

## SPRING PARTY AT PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE LIBRARY



The Paulding County Carnegie Children's Room will be hosting their annual Spring Party on Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Egg hunt - rain or shine, a visit from our very own Easter Bunny, crafts and snacks will be available. Come join the fund and find your eggs.

### IN-PERSON AND ABSENTEE MAIL OUT BALLOT VOTING FOR MAY 3RD PRIMARY ELECTION

In-Person absentee voting will begin on Tuesday, April 5th being held at the Board of Elections office, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding.

In-Person absentee voting hours are set out by the

Ohio Secretary of State and are as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday, April 5 - 8
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, April 11 - 15
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, April 18 - 22
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23

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Check the FREE pickup location list on page 5

### VILLAGE OF ANTWERP WATER USERS - WANT A CHANCE TO WIN \$25 IN CHAMBER BUCKS?

The Village of Antwerp is rolling out a new alert system called IRIS (Immediate Response Information System) for our mass notification needs. IRIS is a service offered by TechRadium, Inc. IRIS is a high-speed mass notification platform which allows water operators and municipalities to send routine, priority, and emergency messages to customers and personnel instantly. You will get information that you need on the devices you select. The system is used for many different types of announcements and community information. Information can be received by telephone, text message, and email messages.

To encourage Village of Antwerp water users to sign up, the village will be drawing one winner of \$25 Chamber Bucks on April 18th, during our council meeting. All those who have signed up and those that will sign up before noon on April 18, will be entered to win. Please visit [villageofantwerp.com](http://villageofantwerp.com). You will find the alert system link (IRIS Enrollment for Village of Antwerp) at the bottom of the home page. Please click on that link and fill out information requested. You will need your water bill account number to sign up for the alert system.

Elected officials will not be entered.



### McCLURE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR PAULDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Lisa McClure of Grover Hill has announced her candidacy to run for Paulding County Commissioner.

"I was raised in Paulding County and feel a great sense of pride of now being a community leader seeking to contribute to the growth and success of Paulding County."

Lisa grew up in a farming family. She is the oldest of 3 children and graduated from Wayne Trace High School.

Lisa is currently the Executive Director of the Paulding County Area Foundation where she has served as Executive Director since 2015. As Executive Director she serves the mission of the Foundation as being dedicated to receiving, growing, and distributing gifts for the benefit of the people of Paulding County.

McClure has a strong record of public and community service. She served on the

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### PPEC AWARDS \$5,400 TO 7 LOCAL SENIORS



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Colin Bradtmueller, Woodlan HS

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## Community Calendar

MON & WED

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 9a-12p

April 5

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

April 6

• Lenten Lunches @ Paulding First Pres. Church, 12-1p

• Lenten Season Services @ St. John Lutheran, Hicksville, 11a & 6:30p

April 7

• PC Twp. Assoc. Fish & Chicken meal @ PC Fairgrounds, 5-7pm

April 8

• Soup & Sandwich Supper @ Twin Oaks UMC, 4-7pm

• W Cent. YFC Banquet @ Calvary Ev. Church, VW, 6p

April 9

• Easter Egg Hunt @ Antwerp Conservation Club, 12pm

• Dueling Pianos (Ant. Athl. Fundraiser) @ Grant's, 6pm

April 10

• Free Meals @ Cecil Comm Church, after 11am Service

• Game Night @ Cecil Comm Church, 6pm

April 11

• Rep. Party Meet the Candidate @ PC OSU Ext. Bldg, 5-9pm

April 12

• PC Retired Teachers Assoc. Meeting @ Vagabond, 11:30a

• Food Distribution @ PC Fairgrounds, 12-2pm

• Antwerp Comm. Food Pantry @ Antwerp UMC, 4-7p

• PC Democratic Party meeting @ Paulding Eagles, 7pm

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**OBITUARIES**



MILFORD, IN:  
Darrell LeeRoy Bender, age 61, September 5th 1960 - March 4 2022. Lived in Milford, IN, formally from Antwerp, OH.

Darrell worked at Dietrich in Hicksville, OH; Chore Time Brock in Milford, IN. He was a member of the 1st Baptist Church in Antwerp, OH. Darrell loved NASCAR & fishing and spending time with his grandsons. His grandsons were the light of his life.

Father to: Jason Bender Chicago, IL; Samantha Bender Milford, IN; Grandfather to Brayton Bender & Silas Howland. Siblings: Anita (Bender) McDorman Brooklyn, MI; Hazel (Bender) Gerken & Debbie (Bender) Fraley, both Antwerp, OH; Gilbert Bender Cromwell, IN; David Bender, Hicksville, OH; Robert Bender Milford, IN.

Processing him in death: his father, Ronald Dale Bender Antwerp, OH; mother, Carolyn Sue Sesler (Bender) McDorman, Milford, IN formally from Antwerp, OH; Sister, Stephanie Bender, Antwerp, OH; Grandparents: Carl Bender; Opal (Bender) Sugar; Gilbert & Anna Marie Seslar.



**MATT'S MISHAPS**

*"Serving overseas as a small-town boy from America is intense, stressful and humorous! Enjoy a light-hearted story with me from our last 20 years overseas!"*

- Matt

**Seeing Sea Mammals**

Have you ever worn fishing waders? My favorite class for my Wildlife Science

degree at Purdue University was ichthyology, the study of fish. I liked the class for the field labs. All the students would wear chest high waders and had long nets in hand as we stood in rivers and creeks in Indiana. One student wore a battery pack on his back that had a long metal rod to it. He would touch the metal rod to the water and send a short burst of electricity into the water and the fish would be stunned for a moment while we'd feverishly collect and identify the species. The waders that the students wore insulated us from the electricity, but the lab waders were pretty old. Sometimes a student would have a small leak in his waders. We'd hear a yell as that student got a shock, ZAP!, and jumped out of the water as quickly as possible. We were inadvertently shocking a water mammal!

When surveying a place we would serve in overseas, we took a large ferry boat to visit the location. I had never been on the open ocean or a boat of that kind before. I went to the front of the boat to watch the sea mammals (dolphins) that were jumping nearby. However, within a few moments my stomach was jumping. I was sea sick and there was no way to reverse it until we finally arrived at the port. I spent the rest of that trip hunched over a plastic bag.

A couple decades later, I was walking along the shore of a fjord with my family when one of my sons said he spotted something out in the water. I told him that I thought it was a seal with its flippers popping out of the water. Another son guessed it was a small shark thrashing as it ate fish caught in a net. When water spurted out of a blow hole, my wife guessed it was a porpoise or dolphin. As we got a better look, we saw that the water was blowing out from a white tube. It was a sea mammal called a diver.

In life, things often come around full circle. Just like in small-town America, and everywhere else in the world, people are the most interesting sea mammals to watch jumping around in the water.

Something similar ever happen to you? Contact me and let me hear your story!

mattsmishaps@gmail.com Matt's Mishaps, PO BOX 114, Grabill, IN 46741

**VIRTUE OF MERCY - WINNERS FOR MARCH**



Ross shows mercy to his classmates by always being kind and respectful to everyone. He is always willing to help someone in need.



Skylar shows mercy on a regular basis in class. Skylar saw a classmate struggling to understand a math assignment and took the initiative to help them. Skylar is always looking to help others and is a the leader in her class.



Avery is quick to notice when others are upset and always wants to help them.



Tinley is always seeking out ways to help others; under any circumstances no matter what she is doing, she is the first to help. She shows genuine compassion and mercy for those around her.



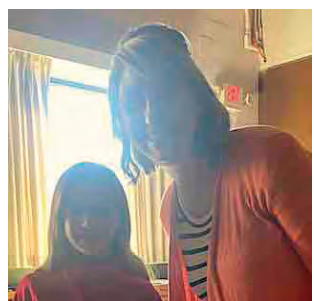
Luke is truly an amazing student in many ways showing mercy in both school and mass. Luke is devoted to his prayer during mass of offering his prayers to those in need. His love for God shines through everyday!



Dashlyn always does his best to help his classmates who may need help on understanding an assignment. When helping a classmate complete a Social Studies assignment, Dash did a wonderful job helping the student understand and complete the work. Thank you for always being willing to help others!



Natalie was the biggest helper when another student was injured. From grabbing supplies, tissues and being another set of hands, Natalie was the first to help without being asked.



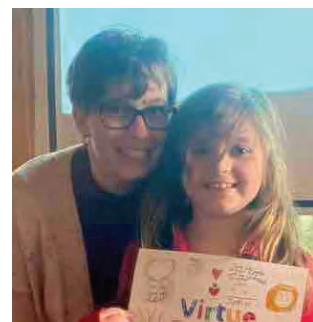
Lauren shows mercy by always being available to help me or another student with a task.



Annie is always there for her friends when they are upset or hurt.



Cora always lets me know when someone is hurt or sad and takes her own time to help them.



Raelynn always notices when another student is frustrated and sad and will take her own time to help.

**Scripture of the Week**

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

— Ephesians 1:7

**RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM @ MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp celebrated the Rite of Holy Baptism during the regular service on March 27. Pictured are Grace, Georgia, and Greta Kobbie and Nash Zartman who received the new birth of water and Spirit.

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES AT PAYNE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

On June 12, 2022 at Payne Church of the Nazarene, 509 Orchard St, Payne, OH, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Slowride from the Whitehorse Biker Church will come and do the blessing of the bikes and the sermon. Followed by the service will be a lunch.

**PARSON TO PERSON**

By: Dr. James Bachman  
*Dear Parson,*  
*What does it mean in 1 Peter 3:19 where it says Christ went and preached unto the spirits in prison?*

I believe the spirits here were the fallen angels of Genesis chapter 6 who consorted with the daughters of men. See also Jude 6. Prison in 1Peter 3:19 refers to a place of judgment. See also 2Peter 2:4.

The word "preached" in 1Peter 3:19 means He announced to the fallen angels their eternal doom and His eternal victory. This had nothing to do with giving a second chance to be saved if they died without Christ.

This happened between Christ's death and His resurrection. That was likely also the time "he led captivity captive" Ephesians 4:8. He delivered to heaven the paradise section of the Old Testament saved people who physically had died, but those in hell were reserved to eternal judgment. Luke 16:19-31, Revelation 20:11-15.

Questions? Comments?: jamesbachman@juno.com

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

St. John Lutheran, 812 East High Street, Hicksville announces their Holy Week schedule. Palm/Passion Sunday will be celebrated on April 10, 10:15 a.m. with Palm Processional and the reading of the Passion according to Luke.

Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 14, 6:30 p.m. and Good Friday service will be on April 15 at Holy Trinity, Harlan, 6:30 p.m. In addition to the Good Friday service at Harlan there will be a Cross Walk starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Harlan Park and the movie The Passion will be shown after the service.

Resurrection of our Lord will be celebrated on April 17, 10:15 a.m. with egg hunt to follow service. Call 419-542-6269 for more information.

**TWIN OAKS UMC TO HOST SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER**

Soup and sandwich supper at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. Friday, April 8, serving 4:00-7:00 p.m. Menu: Chicken noodle soup, bean soup with corn bread, potato soup. Sandwiches: roast beef, creamed turkey, turkey wraps. Desserts, coffee and punch will be served. Dine in or carry out. All proceeds will go for Ukraine aid.

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**THINGS TO DO TO ENSURE A LONG LIFE? (OR A BUNCH OF BALONEY?)**

**Penny For Your Thoughts**

By: Nancy Whitaker  
Doctors and scientists are always telling us ways to live longer.

Usually they involve a healthier diet or lifestyle: that is, eating less fat and more vegetables getting more exercise, or giving up smoking.

We wholeheartedly endorse these rigorous and unpleasant methods of extending life, but the research into centuries of American folklore has turned up many easy ways of avoiding death by observing a few simple rules in everyday situations.

These beliefs come from all over this country and were actually collected by various students of folklore and anthropology. None of these were made up. Just remember: if you fail to observe these rules, we won't be responsible for the consequences!

Will these help you live longer? Here are some of the old sayings that may attribute to a longer life... Believe it or not! Read on!

1. Don't take ashes out of the fireplace or wood stove between Christmas and New Year's Day. (Who would anyways; but if you have ashes should you wait till Jan 2?)
2. Never place a broom on a bed.
3. Close umbrellas before bringing them into a house (this one I have heard).
4. Avoid sweeping after sundown.
5. Don't wash clothes on New Year Day. ( watch football instead)
6. Don't shake out a tablecloth after dark. ( I don't shake one in the light let alone after dark)
7. Never wash a flag.
8. Don't turn a chair on one leg.
9. Keep cats off piano keys. (Oh no! My cat loves to get on my piano)
10. Don't hang a dishcloth on a doorknob.
11. Sweeping under a sick person's bed will kill him or her. (I haven't swept under my own bed for a while)
12. Don't ever, ever rock an empty rocking w/chair. I have heard a few of those sayings from my grandma

who was from Briar Hill, KY.  
13. Don't cut a new window in an old house; the only way to avoid fatal consequences is to toss your apron through the new window, then jump through it yourself. (Don't kill yourself trying)

14. Never drive a nail after sunset.

15. If you move out of a house, don't move back into it for a year. (bad luck or common sense?)



16. Don't walk around in one shoe (can you hop?).
  17. If you see a will-o'-wisp while out walking at night, turn your coat inside-out. (what is a will'o wisp?)
  18. Never wear another's new clothes before they have worn them.
  19. A woman who makes her own wedding dress will not live to wear it. (well I can't sew and not walking down the aisle)
  20. Never set three lamps on a table at the same time.
  21. Don't set the table backwards. (Backwards?)
  22. Never serve 13 at a table.
  23. Avoid drinking coffee at 5 (I just thought it would keep you awake)
  24. Be sure that someone else cooks your birthday dinner. (Does a restaurant count?)
  25. And Never, never turn a loaf of bread upside down
  26. Don't sing in bed. (What about the shower?)
  27. Haha. Here's a good one ; Avoid combing your hair after dark. and then
  28. Absolutely no haircuts in March.
  29. Plus Drink May rainwater. Now we used to have a rain barrel and catch rainwater, but we liked to cook soup beans in it or wash our hair in it, we did not drink it.
- These old wives' tales have been around for years. If you are superstitious then maybe you practice some of them.
- Do you know any old folklore? Has anything ever happened to you if you sang in bed, combed your hair after dark, or did your laundry on New Year's? Let me know and I'll Give You a Penny for Your Thoughts.

**MILITARY HISTORY IN PAULDING COUNTY**



By: Mark Holtsberry  
Herman W. Coats was born in Grover Hill, Ohio, August 2, 1892. The son of Luther Elliot and Melissa C. (Harris) Coats. Luther was born January 3, 1861 in Indiana. Melissa was born July 31, 1864 in Indiana. Luther and Melissa were married, January 3, 1884 in Randolph, Indiana on Melissa's birthday!



The Coats' moved to Grover Hill, Latty Township before 1892, this is the year Herman was born. They had a daughter, Hazel who was born in Indiana in 1890. By 1900, the Coats family consisted of three daughters and three sons, Herman was the fifth child.

Luther made a living as a farmer, as all six children were in school. By 1910, Luther, Melissa and the two youngest children, Herman and sister Velma were living in Texas. Luther and Herman were engaged in farming. Herman had quit school to help his father.

By 1917, Herman had moved to Lockenburg, Arkansas. On June 5, 1917, Herman registered for the draft. He was listed as medium height and build, blue eyes, and brown hair. He was working as an automobile mechanic in his own garage.

Herman enlisted in the regular army, September 12, 1917 in Texarkana, Arkansas. He was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas for training. While he was living in Lockenburg, he met a gal by the name of, Addie Margaret Turner. She was born May 18, 1895 in Sevier County, Arkansas. They were married, December 12, 1917. On May 27, 1918, Herman W. Coats left New York and set sail for Europe on the ship, "Melta".

Herman was assigned as a wagoner with the Field Hospital Company #21, Sanitary Train, 4th Division. On October 1, 1918, while aiding wounded soldiers, Herman W. Coats was killed. He was buried north of Cuisy, France. His burial location is unknown to this day. A memorial stone was placed in his honor in Park Cemetery, Fairmount, Grant County, Indiana, in Plot 6A.

This sad story continues as Melissa gave birth to a daughter, Herman Eluerna Coats, January 18, 1919, never knowing who her father was. Herman's parents, both passed

away in 1939. Luther on September 26, and Melissa December 11. They both are buried in Whiteriver Cemetery, Winchester, Indiana.

Herman's wife, Addie, never remarried. She passed away, November 23, 1991 and is buried in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The daughter, Herman Elyerna, married three times. First to a Reed Wilson, second to Milton Green, and finally to Robert L. Lawrence. He passed away September 12, 1975 in Pulaske, Arkansas. She passed away, July 19, 2012. They both are buried in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens, with her mother Addie. She never had children.

Until Next Time!

**TOLEDO COLONY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MEET**

The Toledo Colony of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio met for the colony spring meeting on Sat. March 26, 2022 at the Ohio Living Swan Creek Retirement Village, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo, Ohio. Fellowship was at 11:30 and the meal was at 12 noon. Attending from Antwerp (Paulding Co.) was Caroline Wells Longardner (Desc. of PILGRIM-GEORGE SOULE) and her guest Alexander Fodor.

Many of the guests took historical type items and information from their local counties for the packets for the upcoming conference in May in Perrysburg, Ohio. Colony members were urged to attend and to volunteer to help with the final details. For more info. Contact, the Lt. Gov. Susan Fisher of the Toledo Colony at 517-238-5302. Business meeting followed program.

After lunch, the program was given by speaker: Peter Wilhelm, a local historian who spoke on "NATIVE PEOPLE OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO". Mr. Wilhelm had spoken previously on the "Great Black Swamp" and is very knowledgeable on these subjects and eras.

Notes taken below are from Wilhelm's program:

Opening comment by Mr. Wilhelm: "Local author, Randall Buchman has written more about Indians that anyone East of the Mississippi River."

Indians in the area: Pontiac was on Mission Island; Wauseon; Little Turtle; Blue Jacket; Turkey Foot; Black Hoof; Tecumseh; Tecumseh's sister; Johnny Logan; Darrel (Little Turtle's grandson), 3 groups of Shawnee, Marie Andrew; and more. Ottawas were on the Auglaize on a reservation.

The NW Territory was almost totally surrounded by water. The Roche de Bouf was at "Waterwille. The Maumee River and it's tributaries has more water than any other river. It was called the "River of the Ottawa".

Prehistoric Cultures: Adena (500 BC-100AD) Hopewell (IOBC-500AD) (171 N. of Columbus) Fort Ancient (1000 to 1750 AD) Missippian Culture (800-1600 AD) across from St. Louis. Highest Mound in US.

Cahokia — (Solstic Poles) Equinox Pole (One of the greatest cities in the world.

Speaker Wilhelm said EVERY Co. in Ohio except Henry Co. has evidence of an

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Indian mound(s).  
Henry Co. Ohio is the only Co. in Ohio that does not have a mound. (exception) Nettle Lake has a pot hole in the middle where there was a glacier. PAULDING CO. HAS EVIDENCE OF MOUNDS ALONG THE RIVER!

Items found in NW Ohio that was evidence of Indians: Lodging, teepees, barkhouses, log house, trade items, silver, conch shells, shark teeth, bear teeth (only W. of Miss.)

When the Delewares came to this area they wiped out the Mound builders. When the Jesuits came in 1654, the Eries and the Cats were wiped out by the Iroquois.

In a book by Kevin Tal-loway "Thundersticks" - 1 Indian slave = 200 deerskins.

Jesuits wrote of the buffalo wallow in Defiance, Ohio where the cliff is by the fort. At one historic period there were thousands of Indians living in what is now the Defiance area. It was good land for planting corn and food crops and the Auglaize and Maumee Rivers and other tributaries met there. They had trade fairs for furs, blankets, clothes, beads, firearms, Indian war materi-

als. The English paid for scalps and even paid for baby scalps. Pontiac was the first local Ottawa chief.

Simon Girty was captured as a child and became a translator for the Senacas. Girty's Island on the Maumee River was owned and ran by Simon's brother. The Battle of the Wabash was 1791. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> great defeat for Little Turtle. Better than Tecumseh's. It was the greatest defeat of US troops in NW Indian wars. 656 were killed and 277 wounded. Mad Anthony Wayne built Ft. Recovery and then there was the Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Tecumseh's father was Cherokee. He was in the south during the Battle of Tippecanoe. The dream of a confederation was gone. Tecumseh was killed at the Battle of Thames.

The nephew of Tecumseh, Johnny Logan, was a personal body guard to Wm. Henry Harrison. His body was found and he is buried in Defiance, Ohio on the Fort grounds. All Indian removal was probably completed by 1838 from the NW Ohio area.

Notes taken by C. Longardner

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Wayne Trace Board of Education for 16 years. She has also served on the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Board, Ohio 4-H Foundation Board, and the Habitat for Humanity Board. She is currently a member of Kiwanis of Paulding County, the Paulding Vision Board, Friends of the Grover Hill Library, the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, and the John Paulding Historical Society Endowment Board. Most recently Lisa was elected as Board Chair of the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees.

As a Paulding County Commissioner, McClure will

bring innovation, fiscal responsibility, and a devotion to improving the quality of life of Paulding County residents. She will strive to work for a higher purpose to create a county wide culture that is progressive and impactful.

Lisa and her husband, Terry have been married for 41 years and have three adult children, Ryan (Nikki) McClure of Grover Hill, Alison (Joe) Stoller of Latty, and Madison Admundsen (Ryan) of Hilliard, and are blessed with 7 grandchildren.

Lisa and Terry are members of Middle Creek United Methodist Church, Grover Hill, where Lisa is the treasurer for the church.

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# NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENGAGES IN ENERGY PROJECT TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS



Northwest State Community College (NSCC), which serves over 77,000 Northwest Ohio families, is engaged in a \$3.3M Energy Project with Veregy. The project scope includes solar, HVAC, LED lighting, and building automation components. It is guaranteed to save the College \$239,237 in energy costs in the first year and expected to maintain similar savings for years to come. In addition, this project is estimated to generate \$37,461 in operations and maintenance cost-savings annually.

At a community college, where leadership must be strategic to stretch a limited budget, these savings mean more available funds to be allocated to what matters most - providing students with a quality education. Furthermore, because the project will be self-funded through cost savings, Northwest State's capital budgets will be unaffected, making this a sound financial decision for the College.

Beyond the significant cost-savings, this investment of resources demonstrates the college's commitment to advancing green initiatives, enhancing learning conditions for students, and improving operational performance. A 1 megawatt ground-mounted solar array system will be installed, without reducing green space, in a paved area on the northwest side of campus. In addition to generating power for the facilities, this array, containing over 2,500 solar

panels, will serve as a tool for STEM students to engage in hands-on curriculum related to renewable energy sources.

The project scope also includes upgrades to more efficient LED lighting systems, including the replacement of lamps, ballasts, and more than 2700 existing fixtures. Over 400 emergency light fixtures will also be converted to LED. NSCC is thrilled as they have already started noticing positive results. As shown in the following graph, a significant portion of the LED lighting installation was completed on March 10. In the following week, NSCC's utility monitoring dashboard revealed a noticeable dip in their energy consumption.

HVAC upgrades will also take place to improve efficiency and enhance the comfort of students and staff. These upgrades include rebuilding an existing air handling unit with a new variable frequency drive, as well as replacing outdated equipment such as a chiller, air handling unit, and boiler with more efficient models. In addition, Veregy is conducting a retro-commissioning study of the existing building automation system to uncover other opportunities to fine-tune and optimize the performance of the campus facilities. NSCC will also benefit from Veregy's Digital Services offerings, including ongoing monitoring-based commissioning through Facility Conductor and automated utility data and analyt-

ics through Energy Master.

Northwest State and Veregy are committed to supporting the community by partnering with local vendors and subcontractors. All of the mechanical and electrical work will be completed by firms in Northwest Ohio and its surrounding areas, and the solar panels will be manufactured by a firm headquartered just a few miles from the College.

Kevin Gerken, NSCC Director of Plant Operations, Construction, and Renovation, commented on the project, "After many years of keeping NSCC as efficient as possible, the next step to save the college money was to turn to a renewable energy source, and solar was the best option. We have taken part in many rebate programs and have been inspected by numerous energy efficiency companies. The findings of the audits revealed that we were running at near peak efficiency. Another selling point in the installation of the solar array is that the learners will be able to view how the array is working and how much electricity it will be producing at any given time. We really can't wait to see the future savings through the next phases of the construction."

NSCC's Mission: "To serve by providing access to excellent and affordable education, training, and services that will improve the lives of individuals and strengthen communities." Northwest State accomplishes their mission of remaining both excellent and affordable by making strategic investments in initiatives, such as this energy project, that improve the campus while preserving funds.

About Northwest State Community College

Northwest State Community College is an accredited two-year, state-assisted institution of higher education that has served Northwest Ohio since 1969. Northwest State is committed to providing a quality, affordable education with personal attention and small class sizes. The College offers associate degrees with numerous transfer options, short-term certificate programs, and workforce training programs designed to meet the needs of local businesses and industries. Their accreditation allows them to offer degree and certificate programs in the fields of arts & sciences; business & public services; nursing & allied health; and STEM and industrial technologies. To learn more about NSCC, visit their website at [www.Northwest-State.edu](http://www.Northwest-State.edu)

About Veregy

Veregy is a full-service Energy Services Company with a strong local presence

in Ohio as well as offices in 16 locations across the country. The national firm has over 33 years of industry experience and has delivered \$1.7B+ in energy savings projects. Energy conservation projects may include building automation, fine-tuning & retro-commissioning, HVAC efficiency upgrades, LED lighting, building envelope, renewable energy, and indoor air quality improvement. Veregy also has extensive experience in construction manager at-risk projects, as well as delivering healthy building solutions to public entities in across the nation. The company is one of only thirteen Energy Service Providers accredited by the National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO). To learn more about Veregy, visit their website at [www.veregy.com](http://www.veregy.com).

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• 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday, April 25 - 29

• 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 30

• 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 1

• 8:00 a.m. - 2:09 p.m.  
Monday, May 2

Ballots may be reviewed on the office website: <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/paulding> or by googling Paulding County, Ohio Board of Elections to get the link.

Any qualified Ohio voter may request an absent voter's ballot without stating a reason. For in-person absentee voting, you must state your name, residence address, and provide valid ID. There may be a maximum occupancy in the office lobby where in person voting will be held. There may be longer lines at certain times of the day such as when the office opens and around noon time, you should plan accordingly. There will also be curbside voting for someone that is unable to come inside the office due to health. If you need to be a curbside voter, please call the office (419)399-8230 to let the office know that you are parked outside the office and require assistance.

You may request an application for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you by calling the office or printing off an absentee ballot application on the office website or the Ohio Secretary of State website. The application will need to be received by the office for processing. Please take mail time into consideration when returning your application, as well as your ballot when you mail it. You are not required to use the application form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (Form 11- A); however, your request must contain ALL of the following information:

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  - (c) A copy of your current and valid photo ID, military ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other

government document that shows your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you.)

• A statement identifying the election for which you are requesting an absentee voter's ballot; Primary Election -May 3, 2022; and state the political party ballot you wish to vote;

• A statement that you are a qualified elector; and signing the request.

• If you want the ballot mailed to you, you will need to include the address to which you want your ballot mailed.

You are encouraged to mail or bring your absent voter's ballot application to this office as soon as possible. Pursuant to Ohio law, an application for an absent voter's ballot must be received by the Board of Elections office by 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 30th. Applications for persons who are hospitalized by a medical emergency will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you requested an absent voter's ballot by mail and change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your voting location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. You may not return your absentee voter's ballot to your voting location. If your absentee voted ballot is received by this office pursuant to Double voting is against the law.

You or an immediate family member may deliver your absentee voter's ballot to the Board of Elections office until the close of the polls on Election Day which is 7:30 p.m or you may return your absentee voter's ballot by mail. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day (November 1st) and received by the office not later than 10 days after Election Day in order to be counted. Please affix sufficient postage for the

prompt delivery of your ballot. A USPS mailing label which contains the date is strongly encouraged.

On Election Day, May 3rd, you must vote at the voting location where your residence address (by precinct) places you.

If you would like more information or have questions concerning absentee voting, contact the Board of Elections office at 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, call (419)399-8230 or email this office. at [paulding@ohiosos.gov](mailto:paulding@ohiosos.gov).

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER DINING CENTER MENU 4/6 - 4/12

4/6 - Chicken salad with lettuce, potato & rivels soup, broccoli salad, pineapple, crackers, dinner roll

4/7 - Baked pork chop, baked potato, Scandanavian vegetables, peaches, sherbet, w.w. bread

4/8 - Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, peas & onions, fruit cocktail, w.w. bread, apple granola bar

4/11 - Pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, cauliflower, sherbert, apple cranberry salad, dinner roll

4/12 - Cabbage roll casserole over rice, fruit compote, grape juice, dinner roll

## PAULDING COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES 4/6 - 4/12

4/6 - Grocery shopping 1:30 p.m.

4/7 - Exercise 10:00 a.m.; Euchre 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Drumming 10:30 a.m.

4/8 - Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Commodity distribution 11:00 a.m.

4/11 - Polish & Shine 9:00 a.m.; Exercise 10:00 a.m.; Bridge Club 12:30 p.m.

4/12 - Euchre 9:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.; Community food distribution at the fair grounds 12:00-2:00 p.m.

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**April 14 - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm**

**April 16 - NRL22 Match - Sight in and registration opens at 8am. Match begins at 9am. This event is open to the public.**

**Annual scholarship forms are now available. They will be sent to the area schools' guidance offices as well.**

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## The Paulding County Veterans' Service Office

The Paulding County Veteran's Service Office is dedicated to aiding Paulding County veterans and their families in time of need.

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- 1 - EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Provide short term financial assistance to eligible veterans and their families who demonstrate a need. This includes, but is not limited to, food, gas, mortgage/rent and assistance with utility payments.
- 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.*

**Our office hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Arrangements can be made for after office hours appointments**

**Any questions, please call 419-399-8285**

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wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates; you are there alone standing before God--and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world--and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him, because he loved us."

Judy McCalla,  
Respect for Life, St.  
Michael's Catholic Church,  
Hicksville, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:  
It seems that Americans are obsessed with true crime and cold cases. An example of a local very, very cold case is the Nancy Eagleson murder. On November 13, 1960, Nancy was abducted from a village street in Paulding, Ohio, sexually assaulted, and murdered. Sixty-one years later, her case is still unsolved.

Today, Nancy's clothes could be examined, or body fluids analyzed to find the DNA profile of the perpetrator. Genetic genealogy could be utilized to identify him. Cold cases from years ago are being solved daily using such techniques. However, in Nancy's case, major difficulties have developed. The crucial evidences, particularly Nancy's clothing and specimens collected during autopsies, have all been "misplaced" - not seen since, allegedly, the 1980's. The only avenue left to find perpetrator

DNA is to search Nancy's remains for remnants of body fluids, for fingernail scrapings, and for stray hairs.

What are the chances that such a search would be successful? Forensic experts agree that, after so many years, chances are "not good" but also, "not impossible." An expert from California with his own forensic lab has had amazing successes and states that if DNA is there, he will find it. Again, this search seems to be the only avenue left to pursue, and even though chances for success are not favorable, any chance for success makes it worth trying. Everything that can be done, should be done.

Normally, the law enforcement agency investigating the crime would conduct this search and secure funding for DNA analysis and other required services. However, in Nancy's case, this isn't happening, probably because of the low chance for success and the belief that resources utilized would be wasted. Therefore, the family is working independently.

These are the reasons for appealing to anyone who cares enough about this crime to do a little extra. Exhumation, DNA analysis, and genetic genealogy are extremely expensive, the genealogy alone running \$18,000 according to NBC TV program Dateline. Go to <https://go-fund.me/511b0f0d> to donate toward this cause, and, hopefully, help solve this crime. Every donation helps.

All that is needed for the injustice of this crime to be perpetuated, and even multiplied, for sixty-one years - all that is needed is for good people to do nothing.

Shout out to all who care and wish to give this family some peace.

—Jeanne Windsor,  
Paulding, OH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**A SPADE IS A SPADE**

I don't like speaking against our president and vice-president but I can't permit them to continue destroying America without a fight. At age 85 I have no other way to fight, so as long as we have free speech, I have a weapon.

In their first 1 ¼ years, I have not seen anything from Biden or Harris that live up to the responsibilities their positions require. Their actions don't match the oath they pledged to us. I strongly believe both should be impeached. The longer this is

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put off, the loses likely we are to survive as free people.

I'll bet liberal democrats didn't research Biden-Harris background before voting. They were too busy, eagerly soaking up false hate filled lies spouted against Trump for Trump defeating their communist loving goddess Hillary.

How do you think Biden got the nickname "Do nothing Biden?" He was never even a good follower. His light has always been on "dim mode" He could never agree with Obama, who I feel was our most dangerous president ever. I consider Biden our absolute worst president in my 85 years.

The Obama-Biden administration did tremendous damage to our Christian base and position in the world. They also reduced our military to the lowest and most dangerous level ever. You couldn't expect more from an anti-God leader and a weak wishy-washy second. Today's Democrat leaders don't want God in our military or even in America.

Will you liberal Democrats come to your senses and admit you should have voted for Trump? We went from a booming economy to our worst one in over forty years and they're not finished taking us down.

You should have kept Trump so he could start draining the D.C. Swamp. Many Democrats and Republicans didn't want that because it could interfere with their goals.

Our members of congress are more afraid of Trump than of Russia, China and North Korea. Trump was after term limits which would almost annihilate their "money God."

I believe a high percentage of congress members are there first for money and then maybe help America. I saw a report showing Bidens have received over thirty million from China. Pelosi and other also get millions out of China. Clintons received millions from Russia. Trump knew very well what needed changing but Satan's warriors in congress and major media had bigger mouths which I believe will crush free America.

I rate today's Biden-Harris administration way lower

**PJHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Student of the Month per grade level. These students are recognized for being some of the top academic performers at Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Kayde Kuckuck (Grade 6), Damien Iliff (Grade 8), and Leonel Reyes (Grade 7).

than the disastrous Obama-Biden one. He is living up to his nickname by doing nothing positive for America. He cancelled most good programs that President Trump brought to us after the mess left by the Obama-Biden duo. I believe many of his actions are of hate and get even.

Biden-Harris are responsible for this steep rise in our cost of living, not Russia. If Trump had been our president I doubt if Russia would have started this war in Ukraine. Trump is a tower of strength and common sense while Biden is more like a weak do nothing.

—Richard Mastin,  
Venice, FL/Hicksville, OH

**HOOPS, RIEDEL LEGISLATION HELPS BUSINESS OWNERS**

The Ohio House of Representatives voted in favor of legislation sponsored by State Representatives Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) that will keep tax money in Ohio from the sale of a business.

House Bill 515 will revise how the state's income tax applies to the sale of an ownership interest in a business.

Taxes collected from the sale of a business are broken into business or nonbusiness income. Currently, this is determined by statutory law, the Supreme Court and the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Furthermore, current law's treatment of income from the sale of a business as

nonbusiness income depends on whether the seller of the business is a resident or nonresident of Ohio. Nonbusiness income for Ohio residents is not eligible for a business income deduction or a flat 3% tax on business income, while nonresidents would pay no Ohio tax on the sale of a business.

Riedel believes this loophole in the tax laws give businesses owners an incentive to leave Ohio prior to the sale of a business.

"It's a common sense bill intended to keep and incentivize Ohioans to stay in Ohio after selling a business rather than leaving Ohio and moving to Florida or Texas before selling their business," said Riedel.

Hoops and Riedel want to simplify the tax laws by creating a standard for what is considered business income. House Bill 515 will codify into law that the sale of a business will be treated as a sale of assets for federal income tax purposes and if the seller actively participates in running the business during the taxable year of the sale or any of the five preceding years.

"This simplification will make a clear distinction between what is and isn't business income," said Hoops. "The passage of this bill would mean that at tax time, Ohio-resident business owners will not face an unexpected increase in taxes." House Bill 515 will now head to the Ohio Senate for their consideration.

**READER PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**OHIO LOCATIONS**

- Antwerp:** Antwerp Corner Cafe, Antwerp Pharmacy, H20, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Pop-N-Brew, Pit-Stop, Antwerp Manor, Library, Genesis House, G-Mart
- Bryan:** Chief, Town&Country, Walmart, Bryan Hospital, CVS, 4 Seasons, Dollar General
- Cecil:** 127 Maramart, Vagabond Village
- Charloe:** Charloe Store
- Continental:** Okuley's Pharmacy, Dollar General, ACE Hardware
- Defiance:** Newman's Marathon Carry Out, Smoke Stop, Chief, Dollar General, Senior Center, Walmart, Cabbage Patch, Advanced Auto, Main Stop Marathon, Rite Aid, Split Endz Salon
- Edgerton:** Kaiser Supermarket, USPS, Utilities Dept., H & W Napa, Marathon Main Stop, Marathon (East)
- Grover Hill:** N&N Quick Stop, GH Branch Library
- Hicksville:** Sailors, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Shell Station, Lassus Handy Dandy, Marathon, Dollar General, Subway, Senior Center
- Ney:** Marathon
- Oakwood:** Rhees' Market, The Oakleaf, Dollar General, Library, Landing Strip
- Paulding:** Stykemain, Chief, Corner Market, Integrity Ford, Holly, Wood & Vine, Napa True Value, Maramart, Dollar General, Dairy Queen, Rite Aid, Ace Hardware, Gorrell Bros., Albert Automotive, Paulding Courthouse, Paulding VFW Post 587, Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office, Board of

- Elections, Gardens of Paulding, Paulding County Hospital, Kwik Mart, Library
- Payne:** Panchos, Vancrest of Payne, Dollar General, Lichty's Barber Shop, Antwerp Exchange Bank, Puckerbrush Pizza, Maramart, PC Branch Library
- Sherwood:** Post Office, Village Food Emporium, Sherwood Bank
- Scott:** Scott Post Office
- Van Wert:** CVS, Ace Hardware, Chief, Walmart, Family Video, Orchard Tree

**INDIANA LOCATIONS**

- Fort Wayne:** Hahn Systems, Walmart, Walgreens, Great Clips & Goodwill (Maysville Rd.), Golden Years Nursing Home, Golden Years Assisted Living
- 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 Town Market, Hoagland's Pizza Pub
- New Haven:** ACP Library, McDonalds, Ken's Meat Market, Paterson Hardware, Crumback Chevrolet, The Duce, McDonalds, CVS, NH Bakery, Old City Hall, Richard's
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# Q DAY AT ANN'S BRIGHT BEGINNINGS



Shown here with our beautiful quilt are from left: Colton Barajas, Harper Snyder, Savannah Coil, Darius Ash, Nathan Sizemore, Hadley Mohr, Mylann Good, Kyla Barajas, Owen Gamble and Cayden Barajas.

Ann's Bright Beginnings have been learning the letters of the alphabet at school. On letter "Q" day, we brought out our quilt that was made and donated by

Mrs. Carol Blodgett. She made it with the children in mind so they could point out the different colors and shapes. That is exactly what we did, while reinforcing the

letter "Q"! For more information on our programs, please call 419-399-KIDS (5437) or visit our website at [www.annsbrighteginnins.com](http://www.annsbrighteginnins.com)

## PANTHERS BLANK TITANS

Paulding seized early control of Saturday's contest with Ottawa Glandorf and the Panthers cruised to an 11-0 win over Ottawa Glandorf in non-league high school softball play in Putnam County.

The maroon and white plated three runs in the first and were never threatened, adding a single run in the second before scoring five times in the third for a 9-0 lead.

Paulding then wrapped up the scoring with two runs in the sixth.

Jalyn Klopfenstein gave up only five hits and a walk over six innings to record the win for the Lady Panthers, striking out two in the contest.

The maroon and white of-

fense was paced by Klopfenstein and Katie Beckman, who recorded two singles each while scoring one run and driving one run apiece as well. Maci Kauser had a double, scored twice and drove in a run for the Lady Panthers while Brooklyn Bakle and Riley Stork each singled, scored twice and drove in a run.

Jocelynn Parrett and Ameah Carr also singled and scored for Paulding with Eternity Bassler driving in two runs. Alivya Bakle scored and had a run batted in for the Lady Panthers.

## BIG FOURTH LIFTS OG PAST PAULDING

Host Ottawa Glandorf plated four runs in the fourth inning and the Titans cruised from there to a 5-2 win over

visiting Paulding Saturday morning in non-league baseball action.

The Titans jumped in front with a single run in the third before Paulding answered with a run of its own in the top of the fourth.

However, Ottawa-Glandorf broke the game open with a four-run frame in the bottom of the fourth to take a 5-1 advantage. The Panthers did get one run back in the top of the sixth to close within 5-2 but would not get any closer.

Jacob Martinez, Reid Johanns, Logan Tope and Casey Agler all had singles for the Panthers with Sam Woods scoring twice.

Carter Schimmoeller doubled and drove in a run for Ottawa Glandorf with Landen Jordan singling twice and scoring once. Nate Maag,

Carter Duling and Brad Maag all singled for the Titans while Nate Maag, Duling, Kaleb Yoder and Brad Maag touched home plate as well. Yoder and Dylan Leopold also drove in runs for the Titans.

## PATRIOTS ROLL TO WIN OVER BULLDOGS

Heritage scored in each of the first four innings in rolling to a 13-1 win over visiting New Haven in non-league softball action last week.

The Lady Patriots opened a 2-0 lead in the first frame before taking control in the second inning, scoring six times to expand the margin to 8-0.

After each team scored a single run in the third, Heritage wrapped up the contest with a four-run fourth frame to complete the 13-1 victory.

Abriyah James topped the Lady Patriots with three singles and four runs while Grace Guenther added a single and a double while also scoring once and driving in two runs. Claire Bickel, Kendall Zelt and Raelyn Mullins also posted a single each for Heritage.

Ella Bickel scored twice for the Lady Patriots with Lucy Buuck, Avi Washington, Lydia Schultz, Claire Bickel, Raelyn Mullins and Shelby Schane scoring once each. Schane and Zelt each drove in two runs while Danica Fuller, Schultz, Claire Bickel and Mullins each picked up a run batted in.

Kori Roller singled and scored the lone run for New Haven with Reeder also singling.

Fuller got the win on the mound for Heritage, pitching three innings surrendering one hit, one run and two walks with four strikeouts. Lucy Buuck tossed the final two frames, giving up one hit and one walk while fanning one.

## ARCHERS ROLL TO SEASON-OPENING WIN OVER ACES

Antwerp hit the road to Defiance County Tuesday night in non-league softball action where the Lady Archers cruised to a 14-3 win over host Hicksville.

The blue and white led 2-0 after one inning and never looked back, expanding the margin to 6-0 after two frames and pushed the advantage to 8-0 in the top of the third.

After Hicksville scored three times in the bottom of the third, the Lady Archers put the game away with two runs each in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to set the 14-3 final.

Lydia Krouse recorded the victory for Antwerp, throwing a complete game allowing three hits while fanning six hitters.

Astianna Coppes paced the Lady Archer offense with a single, double and home run while Emerson Litzenberg added two singles and a triple.

Lauren Schuller posted a double and a triple for the blue and white with Kearstyn Pierce recording a single and a double. Kennedy Trabel, Krouse, Emma Townley and Ali Reinhart all had two singles as well for Antwerp and Jilian Treece posted a single.

Morgan Fogle finished

with a single and a double for Hicksville with Allie Nelson also getting a single.

Katie Chapman took the loss on the mound for the Lady Aces, striking out two and giving up three walks in six innings of work.

## BASEBALL AT EDON: WT -7; EDON-4

### Score by Innings:

Wayne Trace 0 5 0 0 1 1 0 = 7 runs, 12 hits, 1 error

Edon 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 = 4 runs, 5 hits, 4 errors

**Winning Pitcher** - Breven Anderson (4 innings, 4 hits, 2 runs, 0 earned runs, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks)

**Other Wayne Trace Pitcher** - Cale Winans (2-1/3 innings, 1 hit, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 1 strikeout, 4 walks)

**Save** - Kyle Forrer (2/3 innings, 1 strikeout)

**Losing Pitcher** - Konnor Prince (5 innings, 9 hits, 6 runs, 0 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 4 walks)

**Other Edon Pitcher** - Cole Vasquez (2 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 2 strikeouts, 1 walk)

**Wayne Trace Hitters** - Kyle Slade (single, double, run, two RBI), Cale Winans (single, double, run, two RBI), Cooper Wenzlick (three singles, run, RBI), Kyle Forrer (single), Allen Minck (single, RBI), Tyler Davis (single, two runs), Lane Morehead (run), Breven Anderson (two singles, run)

**Edon Hitters** - Ethan Steinke (run), Wade Parrish (single, run, RBI), Kyrle Sapp (single, run, RBI), Cole Vasquez (single, double, RBI), Konnor Prince (RBI), Chris Joice (run), Caden Nester (single)

## BASEBALL AT EDON: WT-11; STRYKER-0

### Score by Innings:

Wayne Trace 3 2 2 3 1 = 11 runs, 8 hits, 0 errors

Stryker 0 0 0 0 0 = 0 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors

**Winning Pitcher** - Evan Crosby (4-2/3 innings, 4 hits, 10 strikeouts, 3 walks)

**Other Wayne Trace Pitcher** - Tucker Antoine (1/3 inning)

**Losing Pitcher** - Teyvon Harris (3-1/3 innings, 5 hits, 9 runs, 9 earned runs, 0 strikeouts, 6 walks)

**Other Stryker Pitcher** - Jacob Myers (1-2/3 innings, 3 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks)

**Wayne Trace Hitters** - Tucker Antoine (run), Kyle Slade (single, run, RBI), Cale Winans (single, three runs), Cooper Wenzlick (single, double, run, two RBI), Kyle Forrer (two singles, two runs, two RBI), Allen Minck (two singles, run, three RBI), Jordan Lotz (run), Breven Anderson (RBI), Jackson Newman (run)

**Stryker Hitters** - Levi Barnum (single), Daniel Donovan (single), Teyvon Harris (single), Devin Montague (single)

## QUICK START PROPELS PATRIOTS OVER SAINTS

Heritage jumped out to an early lead and the Patriots made it stand up in a 4-1 victory over Bishop Dwenger in high school softball action Wednesday evening.

The Patriots plated a single run in the first and added two more in the second to seize an early 3-0 advantage.

After the Saints cut into the deficit with a single run in the top of the third, Heritage wrapped up the game's scoring with a run of its own in the bottom of the third to seal the 4-1 win.

Caylen Schane paced the Heritage attack with two singles and a double while scoring one run and driving in another. Claire Bickel added two singles, a run scored and a run batted in while Avi Washington, Ella Bickel and Abriyah James all had singles as well. Danica Fuller posted a triple for the Lady Patriots.

Schane, Claire Bickel, Ella Bickel and Fuller scored the Heritage runs while Ella Bickel, Claire Bickel, Schane and Libby Cain each had a run batted in.

Fuller picked up the complete-game win, tossing seven innings with three strikeouts while giving up four hits and one earned run.

## HERITAGE BLANKS NEW HAVEN IN SEASON OPENER

Heritage scored multiple runs in each of the first four innings and the Patriots went on to blank visiting New Haven 14-0 in high school baseball action Tuesday night.



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# PJHS POSITIVE PANTHERS



Each month Paulding Junior High School teachers select one Positive Panther per grade level. These students are recognized for the positive character traits they exhibit as students of Paulding Junior High School. Shown in the picture from left are Javvon Stiltner (Grade 6), Esperanza Kline (Grade 7), and Brooklyn King (Grade 8)

The Patriots scored twice in the first before plating five runs in the second for a 7-0 advantage. Heritage then a trio of runs in the third inning and wrapped up the night with a quartet of scores to finish off the 14-0 victory. Dalton Wasson and Christian Hoffman combined on a one-hitter for the Patriots, with Wasson recording the win following an eight-strikeout effort in three innings of work. Hoffman fanned a pair of Bulldog hitters as well in two frames.

Jackson Turnwald suffered the loss for New Haven, tossing 1-1/3 innings and striking out two. Conner Cannon, Kady Dexter and Mason Knoch also saw action on the mound for the Bulldogs.

Eli Exner had the lone hit for New Haven in the contest, a single.

Barry Lomow recorded a single, two doubles and a home run for Heritage with four runs scored and four runs batted in. Jackson Beaman added a pair of doubles and a triple, driving in a pair of runs and scoring another. Wasson chipped in a single and three doubles, touching home plate twice and driving in three.

Austin Buuck and Morgan Andrews each picked up a single for the Patriots with Payton Fields ripping a triple.

Andrews, Cale Abbott and Hoffman all scored twice for Heritage and Fields added a run scored and a run batted in.

## PATRIOTS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN OVER BRUINS

Visiting Heritage scored four big insurance runs in the top of the sixth and the Lady Patriots went on to post a 7-2 win over host Northrop Tuesday night in the high school softball season opener.

The Patriots struck first, getting a single run in the top of the first, before adding two more runs in the fifth for a 3-0 advantage.

However, Heritage plated four huge runs in the sixth to break the game open and push the margin to 7-2.

Northrop did score twice in the bottom of the sixth to break up the shut out but the Bruins would not score again.

Junior Claire Bickel, senior Ella Bickel and sophomore Grace Guenther all had two hits for the Patriots while freshman Libby Cain, freshman Abriyah James and freshman Danica Fuller each recorded one.

Fuller and Cain both scored twice while James, senior Caylen Schane and Claire

Bickel all scored once. Ella Bickel also posted three runs batted in with Fuller and Guenther each driving in one.

Fuller also recorded the win on the mound for Heritage, pitching a complete game allowing four hits, two runs (one earned) and three walks while striking out ten.

## PANTHERS RALLY LATE TO NIP LANCERS

Despite falling behind early, the Paulding Panther baseball team kept battling and rallied to post a 4-3 win over Lincolnview in the high school baseball season opener Tuesday night.

The maroon and white jumped in front first, scoring a run in the top of the first before host Lincolnview answered with a three-run second to take a 3-1 advantage.

Paulding, though, responded with single runs in the third and fourth to knot the game at 3-3 before taking the lead with another run in the top of the sixth when Casey Agler singled to score Sam Woods.

Logan Tope finished with two singles and two runs batted in to lead the Panthers while Peyton Adams and Agler both had a hit and drove in a run.

Woods, Jacob Martinez, Ethan Foltz and Kane Jones all had singles as well for the maroon and white with Woods scoring twice while Martinez and Foltz both scored once.

Jones got the win on the mound for the Panthers, pitching three innings in relief giving up three hits and a walk

while striking out five. Jacob Martinez recorded the save, pitching the final two frames with one strikeout.

Wyatt Beckman started the contest for Paulding, allowing three hits, three earned runs and four walks with one strikeout.

## SOFTBALL AT WAYNE TRACE: WT-11; OTTOVILLE-1

**Score by Innings:**  
Ottoville 0 0 1 0 0 0 = 1 run, 3 hits, 6 errors

Wayne Trace 0 0 0 3 3 5 = 11 runs, 9 hits, 1 error

**Winning Pitcher** - Logen Bland (6 innings, 3 hits, 1 run, 1 earned run, 4 strikeouts, 1 walk)

**Losing Pitcher** - Hannah Wenzlick (6 innings, 9 hits, 11 runs, 5 earned runs, 7 strikeouts, 3 walks)

**Wayne Trace Hitters** - Alivia Miller (two runs), Ava Zartman (double, two runs, two RBI), Kaitlin Slade (single, two runs), Tatum Tigner (single, double, triple, run, three RBI), Katie Anna Baumle (double, run, RBI), Logen Bland (RBI), Paige Alber (single), Laura Thornell (single, double, two runs), Storm Tracy (run)

**Ottoville Hitters** - Grace Brinkman (single, run), Emma Birr (double), Hannah Wenzlick (RBI), Lacey Grothaus (single)

## RAIDERS HOLD ON TO NIP WILDCATS

Wayne Trace traveled to Western Buckeye League member Lima Bath Thursday night on a cold, windy evening in Allen County but the Raiders made the bus ride home a little better with a 9-7 victory over the Wildcats.

Wayne Trace led 1-0 at the end of one inning before adding two more in the second but Lima Bath responded with three in the home half of the second for a 3-3 contest.

After the Wildcats took a 4-3 lead with a single run in the third, the red, white and blue plated three runs in the top of the fourth to go on top 6-4. Wayne Trace scored another run in the visitors half of the sixth to seize a 7-4 advantage heading to the final frame.

The Raiders scored twice more in the top of the seventh

and needed them after Lima Bath plated three runs in the home portion before Wayne Trace wrapped up the 9-7 win.

Allen Minck got the win for Wayne Trace, pitching six innings with ten strikeouts while allowing 11 hits, six runs and two earned runs. Kyle Forrer finished for the Raiders, closing out the final inning giving up one hit and one earned run while fanning two.

Ricky Deppe took the loss for Lima Bath, surrendering nine hits, five earned runs and two walks with one strikeout in 3-1/3 innings. Hunter Hesley gave up one earned run and two walks while striking out one in 2/3 inning and Andrew Stahr tossed two innings allowing one unearned run and two walks with two strikeouts. Joel Rasor finished the contest for the Wildcats, pitching the final inning and giving up three hits and two runs (one earned) with one strikeout.

Tucker Antoine paced the Wayne Trace attack, reaching base in all five plate appearances with a pair of walks and three singles. Antoine also scored two runs and drove in a pair of runs for the Raiders.

Kyle Slade added two singles while scoring once and posting two runs batted in with Lane Morehead recording two singles and scoring twice. Minck also finished with a pair of singles for Wayne Trace while Cooper Wenzlick, Forrer and Tyler

Davis each added a single. Joel Rasor topped Lima Bath with two doubles and a single to go along with two runs scored and a run batted in. Quintin Collins chipped in a single and a double while scoring twice and driving in one. Ricky Deppe and Carter Parlapiano each finished with two singles as well for Lima Bath.

## WARRIORS CRUISE TO WIN OVER SAINTS

Visiting Woodlan scored eight times in the first three innings and rolled the rest of the way to a 12-2 victory over host Bishop Dwenger Tuesday evening in high school softball play.

The Lady Warriors scored all they would need in the first, plating three runs, before adding five more in the third for an 8-1 advantage.

After each team scored once in the fifth, Woodlan plated two more runs in the sixth and concluded the scoring with a single run in the seventh.

Woodlan totaled a dozen hits in the contest, including three doubles from Alyssa Harvey while Mya Jones added a single and a double. Adrienne Spieth and Jade Lichty both chipped in two singles for the Lady Warriors with Abigail Cowan, Austin Gaff and Alivia Ulmer all adding one hit.

Lichty and Ulmer each scored three times for the Lady Warriors while Jones, Gaff, Harvey, Briana Roney, Cowan and Spieth all scored once. Harvey also drove in four runs for Woodlan with Spieth picking up a pair of runs batted in. Jones, Ulmer and Gaff each had one RBI. As well for the East Allen County Schools squad.

Abby Horn got the win on the mound for Woodlan, throwing four innings allowing two hits, four walks and one earned run while striking out two. Libby Fisher pitched the final three frames, surrendering four hits, one earned run and one walk.

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Owen Van Horn, Heritage HS

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**First place, \$1,000**

Local senior Owen Van Horn of Heritage Junior-Senior High School in Mon-



Reed Schumacher, Columbus Grove HS

roeville, IN, received top honors in the 2022 PPEC scholarship competition. He will represent PPEC in Ohio's



Kiersten Kemper, Ottoville HS

Electric Cooperatives' statewide scholarship competition, where he will compete for up to \$3,800 in additional funds. \$41,800 will be awarded between all contestants at the statewide level. Additionally, first-place win-

ner Kate Farr of Antwerp High School will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Owen is the son of Kurt and Kelly Van Horn of Monroeville, IN. He is very active in his community and high school while still maintaining a 4.34 GPA and becoming his class Valedictorian. Owen has been a 4-H member for 10 years and an FFA member for six years, earning several awards and holding club officer positions. Owen has been accepted to multiple colleges and plans to major in physics, astrophysics, and astronomy.

Kate is the daughter of Richard and Melanie Farr of Antwerp, OH. Kate is a Quill & Scroll Honor Society mem-



Nicole Ellerbrock, Miller City HS



Nicholas Wurst, Fort Jennings HS

ber and was the first student from Ohio to serve on the National Board of high school journalists. Kate will be focusing on journalism/mass communications at an undecided college. Kate is already an award-winning journalist with more than 15 national awards. She uses her skills on the Archer Yearbook staff and while serving on the Ohio Scholastic Media Association

Student Board. She participates in cross county, choir, and theater - all while ranking Valedictorian of her class.

**Second place, \$800**

Second-place winners Reed Schumacher (Columbus Grove High School, OH) and Kiersten Kemper (Ottoville High School, OH) will each receive \$800 scholarships. Reed lives in Columbus Grove and is the son of Randall and Roxanne Schumacher. He will be attending either University of Toledo or Ohio Northern, majoring in computer science and computer engineering. Kiersten resides in Cloverdale with her parents Terry and Kelly Kemper. She wants to major in pharmacy at either The University of Findlay or Ohio Northern University.

**Third place, \$600**

Third-place winners Nicholas Wurst (Fort Jennings High School, OH) and Colin Bradtmueller (Woodlan Jr/Sr High School, IN) won \$600 scholarships. Nicholas is the son of Ryan and Melissa Wurst of Fort Jennings, OH. He has been accepted to Rhodes State College and plans to major in nursing. Colin is the son of Carl and Carrie Bradtmuller, who reside in Woodburn, IN. He will be majoring in computer engineering at either Purdue West Lafayette or Purdue Fort Wayne.

**At-Large Winner, \$600**

Miller City High School senior Nicole Ellerbrock is the at-large winner of a \$600 scholarship. She is the daughter of David and Ruth Ellerbrock of Leipsic, OH. She will be attending the University of Findlay and will be majoring in animal science - pre-veterinary.

Scholarship applications typically open each year in December for high school seniors who are children of PPEC members. Interested parents and students can visit [ppec.coop/scholarships](http://ppec.coop/scholarships) for more information.

**RAIDERS WIN OPENER IN COME FROM BEHIND FASHION**

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

The Wayne Trace Raiders came up big in the bottom of the seventh inning --they needed to -- trailing by a single run 3-2. In their season home opener the red, white and blue eased past Leipsic 4-3 to start the season off on the right foot.

In the deciding inning the Raiders took charge when Cale Winans walked followed by a Viking error allowing Cooper Wenzlick to reach first advancing Winans to second. Winans wasted little time at second base with a steal to third and Wenzlick moving to second.

With the winning run on base, Allen Minck connected on a swing-bunt that dribbled towards third base. The Leipsic third baseman managed to secure the ball but threw it wildly over the first baseman's head allowing Winans and Wenzlick to score to give the Raiders the come-from-behind win.

"We battled tonight and kept working. The guys didn't give in after getting behind. We hung in there and took advantage of the opportunities presented to us. The seventh inning was huge and I liked the way we responded," commented Head Coach Ryne Jerome.

In the opening frame the Vikings lit-up the scoreboard first with a run but Wayne Trace answered in the bottom of the first with a couple of runs. With Tucker Antoine on base sophomore Kyle Forrer smacked a single allowing Antoine to score to knot the score at one run a piece. Later in the inning Tyler Davis drew a walk with the bases loaded giving Wenzlick the go ahead to advance from third and putting the Raiders on top 2-1.

Again, the Vikings would have an answer --adding a single run in the third and fifth innings to regain the advantage on the scoreboard at 3-2. However, the seventh inning heroics that saw the Raiders score twice led the Raiders to their season opening win.

The Raiders pitching was solid throughout the contest with Coach Jerome giving the starting nod to Tyler Davis. The junior delivers three innings allowing three hits, two runs, two walks while striking out four. Breven Anderson followed with another three-inning performance. In relief, Anderson recorded one walk, one run with five strikeouts. The winning pitcher, Kyle Forrer, went to the mound for what would be the final inning allowing one hit, one walk and a strikeout.

"For the first game of the season I thought we pitched pretty well. They pitched out of some jams and did a nice job tonight," said Coach Jerome.

Offensively the Raiders collected just four hits led by Wenzlick who managed three singles along with two runs scored. The other hit, another single, came from Forrer. Minck, Forrer and Davis each added an RBI to their resume'

**LADY RAIDERS CRUISE IN OPENER**

It was a slow start for the Wayne Trace softball team Wednesday evening but the Lady Raiders pulled away in the second half of the contest for an 11-1 victory over Ottoville.

Ottoville struck first as Hannah Wenzlick drove in Grace Brinkman for the Big Green's lone run in the contest and a 1-0 lead after three innings.

However, the rest of the game belonged to the Lady Raiders.

Wayne Trace tied the game at 1-1 when Tatum Tigner tripled to score Kaitlin Slade before a Katie Anna Baumle double plated Tigner to make it 2-1. Baumle then came around to score as well as the Lady Raiders took a 3-1 lead at the end of four innings.

In the fifth, Laura Thornell doubled to start the Raider half of the inning before Alivia Miller reached on an error that also allowed Thornell to score.

After Wayne Trace loaded the bases with no outs, Tigner singled to score Miller for a 5-1 advantage before Zartman scored on an Ottoville error to put Wayne Trace on top 6-1 at the end of five innings.

The Lady Raiders then wrapped up the contest with a five-run sixth inning.

Pinch runner Storm Tracy scored on an Ottoville error to make it 7-1 before a Zartman double plated Thornell and Miller to put Wayne Trace on top 9-1.

Zartman came around to score on a Big Green error to widen the lead to 10-1. Tigner

then sealed the Wayne Trace victory with a double that brought Kaitlin Slade in from second to close out the 11-1 victory.

Tigner led the red, white and blue offense, ripping a single, double and triple while driving in three runs and scoring one. Laura Thornell added a single and a double while scoring twice and Ava Zartman posted a pair of doubles, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs.

Kaitlin Slade chipped in a single and scored two runs with Paige Alber also having a single. Alivia Miller also scored twice for Wayne Trace and Logen Bland picked up a run batted in.

Logen Bland got the win for the Raiders, fanning four and walking one while allowing three hits and a run in the six-inning contest.

Hannah Wenzlick took the loss for Ottoville, giving up nine hits, five earned runs and three walks with seven strikeouts.

Grace Brinkman singled and scored for the Big Green with Emma Birr doubling and Lacey Grothaus recorded a single. Hannah Wenzlick also had an RBI for Ottoville.

**HARVEY'S BIG GAME LIFTS WARRIORS OVER CADETS**

Alyssa Harvey hit a pair of home runs, scored three times and drove in five runs to lead the Woodlan Lady Warriors past visiting Concordia 13-3 in five innings Wednesday night.

Harvey paced a 14-hit attack for Woodlan, which also got three hits apiece from Austin Gaff (three singles), Mya Jones (two singles, home run) and Adrienne Spieth

(three singles). Jade Lichty added a single and a double for the Lady Warriors and Alivia Ulmer recorded a single.

Jones touched home plate four times for Woodlan with Lichty and Gaff both scoring twice. Spieth and Libby Fisher scored the remaining Warrior runs. Ulmer, Gaff and Jones all had a pair of runs batted in with Spieth and Briana Roney getting one each.

Gaff picked up the win on the mound, tossing the complete-game five innings allowing five hits, three runs (one earned) and one walk with six strikeouts.

**RAIDERS SWEEP DOUBLE HEADER OVER LCC**

By: Joe Shouse, Sports Writer

In week-end softball action Wayne Trace hosted Lima Central Catholic on what would be described as less than ideal weather conditions. However, the blustery conditions didn't slow the Raiders down as the red, white, and blue secured 23 runs while holding their opponent to just four in the double-header.

In the first contest the Raiders relied on their pitching to get the job done. Logan Bland, a sophomore, was on top of her game, delivering a no-hit shutout while leading the Raiders to a 6-0 win.

At the plate the winners were led by Alivia Miller who answered with a couple of doubles along with an RBI. Macy Doster collected two singles while crossing the plate twice with team mate KatieAnna Baumle smacking a double and scoring a run. Other Raiders having success

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# GROVER HILL ELEM. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Grover Hill February Student of the Month are: Front: L-R Jerry Zickefoose, Natalie Heier, Toby Beining and Silas Brown. Middle: Zoie Rogers, Morgan Silance, Olivia Stoller, Brynlee Maenle, Lyla Orona, Noah Pereira, Aden Stoller, Carson Devenney and Makenna Miller. Back: Olivia Tarlton, Madison Silance, Braxton Schnipke, Reed Bidlack, Noah Kline, Brenna Beining, Avery Noffsinger and Zoey Schnipke.

at the plate with a single each were Paige Alber and Ava Zartman. Scoring for the Raiders were Laura Thornell and Allison Schilt while Alber and Bland each contributed an RBI.

In the second contest the Raiders remained undefeated after securing a come-from-behind win over LCC by the count of 17-4. After a slow start the Raiders put the game away with a strong showing offensively in the second and third innings.

After falling behind in the initial game 4-0 the Raiders rebounded in the second inning with five runs then put the game out of reach in the third with a seven run blast to move out in front 12-4. The Raiders were never threatened after that point and went on to cap off the sweep 17-4.

Wayne Trace had several players respond well at the plate led by Alivia Miller who smacked a triple and scored three times along with Katie Slade adding three singles, two runs, and three RBIs to lead the offensive attack. Ava Zartman and Tatum Tigner each produced two singles a piece with Baumle, Doster, Schilt, and Thornell adding a single. Paige Alber collected two singles to help the Raider cause.

In the pitching department Macy Doster pitched the complete five-inning affair. The junior gave up just four hits, four unearned runs and a

walk to go along with three strikeouts.

## PAULDING COUNTY COURT RECORDS

### Criminal/Traffic Disposition

**Tyler E. Cox**, Evansville, IN; Possession of marijuana; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Nathan J. Goldfarb**, Mason, OH; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant completed course

**Eric R. Burgener**, Fort Wayne, IN; Traffic Device/signs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Raymell C. Moore**, Anderson, IN; Possession of drugs, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours community service by 9/30/22

**Kristen R. Rhonhouse**, Cecil, OH; Criminal damages, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Complete 40 hours community service by 9/30/22

**Jason L. Fisher**, Antwerp, OH; Aggravated menacing; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

**Aidan J. Belt**, Kokomo, IN; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Kenneth L. Lambert**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Shenae S. Dixon**, Cicero, IN; Distracted driving; Guilty; Defendant took course

**Kaitlin E. Schafer**, Toledo, OH; Theft; Case dismissed per state; Without prejudice; Costs waived

**Quinton T. Dreier**, Toledo, OH; Registration violation; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Eric C. Musi**, Fort Wayne, IN; Traffic Device/sign; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Emmanuel K. Grant**, Lawrenceville, GA; Possession of drugs; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Chris J. Hitchcock**, Edgerton, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; Defendant's operator's license may be released once paid in full

**Donald J. Bisner**, Vermilion, OH; Possession of marijuana, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful uses by the arresting agency; Drug paraphernalia, Guilty, Defendant to pay all fines and costs today, Maintain general good behavior, All contraband shall be forfeited and destroyed or put to lawful use by the arresting agency; OVI/under influence, Count A dismissed

**Christen M. Ramsey**, Paulding, OH; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in court; Pled guilty; Proof of insurance provided; Fine suspended; Pay costs

**Monteius D. Turner**, Indianapolis, IN; Driving under non FRA suspension, Count A dismissed; Distracted driving, Count C dismissed

**Rajat Chaudhary**, Mississauga, ON; Highway use tax; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jordan L. Leverton**, Van Wert, OH; Failure to control; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Jessica G. Nery**, Scott, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Roger L. Starr**, Defiance, OH; Distance of safety, Defendant to pled guilty, Pay all fines and costs, ALS terminated, Jury trial vacated; Marked lanes, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine; Seat belt/drive, Defendant pled guilty, Pay fine

**Marie A. Hicks**, Aron, IN; No operator's license; Defendant appeared in court with Mr. Holtsberry; Pled guilty; Proof of insurance provided;

Pay all fines and costs  
**Aubree M. Davis**, Oakwood, OH; Attempted theft; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior write a letter of apology to the victim and turn into a corrections' officer to turn into the court

**Amanda R. Holt**, Payne, OH; Disorderly conduct; Guilty; Defendant to pay all fines and costs; Maintain general good behavior; No contact amended to a no unlawful contact order with victim; Pretrial set for April vacated

**Christopher A. Davis**, Defiance, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Raul A. Madrigal**, Convoy, OH; Seat belt/drive; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

**Tricia D. Mitchell**, Paulding, OH; Headlights required; Guilty; Case was waived by defendant

## LAWN CARE FOR THE HOMEOWNER

### Mowing

The grass is (or will be) growing shortly and we'd like to share with you a few guidelines on mowing. Many homeowners take mowing for granted not realizing how much impact it has on the health and appearance of the lawn. Each of the following tips plays an important part in your lawn's health and appearance.

1. Sharpen your mower blades. Do this at least once a year or as frequently as needed to keep them sharp for the best cut. Sharp mower blades give a clean even cut to your lawn. Additionally they help prevent tearing and shredding the grass blades, which can give your grass an off-color appearance.

2. Adjust the cutting height of the mower throughout the season. For spring and fall, mower settings should be at medium-height. By doing this in early spring, mowing at a medium-height, this will remove the top brown-part of the blades and let more sunlight reach the grass plants to encourage early green-up. Avoid mowing too low which causes stress to the lawn. Mowing too low eliminates the leaf surface. Loosing leaf surface reduces the plants ability to perform photosynthesis. During summer or drought, higher adjustment settings should be used during the hotter months when the grass growth is slower. This also helps your lawn maintain better drought tolerance with hotter temperatures and less rain. Remember, the hotter and drier, the higher you should set your mower.

3. Never cut off more than one-third of the grass height. Cutting off more than a third creates a physiological shock that can make it more susceptible to disease. Frequent mowing with a regular mower or using a mulching mower will avoid the necessity of bagging your lawn clippings; however, you may catch the clippings if you prefer. The important thing is not to let the grass get so high that mowing removes more than one-third of the grass blade. For best results, mow your lawn approximately every five days.

4. Mow when your lawn is dry to avoid clogging your mower. Wet grasses stick to your mower and clogs can cause problems. However, if you absolutely have to mow

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# Sudoku Puzzle

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Answers to "Sudoku puzzle on Page 11"

when it is wet, make sure to wash out the cutting area of the mower immediately when you are finished. This makes it much easier to keep the mower clean and problem free.

5. Alternate mowing direction. This aids in achieving a quality appearance. For in-

stance, if you mowed horizontally last time, mow diagonally next time. Cutting in different directions tends to keep the grass blades more erect and ensures a more even cut.

—Jim Gerig  
Jonathan Green Lawn Care Consultant, Grabill & Woodburn Hardware, Do It Best

## \*\* NOTICE \*\*

### VILLAGE OF PAULDING CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

By order of the Village of Paulding Cemetery Board, all old wreaths, flowers, grave blankets and decorations on the graves at Live Oak and Paulding Memorial Cemeteries are to be removed by Sunday, April 10, 2022. Anything left on the graves after that date will be removed by the Cemetery Board. New flowers can be placed on the graves beginning Sunday, May 1, 2022. Due to safety concerns, shepherd hooks, plant hangers, decorative stones, mulch, statues, solar lights, perpetual lights, wreaths, etc. are prohibited. Any items not directly on the grave stones or its foundation will be disposed of. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!

Please refer to the rules and regulations for Paulding cemeteries which are available on our web site at [www.villageofpauldng.com](http://www.villageofpauldng.com).

—Cemetery Board, Village of Paulding

## ON-LINE SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Ohio Revised Code, Section 2329.153

### THE STATE OF OHIO, PAULDING COUNTY: MyCUMORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.

ZACHARY N. LITZENBERG, ET AL., Defendants,

Case No. CI 21 172.

Pursuant to an Order of Sale in the above-entitled action, the following real estate will be offered for sale:

4801 Road 72, Payne, Ohio

Parcel Number: 03-03S-022-01

A full legal description of this property is on record at the Paulding County Recorder's Office of the Courthouse or at: [www.uslandrecords.com](http://www.uslandrecords.com).

Said premises appraised at One Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$120,000.00) Dollars and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of that amount on the first sale date.

The first sale date will be on the April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All bidders must be registered with RealAuction for on-line bidding at:

<https://pauldng.sheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov>

Registration and deposits must be completed at least one week before the date of sale.

In the event this property does not sell on the above date, a second on-line auction will be held on the May 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. On this date, there will be no minimum bid. However, the purchaser will be responsible for any costs, allowances, and taxes which the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

The appraisal of this property was completed without an interior inspection. Neither the Sheriff's Office nor the appraisers are responsible for the condition of the property at the time the purchaser takes possession.

Purchasers are advised they have no legal right to access this property until the Sheriff's Deed has been filed with the Paulding County Recorder's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars will be due at the time of the sale. Balance of the purchase price shall be paid before the deed is recorded.

The successful bidder will have Thirty (30) days from the sale date to obtain an examination of title at their expense, if so desired. Should such examination disclose the title to be unmarketable by any defect in the court proceedings or the existence of any outstanding interest rendering the title unmarketable, the successful bidder has Thirty (30) days to file a written motion requesting the sale be set aside. If the court finds the title unmarketable, the court will refuse to confirm the sale or fix a reasonable time, not to exceed Ninety (90) days, within which the defect of title may be corrected.

Taxes shall be prorated to the date of the sale and paid from the sale proceeds.

Sheriff Jason K. Landers  
Paulding County, Ohio  
[www.pauldngohsheriff.com](http://www.pauldngohsheriff.com)

Matthew I. McKelvey, Attorney for Plaintiff

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO

LOU ANN WANNEMACHER, PAULDING COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff,

vs.

DELNA R. YOH, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS,

Case No. CI-22-002

Judge Tiffany R. Beckman

TO: Delna R. Yoh; Unknown Spouse

of Delna R. Yoh; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Delna R. Yoh; Unknown heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of Unknown Spouse of Delna R. Yoh;

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 15744 Bowman Street, Pauling, Ohio 45879

Please take notice that a complaint has been filed in the above-captioned action against you seeking a foreclosure of tax liens and a public sale of real property owned by Delna R. Yoh, to pay delinquent real estate taxes owed on said real estate recorded in Volume 174 Page 227 of the Paulding County Records.

The real property in question is situated as follows:

Situated in the County of Paulding, in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Hedges and Township of Jackson, and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the center of Hare Street which point lies West of the Northwest corner of Lot No. 21 of the Original Plat of the Village of Hedges, Paulding County, Ohio; thence North along the center line of said Hare Street a distance of 150 feet; thence East 183 feet; thence

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South 150 feet; thence West along the North line of said Lot No. 21 of the Original Plat of Hedges, Ohio, extended, a distance of 183 feet to the place of beginning and containing .63 of an acre, more or less. Said premises are subject to all easements either apparent or of record.

Auditor's Parcel ID: #21-33B-012-00

Property Address: 15744 Bowman Street, Paulding, Ohio (Hedges)

You are required to answer in the above-captioned cause twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication hereof, or a default judgment seeking sale of your real estate will be sought. Your answer should be filed with the Clerk of Courts, Courthouse, 115 N. Williams St., Paulding, Ohio 45879.

Ann Pease, Clerk  
Court of Common Pleas  
Paulding, County, Ohio

By: *Ann Pease*  
Deputy

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph R. Burkard*

Joseph R. Burkard, (#0059106)  
Paulding County, Ohio  
Prosecuting Attorney  
120 S. Walnut Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879  
419-399-8270

# PAULDING FFA CELEBRATES NATIONAL AG DAY WITH TRACTOR DRIVE-IN



Pictured here left to right is Paulding FFA members Kyle Mobley and Claire Schweller who drove a case steiger tractor to school on Friday tractor drive in day. They were one of the 9 tractors that were driven to school last week.

**By: Staci Miller, Paulding Ag Education Teacher**

Last Week was National Ag Day on 3/22/22. On Friday, March 25th the Paulding FFA Chapter celebrated by holding their annual Tractor Drive-In day. The Paulding FFA felt that this was a way to pay tribute to our farmers. Several students drove their tractors to school to show their love and respect for the agriculture industry. The Paulding FFA Chapter has made Tractor Drive-In Day a tradition the past few years. The chapter enjoys this day very much and they also enjoy learning about agriculture. National Ag Day is a day to recognize as well as

celebrate things provided by agriculture. The National Ag Day program wants people to recognize and understand how food products are produced, why agriculture is so important, and so much more. The students who drove their tractors to school were greeted by representatives from our local Beck's dealer who sponsored donuts and juice. We want to thank them for their continued support of our FFA chapter. The Paulding FFA Chapter continues to learn and understands how important agriculture is to the world and gladly celebrates agriculture each day during our agriculture education classes offered at Paulding.

## OHIO EPA ISSUES LATEST WATER QUALITY REPORT

Ohio EPA has released its latest statewide water quality report. The biennial document describes the general condition of Ohio's waters and includes a list of impaired waters that are not meeting their federal or state water quality goals, as well as waters that have improved to meet their goals.

Among the more significant items in this year's report:

- Ten new assessment units were added for the Ohio River mainstem.
- The central basin of Lake Erie remains in attainment for recreation use (based on algae assessments).

• Microcystin concentrations have declined in Lake Erie's Sandusky Bay since 2020. If this trend continues over the next two years, the Bay could be designated for attainment for recreation use (based on algae assessments).

The Agency hosted a virtual webinar earlier this year to provide the public more information about the draft list of the state's impaired waters. A copy of the final report, along with the Agency's response to public comments (located in Section D) are available for review on Ohio EPA's website.

A copy of the final report will be submitted to U.S. EPA.

## WT PAYNE ELEMENTARY 3<sup>rd</sup> 9WKS HONOR ROLL 2021-22

No honor roll for 1st and 2nd grades

### 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE

**All A's:** Londyn Dargenson, Olivander McCague, Shawn Bradford, Gabe DeWard, Cerenity Seibert

**All A's and B's:** Kaylee Miller, Carter O'Dell, Quincy Sutton, Zander LeLonek, Kennedy Childs, Luke Shepherd, Adley Morehead

**All B's:** Emma Wilcox, Garry Mendenhall

### 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**All A's:** Hudsyn Burkley, Audrey Reuille, Aubree Lamb, Mailey Stoller, Ryleigh McGarvey,

**All A's and B's:** Krandon Crites, Laina Matthews, Lienna Stoller, Brass Mansfield

**All B's:** Jordan Howell

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**All A's:** Kendall Folsom, McKenna Richhart, Makenna Schilt, Witt Stoller, Emma Whitman

**All A's and B's:** Addilynn Gerardot, Evelyn Lyons

**All B's:** Aaron Bohland, Grace Ringler, Jennifer Treece

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**All A's:** Brinna Collins

**All A's and B's:** Caylie Baker, Elynn Clemens, Columbia Dempsey, Logan Gambler, Lilly Holbrook, Jenna Kipfer, Brock Knowles, Cayla Noggle, Madison Pease, Lilly Shepherd, Savannah Sinn, Owen Welch, Javiero Vielma, Kahne Mansfield, Reece Morehead

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER RETURNS TO IN-PERSON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Following evolving CDC, state and local COVID guidelines, the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter announced it will begin offering educational programs and support groups in person on April 1 while continuing virtual options.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alzheimer's Association has focused on the health and safety of our community, volunteers, donors and staff as we worked together to advance our mission," said Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Northwest Ohio chapter. "The Association continues to monitor the pandemic closely and as some restrictions have been lifted, we will begin meeting in person for selected educational programs and support groups, while also providing some virtual options to best serve the needs of the largest possible number of families and community members."

The chapter will continue to follow all state and local health guidelines regarding masks, social distancing and meeting size. While masks are optional (unless required by the host venue site), unvaccinated and compromised participants should consider wearing masks when attending programs and other meetings.

"In the last two years, our chapter heard loud and clear that there are individuals who prefer in-person offerings and those who prefer virtual options," said Pamela Myers, program director of

# 7-MINDSETS UTILIZED AT PJHS



Paulding Junior High School is utilizing the 7-Mindsets curriculum to address the social and emotional needs of students. Each unit revolves around a specific theme students can apply to their lives. This unit's theme was Attitude of Gratitude. Shown in the picture are Paulding Junior High School's Attitude of Gratitude Mindset Motivators.

the Northwest Ohio Chapter. "Through virtual delivery of our educational programs and support groups, we've reached new people in our community that we might not otherwise have reached. We will continue to offer both virtual and in-person options to best serve our community."

Area chapter staff will continue working remotely. Members of the community can call the Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419.537.1999 or visit alz.org/nw ohio for additional information. Free caregiver support groups, education programs, and care consultations are available throughout Northwest Ohio. The latest information on area support groups and education programs is available by calling the Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800.272.3900

## PAULDING COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The Paulding County Business Advisory Council closed out the first quarter of the year with a meeting here at the OSU Extension Building, on the campus of the Paulding County Fairgrounds. The event is facilitated by the Paulding County Economic Development office. Representatives from businesses all around the county joined representatives from all three county schools and Western Buckeye ESC to update and collaborate with each other on projects.

Economic Development Director Tim Copsy opened the event welcoming guests and diving right into updates on workforce challenges around the county. Updates on employment void numbers in the county were shared along with the reveal date of the five county Salary & Benefits Survey that took place recently. The survey results will be made available to any business that participated in the survey. Another update was in regard to the county transportation group, headed by Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO). They also completed a county-wide survey recently. This group will meet in April to review their results and establish next steps to discuss future public transportation in the county.

The next discussion by Copsy was childcare. It was noted that we still have single parents in the county that

struggle with affordable and available childcare, that would allow them to work and have reliable childcare as they return to the workforce. Thoughts were shared on this topic.

Presentations were made to the group by Mike Jay of the Regional Growth Partnership (RGP), and Jason Bartschy, of the Toledo Port Authority. Both presenters discussed their association with Paulding County and the funding opportunities they can provide to the area businesses looking to build or expand.

Western Buckeye ESC Superintendent Tom Taylor announced that Paulding County will be hosting a Teacher Boot Camp this year. Up to 20 teachers will be invited to attend the boot camp to tour area businesses and understand what they do and the evolution that has taken place in area manufacturing. The hope is for teachers to develop curriculum that might aid students in connecting them with the skills required for local positions. This event will take place the second week of June with many more details to follow. The county schools each provided updates of programs and events that are taking place at their respective schools, many of which are developing skills and techniques with students that could aid them in being employable adults in the future. Good discussion followed in regard to work placement during school, apprenticeship opportunities and upcoming summer help options. It was shared that 19 county businesses toured the Vantage Career Center this

year.

Economic Development Office Manager Kristen Schilt announced dates of upcoming business and industry events that will allow local businesses to interact with students and the overall community. The annual Career Day Expo will be at the fairgrounds on April 19, for the first time in three years. Area businesses, colleges, armed service representatives and non-profit organizations can set up a display and interact with the junior and senior students from the three county schools and anyone from the general public that would like to attend. The event will be held from 8am-noon. There are nearly 40 groups already signed up to attend.

In preparing students Career Day, Schilt and Copsy

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## FARMERS MARKET

**PRE SEASON MEETING**  
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at the Gathering Place  
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Contact Kelsey Klepper 419-212-1427 (call or text) with any questions.

**2022 MARKET DAYS & TIMES**  
Wednesdays & Saturdays  
9 am - 1 pm  
June - September

are meeting with the county students in advance of the event. They are sharing booklets that include a brief summary and contact information of all participating PCED investment member businesses and providing senior students with a #pauld- ingcountystrong t-shirt in their respective school colors. The shirts were donated by NW Ohio Wind.

Business partners were reminded of the opportunity to display and/or present at the Paulding County Fair June 11-18. This year the fair will bring back the Business and Industry building for entities to share information about their business, and display a product that they make, or that their product goes into. The hope is to get county residents and guests to understand, what products we see every day in society, that have parts that are made right here in Paulding County.

The meeting closed out asking any business that has not yet been recorded on the Paulding County Business Weekly Podcast to schedule a date. The podcast has been instrumental in helping the public understand what county businesses do behind the walls of the buildings we drive by every day. It also allows students to learn more about the business when tours are not able to take place. The popularity of the podcast has directed the decision for the show to continue, even though tours are once again more accepted practice. A date for the second quarter meeting will be announced soon.

**VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 2/16/22**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antwerp council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Jan Reeb. Council persons present: Jason Franks, Steve Jordan, Kenneth Reinhart, Dean Rister, Bryan Smith, and Bryce Steiner. Also in attendance: Solicitor Melanie Farr, Fiscal Officer Aimee Lichty, EMS Coordinator Ashley McDougall, and Police Chief George Clemens. Visitors: Bill Boylan and Adam Papin with the Paulding Progress. Minutes from the regular council meeting held January 19, 2022, were reviewed.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Steiner, to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2022, regular council meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

The January disbursements were reviewed.

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to accept the January reconciliation report. 5 yeas, 1 abstain by council member Steiner, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Visitors Present to observe only. Police Report Police Chief Clemens provided a written report showing 69 calls for service for the month of January with 8 offenses.

EMS Report EMS Coordinator-Clerk Ashley McDougall provided a written report showing 207 outstanding runs. EMS had 40 runs in January. Collections in January were \$8,749.08. A year-to-date total of collections is \$8,749.08 with a year-to-date run total of 40 runs.

Fiscal Officer's Report Second reading of ordinance no. 2022-01: an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the Village of Antwerp to enter into a delinquent debt collection agreement between the Ohio Attorney General and the Village of Antwerp

Second reading of ordinance no. 2022-03: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$4,173.00 from the general fund to the severance pay reserve fund

Second reading of ordinance no. 2022-05: an ordinance authorizing the village administrator to enter into second addendum to the agreement for collection, transportation and disposal of residential solid waste within the corporate limits of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio

Second reading of ordinance no. 2022-06: an ordinance authorizing the village fiscal officer to transfer \$7,500.00 from the general fund to the street lighting fund

Second reading of resolution no. 2022-01: a resolution of necessity to levy a tax that is a renewal of an existing levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services (r.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(i), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25)

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-07: an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2022 edition, as the code of ordinances for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Rister, seconded by Reinhart, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. .2022-07. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Franks, to accept ordinance no. 2022-07. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-08: an ordinance repealing ordinance no. 2020-07, an ordinance amending section 1 of ordinance no. 2012-18 establishing a reasonable method to provide notice of the time and place of regularly scheduled meetings and time, place and purpose of special and emergency meetings for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by Jordan, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-08. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Smith, to accept ordinance no. 2022-08. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-09: an ordinance amending section 1 of ordinance no. 2012-18 establishing a reasonable method to provide notice of the time and place of regularly scheduled meetings and time, place and purpose of special and emergency meetings for the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, and declaring the same an emergency

- Motion made by Smith, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-09. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Franks, seconded by Jordan, to accept ordinance no. 2022-09. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

Emergency reading of ordinance no. 2022-10: an ordinance amending section 3 of ordinance no. 2021-22, an ordinance to establish a time and place of regular meetings of the council for the Village of

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- Motion made by Reinhart, seconded by Rister, to suspend the rules regarding ordinance no. 2022-10. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Jordan, seconded by Franks, to accept ordinance no. 2022-10. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-11: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Crane Township for providing emergency medical service in calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-12: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the

Fiscal officer to enter into a contract

with Harrison Township for providing emergency medical service in calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-13: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the

Fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Carryall Township for providing emergency medical service in calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

First reading of ordinance no. 2022-14: an ordinance authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Harrison Township for providing fire protection services in calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026

Rita Tax Collection for the month of January, paid in February, was \$26,988.83.

Iris Alert System currently has 74 users signed up.

Administrator's Report Administrator Davis provided a written report to council Erie Street Sidewalk

Engineering work is complete and submitted. According to ODOT's website, decisions on Tap Grants will be made during the April governance meeting and applicants will be notified immediately afterwards. Estimated cost is \$77,949.85. The grant is 95/5. The village will be required to cover \$3,897.49 if the bid comes in on budget, and we receive the full ask.

Projected cost to the effected landowners would be approximately \$4.00 per/ft. X width of lot. Sidewalk thickness is 4". Driveway thickness would be 6".

Railroad Street I've reviewed preliminary engineering plans for railroad street with bell engineering. This project based on preliminary figures could come in at double the previously quoted cost. Once they are finalized, we will submit a funding request with the Paulding County Commissioners in this year's CDBG Funding cycle.

Shaffer Road I have spoken with Ben Kausar to see what the cost would be to make a break on Shaffer Road and install some poles and guard rail.

Water Plant Drive We received a quote from Ward Construction to chip and seal Water Plant Drive. Quoted cost of \$11,700. This will cover the full length less the section the school paved.

Solar Energy I've met with three solar companies. It is rather complex, but hopefully I will be able to provide some details soon.

Water Regionalization Discussions continue relative to regionalizing the village water with Payne and Paulding. Questions remain as to cost, funding sources, and oversite.

Building Inspector Bruce Essex has resigned as the village building inspector. Discussion on credentials and options to find a replacement.

Committee Reports Council member Reinhart informed council there will be a Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on March 9, 2022, at 6:15 pm, at Town Hall.

New Business None. Old Business Council member Steiner provided information on issue of a council member doing business with the village.

Mayor's Report Mayor's report brought in a total of \$1,253.00 in the month of January 2022

**Sudoku solution from page 9**

2	3	9	6	7	1	8	4	5
1	8	7	3	5	4	9	2	6
6	4	5	7	8	9	2	1	3
5	1	2	2	4	8	3	6	9
7	6	4	5	9	3	7	8	1
3	9	8	1	6	7	4	5	2
8	7	1	9	3	6	5	2	4
4	2	3	8	1	5	6	9	7
9	5	6	4	7	2	1	3	8

with \$1,019.00 going to the village, \$225.00 going to the state, and \$9.00 going to the indigent driver's fund.

Mayor Reeb made a recommendation to council on appointing Tom Van Vlerah to the vacant position on the board of zoning appeals as required under section 406 of the zoning ordinance.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Jordan, to consent to the appointment of Tom VanVlerah to fill the vacant position on the board of zoning appeals. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved.

- Motion made by Steiner, seconded by Franks, to adjourn the meeting. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

**HAVE A WEDDING, ENGAGEMENT OR ANNIVERSARY?**

Let your friends and neighbors know for **FREE** in the **West Bend News.** (pictures are extra)

**HELP WANTED**

**VANTAGE CAREER CENTER GET THE EDGE**

**Vantage Career Center Adult Ed Financial Aid Coordinator Posting**

Position: **Adult Education Financial Aid Coordinator**  
Start Date: **June 1, 2022**  
Application Deadline: **Friday, April 8, 2022**

Job Objectives: Manages student financial aid program activities. Maintains accreditation data and documentation. To view the full posting and application process please visit <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/Employment.aspx>

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**HELP WANTED:**

**Innovative Assembly Services, LLC**  
109 Victory Lane, Antwerp, OH 45813  
Phone: 419-399-3886  
Email: InnovativeAssemblySvc@outlook.com

Family owned business located in Antwerp, Ohio looking for general labor associates to do light manufacturing and assembly. Will provide on the job training. Hours are Monday-Friday from 5:00 am-1:30 pm. Competitive wages, vacation and personal leave after probationary period.

To apply contact us via phone or email

**WANTED**

**Rhythm Guitarist / Lead Guitarist & solid Lead Guitarist to start band in Defiance area.**

**Playing CLASSIC ROCK & COUNTRY as well as introducing ORIGINAL COUNTRY.**

**Call Scott at 419-670-5974**

**HELP WANTED**

**Vantage Career Center Intervention Specialist Posting**

Position: **Intervention Specialist**  
Start Date: **2022-2023 School Year**  
Application Deadline: **Friday, April 1, 2022**

Job Objectives: Plans, implements and assesses student learning experiences. Helps students make appropriate choices. Encourages parental involvement. This full-time instructional position does not require the writing of student IEP's. To view the full posting and application process please visit <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/Employment.aspx>

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**HELP WANTED**

**Vantage Career Center DIRECTOR OF CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Dates of Posting: **Monday, March 28 – Friday April 8 (external days)**

Position: **High School Director**

Start Date: **July 1, 2021**

Application Deadline: **Friday, April 8, 2022 by 3:30 p.m.**

Job Objectives: Directs all aspects of the high school operations, including career-technical programs, academics, special education, technology, community relations, media center, cafeteria, transportation and support staff. Provides leadership for the high school administrative team and faculty. Assists the superintendent in planning and implementing the vision and mission for Vantage Career Center. Works with district administrators and teaching staff to develop effective plans to improve the career-technical and academic programs and related services for all high school students. Utilizes data-driven decision making. Coordinates high school operations with adult education operations. Executes the policies of the Board of Education and the administrative directives of the superintendent. Responsible for reporting and compliance to state and federal agencies for high school operations.

Minimum Requirements:

- Master's Degree
- Valid State of Ohio Administrative or Superintendent license, or the ability to obtain one
- To view full posting and certified employment applications please visit [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com)

Interested applicants should send a completed Vantage Career Center Employment application, letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of certifications and three letters of reference by Friday, April 8, 2022 to:

**Rick L. Turner, Superintendent,**  
**818 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, OH 45891**  
**turner.r@vantagecareercenter.com**

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**HELP WANTED**

The Village of Haviland is looking for an individual for

**Ground Maintenance**

Responsibilities would include mowing, trimming and any other outside needs or concerns. Competitive wages and hours available. For all interested parties, please

call **Edwin Ruger** (Mayor of Haviland) at **419-670-4604**, for an interview.

**Are you looking for a career change or new setting for your career?**

**Paulding County Treasurer has the position for you!**

**Employer:** Paulding County Treasurer  
**Position Title:** Deputy Treasurer (Unclassified)  
**Employment Status:** Full Time (40 Hour per week/80 hours per pay period) 8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
**Benefits:** Paid Holidays, Vacation & Sick Leave; Eligible Benefits include Health, Dental & Vision, Life Insurance, OPERS retirement plan

**Job Description:** Essential functions will include Payment Processing, Data Entry, Cash and Checks Handling as well as balance the cash drawer and books daily. Must possess good communication skills to assist customers at the counter and the telephone; good organizational skills, and be trustworthy and reliable. The candidate for this position must have the ability to establish a positive working relationship with the general public as well as other team members.

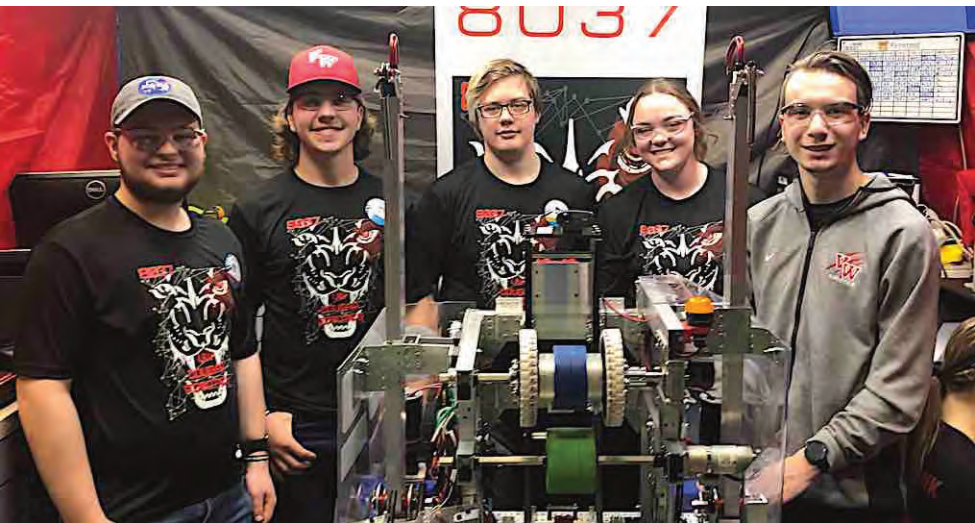
Minimum qualification is a high school diploma, cash handling experience, good customer skills. Also, working knowledge of Microsofts Excel and Word. The ability to learn new computer programs is a plus.

**To Apply:** Please submit a cover letter and resume to: Lou Ann Wannemacher at [pctreas@pauldingcountyoh.com](mailto:pctreas@pauldingcountyoh.com) or mail to Paulding County Treasurer, PO Box 437, Paulding, OH 45879

**Deadline to apply: April 22, 2022**

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# VVHS ROBOTICS TEAM ADVANCES TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Seniors: VVHS Robotics Club seniors (L-R): Ethan White, Josh Reichert, Keigen Martz, Grace Dowler, and Kyle Ferrell

This past weekend, the Van Wert High School Robotics team competed in the big robot division at the Buckeye Regional FRC competition in Cleveland, OH with 59 teams from Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania. The Van Wert team won the prestigious top award, the Engineering Inspiration Award which “celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team’s school or organization and community.” This award advanced the Van Wert team to the World Championships in Houston, TX where 30+ countries and 400 FRC robotics teams will compete.

“Our students have had to overcome a lot over these past two years and to say we are proud of them is an understatement,” said VVHS Robotics coach Zane McElroy. “In 2020, we were ready to go

to our first FRC competition and the nation was shut down two weeks before we left. In addition, their State championship for their smaller robots (FTC) was canceled and then their 2020-2021 season went 100% remote. This season, we had hopes of a normal/in-person season with our smaller robots only to have it go remote and our competitions turned into in-person scrimmages. Our students never let this get to them and worked tirelessly at competing in scrimmages while remotely qualifying for state and building their larger robot for their in-person FRC tournament. They put in countless hours to get themselves ready for our FRC tournament and countless hours these past three days in Cleveland. It takes all of our members split into our scout team, public relations team, pit crew, and drive team to make this a suc-

cess, and to say they all rocked it is an understatement. We are very proud of them and beyond blessed to be able to compete one more time with them at the world championships in Houston, TX April 20-23. In addition, thanks to all of our sponsors, parents, community, Vantage Career Center, and Van Wert City Schools for all of your support because without you this would all not be possible. The Van Wert HS Robotics Team is thankful for the donations from all their sponsors including Van Wert County Foundation, NASA, Central Insurance, Alliance Automation, Van Wert Federal, 1st Federal of Van Wert, StateWide Ford Lincoln, Citizens National Bank, Tenneco, Walmart, Vancress, Honda, UNOH, Advanced Biological Marketing, and Danfoss.”

Gibbons, Mark Pukita, Neil Patel, J.R. Majewski, John Adams, Shane Lee, Michael Wehrkamp, Bob Campbell, Ted Penner, Lisa McClure, Mike Weible, Gina Campbell, Jami Bradford, Tony Schroeder, Roy Klopfenstein and Mark Holtsberry.

Seeking the gubernatorial and lieutenant governor positions are: incumbent Mike DeWine and Husted; Ron Hood and Candice Keller; Renacci and Joe Knapp; and Blystone and Jeremiah Workman.

Vying for the U.S. Senate seat are Pukita, Vance, Gibbons and Patel along with Jane Timken, Matt Dolan and Josh Mandel. They are each seeking the Republican nomination for the seat currently held by incumbent Rob Portman, who is not seeking re-election.

Adams and incumbent Frank LaRose are both seeking the nomination for Ohio Secretary of State.

J.R. Majewski is seeking the U.S. District 9 House of Representative seat. Also on the ballot for that post are Beth Deck, Theresa Gavarone and Craig Riedel. The seat currently is held by incumbent Democrat Marcy Kaptur.

In state races, both Klopfenstein and Penner are running for the 82nd District of the Ohio House of Representatives, currently held by Riedel.

Gina Campbell is running for re-election as the 1st District State Central Committee

woman, while incumbent Bob Campbell and Schroeder are running for the 1st District State Central Committee man.

Turning to county races, Weible is vying for the Paulding County Commissioner seat for the unexpired term ending Jan. 2, 2025. McClure and Holtsberry are seeking the commissioner seat for the full term ending on Jan. 1, 2023. Holtsberry is the incumbent for that seat in Paulding County.

Incumbent Wehrkamp and Lee are both seeking the party nomination for the probate and juvenile court judge in Paulding County.

Bradford and Philip Baxter are vying for the Van Wert County auditor post.

Organizers encourage everyone interested in learning about the candidates and their positions on the issues to come out to the meet the candidates night on April 11.

The Paulding County OSU Extension Building is located at 501 Fairground Dr., Paulding.

## DEATH INVESTIGATION IN SE PAULDING COUNTY

Brown Township, Paulding County, Ohio—On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 2:20 p.m., deputies were dispatched to the Sherman Cemetery at the intersection of Rd 179 & Rd 140, for a deceased male body discovered in the western portion of the cemetery.

On March 30, 2022, Inves-

tigators were able to confirm the identity of the deceased man found in the cemetery as 29-year-old Jared J. Hernandez from Defiance, Ohio.

“Officials did not rule on a cause of death today after the autopsy. They will await the findings of the toxicology testing before coming to a conclusion, which could be several months,” said Sheriff Jason K. Landers. “We will continue to talk with family, friends and associates of Jared, and follow any leads that come into the office. He did not die at the scene. We need answers as to where and why he died and who put him there.”

If anyone has information to assist investigators with this case, please contact the Paulding County Sheriff’s Office at 419-399-3791. You can also leave information via Facebook by searching Facebook/Paulding County Sheriff’s Office or view our website at www.pauldingohsheriff.com and leave an e-mail for the Sheriff. You may also leave an anonymous tip via the website by scrolling to the bottom of any page and clicking on “send us an understand tip.”

Please understand all anonymous tips sent from the Sheriff’s website are reviewed. However, the sender is truly anonymous. We have no way to reply to those tips. If you want a response, you will need to send an email to Sheriff Landers at jklanders@pauldingohsheriff.com.

## PC RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED

The Paulding County Retired Teachers Association will meet for a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 11:30 at the Vagabond Village located at 18187 U.S. 127, Cecil Ohio. Members may order from the menu, and no reservations are required. Cost of living increases will be discussed.

## FLETCHER COOK PARTICIPATES IN UF’S 2022 STUDENT ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

Fletcher Cook, of Paulding, is participating in the 2022 Juried Student Art and Design Exhibition at the University of Findlay April 4 - 28.

Cook is showcasing creativity in ceramics. Categories include drawing and mixed media, sculpture, visual communication, ceramics, painting, film photography, digital photography, design, and printmaking. The awards judge for this year’s exhibition is Dan Chudzinski, curator at the Mazza Museum.

Artwork is displayed from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for culti-

vating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

## IT’S TIME TO COME MEET THE CANDIDATES!

The Paulding County Republican Women, Defiance County Republican Club and Van Wert Central Committee are sponsoring a meet the candidate night on April 11 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds Extension Building. The event will be from

5:00-9:00 p.m. with individuals having the chance to meet and talk with candidates. Each candidate will speak to the crowd starting at 6:30 p.m. for approximately five minutes a piece.

There are 20 candidates that will be at the event. Those in attendance will be seeking the Republican party nominations for local, state and national positions during the May primary election and beyond.

Among the candidates scheduled for the event are: Jon Husted, Jim Rennaci, Joe Blystone, J.D. Vance, Mike

