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'If It's time, it's time'



Beth Hamman stand with various awards at Berkey Trophies. The family business closed after 87 years, but as her father, Wilbur Berkey, said, "It's been good for me; it's been good for you. If it's time, it's time." PHOTO BY BETH HAMMAN

Berkey Trophies ends a Wayne County legacy

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For 87 years, Berkey Trophies has been part of celebrations across Wayne County and beyond, marking championships, milestones and memories with plaques and trophies crafted by the Berkey family.

That era has ended, as Beth and Jesse Hamman closed the family-run business on Northeast Street in Smithville for good.

"We started thinking about it a cou-

ple of years ago," Beth Hamman said. "My husband and I are both in our 80s. That entered into it."

Hamman's father, Wilbur Berkey, began the trophy business during the Great Depression while teaching and coaching at Smithville High School. When he couldn't find a trophy to honor his county championship baseball team, he took a train to Chicago to get what he needed.

"That started a long history," she said.

Summers were spent serving county fairs across Ohio, expanding what be-

came a family business.

"From there he branched out in the summers when he was not teaching," Hamman recalled.

A true homegrown business in Smithville

The business remained close to home, literally, operating inside the family's Smithville home, which was expanded to handle trophies, plaques and awards.

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FIVE THINGS

Twilight Tour to blues music highlight this week events

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Looking to try something new this week?

Here's five things going on around Holmes and Wayne counties.

1. Twilight Tour and Dairy Summit

When: 3-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 15
Where: Zido Valley Dairy, 3024 S. Jefferson Road, Wooster

What: This year's Dairy Summit program will focus on manure application research and the role of manure and perennial forages on soil health. There will be updates from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, OSU Extension and the Ohio Dairy Producer Association and ADA Mideast. The Twilight Tour will feature Zido Valley

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ANALYSIS

Trump-Putin bromance flowered, soured

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President Donald Trump said he would end the war in Ukraine within his first 24 hours in office.

But now, more than 4,000 hours in, Trump's patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin, whom the U.S.

president in June called "very kind," appears to be wearing thin.

Relations have hit a wall as Russia's leader has pushed forward with intensifying drone and missile attacks on Ukrainian cities while appearing to repeatedly rebuff Trump's attempts to broker a ceasefire.

"We get a lot of (expletive) thrown at us by Putin, if you want to know the

truth," Trump told reporters on July 9, summing up what Ukrainians and other seasoned Russia watchers have been saying for two decades. "He's very nice to us all the time, but it turns out to be meaningless."

Trump initiated direct talks with Putin shortly after taking office, saying

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