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Elementary School teachers have sent registration forms home, but if you did not get one, they are available at Leo Elementary School, Cedarville Elementary School and Leo Jr-Sr. High School. Contact Coach Carrie Shappell if you have any questions: cshappell@eacs.k12.in.us.
— Carrie Shappell



(Additional photos on page 5)

CEDARVILLE UNIV. AND WOODBURN STUDENT SET TO LAUNCH ROCKET IN NASA COMPETITION



Members of the Cedarville University NASA Student Launch team along with the rocket they designed and built.

By Rich Stratton

A team of Cedarville University senior engineering students is prepared to launch a high-powered rocket as part of NASA's prestigious Student Launch competition. This nationwide challenge tests the ingenuity and collaboration of the next generation of engineers. Cedarville's team, comprised of students in mechanical, electrical and computer engineering, participated in a local launch on Saturday,

Apr. 26. The launch was held during the Wright Stuff Rocketeers (WSR) High Power Launch at 5995 Federal Road in Cedarville, OH, with support from WSR, the team's National Association of Rocketry (NAR)-certified sponsor. Each NASA Student Launch team was required to have a mentor who was a current member of either NAR or Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) and cer- (Continued on Page 5)

JIM GERIG RECEIVES GOLD HAMMER AWARD



Pictured, left to right, are Claude Schrock, photo of Abner Gerig, Jim Gerig and Rick Kramer.

Estwing Manufacturing Company awards retailers who have worked in the hardware and home improvement industry for 50 years of service with an Estwing Golden Hammer Award. On Tuesday, Apr. 15, James E. Gerig of Grabill and Woodburn Hardware Do It Best was presented the Estwing's Gold Hammer Award by Rick Kramer, territory sales manager of Do It Best Corp. Grabill Hardware Inc. (Grabill and Woodburn Hardware Do it Best) has now had three employees receive the Estwing's Golden Hammer Award. The Founder of Grabill Hardware Inc., the late Abner F. Gerig received this award in 1980; Claude E. Schrock received his award in 2022; and now Jim has received this prestigious honor as well. Abner's and Claude's gold

hammer awards are featured at the Church Museum in Grabill. Jim's award will also be joining them in the future. Abner Gerig and his father Dan Gerig started Grabill Hardware with the desire to serve the community with hardware products and services. The business later joined Hardware Wholesalers Inc. (HWI) – which is now Do It Best Corp. – in 1950. Claude Schrock joined Abner Gerig and Grabill Hardware in 1972. In the summer of 1974, Jim Gerig started at Grabill Hardware. He stated, "I was getting tired of being mowed down at football scrimmage. I'd rather make some money." In November of 1976, a fire tragically destroyed the old hardware building, but with the support of the community it was rebuilt and reopened in 1977. Seeing an opportunity (Continued on Page 2)

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Death Notices/
Obituaries



Lane H. Hobbs, 83, of Harlan, IN, passed away on Friday, Apr. 4, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loved ones. Lane was born on Jan. 16, 1942, in Fort Wayne, IN, a son of the late Glenn E. and Jessie M. (Roy) Hobbs. Lane graduated from Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne. He later went on to have successful careers at Eckrich for 20 years and at Contech for over 20 years, before finally retiring. In his free time, he enjoyed working in the garage, in his yard, gardening, cooking, having breakfast with and visiting neighbors, Ford trucks, and wearing hats. While he was a man of few words, Lane will be remembered for his deep love of his family. He greatly loved spending time with them and going to their many activities.

Surviving family include his wife of 34 years, Carol Hobbs; sons, Gary (Terri) and Brian (Holly) Hobbs; stepson, Lance Irwin; stepdaughter, Kristi (Steve) Keele; grandchildren, Zach (Ashley), Stephanie, Kimberly, Landon, Brendon, Jadon, Abbey (Alex), and Audrey (Jack); two great-grandchildren on the way; and brother, Jim (Diane) Hobbs. Besides his parents, he was preceded in passing by his son, Kevin Hobbs.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan, with a gathering of family and friends beginning at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harlan Christian Youth Center or Stillwater Hospice. Condolences and memories of Lane may be left online at www.hockemeyerfuneralhome.com.



Stephen Ray Stuckey was peacefully received into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Apr. 14, 2025, surrounded by the love and presence of his family. Born on Apr. 22, 1942, Steve grew up in Leo-Cedarville, IN and graduated from Leo High School in 1960. Shortly after, he answered the call to serve his country, joining the United States Marine Corps where he served honorably from 1960 to 1964. Following his military service, Steve pursued a variety of careers in sales, marketing and accounting, always approaching his work with dedication and a strong sense of purpose. On Feb. 7, 1962, Steve married the love of his life, Susan Jean (Brown) Stuckey. Together they recently celebrated 63 wonderful years of marriage, a legacy built on love, faith and unwavering commitment. Steve had many passions throughout his life – he loved riding motorcycles, casting

a fishing line on a peaceful day, and most of all, creating lasting memories with his family. His warmth, humor and strength touched everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Susan; his children, Christine Sheets, Victoria (Dennis) Kern and Scott (Tina) Stuckey; his grandchildren, Shane Stuckey, Erin (Landin) McDowell, Lauren Miller, Logan Miller, Miller Kern, Mason Kern, Alyson (Michael) Arrow-smith, Mason Stuckey and Lillyanne Stuckey; great-granddaughter, Brielle McDowell; his sister, Kelly Stuckey; his sister-in-law, Sheila Stuckey and family; and his loyal Yorkie companion, Casey. Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert and Anna Stuckey; his parents, Paul and Lila Stuckey; and his brother, Ronald Stuckey.

A lifelong affiliate of Cedarville Community Church, Steve’s faith guided him throughout his life and was evident in the way he loved and served others. A celebration of his life will be held May 1, 2025, 10:30 a.m., at The Neighbors House Church (formerly Cedarville Community Church), 12828 Main St., Leo-Cedarville, IN, officiated by Monte Sheets. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to The Neighbors House Church. Cards may be sent to the Stuckeys at 11148 Shoreline Dr., Leo, IN 46765. Stephen Ray Stuckey leaves behind a legacy of love, service and faith. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were blessed to know him.

Obituary Policy

The East Allen Courier publishes death notices of individuals from or formerly from our circulation area, submitted to us from funeral homes, individuals or other publications at no charge with no arrangements listed.

Obituaries (full information) will be charged \$35 for up to 350 words and \$40 with a black and white photo.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of someone loved affects the survivor in many ways such as in the mind, the heart, and the spirit. It may cause feelings of forgetfulness, fatigue, and depression. As strange and different as they may be, these emotions are not the same to all who mourn. But they are all normal and healthy.

Initially there may be shock, numbness, denial, and disbelief. These feelings are nature’s way of protecting the grieving person from the full reality of the death of a loved one.

The grieving person may struggle with making it through each day. It may be difficult to cope and live an ordinary life again. Friends and family members may not be feeling such an intense loss and not understand your emotions.

A support group such as GriefShare gives the grieving person the opportunity to express feelings and emotions. In a support group all members feel safe in sharing their everyday difficulties with each other.

It takes courage initially to join with others who are strangers. In GriefShare sessions this is only temporary as each member finds comfort in discovering the other participants have had similar experiences.

Each week GriefShare groups view a video on some aspect of grief. This is followed by discussion and sharing. No one is forced to participate because listening can be learning and creates mutual understanding.

GriefShare sessions are held each Saturday morning in the library of the Methodist Church in Leo on Hwy. 1. The gathering begins around 10:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. Registrations are online at griefshare.org, by calling 260 627-2580, or just dropping by on Saturday morning.

GRABILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APR. 9

In attendance at the Grabill town council meeting of Apr. 9 were Claude Schrock, president; Jeff Smead, vice president; Wilmer Delagrang, councilman; and Stephanie Smith, clerk-treasurer.

The public hearing was called to order for Resolution 2025-1 Consideration of Confirmatory Resolution Designating Certain Real Estate in Section 25 of Cedar Creek Township as an Economic Revitalization Area for Our Country Home Enterprises, Inc./Thomas Blake. The floor was opened to public comment. No further public comment was made. President Schrock closed the public hearing. The Resolution 2025-1 was resolved and voted on first motion to approve made by Wilmer Delagrang, seconded by Claude Schrock. Jeff Smead abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

The minutes were read from the Apr. 9, 2025 regular meeting and were approved as recorded by the town council. First motion to approve was made by Jeff (Continued on Page 5)

Golden Hammer Award . . .
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to spread its products and services to a wider community, the company opened Woodburn Hardware Do It Best in 2010.

Since Woodburn Hardware Do It Best’s opening, Jim has dedicated much of his time to providing products and services to the Woodburn. Despite this, he has remained deeply connected to the Grabill community. In 1980, he became president of Grabill Promotions which later merged with the Grabill Chamber of Commerce. He has continued to serve on the Grabill Chamber of Commerce as its president for over 20 years. The Chamber’s mission is to bring activity to Grabill with family friendly events. The Road Apple Cruise-In, the Old Huskers Tractor Show, and Pets on Main, all provide fun and strengthens connections within the community.

Jim says, “I’ve learned from those who have led

before me and through the relationships of the great customers and friends both now and then. It’s been great serving with others that make our community so healthy. Grabill and Woodburn Hardware has taught me so much.”

Jim has attended Grabill Missionary Church all of his life. He plays bass for the worship band on Sunday mornings. He is thankful for being brought up in a Christian home and friends at GMC. Jim has been married for 40 years to his wonderful wife, Jill. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

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THREE STOPS ON THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL STABILITY



Achieving financial stability doesn't happen overnight – it takes a journey. And, as with every journey, you'll need to make some stops along the way. These stops, or milestones, can tell you how far you've gone – and where you need to go next.

Milestone One: Build a foundation

When you're first starting on your financial journey – typically, when you are beginning your career – you'll want to build a foundation by acting on key issues, such as saving, paying down debts and investing for the future. Here are some suggestions:

Start your emergency fund. Eventually, you'd like to have several months' worth of living expenses kept in a liquid, low-risk account to deal with unex-

pected costs, such as large medical bills or a major car repair. For now, though, at least try to put away a few hundred dollars or a month's worth of expenses. To make it easier, have some money moved automatically each month from a checking or savings account into your emergency fund.

Take your employer's match. Contribute enough to your 401(k) and health savings account (HSA) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Pay down your higher-rate debt. Try to pay down as much high-interest, non-deductible debt as you can afford. If possible, refinance debt at lower interest rates.

Milestone Two: Gain a better foothold

Once you've got your financial foundation in place, and you're established in your career, consider these steps to gain an even better foothold:

Continue building your emergency fund. Try to get at least a couple of months' expenses in this fund.

Put away more into your retirement accounts. If you can, try to put anywhere from 10 percent to 15 percent of your gross income into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Check your debt-to-income ratio. Divide your monthly debt payments by

your monthly gross income to calculate your debt-to-income ratio. If you're paying a mortgage, try to keep this ratio to 35 percent or less. Without a mortgage, try for 20 percent or less.

Milestone Three: Keep moving forward

As you move into your middle years – and beyond – it's time to further solidify your financial situation and keep making progress toward a comfortable retirement. These moves can help:

Maintain your emergency fund. By now, you should be able to keep up to six months' worth of expenses in your emergency fund. A sizable emergency fund can help you if you need to switch jobs, and enable you to meet larger expenses without dipping into your long-term investments.

THE QUIET IMPACT OF A BAND DIRECTOR

As a parent of a Leo Jr./Sr. High School student and a member of the community, I had the privilege of attending the recent spring band concert – and I left both impressed and deeply moved.

We were there to support our son as he played his tuba, but what we experienced was so much more than simply enduring a school concert out of obligation. From the youngest players to the seasoned high school musicians, the concert was full of heart, discipline, and musical growth. Each group performed beyond what many would expect from school-aged students. It was a remarkable display of dedication, leadership, and the quiet cultivation of passion – the kind of impact that doesn't happen by accident. It made me think about how great leadership leaves an imprint across generations.

You see, in the years before consolidation, my parents attended Riverdale High School in St. Joe, IN, not far from here. Even as a child, I remember them speaking with deep admiration for one of their teachers, Mr. Hubert Stackhouse. To my parents in the 1950s, he was more than just a teacher; he was a leader who saw potential in every student and treated them with dignity. His leadership in the classroom and the respect he showed left such a mark on them that I have remembered his name from those conversations I overheard in my childhood all these years later, even though I never met the man.

Today, his nephew, Colby Stackhouse, carries that same legacy forward in our community. As Leo Jr./Sr. High School's band director, he is quietly shaping lives through his leadership and care. Mr. Stackhouse isn't an athletic coach. He doesn't receive the public accolades that football or basketball coaches in our community often enjoy. In fact, he doesn't even get the recognition that some of the most mediocre football and basketball coaches seem to collect without question. His photo won't be in the paper after a great concert, and there are no Friday night lights for band performances. Yet, I would argue that his impact may be even greater. As the concert unfold-

ed, one piece in particular brought me to tears: Corsican Litany. It wasn't just the music; it was the culmination of emotion, discipline, and growth on full display from these young musicians. It made me reflect on the kind of leadership that nurtures that kind of transformation: the quiet, steady hand of Mr. Stackhouse.

Mr. Stackhouse teaches nearly 200 students each week, and his connection with them and his care for their growth are easy to see. He is fanning the spark of musical interest into performance, desire, and inquisitive exploration of the entire spectrum of musical appreciation in the students under his charge.

At home, I've seen how he taught my son to play the trombone, bass trombone, and tuba. But more importantly, he sparked a genuine love for music. My son now shares thoughtful reflections and excitement about music that I never expected. I credit Mr. Stackhouse entirely.

Colby Stackhouse is a quiet gem in our community. He has my full respect and admiration.

Jim Smith, Ph.D., is a Grabill-area resident, farmer, writer, and swine nutritionist who shares reflections under the title "Patio Ponderings."

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But God said, “For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown . . . the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.” (Ezekiel 36:9-10) Not only in the book of Ezekiel, but we find these words of God in Isaiah 26:19, which seem to go even farther. “Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”

Yes, they were a pile of dry bones; yes, we are dead in our sin; but we hear His words, “I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.” (Ezekiel 37:6) All depends on You, Lord. “You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.” (Ps. 104:29-30)

In Ezekiel, a valley of dry bones are joined together, and God breaths life into them. And the Lord of Life, after He had risen breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22), breathing spiritual life into His people. No more dry bones, but “a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” (John 4:14)

**EXODUS 12, PART 2
(Continued from Apr. 22)**

**By Evangelist Harvey
Hacker, Church of Christ
at Grabill**

Exodus 12:13, “Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.” A woman once told me, “Christianity is such a bloody religion.” I am so thankful that it is, because without the blood I cannot get to heaven.

God was not concerned about who was in the houses in Egypt. He was concerned about the blood on the doorpost. Let's just say someone was very old and could not put the blood on the doorpost. Do you think God would say, “Well they were old and feeble I'll save them.” No, He had to see blood.

He has to see the blood today. He has to see the blood of Christ on us. It is the blood that washes away our sins. It's the blood that we remember at the Lord's Supper. Not literal blood, it's just grape juice, but it represents the blood. No wonder He said, “Do this is remembrance of

Me.” (Luke 22:19) The Israelites were told to remember on the Passover, and we are told to remember it every Lord's Day.

Exodus 12:14, “So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.” Keeping the Passover is an everlasting ordinance because Jesus is our Passover today. So we are still observing the Passover. Not the one the Israelites observed, but we observe our Passover which is Jesus. We remember what He has done for us, and we will continue until He comes.

Exodus 12:15, “Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.” Now what did leaven represent? Sin. I Corinthians 5:6, “Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?” They had to put it out of the house. So when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, during the Passover, there would have been no leaven in the house. That means zero alcohol. It takes leaven to make alcohol. And when Jesus was speaking He never uses the word wine, He said the fruit of the vine.

Exodus 12:29, “And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock.” God means exactly what He says, but He loves us. He has shown us mercy, and if we are in Christ He has delivered us from sin. We have a great big wonderful God. If you want to go to the land called Heaven you have to do it exactly the way God said.

ACHES AND PAINS

By S.M. Huracz

Luke 16:19-21, “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.”

What a sad life this poor man had. The rich man would not help this poor man. He wanted nothing to do with him. No doubt, the poor man had no money to buy medicine. It sounds like the only thing that may have brought a little relief to his sores is the saliva from the dogs licking him. He had no government assistance, no medicare or health insurance. Apparently, his health was so bad that the rich man could not even take him in to work as a servant in exchange for food. If they would have had a nursing home the poor man probably would have lived there. He was full of sores and likely aches and pains.

Not just aches and pains and sores in his body, but no doubt in his heart as well. He could see the temporary hap-

piness of the rich man who had everything going good for him in this life. A nice house, probably big barns, fancy transportation, nice clothes, a respectable family, plenty of good food (maybe grilled steak every day) and all that the good life could bring him.

His life was miserable, a ruined life in shambles. There is no indication that he was at all jealous or envious of the rich man, he only wanted a few crumbs. The poor man could not go to CVS to get some pain pills or legal drugs for temporary relief of the aches and pains or ointment for the sores. He could not get a potion mixed up by the apothecary whose work is mentioned in the Old Testament of the Bible. When people suffer with aches and pains they sometimes go to the extreme to get help.

Most, if not all, of humanity have experienced at least some form of suffering in their life. Hebrews 5:8 tells us that even Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered. Some have had physical aches and pains, some mental and emotional pain and for many folks it has been both. A few people have had very traumatic experiences. My wife has a cousin that was taken up in a tornado hundreds of feet in the air and then came back to the earth with a devastating crash. It took him years to make a nearly full recovery from all his aches and pains. By the grace and mercy of God he is doing well today.

Some folks suffer from arthritis and will move south to a warmer climate or southwest to a less humid and dryer atmosphere in an effort to escape the aches and pains. Some find temporary relief from physical aches by chiropractic visits. Often, ache and pain sufferers will try buying a new mattress or getting an air or water bed, for more comfort and less aches and pains. They will try products on the market like Relief Factor. The sources of options and possibilities for help with aches and pains in our great free country is nearly endless.

Psalms 139:14a, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . .” God has created us in His image and likeness. We are able to feel and experience both pain and pleasure. Some people seem to have more of one in life than the other.

Look at this poor woman in Luke 8:43, “And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any . . .” It appeared that there was no hope for her, no relief from her suffering. Then she heard about the Lord Jesus, the Great Physician. She went out to find him. When she found Him, He was in the middle of a crowd. She crawled to Him and when she touched Him she became well instantly.

Dear reader, it was so much better for her than anything CVS could have given her. She had no money left to give Jesus for healing her because she spent it all at the doctors office and outpatient clinics. Because she was flat broke and had nothing left, she just gave the Lord Jesus her life.

My wife and I just lost a dear friend of 25 years,

overtaken by cancer. She suffered much pain in the hand of medical experts. Doctors prolonged her life by six months with drugs, chemicals and potions created by the wisdom of man. It was so sad because she was less than 50 years old and left behind a teenage daughter. Her loss is a heartache for many.

Why do so many people suffer with aches and pains, physical and emotional? We live in a world of sin and evil and it has suffered since the time of Adam and Eve, disobeying God in the garden of Eden.

My wife and I were recently blessed to have been given a book by the Applegate family, during our last visit to their Florida home. The title of the book is “Why Christians Get Sick” by George H. Malkmus. This book is so full of wisdom and Bible references that we have read it three times since we got it last fall. I believe that it can answer a lot of questions people may have about health and spiritual problems.

Trouble and suffering, aches and pains come when people's lives are out of balance and lopsided. The rich man suffered in the next life because he refused to help relieve the poor mans suffering in this life. The poor man, perhaps suffered in this life because he had no family, or nobody to love and care for him. The Lord would like to use His church to help poor men like this. He could have grown up like an orphan or foster child. If a good Samaritan helped him enough to take him to the rich man's gate, could he have not pleaded for the rich man to open his gate to the poor man also? Often times rich people despise and discriminate against the poor. This kind of discrimination is not against the law like race discrimination. James 2:6, “But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?”

Some people suffer from working too much and exercise with sports too much and don't get enough rest. Others have aches and pains because they sit on the couch all day and don't work or exercise and get sore and miserable and lazy. When I was a school kid that was me. I watched television for hours on end and became so lazy, that when the TV was off, I was bored and did not feel like doing anything. Thank God that He saved me at the age of 23 and has given me productive things to do for His kingdom every day!

I believe that the book I mentioned above can be very helpful to sufferers to get victory over aches and pains. The author of the book himself suffered much before he made some big life changes and then testified to feeling great. While books can be very helpful, the good book (Bible) is one large book, that is made up of 66 smaller books, put together into one book. The Bible is the one book given to us by God, that has enough information in it to bring a perfect balance to our relationship with him, through Jesus Christ. It contains all wisdom needed in both natural and spiritual subjects. It will leave no aches and pains or sores untouched.

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Rocket Launch . . .
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tified to fly motors of the impulse class used in the team’s rocket. Dave Combs, president of WSR, has served as Cedarville’s mentor for the last four years.

“NASA Student Launch, simply put, is real rocket science on a slightly smaller scale,” said Combs. “I’ve met so many students and faculty from Cedarville University who are just the kind of people needed in the field of rocketry - the right skills, the right attitude and, perhaps most importantly, the right mission.”

The local launch results will be submitted to NASA and compared with teams from top institutions nationwide, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), The Ohio State University, Purdue University and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Final national launches will take place at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL, from Apr. 30 to May 4.

Leading the Cedarville team is Grant Parker, a senior mechanical engineering major from Granger, IN, with support from Chief Engineer Daniel Hogsd of Dayton, OH. Other mechanical engineering team members include Jack Kealen (Quincy, IL), Jackson Maley (Woodburn), Elisa Schmitt (Geneseo, IL), Joseph Cope-

land (Godley, TX), Jesse DePalmo (Liverpool, NY) and Seth Mitchell (Heath, OH).

The project also includes senior electrical engineering students Rebekah Porter of Cedarville, OH, who serves as the electrical and computer engineering lead, and Kenneth Lee of Van Buren, OH, as well as computer engineering major Arkin Solomon of McKinney, TX.

“Participating in the NASA Student Launch competition gave me hands-on experience that goes far beyond the classroom,” said Parker. “We didn’t just build a rocket; we managed a full-scale engineering project from start to finish. Whether I go into aerospace or another field, the real-world skills I gained, like project management, technical writing and collaboration, will stay with me throughout my career.”

The interdisciplinary team has worked for nine months on the hands-on, research-based challenge, which requires participants to design, build and test a rocket and accompanying scientific or engineering payload. The team is advised by Dr. Tom Ward, adjunct professor of mechanical engineering, Dr. Joseph Miller, associate professor of mechanical engineering, and Dr. Tim Tuinstra, professor of electrical engineering.

“Student Launch gives students a rare opportunity to collaborate on a real-world project that has both national

visibility and high-stakes competition,” said Dr. Miller. “The level of professionalism and technical skill these students have demonstrated is outstanding.”

NASA’s Student Launch initiative engages college, high school and middle school students across the country in STEM disciplines through experiential learning, helping prepare them for careers in the aerospace industry.

Grabill Town . . .
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Smead, seconded by Claude Schrock, all in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Contracts and Expenditures (SBOA update) – Stephanie Smith informed the town council that she had recently had conversation with the State Board of Accounts in regards the A&K Water invoices in question and was informed by the State Board of Accounts, that until the contract has been updated and depict the services that their contract render that an itemized invoice is to be supplied by A&K Water.

DLZ (Casey Erwin) asked the town council to make a motion to pay action item 1A-Pay App #18, API Construction totaling \$26,623.19. First motion made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. Motion carried 3-0.

DLZ asked the town council to make another motion to pay action item 3A-Pay App #1 to Brooks Construction totaling \$26,505. First motion made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. Motion carried 3-0.

The town council asked if DLZ could follow up with Taft Law regarding the Revive Home Brands Easement Agreement.

A&K Water (Ryan Wall/ Erik Ponder): The town’s lift station on Sawmill Drive was struck by lightning which caused it to go down. Main St. lift station had a pump failure but after further inspection there was a log stuck in the lift station. There were also issues with the floats on the Indiana Street lift station. A&K informed the town council there are several bore crews marking/ locates in town.

The council asked A&K to investigate whether the storm/sewer lines that run in the alleyway between the Country Shoppes and H. Souder & Sons and who has ownership of the alleyway. DLZ and A&K suggested that the town put something in place to have individuals and companies fill out

permits and ask permission from the town to allow boring and digging in the area prior to their projects.

New Business: Sheriff Andrew Peters informed the town council that there is not a golf cart ordinance for the county and that would be up to the municipality to decide how they wanted to enforce the ordinance. Sheriff Peters mentioned to the council that they are ready to enforce the current ordinance as Leo-Cedarville’s ordinance has officially been accepted and is going through the final stages for adoption. Sheriff Peters mentioned the closer the neighboring communities’ ordinances are the easier it will be for the Allen County Sheriff’s Department to enforce. The Grabill town council asked to see the pending ordinance for Leo-Cedarville to see what they would like to modify in the existing golf cart ordinance for the Town of Grabill.

Paragon Landscaping: The Grabill town council had received a new proposal for contracted landscaping services totaling \$1828.50 for the 2025 season. First motion to accept the 2025 contract made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. Motion carried 3-0.

Just Seal It: The Grabill town council received bid proposal for patching work Indiana St. and State St. due to the water main breaks. \$3207.75, first motion to approve the proposal made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. Motion carried 3-0.

Giovanna Kays, 13536 Illinois St.: There was an invoice that was sent to her due to a water leak that was found in front of her home. There was work being done by pothole digging around West Street and when they dug up the service in front of her home it ended up filling in with water. She had the service replaced last year but was informed by Erik Ponder from A&K that if the leak was on her side of the tap, it would be her responsibility

to repair. The town council voiced that since the “Town” advised the repairs that she should be reimbursed the \$164 for the invoice she incurred from the repairs. First motion to approve and pay the reimbursement made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. Motion carried 3-0.

Floor Open to the Public: Brendan Pierce, 13405 Hoosier St., asked that the town council reconsider adding the brake light/turn signal addition/modification to the current Town of Grabill golf cart ordinance. He also brought a possible safety concern regarding a tree that is very close to the power drop off of property address 13532 Third St., Jeff Smead asked A&K to look at possible easement or contact AEP to have the tree trimmed to insure the communities/homeowners’ safety, discussion ensued.

Stephanie Smith prepared and presented the payables for Apr. 9, 2025

council meeting totaling \$225,957.00, as well as gross payroll for Mar. 28, 2025 totaling \$6180.23 and Apr. 11, 2025 totaling \$6072.69. First motion to approve made by Jeff Smead, seconded by Wilmer Delagrang. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.

With no other business and no other open floor comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

These minutes are a summary of the actions taken at the Town of Grabill town council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://youtube.com/@TownofGrabill> for as long as this media is supported.

– Stephanie J. Smith,
Town of Grabill
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JMK TRUCKING: Hello! So it's that time of year again for our summer projects. So if you're needing any material hauled, such as stone, dirt, concrete or mulch, please give me a call. Jason, 260-710-3534. 16-19p

AVON SPRING SALE: Apr. 28-May 3. 15% off in-stock items. Call for appointment, 260-445-5374. 16-17p

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GARAGE SALE: Some old, some new, some vintage. Lots of misc. and something for everyone. Thurs., Fri., May 1 and 2, 8:00-5:00 and Sat., May 3, 8:00-noon. 17325 Lee Lane, Harlan. p

ESTATE SALE: 4234 Oak St., Woodburn, IN. Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th starting at 8 am both days. 17-18p

COLLECTIBLES garage sale: 21312 Woodburn Rd. May 8-10, 9 am-5 pm on Thursday and Friday; Saturday 9-12. Elephant collection: The Herd and much more; Bradford Exchange plates: Oklahoma series, Wings Upon the Wind series, Songbirds of Europe series and Norman Rockwell; The Danbury Mint: Garfield plate series; Ivy and Innocence Chapter III: Display base + 13 pieces; vintage India silverplate tray with 6 cordials; sawtooth edge pressed glass vase and punch bowl with matching cups; Hazel Atlas sunflower luncheon plates with cups; antique stereographic viewing cards; vintage Looney Tunes and Walt Disney items; antique child's roll-top desk w/chair; spinet writing desk; Art Deco tall chest; Mersman harp table with claw feet; upholstered platform rocker with swan form arms; outside Christmas decorations (inflatable and stationary); gas grill and charcoal smoker; and much more! 17-18p

10-FAMILY garage/moving sale. May 1, 2, 3 at 12334 Spencerville Rd., Harlan. 8:00-5:30 Thurs./Fri., 8:00-12:00 Sat. Some items are tools, patio chair & table, jewelry, home decor, rtHoney, Dewalt gas portable air compressor, 2-cyl. gas water pump, disc golf discs, Wingsland drone, child's Radio Flyer red wagon, and much more. p

HUGE SALE: Apr. 30-May 2, Wed.-Thurs.-Fri., 8-5. 10025 Notestine Rd., between Schwartz & Wheelock Rds. Lots of new items, housewares, home decor, bedding, paper plates, napkins, cups, garage and shop items, pet items, yard and garden, birdhouses, Vera Bradley, toys, holiday. Also thinning out my craft supplies. I will also be putting out my handcrafted fused glass. Lots of great gift ideas for Mother's Day & Father's Day. Also plenty of gently used items, including a nice popcorn machine, puzzles and much more. p

ESTATE SALE: Fri., May 2, 9-5; Sat., May 3, 9-1. 15019 Fackler Rd., Monroeville. 20' Grumman canoe, pool table, beds, chairs, tables, hutch, much furniture, ping-pong table, handicap items, kitchenware, household items, lamps, 2 small safes, clothes, linens, TVs, holiday decor, crafting supplies, tool boxes, hand power tools, much more. p

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MAY 2 & 3, 8-? 12105 Spencerville Rd., Harlan. Toys - Step 2 Car roller coaster slide, 2 school desks, toy car ramps, Paw Patrol, Sponge Bob; engine hoist, old hand tools, camping grills, VHS tapes, coolers. Everything must go. No reasonable price will be refused. Tons of misc. p

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WILLING TO HELP: Drive Amish to work or anything. Mark, 260-466-8344. 16-23p

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that green Christmas we had last year? I have written before that I am a fan of the "Indianapolis 500," race. When I was a lad, we had our family reunion at Grabill Park on Memorial Day. Those were the days that Memorial Day was on May 31, on any day of the week. My two cousins and I would sit in a car and listen to the race on the radio. We were there the day the world stopped turning. In 1955,

when I was a junior in high school, Billy Vukovich was in first place, and leading by two laps when he was killed. Billy had won in '54 and '55 and would have been a three consecutive year winner. There will never be a three consecutive year winner. It is just too difficult. At exactly 11:52 a.m. on May 30, 1955, Billy's car was hurled into the air and cut in two by the overpass bridge going into the infield. At that exact moment the world stopped turning. Billy was dead. His car landed on top of three cars in the parking lot and burst into flames.

The race was stopped for a period of time, and then restarted. Only God knows who won, for us the race was over. But, as life would have it, the world just keeps on turning. I saw the race in person one year, sitting in turn two, in 1992. My grandfather had gone in 1932. Even though I am a fan, to walk a couple of miles to find your seat doesn't appeal to me today. The only new news I could find about this year's race is there will be 34 cars vying for 33 spots. There will be 18 Chevy engines and 16 Honda engines. They traditionally have used Firestone tires so I suppose that will be the case. It is always news if a woman driver is in the starting field, but I have not heard about that this year. The news three years ago, was that there was an all woman team. Driver, pit crew and owner. Of course, they were trained and helped by men. You can guess what spot they finished in. This year the news is that they have done a \$60.5 million dollar renovation of the museum. I was one of the millions of people that saw the old museum, but I probably will not see the new one.

I must end with one comment. I went to college in the '60s, the 1960s. I still remember two things that I was taught in those four years. One of them was that you can have no tariffs. I remember this was one thing that they emphasized. They didn't say what to do if other countries have tariffs on us. My daughter headed the bookkeeping department for Honda in Atlanta. Eleven percent of the gross, yes the gross, went to Japan. Because of this, they had to struggle to break even. If they would have had a tariff of \$500 for each Toyota when I was in college, I would be

driving a Ford today. The "Indy 500" would be using Offenhauser or Dodge engines instead of Honda. The upside was they had a \$1,500 tuna for the Christmas party which was cut up for sushi. Trump's coming! Something new just released about Indy 500 just this morning. Trump says he's thinking about coming.

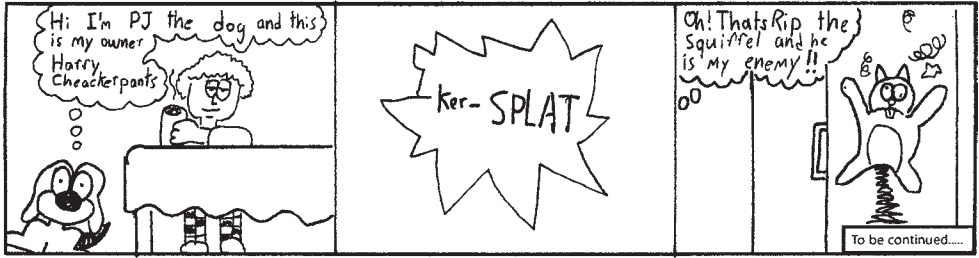
— Jim Neuhouser

Aches and Pains . . .
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Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we have not an high priest (the Lord Jesus Christ) which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." I encourage all who read this article to do a word study in the Bible on the subject

of healing and see what you find. If we have enough faith in God to get rid of our aches and pains, we can serve Jesus with love, joy and peace. He suffered and died so we can be overcomers in His name. Read, pray and study His Word before daybreak and everybody will know if you are dead in sin or alive in Christ when you live by His Word.

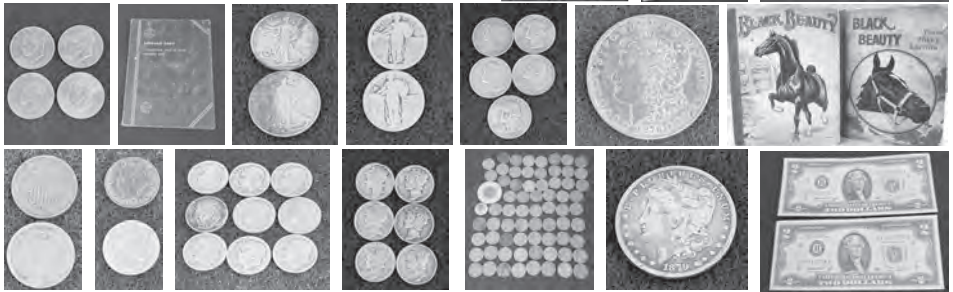
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