




Seven Day Forecast

 <b>Thursday:</b> Hi: 74° Lo: 55° Partly cloudy. Winds NW at 9 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Friday:</b> Hi: 76° Lo: 56° Mostly cloudy. Winds NE at 6 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Saturday:</b> Hi: 79° Lo: 60° Partly cloudy. Winds S at 6 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Sunday:</b> Hi: 81° Lo: 62° Partly cloudy. Winds S at 6 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Monday:</b> Hi: 81° Lo: 68° Cloudy. Winds SW at 15 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Tuesday:</b> Hi: 85° Lo: 71° Cloudy. Winds W at 13 mph. 0% Precip.	 <b>Wednesday:</b> Hi: 92° Lo: 67° Mostly cloudy. Winds SW at 10 mph. 0% Precip.
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The Edgerton Earth



'Little Miss' contenders

Thirty-five girls from the ages of six on up will compete in this year's Miss Edgerton pageant which officially kicks off the Festival of Flags celebration here in Edgerton. The pageant will again be

held at Life Changing Realities Fellowship on Friday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission remains the same at \$3 for adults; \$2 for students. An Edgerton Chamber

of Commerce event, Missy Slesman and Jessica Reitzel are again co-chairing the event. Let us introduce you to the first installment of this year's group - 'Little Miss' category.



**Petyn Baker,**  
daughter of Summer Baker and Heath Baker  
*Sponsored by Tingle Builders*



**Jewel Cheek,**  
daughter of Scott and Jessica Cheek  
*Sponsored by Tano's Pizza*



**Ava Herman,**  
daughter of Shanea and Rick Herman  
*Sponsored by All Wrapped Up - Marcia Kitchen*



**Haylee Klender,**  
daughter of Marie and John Klender  
*Sponsored by the Stilson Family*



**Cara Schroeder,**  
daughter of Colette and Adam Schroeder  
*Sponsored by Schroeder Farms*



**Ava Swank,**  
daughter of Charlene and Bill Swank  
*Sponsored by Dietsch Sales & Service*



Stark signs with Huntington

Nathan Stark signs a letter of intent to continue his baseball and college career at Huntington University. Seated here with his parents, Shelly and Keith Stark, Nathan is flanked by head baseball coach Mike Frame. The Foresters are part of the Crossroads League in the NAIA. A 2012 graduate of Edgerton High School, Stark is focusing his studies on Exercise Science. (Photo courtesy of the school.)

Drive sober or get pulled over warns Sheriff Towns

The Fourth of July is a favorite holiday for many Americans. Families and friends gather to celebrate our country with food, parades, parties, and fireworks. For many people, the celebration includes alcohol, but the holiday quickly goes from festive to fatal when people choose to drive after drinking. Over the July 4th holiday period in 2012 alone, 78 people were killed in alcohol impaired-driving crashes on our nation's roads. To crack down on drunk driving this Fourth of July, area law enforcement will be out in full force, aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. "Williams County Sheriff's Office is ramping up their enforcement to make our roads safer this Fourth of July," said Sheriff Steve Towns. "For everyone's sake, don't drink and drive or you will be arrested. The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign is a reminder to everyone that drinking and driving is a choice. (Continued on page 3)



**Celebrity birthdays for this week:**

**July 6** - comedian Kevin Hart (35), movie actor Sylvester Stallone (68), TV actress Shelly Hack (67); **July 7** - TV actress Claire Holt (26), drummer Ringo Starr (74), basketball player Lisa Leslie (42); **July 8** - TV actor Michael Weatherly (46), TV actress Sophia Busgh (32), chef Wolfgang Puck (65); **July 9** - movie actor Douglas Booth (22), TV actor Fred Savage (38), movie actor Toby Kebbell (32); **July 10** - TV actress Sofia Vergara (42), TV actor Adrian Grenier (38), TV actor Carlton Jeffery (21); **July 11** - TV actor Justin Chambers (44), TV actress Sela Ward (58), singer Nina Nesbitt (20); **July 12** - movie actress Michelle Rodriguez (36), TV actor Bill Cosby (77), TV actor Steve Howey (37)

Return to hometown to celebrate success

Edgerton, Ohio will be part of a personal family celebration during the Festival of Flags July 25 and 26 as children's book author Allyn Stotz and mystery/romance authors Genilee Swope Parente and F. Sharon Swope return home to commemorate publication of new books. Allyn and Genilee are the daughters of Sharon and Robert Swope, who ran the Edgerton Earth for many years. Stotz' second book, *Kailee Finds Magic IN Words* was released in June by FutureWord Publishing. Swope's and Parente's second book, *Wretched Fate*, was released in December 2013 by Spectacle Publishing Media Group. "Although the Swope family now lives in different parts of the country, Edgerton and our friends here and in Northwestern Ohio have remained a major support system for Allyn, Genilee and I as we went into this new adventure



of writing fiction," Sharon says. "We decided we needed to come home to celebrate the successes we've had," she added. Allyn had one of her first major book signings/readings at the Edgerton Public Library. All three authors have kept touch with local readers through email, Facebook and family friends. **The Family** The Swope family's patriarch, Robert Swope, ran the Edgerton Earth from the mid-1960s to late 1980s. Sharon wrote a local column, *Apron Strings*, for most of those years. She was also a substitute teacher in the Edgerton local school system and both Allyn and Genilee graduated from Edgerton High School. Allyn and her husband Brad Stotz, also originally from Edgerton, now live in Baton Rouge. Allyn is a full-time children's writer and most recently took a position with FutureWord. She's been writing about five years, both books and magazine articles and has several other children's stories under contract for publication. "I worked for many years in an office environment, but always had an active imagination. It wasn't until I started taking writing classes that I realized how much I've always wanted to put down some of the stories in my head," she says. Sharon and Bob Swope now live in Woodbridge, Va, outside of Washington, D.C. They are retired. Genilee, her husband Raymond Parente and daughter Christina reside close to the

Swope in Dumfries, Va. Genilee is a full-time magazine and newsletter editor. Sharon and Genilee began writing about four years ago, inspired by the success Allyn had in getting published. "I was 82 when I began putting down my ideas. I'm 86 now and suffering from macular degeneration, but I feel blessed to be experiencing this adventure along with my daughters," Sharon explains. The mystery/romance mother and daughter writing team also have been featured speakers at events in the Northern Virginia area. As Genilee explains, "After the success we had with that first book, mom and I decided we needed to let others know how important it is to go after your passion in life no matter your age so we've have spoken all over our area to church groups, seniors communities and books clubs." **The Books** For Stotz' second book, the author brought back the main character Kailee, from her successful first book, *The Pea in Peanut Butter*. In the current book, Kailee explores the wonders of reading by following Kailee as she goes into one of her favorite books. "The story comes from personal experience because I really didn't like to read when I was a child. But once I learned the wonder of losing yourself completely in a good plot, I became a fan. Now, I want to share my passion with children just discovering books." Swope and Parente write for the adult audience. They

are under contract for a series that follows the adventures of the independently wealthy, but always curious Detective Sam Osborne and his clients. The authors launched the first book—*Twist of Fate*—in December 2012, and the second book, *Wretched Fate*, one year later. The most recent book centers on a reclusive author Jacob Hardy, who joins forces with his new personal secretary Rosalie McGovern and Osborne to solve a series of mysterious thefts occurring in the middle of the night right under Jacob's nose. The

mystery is not as much about how the thefts are occurring as who the thief is. The authors would love to visit with old friends at one of their book signings. They will be at: • Edgerton Public Library, July 25 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; • Festival of Flags (under the big top), Miller Park, July 25 5-7:30 p.m.; • Susan's Hair Flair, downtown Edgerton July 26 12-3:00 p.m. (following the parade). For information on the authors, visit [allynstotz.blogspot.com](http://allynstotz.blogspot.com) and [www.swopeparente.com](http://www.swopeparente.com). Edgerton Earth office or email Leslie VanAusdale at [leslie.vanausdale@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.vanausdale@gmail.com) The camp is open to any child entering Kindergarten through sixth grade. Participants will have the opportunity to work with the Edgerton High School cheerleading squad as they learn the basic cheerleading fundamentals. They will participate in spirit and team building activities, develop new skills, learn a dance routine, and become leaders...CHEERleaders!

Sign-up July 5th

Any Edgerton fifth and sixth grade students wanting to play youth football or cheer, sign-up will be held Saturday, July 5th from 9 to 10 a.m. at the baseball field on Gerhart Street.

Community invited to 'thank-you' cook-out

The Edgerton and Emanuel Churches invite the Edgerton community to join them in worship on Sunday, July 6, 2-14. The service will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Edgerton United Methodist Church on the corner of Michigan and Hull Streets. Following worship, there will be a cook-out with hamburgers and hotdogs as our way of saying thank you to the community for their help and support since the devastating fire. Come and share in fellowship and visit with your neighbors.