addisyn Gentz in 5th place with a time of 14:03. Next was Haelee Mellon in 8th place with a time of 14:19, Ella Koch in 9th place with a time of 14:22, Chloe Fogle in 10th place with a time of 14:28, Addison Stebing in 14th place with a time of 15:01, Char-

lotte Quesinberry in 15th place with a time of 15:15, Faith Hoepfner in 18th place with a time of 15:39, Madison Watts in 19th place with a time of 15:42, Willa Baker in 21st place with a time of 15:51, Lexi Ice in 22nd place with a time of 15:58, Kennedy Watts in 25th place with a time of 16:11 and Isabella Payne in 36th place with a time of 20:25.

The boy Warriors were led by Trevor Cook placing 18th with a time of 13:53, followed by Theo Cook in 20th place with a time of 13:56. Next was Karsyn Swick in 23rd place with a time of 15:01, Noah Noble in 24th place with a time of 15:34, Lukas Frank in 26th place with a time of 15:50, Xavier Johnson in 29th place with a time of 16:40 and RJ Kope in 31st place with a time of 16:51.

Great job by all the Warrior Runners!

APACHES WIN TRI-MATCH

Fairview's Xavier Shininger and Antwerp's Draven Baumert both recorded a 44 to tie for medalist honors but it was the Apaches who recorded a 188-191 win in a boys golf tri match at Pond-A-River Golf Course outside of Woodburn.

Anthony Singer and Owen Speiser chipped in rounds of 47 and 48, respectively, for Fairview and Reese Winkler carded a 49. Drew Ford finished with a 50 for Fairview and Jonah Shininger totaled a 56.

Zaine McMichael totaled a 45 for the Archers with Griffin Kosch and Dylan Hahn each posting a 51. Drew Eaken (52), Noah Bradbury (57) and Case Trabel (63) completed the list of Archer players.

Edgerton, which took third at 238, was led by Cole Gary with a 50 and Jon Cronin added a 53. Ian Cronin and Parker Abraham completed the Bulldog roster with scores of 61 and 74, respectively.

IHSAA RELEASES BASEBALL SECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

High school baseball teams in the state of Indiana found out their sectional assignments for the 2025 season this week as the Indiana High School Athletic Association released the annual listing.

Three of the four counties from East Allen County Schools will take part in Class 3A.

In sectional 21 of Class 3A, Leo will be joined by Angola,

DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia and Garrett.

Meanwhile, in sectional 22, Heritage and New Haven will battle along with Bellmont, Marion, Mississequa and Norwell.

Woodlan is the lone local school to be in Class 2A as the Warriors will take part in sectional 36.

Other squads in the sectional include teams from Adams Central, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, South Adams and Whitko.

SOFTBALL TEAMS FIND OUT SECTIONAL SQUADS

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced its 2025 high school softball sectional assignments last week as local squads found out who they will battle to advance down the tournament trail.

Woodlan will take part in Class 2A, Sectional 36, as the Warriors will tangle with Adams Central, Bluffton, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, South Adams and Whitko.

The rest of the East Allen

County Schools softball teams will battle in Class 3A.

In Sectional 21, Leo joins teams from Angola, DeKalb, East Noble, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia and Garrett in trying to advance.

Another sectional in Class 3A is Sectional 22, which includes Heritage and New Haven. Other schools that will look to advance out of that sectional are Bellmont, Marion, Mississequa and Norwell.

TITANS TAKE TRI-MATCH

Host Ottawa Glandorf nipped both Miller City and Wayne Trace for a boys golf tri-match victory at Pike Run Golf Course Tuesday evening.

The Titans finished with a 160 to post a first-place finish while the Wildcats were second at 162 and the Raiders placed third with a 163.

Wayne Trace's Kyle Sutton claimed match medalist honors with a 36 while Ottawa Glandorf's Ty Verhoff posted a 37. The Titans' Tyler Heckman added a 38 with the Miller City duo of Will Otto and Andrew Weis shooting a

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TWO COUNTY TEAMS GET SEASON-OPENING WINS



At the Antwerp vs. Montpelier match up, Senior Derek Hines carries the ball to 1st Down for the Archers. Photo by Harlee Moore

The high school football season started across the state of Ohio on Friday with a pair of Paulding County teams getting week one victories.

Paulding made the long trip to Swanton where Jack Woods recorded 11 tackles in leading the Panthers to a 34-0 victory in Fulton County. Woods also recorded a team high four tackles for a loss in the contest.

Colten Hunt completed 23 of 31 passes to lead the Panther offense, throwing for 303 yards and five touchdowns.

Gavin Williams and Avery Cooper totaled 29 and 26 rushing yards, respectively, for the maroon and white.

Jordan Manz picked up seven receptions for 102 yards and two scores with Blake Rhonehouse posting five catches for 58 yards and one touchdown. Jalen Manz and Kane Jones each finished with four receptions and one touchdown for the maroon and white.

Jalen Manz added ten stops for the Paulding defense. For Antwerp, the Archers went north to Williams County in visiting Montpelier where the blue and white brought home a 34-0 victory over the Locomotives.

The blue and white led 7-0 at the end of one period and widened the gap to 13-0 at the intermission. Antwerp extended the margin to 28-0 at the end of three periods before wrapping up the scoring with a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Kayden Winslow had a pair of interceptions in the contest, one of which resulted in a 97-yard return for a score. He also chipped in four receptions for 44 yards and a touchdown.

Jaxon Jones also posted four catches for 49 yards for Antwerp with one for a score. Derek Hines and Zac Salas scored touchdowns for the

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Archers as well and Hines added a pair of extra point kicks. Tavin Sholl scored on a two-point conversion for the blue and white while picking up three receptions for 55 yards.

Hines was 12 of 17 passing for 162 yards and Hampton Rogge completed both of his attempts for 25 yards.

On the ground, Hines led the way with 35 rushing yards and Salas posted 31.

Michael Rohrs topped the Antwerp defense with ten tackles while Jones posted nine and Kane Hines picked up eight.

Wayne Trace was on the road as well as the Raiders visited Fort Recovery where the host Indians recorded a 20-6 victory.

The Indians totaled 261 yards of total offense in the contest, running for 236 yards on 45 carries overall.

Reece Wendel rumbled for 155 yards on 22 attempts, including a 71-yard touchdown run, and teammate Ethan Hartnagel posted 60 yards on 13 carries with one touchdown.

Wayne Trace's Cole Morehead was 16 of 24 through the air for 152 yards and Tyler Head hauled in seven receptions for 89 yards, including the lone Raider touchdown. Brady Miller led the rushing attack with 16 yards.

The red, white and blue finished with 199 yards of total offense, including 47 rushing yards on 25 carries.

Paulding returns to Keysor Field on Friday to start a three-game homestand as the Panthers welcome in North Central, Delphos Jefferson and Wayne Trace the next three weeks.

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the Wildcats followed by Jesse Lammers (43), Gavin Vennekotter (43) and Brayden Niese (47).

For Wayne Trace, Jared Varner totaled a 43 and Konnor Wannemacher aided the Raider cause with a 45. Other scores for the red, white and blue were Tyson Gerber (47) and Conner Davis (50).

PANTHERS WIN HOME TRI-MATCH

DEFIANCE - Paulding picked up a Green Meadows Conference boys golf tri-match victory over Ayersville and Fairview in action at Auglaize Golf Course Thursday evening.

The Panthers finished with a 166 to capture the match while the Pilots were second at 178 and the Apaches placed third with a 189.

Nick Hatcher led the way for the maroon and white with a 39, capturing medalist honors for the evening. Johnny Lipps posted a 40 for Paulding followed by Tyler Goyings (41), Brandon Schroeder (46), Nico Stahl (47) and Max Stork (51).

Ayersville was paced by Andrue Barrick with a 42 and Logan Schroeder carded a 43. Other Pilot scorers were Kallen Foreman (46), A.J. Eschbach (47), Graham Stambaugh (48) and Jackson Stambaugh (54).

Jonah Shininger topped Fairview with a 47 and Xavier Shininger recorded a 47. Drew Ford and Anthony Singer each posted a 48 for the Apaches while Owen Speiser had a 51 and Reese Winkler totaled a 53.

Paulding's junior varsity squad posted a 186-195 win over the Pilots as well with Fairview having just three individuals.

Austen Kinder had a 37 for the maroon and white with Cameron Williams and Zach Barton adding rounds of 48 and 49, respectively. Gannon Parrett finished with a 52 for the Panthers while Xander Schwab totaled a 56.

Dane Ewers recorded a 40 to lead the Pilots followed by Evan Wolfrum (50), Peyton Dunn (51), Dillon Phipps (54), Keagon French (54), Quinton Thiel (74) and Hayden Gorrell (81).

Karson Schooley totaled a 42 for the Apaches with Noah Shininger having a 46 while Levi Panico posted a 51.

LADY GOLFERS LEARN TOURNAMENT ROUTES

Girls golf teams in northwest Ohio found out their postseason routes as they try to advance through the Ohio High School Athletic Association tournament trail this fall.

Sectional play in Division II girls golf will take place on Tuesday, September 24, as tournaments are held at golf courses around Northwest Ohio.

Auglaize Golf Club outside of Defiance will welcome in most local schools as teams taking part include Antwerp, Ayersville, Edgerton, Edon, Fairview, Hicksville, McComb, Miller City, Montpelier, Napoleon, North Baltimore, Patrick Henry, Paulding, North Central, Stryker, Tinora, Van Buren and Wayne Trace.

Moose Landing Country Club outside of Ottawa also will welcome in girls golf teams from Coldwater,

NH CROSS COUNTRY DOMINATES @ MONROE CENTRAL



Pictured above is the New Haven boys cross country team who earned the 1st place spot at the Monroe Central Invitational. Photo by Melissa Amstutz

This past weekend the New Haven Cross Country teams traveled to Monroe Central HS for the host school's Invitational. The Boys earned the

1st place seating out of 15 teams.

Individual results:

Bryan Garcia 1st, Ian Amstutz 10th, Tristan Williams

14th, Johnathan Baxter 16th, Evan Reader 17th, Antoine Jefferson 44th, Austin Noble 46th, Aiden Eisenacher 53rd, Ben Baker 55th

Delphos Jefferson, Delphos St. John's, Kalida, Liberty Benton, Lima Bath, Lima Perry, Lincolnview, Marion Local, Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Ottawa Glandorf, Ottoville, Pandora Gilboa, Parkway, St. Henry and St. Marys.

The last of the local sectionals is slated for Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon as Archbold, Delta, Eastwood, Evergreen, Fayette, Genoa, Gibsonburg, Hilltop, Lake, Liberty Center, Maumee Valley Country Day, Northwood, Oak Harbor, Otsego, Rossford, Swanton, Wauseon and Woodmore all will take part.

Other sectional tourna-

ments will be held at Fostoria Country Club and Valley View Golf Course in Crestline.

District action is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, at Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Findlay.

Division I sectional tournaments are scheduled at Eagle's Landing Golf Club in Oregon along with Sycamore Springs Golf Course in Findlay.

Bryan and Defiance are the lone area schools at Oregon, which also includes teams from Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Clay, Fremont Ross, Maumee, Perrysburg, Springfield, Sylvania Northview, Sylvania

Southview, Toledo Central Catholic, Toledo Notre Dame, Toledo Scott, Toledo St. Ursula, Toledo Start, Toledo Waite and Toledo Whitmer.

At Findlay, schools taking part include Ashland, Celina, Clyde, Elida, Findlay, Kenton, Lexington, Lima Senior, Lima Shawnee, Mansfield, Mansfield Madison, Norwalk, Ontario, Sandusky Perkins, Shelby, Tiffin Columbian and Wapakoneta.

District tournament action for Division I is at Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green on Wednesday, October 2.

2024 Flat Rock Creek Fall Festival

Friday, September 20th: 10am-8pm
Saturday, September 21st: 9am-8pm
Sunday, September 22nd: 9am-4pm



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MUSIC SCHEDULE

Friday September 20th

10:15 am - Men (East Stage)
10:30 - Awesome Darlings (West Stage)
1pm - The Martins (West Stage)
2pm - Dead Pickers Society (East Stage)
3pm - The Martins (West Stage)
4pm - Dead Pickers Society (East Stage)
5:30-7pm - Baryl Basher (West Stage)
7pm - Bulldogs (East stage)

Saturday September 21st

9am - A Place to Land (West Stage)
10am - Men In Black (East Stage)
11am - A Place to Land (West Stage)
12pm - Men In Black (East Stage)
1pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)
2pm - The Martins (East Stage)
3pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)
4pm - The Martins (East Stage)
5-8pm - Sonny Berry (West Stage)
7pm - The Sounds of Bliss (East Stage)



Sunday

Church Service - 10am

10:30am - Awesome Darlings (West Stage)
11pm - Crossing Jordan (East Stage)
12:30pm - Graber Family (West Stage)
1pm - Crossing Jordan (West Stage)



OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Every day at 7AM Paulding County Fire Fighters Assoc. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Friday

10am - Opening Ceremony
4pm - String Instrument Demo & lesson
5pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
6pm - Tri-State Super Field pull.
Doubletree Tractors over 5000 lbs, Round 2
Tri-State Super Field, Doubletree Tractors up to 5000 lbs

Saturday

9am - Antique Tractor Pull
12pm - PowderPuff + Kids Tractor Pull
2pm - String Instrument Demo & Lesson

Sunday

9am - Truck Show (Historical Society)
11:30am - String instrument Demo & Lesson
12pm - Horse Pull (Grandstand)

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Ricky Lewis in Victory Lane at Millstream Speedway. Campbell Photography



The UMP Late Model feature at Oakshade was won by Daniel Wallace. Charlie Orns Photo

By: Ron Burt

It was another sad week for racing. Sandusky Speedway announced the passing of race director, Chris Mize. He was one of the best in the business. Sandusky's Cedar Point is home to roller coasters, and he made sure the speedway was the home to Supermodifieds. He was also known to give back to race fans running \$1 admission night for local race shows along with \$1 hotdogs and beer. Last year he took on a professional midget wrestler after a night of racing to let himself get embarrassed to entertain the crowd. He made sure he brought the best racing series to the nationally known 1/2 mile paved oval. Many race fans would drive up and play all day at Cedar Point and then end the evening at the speedway before driving back to N.W. Ohio. Drivers appreciated him and all he did to make racing better at Sandusky Speedway. The fans loved him for keeping racing affordable, along with fan favorite promotions. The Left Turn sends our condolences to his family and friends. There will be a celebration of life for Chris Mize on September 21st at 1:30 pm at Sandusky Speedway. Pastor Mike Haury will officiate.

If you followed the World of Outlaw series from the beginning in the 80's, Sammy Swindell was one of the first stars. He won many races and a couple of Outlaw championships in his career. He hasn't stopped racing and this past week he started 7th at Riverside International Speedway and took his car to 1st place and victory lane.

Kokomo Speedway hosted the USAC Sprint Cars for the annual Smackdown at the famous Bullring. In the 13 year history of this racing event, no one has done it better than Justin Grant. Last Saturday night, the California native as-

cended to even greater heights after leading the final 10 circuits of the 40-lapper to become the first four-time Smackdown champion, duplicating the feat he had previously achieved in 2018, 2021 and 2023.



This driver went for a wild ride at Waynesfield Raceway Park. Campbell Photography

Grant earned his record-extending 11th career USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship feature victory at the Kokomo dirt oval to earn a \$35,000 payday, \$30,000 for winning the race and an extra \$500 for each of the 10 laps he led down the stretch. Grant also moved up another notch in the record books. His 53rd overall USAC National Sprint Car victory moved him past Tom Bigelow and into sole possession of third-place all-time on the series' win list.

Last Sunday, Millstream opened for the 2nd night of racing this summer. The focus is to find the best car classes to run series and weekly shows next year, since the speedway has been closed for 6 years. The new owners have done a great job getting the racetrack ready. It's now 2 tracks in one. They have an outside almost half mile dirt oval and an inside quarter mile oval. Last Sunday it was all Sprint cars on the quarter mile. The Great Lakes Super Sprints, Traditional 410 Sprints (wingless), and the Great Lakes Lightning Sprints. In the GLTS 410 (wingless) Ricky Lewis won the feature. The GLLS victory went to Jacob Sabja and Plymouth Indiana's Zane DeVault

picked up the Victory in the GLSS. At Oakshade Raceway your feature winners last Saturday were Late Model Daniel Wallace, Sportsman Ryan Davis, Dominator Stock Jeff Foks Jr, and Compact James Stamper.

Every Friday night for the area football scores log onto Facebook and the Ohio Sports Blitz. I go Facebook Live at 9:35 and 11:10PM with scores from 20 football conferences, the Ohio high school top 10 and the National top 10. The scoreboard stays posted all week. Ron out!

NEW TIRES BOOST YIELDS

New tire technology has the ability to boost crop yields by 7%. Several recent articles in No-till Farmer outlined the benefits and few disadvantages of new tire technology. Most older farm equipment use standard bias tires inflated to 35 pounds per square inch (psi) but now standard radical tires (20 psi), increased flexion tires (16 psi), and very high flexion tires (VF, 12 psi) allow tires to flex which decreases soil compaction and improves yield while saving farmers money on labor and fuel.

As the tire pressure goes down from 35 psi to 15 psi, the tire flattens and the side walls bulge. The tire may look flat but new tires are designed that way. The tire foot print expands by 4.5 inches which means the load is spread over a larger surface area, resulting in less soil compaction. Traction improves so more field work can be accomplished faster with less fuel and labor.

Less compaction resulted in higher yields. Tire experts tested tires at 35 psi which is over inflated for most new tractor tires and compared that to 28, 20, 12, and even 6 psi on new tires. In every case yields increased. The biggest boost was on going to 6 psi which resulted in 7.5 bushel more corn, however; few tires can tolerate that low of psi. A big yield boost (3.4 bushel) came from lowering tire pressure from 35 psi to 12 psi.

Here are some farm implement tire tips for farmers. First, understand the load/inflation chart that comes with new tires. On VF tires, farmers often over inflate their tires to the old standard of 35-36 psi which ruins the advantages of the VF tires in the field. Soil compaction on a tire is related to tire pressure. The higher the tire pressure, the smaller the tire foot print, and soil compaction increases. This can occur on tractors, combines and even implements, especially grain carts. VF tires can take larger loads, move faster, use less fuel and labor, and reduce soil compaction but all that is negated if the tire is over inflated in the field.

Radial tires on US farms is increasing but it still lags tires made and used in Europe. Tire tread patterns have improved where new tires have a deeper biting edge and higher lateral traction than older tires. Thicker lugs and wider shoulders on tires with overlapping patterns and increased rubber density improve over the road performance. Radial tires in the field tend to be more stable for higher loads with flexible sidewalls and less rolling resistance which gives the farmer a softer ride. They also often look underinflated but they are made that way. On the road those advantages disappear if the tire is inflated to a higher psi. They sway

more, are bouncier, and a little less stable.

Ideally, farmers should use a higher tire pressure when transporting their equipment and a lower tire pressure in the field. Some equipment is now coming out with a central tire inflation system (CTIS) which inflates the tires properly from the tractor. When a farmer gets to a field, he pushes a button and the tires deflate to the proper pressure. When he leaves the field, the tires can be reinflated for road speed. It's expensive costing \$20,000 to \$30,000 per machine, but the savings can be recovered on large acreage with less compaction, higher yields, lower labor, and fuel costs.

Take time to understand the numbers on your sidewall tires. All tires have a load index and a speed rating. The first number is a load rating followed by a capital letter which is the speed rating. The higher the load rating, the more weight a tire can handle. You need to refer to an index load chart for those numbers. On speed rating, a capital "A" means the tire has a maximum speed of 25 mph, "B" tires can go 31 mph, and "C" can go 40 mph on the road.

Farmers should also know something about the chemistry of the tires they buy. Talk with your tire dealer about getting the right tire for your farm. Tire chemistry is complex and farmers need to get the right balance between abrasion resistance and puncture resistance. Some farmers need to guard against stubble puncture while other farmers in urban areas need more tractor speed on urban roads. All tires and farms are different and the ideal tire is not the same for everyone. Finally, when you buy a new implement, remember to check the tire pressure because often it is over inflated for transport and needs to be lowered for field work.

—James J. Hoorman
Hoorman Soil Health Services

PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Criminal/Traffic Disposition Report

Heather L. Miler, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Pled no contest, found guilty; 30 days jail suspended; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Complete 20 hours community service; Maintain general good behavior

Robert W. Bowers, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant shall pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior

Larry C. Wesche, Napoleon, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Deana L. Ostrander, Paulding, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state with prejudice; Costs waived

Bria V. Hunter, Anderson, IN; Driving under non-fra suspension; Count A dismissed

Robert W. Bowers, Paulding, OH; Disorderly conduct with prejudice; Count A dismissed per state

Bradley M. Mills II, Roanoke, IN; Driving/texting; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Nick R. Shisler, Oakwood, OH; Physical control; Guilty; 30 days jail, 27 days suspended; May attend DIP in lieu of 3 days jail; ALS terminated

Bryce A. Robinson,

Toledo, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant; Seat belt/pass, Guilty, Case was waived by defendant

Aaron D. Bullock Jr, Indianapolis, IN; Seat belt/ drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Daniel L. Heath, Fort Wayne, IN; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

John T. Nealy, Pittsford, MI; Improper backing; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Luis M. Morales, Scott, OH; Domestic violence; Case dismissed per state, without prejudice; Costs waived

Mohammed S. Nasser, Coldwater, MI; Driving/ texting; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Donald M. Brown, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Pled no contest, found guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs

Noah J. Carpenter, Oakwood, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

Mary A. Baughman, Paulding, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

OHIO FARMERS GET ANSWERS TO TOP CONCERNS AT FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

Ohio farmers facing a challenging 2024 growing season will have the opportunity to get their pressing questions answered at this year's Farm Science Review, presented by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Whether it's dealing with weather extremes, understanding the impact of artificial intelligence on agriculture, or creating strategies for lean times ahead, the event looks to address the top concerns of the farming and agricultural community.

Faculty and staff from CFAES will tackle these issues and more during the 62nd annual farm show, which takes place Sept. 17-19 at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in London, Ohio.

"The 2024 growing season has been particularly stressful for Ohio growers and producers due to deflating grain commodity prices, weather extremes, and geopolitical issues," said Bruce Clevenger, CFAES associate professor and Ohio State University Extension field specialist in farm management. "Despite these

challenges, farmers are working hard to maintain and grow their profits."

OSU Extension is the statewide outreach arm of CFAES.

The FSR "Ask the Expert" workshops will feature discussions aimed at helping farmers mitigate these challenges and other issues at the forefront of their minds as they head into the autumn harvest season, Clevenger said.

"Our experts will share science-based recommendations and solutions to the issues growers are facing regarding weather impacts, narrowing profit margins, market shifts, and many others," he said. "We encourage farmers, growers, and people in the ag industry to attend these quick-hitting sessions that refresh at the top and bottom of every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

"Attendees can speak one-on-one with experts in farm management to ask questions specific to their needs."

New this year, programming will be offered for livestock and carcass evaluation, soil health and worms, diagnosing field crop issues, as well as information on animal care, veterinary, and Extension careers.

"We're focusing on students this year to inspire the next generation of agricultural professionals with student spotlights sessions from 10 to 11 a.m. daily," said Josh Winters, the OSU Extension educator in Jackson County. "It's crucial to provide them with hands-on learning opportunities and insights into potential career paths."

Some other Ask the Expert topics will include:

- Grain market outlook: insights from a cloudy crystal ball
- Saving taxes at retirement
- How are Ohio farms doing financially?
- Quicken vs. QuickBooks for farm accounting
- Farm labor: Am I hiring an employee or an independent contractor?
- Pastures for profit
- Outlook on inputs and farmland: a view from the farm gate
- Fertilizer prices in 2024: comparisons across Ohio
- I want sheep or goats: Will I be the one fainting?
- Farming full time without adding acres
- Today's Women in Ag: farm managers and operator/owners

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I-469 TO HAVE LANE CLOSURES FOR BRIDGE WORK



INDOT announces alternating lane closures on I-469 for bridge construction.

Crews will begin working between Indianapolis Rd and State Road 1/Bluffton Rd on or after Tuesday, September 3. Bridge bearing repairs will be ongoing for approximately four weeks, with the outside lanes closed during phase one and inside lanes closed during phase two. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

Motorists in Northeast Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

- Facebook: facebook.com/INDOTNortheast
- X (formerly Twitter): @INDOTNortheast
- TrafficWise: 511in.org
- Mobile App: iTunes App Store and the Google Play store for Android

About the Indiana Department of Transportation INDOT continues to solidify the Hoosier State as the Crossroads of America through delivery of Gov. Eric J. Hol-

- Can I avoid corn ear mold with hybrids?

Ask the Expert sessions are held each day of the show across from the Firebaugh Building at 426 Friday Ave.

Hours for FSR are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 17-18 and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. September 19.

For more information, visit fsr.osu.edu.

LATTA STATEMENT ON ZUCKERBERG LETTER CITING GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO SILENCE AMERICAN VOICES

Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH5) released the following statement after Meta CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, outlined in a letter that the Biden-Harris administration pressured Meta to silence differing voices and opinions on the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as informa-

tion on Hunter Biden and the Biden family: "Mark Zuckerberg's letter outlining that the Biden-Harris administration pressured Meta to silence differing voices and opinions on the COVID-19 pandemic and information on Hunter Biden and the Biden family is damning. This is a gross abuse of power by this administration, and we must do everything we can to preserve our First Amendment rights. "The House Energy & Commerce Committee has been sounding the alarm on Big Tech's unbridled power for years. Now that this information has come to light, we must examine what policies have allowed Big Tech companies, like Meta, to censor viewpoints and hold this administration accountable for silencing the voices of the American people."

comb's \$60 billion Next Level Roads plan. With six district offices and 3,500 employees, the agency is charged with constructing and maintaining more than 29,000 lane miles of highways, more than 5,700 bridges, and supporting 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities across the state. For the eighth consecutive year, Indiana has placed within the top ten in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more about INDOT at in.gov/indot.

About Buckle Up Phone Down

Buckle Up Phone Down is a safety initiative adopted by the Indiana Department of Transportation in late 2023. Unrestrained motorists and passengers, as well as distracted driving continue to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways. Buckle Up Phone Down is one of many efforts to change driver behavior and improve roadway safety across Indiana.

The actions are simple: when you get into a vehicle, buckle up. If you are the driver, put the phone down. Every trip. Every time. Learn more and accept the challenge at BUPDIN.com.

ANTWERP VILLAGE 2023 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The Village of Antwerp receives its drinking water from wells. The Village has three (3) wells in operation. They are located on the southeast side of the village by the water treatment plant. Well water required minimal treatment. In case of a power outage the Village of Antwerp has a generator that can properly supply the village with power to pump and treat water. The Village aquifer (water-rich zone) that supplies water to Antwerp has a low susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on the following: The presence of a thick protective layer of low permeable material overlying the aquifer, significant depth (34-56 feet below the ground surface) of the aquifer, no evidence to suggest that ground water has been impacted by any significant levels of chemical contaminants from human activities.

Source water assessment and its availability

The sources of drinking water both tap water and bottled water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil

and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water run-off and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban Storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2002. It was determined that the aquifer supplying drinking water to the Village of Antwerp has a low susceptibility to contamination. A copy of the Water Assessment is available by contacting the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371 or by viewing on the village's website (villageofantwerp.com)

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water sys-

The West Bend News

Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

tems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

You can be involved in public participation by attending any monthly Council of Antwerp meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at town hall located at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, OH 45813 or following the Village's website at: villageofantwerp.com

Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below

please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

Other Information
We have a current unconditioned license to operate our water system. Public participation and comment is encouraged at regular meetings of the Council of the Village of Antwerp which meets every month on the 3rd Monday at 5:30 p.m. at town hall located at 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, OH 45813. For more information on your drinking water contact Curtis Nestleroad, Antwerp Water Operator at 260-278-7698 or the Village Administrator at 419-258-2371.

Additional Information for Lead

(Continued on Page 11)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Paulding County Engineer is accepting Letters of Interest to obtain professional design consultant services in Paulding County. The consultant must be ODOT prequalified Bicycle Facilities & Enhancement Design, Non-complex Roadway Design, Limited Right of Way Plan Development, Complex Right of Way Plan Development, Subsurface Utility Location Services, and Regulated Materials Review. Requests for the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process can be made to the Paulding County Engineer's Office, located at 801 W. Wayne St., Paulding, Ohio. All Letters of Interest shall include information that is outlined in the Programmatic Consultant Selection Process. Letters of Interest will be accepted for this project until 3:30 on September 27, 2024.

PAULDING COUNTY WMEA RECYCLING

New Schedule For Large Villages

1st Weekend- Paulding , Fair Grounds

2nd Weekend- Grover Hill , VFW

3rd Weekend- Payne ,

(Paved lot east of Homier's)

4th Weekend- Antwerp ,

(13744 CR 43, sewer treatment plant)

New Schedule For Smaller Villages

3rd Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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OHIO STATE DROUGHT RAPID RESPONSE TEAM PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR FARMERS AMID WORSENING WEATHER CONDITIONS



A pond that is drying up in Morgan County where livestock producers use to water their cattle. Photo: Courtesy of the Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — From brittle, brown lawns and cracked soils to dry ponds and crops, the signs are clear: A large portion of Ohio is again officially in a drought. Parts of central, southeast, and southern Ohio are grappling with drought conditions that are wreaking havoc on local agriculture. The recent stretch of hot temperatures combined with scant rainfall has resulted in at least 63% of the state considered abnormally dry or worse, including 24% considered severe drought and 12% in extreme drought, according to the Aug. 22 update from the U.S. Drought Monitor. This prolonged dry spell has left pastures parched and forage availability critically low, forcing some farmers to confront a dire shortage of hay, said Garth Ruff, an Ohio State University Extension field specialist in beef cattle

and livestock marketing. “Farmers are facing mounting challenges as they struggle to sustain their livestock,” Ruff said. “In areas where ponds, creeks, or springs have dried up, farmers are now hauling water daily, adding both cost and labor to their already strained operations. “The deteriorating pasture conditions are pushing livestock growers to consider supplemental nutrition for their herds as they head into fall. Without significant rainfall, many may have to resort to early marketing of beef calves or, in the driest areas, culling animals to manage the dwindling resources.” Amid growing concern among farmers and producers statewide about what drought can mean for their crops and livestock, The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental

Sciences (CFAES) has activated its Drought Rapid Response Team, which convenes weekly to monitor conditions and provide farmers, producers, gardeners, turfgrass managers, and others with information on how to manage a drought. “Despite heavy rainfall across western and parts of northeastern Ohio, southern and southeastern counties have largely missed the most beneficial rains over the last 90 days,” said Aaron Wilson, state climatologist of Ohio and OSU Extension’s field specialist in agriculture weather and climate. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of CFAES. “Combined with periods of hot temperatures, the soil has lost a tremendous amount of water due to evaporation, which has affected pasture conditions; lowered creeks, ponds, and private wells; and impacted grain fill across this portion of the state,” Wilson said. And the situation is likely to get worse, he said. “The next seven days show that most of the state will not receive any rainfall over this period, while the six- to 14-day outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center show temperatures are likely to be above normal with near- to below-normal precipitation,” Wilson said. “With temperatures rising into the 90s this weekend, drought conditions are likely to persist or worsen across the state.” The team updates its Drought Conditions and Resources webpage to provide resources for Ohio’s farmers, said Chris Zoller, OSU Extension interim assistant director, agriculture and natural resources.

He said the Drought Rapid Response Team was activated because OSU Extension was hearing from educators and specialists about concerns farmers and producers were expressing about increasing drought conditions. The team was activated last spring due to significant May precipitation deficits, and in 2019 for extreme flooding impacts on agriculture. The team assesses rapidly changing weather conditions; surveys ground impacts on agriculture, water, and soil; and ensures effective public communication and education to help clients respond. “The Drought Rapid Response Team is part of fulfilling CFAES’ and OSU Extension’s land-grant mission through mobilizing people and resources to address issues of concern to crop and livestock producers in Ohio that are impacted by the drought,” Zoller said. “We’re here to serve Ohio by providing the best research-based information they need to make informed decisions as they deal with drought considerations. “We’re also coordinating and collaborating with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as well as providing state and federal elected officials up-to-date information on what we’re finding and recommending.” The drought webpage also provides links to numerous CFAES resources and newsletters, including information specific to agronomic crops, dairy, farm management, fruits, livestock, poultry, vegetables, wine grapes, and turfgrass. The information is especially timely and significant, considering that the rapidly expanding drought conditions are negatively impacting farmers and producers. As it stands now, 43% of Ohio corn crop conditions are considered fair to very poor, while 44% of Ohio soybean crop conditions are considered fair to very poor, according to the Aug. 19 crop progress report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Ohio Field Office. And more than half, 66% of pastures and ranges are considered fair to very poor, the report said. As drought conditions persist, livestock producers are

KIME (JFS) SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



The Kiwanis Club of Paulding County was privileged to have Tiffany Kime (Deputy Director of Programs, Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services) as the guest speaker at the August 29, 2024, club meeting. Tiffany came at the

invitation of Bret Mack (Fiscal Officer, Paulding County Carnegie Library). Tiffany spoke to the Kiwanians about many of the different programs offered by Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Service.

facing critical challenges in managing their herds. Jason Hartschuh, an OSU Extension field specialist in dairy management and precision livestock, said some farmers are concerned about forage availability and potential toxicity issues affecting cattle. “When crops like corn and sorghum experience drought conditions, nitrates can accumulate in the plant,” Hartschuh said. “Due to drought stress hindering active growth, plants fail to utilize these nitrates for protein synthesis, leading to potentially toxic levels. Hartschuh explained that some producers normally use pastures to feed their livestock all summer, but this year, because of drought, they’ve had to feed their livestock hay. And without getting a second cutting on their hay crops, these folks might run out of hay this winter. “This scarcity could lead to increased production costs, as farmers may have to purchase feed instead,” he said. Many grain crop farmers are also feeling the heat. “Drought stress during grain fill in corn and soybean means shortened grain-fill periods,” said Stephanie Karhoff, OSU Extension field specialist in agronomic systems. “This leads to lower seed weights and yields, as well as premature maturity. Drought-stressed corn might also suffer from increased lodging issues. “Lower corn yields also mean soil-residual nitrogen will be higher due to reduced nitrogen uptake.” Karhoff suggested that farmers consider planting overwintering cover crops such as cereal rye after fall harvest to retain this nitrogen. However, she cautioned that continued dry conditions might render this strategy unfeasible if soil moisture remains insufficient for cover crop establishment. And some vegetable and specialty crop farmers have also been negatively impacted, said Logan Minter, OSU Extension field specialist in specialty crops production systems. “The hot and dry conditions this summer, following a mild winter, have exasperated and compounded issues in many vegetable and specialty crops with increased insect pest pressure,” he said. For up-to-date drought resources, visit go.osu.edu/ohiodrought.

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE TRAGIC MULTI-VEHICLE, FATAL CRASHES
Ferzan M. Ahmed, executive director the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, issued the following statement concerning the multi-vehicle, fatal crashes that occurred on August 15, 2024 on the Ohio Turnpike: “We offer our sincerest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. We wish a speedy recovery to those who sustained injuries. “We also commend the Ohio State Highway Patrol, first responders, law enforcement agencies, local safety/medical agencies, and staff from the Ohio Turnpike for their professionalism and rescue efforts at multiple crash locations.” According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol: • The first crash, which occurred at about 5:34 a.m. near milepost 48 eastbound in Swanton Township (Lucas County), involved four commercial vehicles and one passenger vehicle. The crash resulted in one fatality and three occupants were transported to area hospitals with unknown injuries. • The second crash, which occurred at about 5:59 a.m. near milepost 49 eastbound in Fulton Township (Fulton County), involved two commercial vehicles and one passenger vehicle. One of the commercial vehicle was hauling sulfuric acid. The Toledo Fire Department established a 150-ft. perimeter around the scene as a precaution. The crash resulted in two fatalities and multiple injuries. • The third crash, which occurred at about 6:24 a.m. near milepost 50.8 westbound in Swanton Township (Lucas County), involved two commercial vehicles and three passenger vehicles. The crash resulted in one fatality and multiple injuries. The crashes remain under investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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LITTLE RICHIE

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There was a scene where the man cried. He could cry a torrent of real tears. The leading lady was a girl by the name of Pat. One day he asked her for a date and she just laughed. He said, "Don't laugh, someday I'm going to marry you." They were married two years later. When Richie was 2 years old he was nearly stepped on by a horse. At the last second his father grabbed him. He was standing in the exact spot that the horse stepped. When he was three he fell out of a buggy and the wheel ran over his head.

His mother wanted to spend the day going to a neighbor's ranch and pick grapes. She hired Elizabeth, an 11 year old neighbor girl to go along just to watch Richie. On the way home everyone was tired except for little Richie. He kept standing up in the buggy, and Elizabeth would tell him to sit down. Finally she let him stand and hold on to the dashboard. When they turned a sharp corner he fell out, the wheel ran over his head, and a big chunk was

taken out of his scalp. They couldn't find the local doctor but they were able to drive to Fullerton and find another doctor that sewed him up. He always had that scar under a thick head of hair.

You probably have guessed that the boy was Richard Milhouse Nixon, the 42nd President of the United States, and his wife Pat. He graduated from Duke law School and later practiced law in California. After a few years he moved to Washington DC to work for the federal government.

About now I have a confession to make. I realize you probably won't agree with me, I apologize in advance. I think Nixon got a bum deal and I'll attempt to explain. I have lived a long time and I do remember the Nixon era. Doing the math I should have been old enough to vote in 1960. The election was extremely close and we thought at the time it was won by dead people voting in Chicago. Illinois was then a swing state. I still wonder how much cheating goes on in elections.

I still don't understand this Watergate thing. Don't know exactly whose idea it was or what they were trying to find. It was the first thing on the news every hour, and eventually wore you down. There is another aspect that seems strange. When the judge made him turn over the tapes he had made it was against the fifth amendment. You cannot be forced to incriminate yourself. Be just like you and I goofing around saying we're to rob a bank and put it on tape.

Don't think they could make us turn the tape in. This is my idea and I really never talked to anybody either way. He did a decent job as president, and got us out of the Vietnam War successfully. Not sure if he was any more of a criminal than many of our other presidents. Will probably try to write something about Eisenhower.

—James Neuhouser

nents associated with service lines and home plumbing. Antwerp Village PWS ID: OH6300012 is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been

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Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you.

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PARKVIEW HEALTH INPATIENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM RECEIVES THREE-YEAR REACCREDITATION

Parkview Health's inpatient rehabilitation program has received a three-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International, a global accreditor of health and human services programs.

Parkview's program, located at Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne, is one of only three inpatient rehab facilities in the state to be accredited by CARF and the only provider in north-east Indiana.

CARF International has accredited more than 66,000 programs and services among more than 9,300 globally. CARF's accreditation recognizes organizations dedicated to improving quality of life and that clearly demonstrate an established adherence to high standards and best practices in the industry.

"Our rehabilitation providers exemplify the patience, compassion and encouraging attitude that is critical to helping patients on their recovery journey," said Dr. Alexander Robitaille, inpatient rehabilitation medical director. "We are pleased to once again meet and exceed CARF's high standards of care as we continue to grow our program and help patients regain their quality of life after a serious illness or injury."

Parkview's inpatient rehabilitation unit has 50 beds available for patients needing treatment for a variety of conditions, including stroke, brain or spinal cord injury; amputation; neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and Guillain-Barre syndrome; orthopedic trauma or post-surgical recovery; and cardiac conditions. Rehabilitation team members evaluate patients and craft a personalized treatment plan, utilizing an interdisciplinary team to build strength and coordina-

tion and regain function and quality of life.

The inpatient rehabilitation team provides education and training to patients and caregivers on topics such as risk factors, injury/complication prevention, nutrition, safety, mental health care, stress relief and more. Parkview also offers support groups for program graduates to continue to receive support and share their experiences with other patients who are on a path to recovery.

In its accreditation report, CARF recognized Parkview's areas of strength, such as its positive culture; the experience and enthusiasm of providers in the program; the proactive environment that encourages self-improvement; its well-maintained and equipped facility; and its visible, engaged and effective interdisciplinary medical team. CARF provided additional suggestions on further improvements Parkview could make to strengthen its program and sustainability.

Parkview also launched a new graduate medical education (GME) program for physical medicine and rehabilitation, welcoming its first two residents into the program in July. This is only the second PM&R residency program in the state of Indiana. The program further demonstrates the strength of Parkview Rehabilitation along the entire continuum

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Sudoku solution from page 9

of care. Parkview's GME programs, which launched in 2022, are hosted at Parkview Hospital Randallia and serve as a pipeline to train and recruit new physicians as they gain experience in their specialized fields of practice.

"Inpatient rehabilitation has not been an area of growth for healthcare providers nationally over the last decade, but Parkview has defied that trend by investing in our program and our providers," said John Bowen, president, Parkview Regional Medical Center and Affiliates. "We have tripled our program capacity at Randallia and now provide a premier service in the region for patients who need additional care and services to recover from serious illness or injury. We're proud to be recognized by CARF International for the quality of our program and appreciate their guidance as we continue to grow and improve our services."

HELP WANTED

The Paulding County Commissioners are accepting resumes for the full-time position of Assistant Clerk with experience in health insurance and human resources with additional office work as needed. The deadline for submitting a resume to the Commissioners' office is Friday, September 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. by form of US Mail, hand delivery, or email. No phone calls, please. Full-time benefits are provided. Salary commensurate with experience. Please visit our website for full job description at:

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AHS 60th CLASS REUNION



Pictured, front row: Sandra Temple, Kathy (Hahn) Gromley, Mary (Derck) Donat, Steve Anderson, Joan (Derck) Rager, Judith (Zimmerman) Snook, Nicki (Hitzman) Stram, Carol (De-Long) Obenour, Roberta (Bunn) Heart, Judy (Stumphy) Sawyer, Paula Meek, Floyd Ramsier. Second row: James Bowers, Bob Ryan, Larry Zuber, Rita (Bute) Schmidt, Harold (Butch) Babcock, Rodney Lucas, Bruce Neely, Ray Gilespe, Wayne Snyder, Roberta Bute, Keith West, Vernon Reeb. Not pictured: Larry Jump and Anita Friend.

The class of 1964 “The Boomers” held their 60th class reunion on August 10th, 2024.

The class gathered for a catered dinner at Hop’s Place in Antwerp. Welcoming and sign in for current addresses started off the fun. Recogniz-

ing those who have passed with a silent prayer. Acknowledgement of four August birthdays and lots of socializing and the meal was great. Inquires were made of those who didn’t attend.

James Weatherhead, MI;

William Ross, MO and Sharyl (Mohr) Davis, who arrived the next day on the way to her summer home in upper peninsula MI. She was surprised by some of classmates that day, and lots more good times were had.

NEVER LET GO MINISTRIES CRUISE IN & FALL FEST

Never Let Go Ministries will be hosting their 14th Annual Cruise In and 4th Fall Fest on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Cruise in and join the fun at The Edgerton Village Hall Grounds, 324 N. Michigan Ave. Edgerton, Ohio from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vendors, door prizes, 50/50, raffle table, baked goods, and demonstration by K9 unit.

All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome. Free will do-

nation. Trophies to be awarded.

All proceeds from the Cruise In will go towards Never Let Go Ministries.

For more information, please call: Lisa at 419-212-1155; Victor at 419-633-1941; or Mary at 419-212-2777.

ACPL REVEALS NEW VISION FOR THE STUDIOS AT THE LIBRARY WITH SUPPORT FROM THE DON WOOD FOUNDATION

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is thrilled to announce a transformative new vision for its systemwide Maker spaces. Since 2014, the

Library has housed a large MakerLab at the Main Library and a satellite MakerLab at the Georgetown branch. Earlier this year, it launched expanded programming at three Mini MakerLabs at the Hessen Cassel, Pontiac, and Shawnee branches. Today, the Library announced that these programs will all be rebranded with new services added under the systemwide banner of The Studios at the Library.

“This new identity of ‘The Studios at the Library’ allows us to expand the vision of our Maker spaces to encompass the full range of innovation that happens in the labs,” said

WTHS CLASS OF 2030



Pictured Wayne Trace Junior-Senior High School Class of 2030.

Wayne Trace Junior-Senior High School welcomes our new 7th grade students to the building with RAIDERS gear. This purchase was made possible with the implementation of PBIS systems at the school. PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Sup-

ports) is an evidence-based framework used in Ohio districts and schools throughout the country to improve academic, social, and behavior outcomes for all students. Throughout the year we will continue to find ways to reward students with great at-

tendance, behavior, academics, and citizenship. If your business is interested in becoming a sponsor or making a donation, please contact us at 419-399-4100. We look forward to continuing this program for years to come!

ACPL Executive Director Susan P. Baier, “This includes technological exploration, entrepreneurial discovery, audiovisual content creation, and artistic expression. Over the last ten years technologies have changed, and our community has evolved, so this is the perfect time to evolve our services with them!”

The new vision aligns with the Library’s 2024-28 strategic plan, “Allen County’s Window to Lifelong Learning and Discovery”. The plan specifically tasks the Library with expanding Makers Lab services and enhancing partnerships and library support for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The vision includes a comprehensive expansion and enhancement of the Main Maker Lab, which will soon occupy a newly renovated space previously held by Dunkin’ Donuts. The redevelopment will create a larger, more accessible, and flexible studio space designed to inspire creativity and innovation in art, technology, and audio/video production. The revamped facility will serve as a cutting-edge workspace providing patrons with state-of-the-art tools, engaging programs, DIY projects, equipment check-out, niche software, and opportunities to collaborate with other creators.

The new space will host the existing 3D printing and scanning services, DVD/VHS conversion tools, and vinyl cutting equipment, but it will also boast expanded access to audiovisual content creation services and equipment. This includes a new state-of-the-art podcast recording booth to join the existing vocal recording booth. The Library’s Studio B will also be available for video/film production. This space includes studio lighting, green screen, and a full control room. The Studio at the Library will make necessary editing equipment, software, and training opportunities available for patrons interested in audiovisual content production for entrepreneurial, personal, and community media purposes.

Furthermore, The Don Wood Foundation recently awarded a \$122,213 grant to the Library to bolster the initiative with new equipment, analysis, and services upon its launch. The grant will fund a laser cutting/engraving machine, new 3-D printers, and STEM project kits at the Main Library; a new fleet of laptops at all Studio locations; and a landscape analysis including a research trip to learn from similar work at labs across the country.

“The Don Wood Foundation is proud to partner with a

valuable community resource, the Allen County Public Library,” said Laura Macknick, president and CEO, Don Wood Foundation. “Investments in growing, improving, or starting Maker spaces at multiple library branches aligns with our interest in increasing lifelong learning opportunities for everyone. We are excited to contribute to the expansion of equipment and services for the broader community, such as having five area libraries soon affording more people opportunities to explore new technology, equipment, and STEM-related activities.”

The construction project has been managed by the ACPL’s Chief Operating Officer Kim Bolan, a national expert in library space planning. Local construction partners include Moake Park Group, Inc., Matson Consulting Engineers, Inc., and ACB General Contractor.

It has been funded by budget dollars from the Library’s Capital Projects budget. Construction is slated for completion in late 2024. The new space will open in early 2025.

For more information about ACPL’s Maker Labs, programs, and available equipment please visit acpl.info/maker-labs.

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