



E-NEWS AND E-NOTES FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd, 2026

WE'VE GOT HIGH HOPES



It was as if Mother Nature was in complete agreement and saying "good job" as over 75 youngsters went behind the gate at **Bucyrus** and **Xenia** on Sunday, May 31st.

While the 34 races were 110 miles and an hour apart in post time they both had the same mission: get 'em ready for the stake races.

After a long and cold winter here in the Buckeye State it was a relief and a pleasant surprise - *McKinley Kirk, 1950* - watching them circle the well-maintained and historic ovals.

It did not matter if the contests were only Time Bars - aim for a set time, ie 2:20 - but watching the colts and fillies show off their 8-month-long lessons was very satisfying.

There were some standouts but, keeping in my time-honored superstitions, I won't bother to mention them. We will wait until Paulding next week so I can say "I told you so!" ...ex post facto. (after the fact) BTW - My last year's 8 horse favorites in the qualifiers that impressed me didn't amount to a hill of beans.

Me be quiet now.

That's a daisy...

Clarence Hamilton (1849-1902) was born in Pennsylvania. After the Civil War the Hamilton family came to the Fremont/Sandusky area in Ohio. While his two siblings stayed in Ohio the 20-year-old clock maker/jeweler Clarence journeyed into Michigan.



Apparently, he was smitten by the mitten and set up shop in downtown Plymouth just up the block from the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company that lagged in sales as farmers were reluctant to buy something they could make themselves.

Hamilton improved on a wooden air gun design replacing all the parts forged at the windmill factory with steel. He brought it to the company's CEO who tested it - supposedly the pellet cracked a vase, shattered a water pitcher, and knocked the 6X8 portrait of Mother Margaret off the wall. The cat hid for a week too.

The CEO looked at the rifle and said "that's a daisy."

In a good marketing ploy they would give away a gun with every windmill purchase and when the windmill business faltered, the gun still was increasingly popular.

And thus began the Daisy BB Gun Company.

They secured an order for 10,000 within two years and at one point a young Henry Ford asked for some backing for his automobile. The stipulation was that he name the new car a "Daisy."

I don't think so.

The Company prospered and was a major employer in Plymouth for over 75 years. In 1944 **Northville Downs** opened just 5 miles north and provided America's most popular sport to many townfolk.

The Daisy BB Gun Co. relocated to Arkansas in 1958 yet Northville didn't close its doors until 2024.

Plymouth turned down their chance to host a new track in 2025. But, as usual, somebody shot themselves in the foot.

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR

Two days of racing on

JUNE 8th AT 5:00 P.M.

JUNE 9th AT 5:00 P.M.

Monday, June 8, 2026 (DECLARE BY 10:00AM Friday, June 5TH

EVENT 1 Trot TWO YEAR OLD COLT TROT \$12,000

EVENT 2 Pace TWO YEAR OLD FILLY PACE \$12,000

EVENT 3 Pace THREE YEAR OLD COLT PACE \$12,000

EVENT 4 Trot THREE YEAR OLD FILLY TROT \$12,000

EVENT 5 Pace SPRING HAVEN FARM LADIES DRIVING SERIES PACE

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 (DECLARE BY 10:00AM Saturday, June 6th

EVENT 7 Pace TWO YEAR OLD COLT PACE \$12,000

EVENT 8 Trot TWO YEAR OLD FILLY TROT \$12,000

EVENT 9 Trot THREE YEAR OLD COLT TROT \$12,000

EVENT 10 Pace THREE YEAR OLD FILLY PACE \$12,000

EVENT 11 Pace NON WINNERS \$1000 LIFETIME PACE & MAIDENS

EVENT 12 Pace FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP PACE - SIG. SERIES



Everybody knows that the State tree of Ohio is the Ohio Buckeye...

What bird is attracted to its flowers?

- a) The Cardinal
- b) The Hummingbird
- c) The Spotted Owl

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